

VI Internacional Contest of Astrophotography, Timelapse and Astronomical Drawing Calar Alto 2021

Organization

The Association of Friends of the Astronomical Observatory of Calar Alto is organizing the VI International Contest of Astrophotography, Timelapse and Astronomical Drawing contest, with the collaboration of the Astronomical Observatory of Calar Alto and the Orion Astronomical Association of Almeria. The call for 2021 entries will be governed by the rules listed below.

Competition rules

1. GENERAL

1. All astrophotographers, worldwide, may participate but must use only amateur equipment, this equipment should be installed and configured by the contestant. All members of the organizations participating in the contest will be excluded. The maximum number of astrophotographs that can be presented per person is two per category.
2. The maximum number of timelapse videos and drawings that can be presented per person is two.
3. The categories established to compete are the following:
 1. Deep sky.
 2. Planetary. For Solar System objects.
 3. Timelapse. For videos made with this photographic technique and with the night sky as the main theme.
 4. Night landscape
 5. Astronomical drawing
4. The criterion of designating a photo in a certain category is at the discretion of the author, but, in the case that the jury considers that the category is not correct, the photo would go to the category that the jury decided unanimously.
5. The photographs, videos or drawings presented must be original and cannot have been previously awarded or published in ISBN or ISSN works. Works whose copyright may be attributed to third parties will not be accepted. In addition, they must not have been published previously on the Internet except for the sites of their authors and personal profiles such as Flickr, Facebook, etc...
6. The astrophotographs, videos or drawings presented must have been made in the period between January 1, 2020 and May 15, 2021
7. Astrophotographs, videos or drawings may not contain watermarks or credit titles of any kind, as well as those in which names or references appear that can be used to identify the author.
8. The astrophotographs, videos and drawings presented must have been created individually; group work is not valid.

9. Images sent in the Astronomical Landscape category may not be included as frames of the Time-Lapse presented.
10. The astronomical drawing should be made from astronomical observation (naked eye or telescope), not from an astrophotography.
11. Works at the Night Landscape category cannot be a photo composition.

2. SHIPPING AND DEADLINES

1. Astrophotographs should be sent in TIFF digital format 16 bits. Delivery will be made via the web form enabled in this regard (announced on the page www.caha.es) between 0:00h on January 1 and 23:59h on May 15, 2021. As indicated in point 1.1 and 1.2, the maximum number of astrophotographs, Timelapses and drawings, is two. In the event more than two are sent, the first two will be selected in order of arrival. TIFF astrophotographs must be hosted on a file server (OneDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc.) from which it can be downloaded. The link to the accommodation of the TIFF image on the internet server on which it is hosted must be indicated on the form mentioned above. In the event the TIFF image is not downloadable from that source, the file must be delivered by the author via other means so that it is in the hands of the organization before the deadline of May 15, 2021 at 23:59 hours.
2. The videos must be made according to the photographic technique of Time lapse. They must have a maximum duration of 5 minutes and must be hosted, in high resolution, on YouTube or any other video or file server from which it can be downloaded (OneDrive, Dropbox, Google Drive, etc. ...). Delivery will be done through the same web form mentioned in section 2.1 indicating the link to the video hosting on the internet server where it is hosted. In case it is not possible to download the video from that source, the video file will must be delivered by the author via other means so that it is in the hands of the organization before the deadline of May 15, 2021 at 23:59 hours.
3. The information requested in the web form is divided into public and private data. The first will be available to the jury and the second will be made public once the winners have been determined.
 1. Public data includes: Pseudonym, Title, Category, Description, Shot location, Equipment, Characteristics, Techniques, Programs/software used for processing and Date that image was shot.
 2. Private data includes: First name, Last name, Association, Address, Province, Country, email address and phone number.
4. Astronomical drawings will be sent as high quality digital images. If deemed necessary, the jury may request the original drawing. The drawings can be published on servers such as yahoo
5. In case of any issues delivering your submission, please contact us via email: amigoscalaralto@gmail.com

3. AWARDS

1. There will be a winner and three runner ups in the planetarium, deep sky, and night landscape categories, and a single winner and a first runner up in time-lapse and astronomical drawing categories. In each category, the runner ups will receive diplomas issued by the Calar Alto Observatory and a 1-year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
 - **Deep sky.**
 - First Prize: on-site use of the 1,23 telescope at Calar Alto, and three days room and board at the observatory.
 - First runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
 - Second runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.

