

## RBSM vzw

### Picture Award Rules

§.1. The Royal Belgian Society of Microscopy (RBSM) vzw wants to honour images or videos as captured through microscopes. Images will be judged based on the science they depict, their aesthetics (beauty and impact of the image), and their technical merit. RBSM will award two prizes, for preferably (but not obligatory) in one of two major categories: life science or material sciences.

§.2. The competition is open to all members of RBSM vzw, after their first year of membership.

§.3. A grant of 100 euros will be addressed for each best picture attributed in both science domains.

§.4. All entries to the competition must be supplied in digital format, and must comply to the following set of regulations:

- One may send in up to three images/videos at full resolution in each category. No image may be entered in more than one category and the jury members reserve the right to re-categorise any entry;
- Each image should be clearly marked with the award category that it is being entered under, and a description of the subject shown and when, where and how the image was captured;
- A motivation should be provided as to why the entry is particularly exceptional.
- Details must also be provided of the camera or scientific equipment used and any subsequent manipulation, e.g., Photoshop;
- The participant must hold the sole copyright to the entry/entries.

§.5. This competition is organized on a yearly basis based on the following agenda: competition opens on June 1st of each year, competition closes on December 31st of the same year.

§.6. RBSM vzw reserves the right to exhibit on its website some or all, in whole or part the best pictures of the prize-winners without the permission of the entrant or copyright owner or payment for such use, yet with proper referral to the copyright owner.

§.7. The 2 best pictures (one in Life Sciences, one in Material Sciences) will be selected by majority voting in a jury that is composed of the RBSM board, optionally complemented by members of the Council. The jury members reserve the right in their absolute discretion to:

- declare void any entry;

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- declare the whole competition or any category/award or categories/awards void should no entries meet the required standards;
- award prizes to those entrants who achieve a certain standard and if the entries taken as a whole do not achieve the anticipated standards either to substitute prizes on offer or declare that none of the entries are worthy of a prize.

Such decisions shall be unchallengeable.

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