

Rules of the International Beekeeping Photography Competition 2014 as organized by the Slovenian Beekeepers' Association (SBA)

PARTICIPATION

Any natural person of any nationality may participate in the competition by submitting their own yet unpublished photographs.

SUBJECT CATEGORIES

The competition is focused on four subject categories:

1. Honey Bee and the World of Plants
2. The Life of Bees (biology)
3. Beekeeping Tasks and Honey Bee Products
4. Traditional Bee House / Bee Yard

An author may participate in one or several categories.

For each subject category, the author may submit no more than 3 photographs.

TECHNIQUE

Color or black and white photographs (300 dpi or more). At least one photograph should be taken in portrait orientation.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The photograph authors shall be anonymized prior to assessment.

Slovenia is home to the Carniolan honey bee (*Apis mellifera carnica*), thus the photographs displaying this honey bee race will be given preference.

The photographs shall be assessed by the panel according to the predefined criteria:

1. Expressiveness
2. Originality
3. Technical design
4. Aesthetics
5. Bee race (*Apis mellifera carnica*).

An additional criterion applies to the Traditional Bee House / Bee Yard subject category:

6. Orderly appearance of the bee house / beehives and the surroundings

NOMINATIONS AND WINNERS

For each subject category, the panel will nominate three authors with the best photographs. The best photographs' authors shall be awarded the gold, silver, and bronze certificate, respectively.

The decision reached by the panel is final.

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

The competition winners will receive an award and the applicable certificate.

Every nominee will receive a certificate of nomination.

Every participant will receive a certificate of participation.

The awards for the 2014 competition winners will be donated by Slovenian beekeeping tourist homesteads.

IMPORTANT DATES

Photograph submission deadline is 19 December 2014.

Nomination submission deadline is 15 January 2015.

The award ceremony will be held at the ApiSlovenia 2014 Fair on Saturday, 21 March 2015, in Celje, Slovenia.

After the ApiSlovenia 2015 Fair, the winners will be announced at the SBA website as well: www.czs.si.

EXHIBITION

All photographs nominated will be displayed at the ApiSlovenia 2015 Fair in Celje, Slovenia, from 21 to 22 March 2015. After this date, the photographs will be exhibited at the Slovenian Beekeeping Center in Brdo pri Lukovici, Slovenia, from 25 March 2015 to the end of February 2016.

PHOTOGRAPH SUBMISSION

Every photograph must include an ID number, title, subject category name, and the year in which it was taken. The photographs submitted for Bee House / Bee Yard subject category must include information on the owner of the bee house / bee yard.

Data storage devices (CDs, USB flash drives) should be sent by registered mail to the following address: Čebelarska zveza Slovenije, Brdo pri Lukovici 8, 1225 Lukovica, Slovenia, with a post scriptum "Photography Competition". All data storage devices received will remain property of the SBA.

Photographs may also be e-mailed to the address: marko.borko@czs.si. All photographs submitted must include information on the author (first and last name, address, telephone number, e-mail address).

RIGHTS

By participating in this competition, the author transfers the right to ownership of photographs to the organizer. Thus, the organizer may store the original photographs submitted in a photography archive and may reproduce and publish them by crediting the author.

DECLARATION

Participation in this competition implies full acceptance of these rules.

INFORMATION

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