

Spanish Biophysical Society “Imagin’action” Image contest 2016

OFFICIAL RULES:

1. The “Imagin’action” Image contest 2016 contest will be launched on April 11th 2016, on the SBE social media and websites.
2. Submitters must be registered members of SBE.
3. Submissions are limited to max 3 images per contestant.
4. Images submitted for competition may be obtained by any method, but must have a direct and evident connection to biophysical research. They can also be obtained by combining multiple images into one artistic image. However, the quality of the image is the key element in the competition.
5. All images are required to be submitted on or before April 24th, 2016 as jpeg, tif, eps file via e-mail to the address: community.manager@sbe.es. The submission will be acknowledged by a confirmation e-mail that will be sent to the submitter within 12h. Submitter that will not receive the confirmation e-mail must contact the SBE via the e-mail address community.manager@sbe.es or by message on the social media.
6. All images submitted must include a title and a short description (max. 50 words) of the technique used, the object that was imaged, and any special conditions.
7. In a pre-selection step, a maximum of 30 submitted images will be chosen by a panel of judges and published on the SBE media by April 30th, 2016.
8. The winner will be chosen among the pre-selected images as a result of the following procedure:
 - a. 50%: Popular vote, conducted between May 1st and May 22nd 2016 via social media sites, as measured, recorded and verified by SBE. In order to express their preference, the voters must either be following @SBEsp on Twitter, in order to enter the vote via Twitter, or must have expressed a “like” to the SBE page on Facebook, in order to enter the vote on Facebook.
 - b. 50%: Punctuation given by a panel of judges, who will evaluate:
 - Scientific Significance
 - Originality
 - Artistic and/or Visual impact.

In the event of a tie, the image contest panel of judges will determine winner. The decision of the judges will be final.

9. The winner will be contacted via email by May 25th, 2016 with the results. If the winner cannot be contacted and do not claim the prize within 5 days of

notification, we reserve the right to withdraw the prize from the winner and pick a replacement winner.

10. The winner will be publicly announced on May 30th, 2016 on the SBE media sites and through the SBE publications.

11. The winner prize will consist in the payment of the inscription fee to the SBE/SPBF meeting that will take place in Porto on June 15-17 2016 and a contribution of 250 euros to cover travel expenses. The prize will be given the last day of the meeting. In order to receive the prize, the winner should attend the meeting and the final ceremony in person.

12. The winner and two other finalists will have their entries displayed in the main hall at the location of the SBE/SPBF Meeting in Porto on June 15-17 2016.

13. The winner agrees to the use of his/her name and image in any publicity material. Any personal data relating to the winner or any other entrants will be used solely in accordance with current data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to a third party without the entrant's prior consent.

14. All images must be the fully original and sole creations of the entrants. By entering, all participants warrant and represent that 1) their respective images are their own fully original creations; 2) if any third party content was used to create the image that they have full rights to use that content, and 3) their respective images will not infringe or violate the rights of any third parties, including but not limited to copyrights, trademarks and rights of publicity/privacy.

15. The SBE and the sponsor of the contest retain the right to use images for promotional purposes to include social media, website, magazine, newsletter, and any other publication.

16. Any deviation of these rules by any finalist will result in an automatic disqualification.

17. The competition and these terms and conditions will be governed by Spanish law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Spain.

18. SBE shall have the right, at its sole discretion and at any time, to change or modify these terms and conditions, such change shall be effective immediately upon posting to the SBE social media.

19. SBE also reserves the right to cancel the competition if circumstances arise outside of its control.