

RULES OF THE 11th INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION OF NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

ORGANIZATION

In the framework of the 11th international Photo Festival of Wildlife and Nature Photography that will be held on November 16, 17 and 18 2007 in the town of Montier-en-Der (region Champagne-Ardenne, France), the association AFPAN "L'Or Vert" organizes an international competition of wildlife and nature photography in collaboration with the Club Leo LAGRANGE from Saint-Dizier.

PARTICIPANTS & PHOTOGRAPHS

The competition is open to any individual amateur or professional photographer whatever his/her age or nationality. The organizers of the Festival and the members of the jury are not allowed to participate. The aim of the competition is to show pictures of fauna, flora and landscapes realised in the wild. By taking part in the competition, the authors of the photos show their interest for the environment and their respectful behaviour towards animal and vegetal species. The pictures should not represent the domestic fauna and flora and the photographers should not disturb or damage the ecosystem.

The pictures should also be true to the original view. It is not allowed to add elements to the photographed scene or to remove elements from it, to change the blur or to use any techniques aiming at completely changing the photograph. Reframing is allowed within a limit of 20% of the photo surface. Touch up is allowed only if it is used to erase the dust or improve the general aspect of the picture (white balance, color level...). Saturation increase should remain moderate.

COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE PAPER COMPETITION

Argentic or digital photographs without margins, frames or backup materials between 20x30cm and 24x36cm (A4 size without margins and panoramic photo of more than 36 cm for the longer size are accepted).

Categories:

1. Wild Mammals (free, living in their natural environment)
2. Wild Birds (free, living in their natural environment)
3. The life of an insect, of a spider (photographed in their natural environment)
4. Plants stories (plants and vegetals living in their natural environment: mushrooms, moss, lichen, trees...)
5. World Landscapes (natural wild spaces where the human presence is limited)
6. Graphism, forms and materials (all the photos except the ones belonging to other categories are taken into account)
7. Other wild animals (other pictures of wild animals: molluscs, shellfishes, batrachians, reptiles, fishes, larvas...)
8. The theme of the year: "Jellow"

Each participant is allowed to submit a maximum of 15 paper photographs and a maximum of 5 photographs per category. The candidates who submit more than 15 paper photographs and more than 5 photographs per category will be excluded.

At the back of each picture should be written in a readable way and in capital letters:

- the name and first name of the author
- the number of the category
- the direction of vision (up - down)
- the title of the picture, according to the entry form
- useful comments
- photographers living in the Champagne-Ardenne region (Departments 08, 10, 51 & 52) should write a "R" in capital letter and in a readable way at the back of the photo.

DIGITAL SERIES COMPETITION:

Each photographer has the possibility to submit a series from 3 to 5 digital pictures dealing with an homogeneous subject (unit of topic, chronology, sequence, season, story...). The pictures should be in JPEG format (fine quality) with a resolution of 1024 pixels by 768 pixels. The touch up should be limited (See "PARTICIPANTS & PHOTOGRAPHS").

Each file of a series will be designated by a suffix (only one for all the pictures of a series):

"A": Action, movement and behaviour

"L": Light and atmospheres

"P": Portraits and close-up (fauna or flora)

Then: "name.first name_number" and ".jpg" extension

(Example: "A.durant.jacques_01.jpg" will be given to the first photo of a series about action, movement and behaviour).

The photos (1024x768 pixels) should be located at the root of a CD compatible with a PC. The note "digital series" and the name of the author must be written on the CD (the use of labels is forbidden).

Enclosed should be a contact sheet in a A4 size and a fine quality for a fast visualisation of the pictures as well as the useful comments at the back.

The CD will not be sent back to the author and will not be kept.

The author of a selected series commits himself to sending his/her originals with a resolution of more than 6 million pixels or of more than 2500 pixels for the longer size for digital slides (6 Mpx and more original JPEG, RAW or TIFF files) on the request of AFPAN L'Or Vert.

