



Spanish Biophysical Society
Imagin'action - Hamamatsu Image Contest 2018

OFFICIAL RULES:

1. **The Imagin'action - Hamamatsu Image Contest 2018** will be launched in January 2018, on the SBE social media and websites.
2. Submitters must be registered members of SBE.
3. Submissions are limited to a maximum of 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 scientific, technical and artistic quality of the image are all key elements in the competition.
5. All images are required to be **submitted before February 19th, 2018** as jpeg, tif, eps or png files via e-mail to the address: community.manager@sbe.es. Submissions will be acknowledged by a confirmation e-mail that will be sent to the submitter within 24h. The submitters who do not receive confirmation should contact the SBE community manager by e-mail (community.manager@sbe.es) or by message on the social media.
6. All images submitted must include a title and a short description (approximately 50 words) of the technique used, the object that was imaged, and any special conditions.
7. In a **pre-selection step**, a maximum of 10 submitted images will be chosen by a panel of judges and published on the SBE media by February 22th, 2018.
8. The winner will be chosen among the pre-selected images as a result of the following procedure:
 - a. **50%: Popular vote**, conducted between February 22th and March 7th, 2018 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, to enter their vote *via* Twitter, or must express a "like" to the SBE page on Facebook, in order to vote *via* 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 the winner. The decision of the judges will be final.

9. The winner will be contacted via e-mail by March 8th, 2018. If the winner cannot be contacted and does not claim the prize within 24 hours 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 March 9th, 2018 on the SBE media sites and through the SBE publications.
11. The winner prize, sponsored by Hamamatsu Spain, will consist in a certificate, the payment of the inscription fee to the 6th Iberian / 10th Iberoamerican Biophysics Congress (2018 IIBC) that will take place in Castellón on June 20-22, 2018, and a contribution of 250 euros to cover travel expenses to attend the Congress. The prize will be given the last day of the meeting. In order to receive the prize, the winner should attend the meeting and be present at the closing ceremony.
12. In the event that the Imagin'Action winner is awarded other bursaries or grants by the SBE for attending the 2018 IIBC, she/he will still be named winner of the contest and receive the corresponding certificate. However, the free inscription fee to the Congress and the contribution of 250 € to cover travel expenses will be given to the first Imagin'Action participant in the ranking who did not receive any bursaries or grants.
13. The winner and two other finalists will have their images displayed in the main hall at the location of the 6th Iberian / 10th Iberoamerican Biophysics Congress - 2018 IIBC.
14. The winner agrees to the use of her/his name and image in any publicity material by the SBE or Hamamatsu. Any personal data relating to the winner or any other submitters will be used solely in accordance with current data protection legislation and will not be disclosed to a third party without the submitter's prior consent.
15. All images must be the fully original and sole creation of the submitter. 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.
16. The SBE and Hamamatsu Spain retain the right to use images for promotional purposes to be included in their social media, website, magazine, newsletter, and any other publication owned or promoted by them.



17. Any deviation from these rules by any participant will result in an automatic disqualification.
18. The competition and these terms and conditions will be governed by the Spanish law and any disputes will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Spain.
19. The SBE shall have the right, at its sole discretion and at any time, to change or modify these terms and conditions; such changes shall be effective immediately upon posting to the SBE social media.
20. The SBE also reserves the right to cancel the competition if circumstances arise outside of its control.