Information on Biodiversity 2025 Photo Competition

1. Context

As part of the ICA Biodiversity Challenge 2025, promoted by the Association for European Life Science Universities (ICA), another edition of the Photography Contest will take place. This contest aims to highlight the community's attentive view of biodiversity in the natural areas associated with with the participating campuses and promote the sharing of images that showcase the natural richness of these ecosystems.

2. Contest Period

The contest runs from April 30 to June 15, 2025.

3. Participants

Open to the entire academic community of the participating universities: students, teachers, researchers, technical staff, and administrative staff. Participation is free of charge.

4. Theme

Photographs should represent elements of biodiversity (fauna, flora, fungi, habitats, ecological interactions) observed on the campuses and their surrounding areas, within the context of the BioBlitz.

5. Participation Requirements

- Take original photographs captured in the defined challenge areas
- Each participant may submit up to 3 original photographs, in colour or black and white.
- The photographs must be the author's own and must not have been submitted to other contests.
- Basic editing is allowed (contrast, brightness, cropping), but significant digital manipulation (inserting/removing elements) is not permitted.
- Images must be sent in JPEG (.jpg) format, with good resolution (maximum upload size: 512.0 MB).
- Data to provide during upload: email address, university represented, and species visible in the photo.

6. Submission to the International Jury

The selected images will be submitted to the ICA international jury for the European-level contest: https://ilias.hs-gm.de/goto.php?target=cat_17917&client_id=iliasprod

7.Evaluation and Voting

- The evaluation will take place in two ways:
  • Public online vote via the official platform: https://ilias.hs-gm.de/goto.php?target=cat_17917&client_id=iliasprod
  • Vote by an international jury, composed of representatives from the participating universities.
- Each jury member will assign 3 points to their favourite photo, 2 points to the second, and 1 point to the third.

8. Results Announcement

The international winners will be announced by the end of June 2025 through the official channels of ICA.

9. Usage Rights

By participating, authors authorise the use of their photographs for educational and promotional purposes of the ICA Biodiversity Challenge and it participating universities. See Terms of Participations for further information.

10. Final Provisions

Participation implies full acceptance of these rules. Any situations not covered will be decided by the organising committee.

Take part and share your unique view of nature!

Together for a more vibrant planet!