SENDINGS

The candidates must send all their photos (printings or CD) with the entry form in one time and at their own expenses and risks to the following address:

CLUB LEO LAGRANGE
CONCOURS PHOTO NATURE
16 RUE DE LA COMMUNE DE PARIS
F-52 100 SAINT-DIZIER
FRANCE

The closing date is June 30, 2007. The parcels will be sent at the current postage rates. The photographs will still be accepted 7 days after the closing date.

JURY

The jury made of well-known photographers and wildlife experts will meet to select the photos that will be exhibited and to designate the prizes of the winners.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

One photo can be awarded only once. Each author can receive as many prizes as classified pictures. The competition is composed of several prizes awarded by category:

- Prize of the Festival (all categories)
- Special Prize of the Jury (all categories)
- Best mammal photo
- Best bird photo
- Best insect and spider photo
- Best plant photo
- Best world landscape photo
- Best graphism, forms and materials
- Best other animals
- Best "theme of the year" photo
- Prize of the best regional photographer (living in Champagne Ardenne, all categories).
- Prize of the Conseil Général of Haute Marne (for a picture showing the nature in this department)
- Prize of the public (photo chosen by the public during the Festival)
- Freeze frames (list of the prizes and awards defined by the jury)

For the digital series:

- 3 prizes will be awarded for the "Three best series" (all themes)

The organizers have the right to modify the list of the prizes according to the quality of the pictures in competition.

The proclamation of the results and the awarding of the prizes will take place during the Festival. The prize of the public will be awarded at the end of the

Festival. The awarded photographer will be warned of the results. The prizes are not exchangeable and can not be replaced by money. The prizes could be sent postage due at the request of the author. The prizes not claimed within 6 months could be awarded during the following competition.

RESULTS AND RETURN OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

To get their photos back, the photographers have to enclose:

- a rigid and enough stamped envelope with the name and address of the photographer for the return of the photos. The foreign photographers must enclose international coupons to replace the stamps. The requests of return will be dealt at the latest in December. No request will be dealt after this date.
- a stamped envelope (or with an international coupon) with the name and address of the photographer.

EXHIBITIONS

The Club Léo Lagrange from Saint-Dizier will show in preview a selection of the best pictures in September 2007 and during travelling exhibitions. The AFPAN "L'Or Vert" reserves the right to produce or travel an exhibition of the competition.

While taking part in this competition, the photographers declare being in possession of the rights of the submitted pictures. The author of a selected photograph accepts the presentation or the reproduction of all or part of his work for the exhibition, the publishing of the results on the web or for the promotion of the Festival or of those to come, without offering compensation. The photographer will send the original of his/her (argentic or digital) photo on the request of the organizers and within 15 days after being notified. The organizers commit themselves to quote the name of the author for any publication and are not allowed to use the photographs in other purposes without prior agreement of the author. The submitted work is declared without commercial value.

The organizers will take the greatest care of the photos. The association declines however any responsibility in case of damage, flight or loss during the postal routing, the handling or the exposure of the works.

The organizers could not be held for responsible in case of cancellation of this competition.

Entry in the competition involves full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these rules.

The rules are also written in French.

For more information: www.festiphoto-montier.org or maud.afpan@orange.fr

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ENTRY FORM

(Please write in a readable way and in capital letters)

Name.....First name.....

Address:.....

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Postcode.....City..... Country.....

E-mail.....http://.....

Phone.....Fax.....

PAPER COMPETITION (colour or black and white, 5 photos maxi per category)			DIGITAL SERIES (CD- 3 to 5 photos)
N°	Number of photos :	Title	Number of photos :
1			(Please tick the appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be informed of the results of the competition. I enclose a stamped envelope with my name and address. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to get my paper photos back. I enclose a rigid and enough stamped envelope with my name and address. <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to receive the 2007 catalogue of the exhibitions. I enclose a € check payable to "AFPAN"
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I declare being the author of the above mentioned photos and having read the rules. I allow AFPAN "l'Or Vert" to reproduce my award-winning or selected photos in the framework of promotional operations.

Signature :