



SPELEOFOTOCONTEST 2023

International contest of speleophotography
IX° Tuscan regional congress of speleology
Vicopisano (PI) ITALY 29-30 April 1 May 2023

1 SECTION GENERAL RULES

1.1 Warnings

These regulations are subject to change due to organizational needs by the organizing committee; it will be the responsibility of the committee to communicate this via the website, social channels and directly to any registrants.

1.2 Participation

SPELEOFOTOCONTEST 2023 is open to anyone interested. Registration for the contest is free, for details refer to the specific sections of these regulations.

2 CONTEST SECTION

2.1 Maximum number of works

Each author may enter up to 3 works in each category, **the Technical Jury will evaluate the submitted works and pre-select, at its sole discretion, those that will enter the competition proper and the exhibition both public and online.**

2.2 Categories

Photos selected by the jury will enter the various categories for which they were entered by the authors,

- Each author must freely interpret the theme of the various categories to which they wish to submit their photos.
- Each author may enter one or more categories with a maximum number of 3 photos in each category.
- Each photo is eligible to win the **SENTRY AWARD** for each category in which it is duly entered.
- Winners will be decided by the technical jury outside and independent of the **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST** association
- The technical jury will award the various prizes to the photographs that best represent, in its sole judgment, the theme of each category:

1. Best photo Artificial cavities

2. Best photo Macro

3. Best photo Cave diving

4. Best photo Biology

5. Best photo free shot category (Any image that cannot be included in the other categories)

6. Best photo category Title of a movie (Perform with a picture the title of a famous movie, the most original and best represented idea will be awarded)

will also be decreed in collaboration with the **ITALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** ets:

Best photo SFC23 Memorial Marco Ottalevi for which the SSI is giving away a voucher worth €150

SSI Objective Environment Award for which the SSI is giving away a voucher worth €100

At the same time the winning works of the online voting prizes will be decreed

"Web" section

And by vote of the exhibition visitors on the days of the Congress

"Popular" section

2.3 Format and submission mode

Works may be submitted either digitally or already printed on photographic paper, printed photos must be **20x30**



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cm in size and have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi and must be received at the address:

Associazione culturale SpeleoFotoContest
Via Curtatone, 8
56021, Cascina (Pi) Italy

Works in digital format must be submitted via the form provided. Digital and printed photos must be received

NO LATER THAN February 28, 2023,

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MISHAPS, DELAYS OR LOSSES DURING SHIPMENT, WORKS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ADMITTED, ALL SUBMITTED MATERIAL WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

In order to avoid unpleasant damage to the images, we recommend using bubble wrap-type envelopes with a reinforcing cardboard inside and **"handle with care" "do not fold"** markings. Any applications received incomplete will be held in abeyance until the deadline after which, if the application has not been finalized, it will not be finally admitted and the submitted material will not be returned.

2.4 Directions and attachments

Each registration form must be sent completely filled out in its mandatory sections **along with the relevant releases for the use of the works and a copy of these regulations signed for acceptance**, the form is available here:

[Form](#)

forms for the releases to be filled out are available in the [Download Area](#)

2.5 Jury and voting

The jury is composed of experienced cave photographers of proven quality, is appointed by the Organizing Committee and its judgment will be unquestionable. The popular session consists of a judgment entrusted to the visitors of the exhibition.

For the **"WEB AWARD"** the votes will come from the Facebook page according to the criteria established by the dedicated rules and given in the appendix. Members of the jury and organizing committee are not allowed to enter the contest.

2.6 Award ceremony

The verdict of the jury and the awarding of prizes to the winners will be announced at the end of the competition on 30/04/2023. Winners who are unable to attend will receive their prizes by ordinary post or by courier, the shipment will be paid for by the committee, which, however, will not be responsible for any delays, misunderstandings or losses.

2.7 Copyrights

The organizing committee reserves the right to publish in the future the images received excluding any commercial use, unless further permission is granted free of charge, and in any case guaranteeing the citation of the author **who, upon registration, grants SPELEOFOTOCONTEST a license to use them in Creative Common BY-NC.**

The author declares that he/she is aware that the photos entered in the contest may be transferred to entities or associations pursuing the same dissemination purposes as **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST** with a license to use them in Creative Common BY-NC and that they can always be viewed via the web by third parties, no responsibility will be attributed to the **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST** association in case of unauthorized use by third parties.

2.8 Return

The works will not be returned and will remain as assets of the organizing committee for exhibitions in subsequent editions of Speleofotocontest or for other social initiatives of speleophotographic dissemination. The O.C. will retain all image rights of the author and excludes any use of a commercial nature unless authorized free of charge by the author.

2.9 Prizes up for grabs

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Each winner will receive a **SENTRY AWARD**, a trophy depicting the "SENTRY" symbol of the association and its commitment to protecting the underground environment. There are two vouchers offered by the **ITALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ets** for the categories: **Best photo SFC23 Memorial Marco Ottalevi** a voucher worth **€150** and **SSI Award Environment Target** a voucher worth **€100**. Additional prizes offered by sponsors or other institutions will be possible, but not binding.

2.10 Liability

Works will be handled with the utmost care and attention; however, the Organizing Committee disclaims any responsibility for any loss, theft or damage caused during shipment and throughout the exhibition period.



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Registration for Speleofotocontest 2.2 nextgen implies full acceptance of these Regulations.

Date: _____ Name _____ Surname _____

Readable signature _____

I declare that I have read the regulations and expressly accept them without reservation with specific reference to points 2.7 Copyright, 2.8 Return and 2.10 Liability.

Date: _____ Name _____ Surname _____

Readable signature _____

For minors, the disclaimer must be signed by both the curator parents and in any case by the person (s) exercising parental authority over the minor:

Data: _____ For acceptance of the parents/curator and in any case of the person (s) exercising the authority

Name _____ Surname _____ Birth place _____ date _____

Readable Signature _____ Specify if the only person exercising the authority

Name _____ Surname _____ Birth place _____ date _____

Readable Signature _____



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Rules for the "Web Prize"

To participate in the prize, you must be a registered member of the **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST 2023**. All photos admitted after the pre-selection of the jury, in the **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST 2023** are at the same time admitted in the "Web Prize".

From the day after the deadline for photo submissions, all regularly received works will be published on the official Facebook page www.facebook.com/speleofotocontest in a specially created album that will be regularly shared on the page itself as well as on Twitter and Instagram **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST** profiles.

On Sunday 30th April at 12:00 AM, the data relating to the likes received by each photo will be gathered and the photo with the most likes will win the prize.

Each user will be able to vote for all photos but only once according to Facebook's way of attributing likes. Both likes and other forms of judgement proposed by Facebook with all types of emoticons will be considered valid votes.

Each author will be free to share the link to their work on social networks and other sites. It is allowed to share both on personal profiles and on other pages or groups or other websites.

However, should the Organising Committee find any anomalies or irregularities committed by the authors of the photos, such as the use of software or other means aimed at fraudulently increasing the number of likes, it reserves the right to penalise the photo until definitive exclusion from the single prize or from the entire competition.

Registration for **SPELEOFOTOCONTEST 2023** implies full and unreserved acceptance of these rules.

Date: _____ Name _____ Surname _____

Readable signature _____