- Third runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
- **Planetary.**
 - First Prize: on-site use of the 1,23 telescope at Calar Alto and three days room and board in the observatory.
 - First runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
 - Second runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
 - Third runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
- **Time-Lapse.**
 - First Prize: on-site use of the 1,23 telescope at Calar Alto, and three days of room and board in the observatory
 - First runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
- **Night landscape.**
 - First prize: on-site use of the 1,23 telescope at Calar Alto and three days room and board at the observatory.
 - First runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
 - Second runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
 - Third runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine.
- **Astronomical drawing.**
 - First prize: on-site use of the 1,23 telescope at Calar Alto and three days room and board in the observatory.
 - First runner up: diploma and 1 year PDF subscription to Astronomy magazine

At no time may use of the telescope's observation time be requested remotely. In the event that a person obtains more than one prize, they Will receive only a single subscription to Astronomy magazine.

2. Prize winners are responsible for all costs affiliated with their trips to collect prizes and/or stay at Calar Alto.
3. If the jury considers that in any of the categories the works did not reach a minimum level of quality, no winners or runner ups will be announced and prizes will not be awarded. Prizes may not be exchanged for their monetary value.
4. The award-winning astrophotographs, Time Lapse and astronomical drawings will be published on the website of the Calar Alto Observatory (www.caha.es) and in the astrophotography section of Astronomía magazine. They will be exhibited in the Astrophotography Exhibition of the Astronomy Classroom of the University of Almeria (UAL), as well as on the page of the Association of Friends of the Astronomical Observatory of Calar Alto (amigoscalaralto.blogspot.com) and on social networks. They will also be part of a traveling exhibition, which will be shown in the municipalities around the observatory as requested. The Works serve to promote astrophotography. They will be used by the Observatory in their promotional items.
5. The winners of the five categories will share three nights using the 1,23 telescope at the Calar Alto Observatory between the months of June, July or August, September and October. The days will be designated by the observatory depending on the schedule of the center itself. The stay includes room and board for the three days that the winners are at Calar Alto. Each night the winners will

use the 1.23 telescope at times determined by the observatory. The winners must present a dossier about the astrophotography projects that they will work on with the telescope (which must previously be approved by the center's management). Winners are responsible for their own travel expenses. Runner ups of the three categories will obtain a diploma issued by the Calar Alto Observatory.

6. The winner of the Deep Sky category could use de CCD DLR-MKIII at the 1,23 telescope.
7. The winner of the Planetary category could use his or her own camera with an eyepiece holder at the 1,23 telescope
8. The days and the organization that the observatory will design will depend on the evolution of the COVID pandemic.

4. JURY

1. Roles. The Jury must decide the results of the contest, choosing the winners in each category, or making decisions in this regard as deemed necessary (no winners, etc.). The jury is responsible for clarification and amendment of all Contest Rules when required to do so by any of the participants. All questions should be sent to the following email address: amigoscalaralto@gmail.com, the jury will meet to discuss and publish the responses for all participants. In cas of any discrepancy between the members of the Jury, the president of the Jury will be considered to have a extra vote to resolve any pending issues.
2. In the event that any winner cannot be present at the time of awards presentation, they may authorize a third person to pick it up. Once the contest is finished, the winner will have a period of 30 calendar days to collect the prize.
3. Composition. The Jury will be made up of seven people, designated by the Organization of the VI International Astrophotography, Time-Lapse and Astronomical Drawing Calar Alto Contest 2021, considered qualified to rule. This includes:
 - President: José María Madiedo
 - Secretary: José Francisco del Águila
 - Members:
 - Ángel Gómez Roldán
 - Leonor Ana Hernández
 - Alicia Lozano
 - Oscar Blanco
 - (CAHA)
4. Judgment of the Jury. The jury's decision will be announced on May 31 2021, vote may be done electronically.
5. Before casting their vote, the members of the Jury will take into account the composition or other scientific or artistic qualities, the difficulty of the photographed object according to the characteristics of the observation team and other values such as originality, scientific or educational value, etc. Although each category is a separate contest, the Jury may take into consideration all the submissions of a contestant to evaluate the possibility of fraud or forgery in the works. Although the vote of the members of the Jury is secret, they may debate among themselves as necessary before issuing their verdict.
6. The jury's decision is unappealable, except in cases where it is suspected that rules have been broken as explained below. For a period of one month after the date of the ruling, and before the awards are presented, any member of the Jury, in a private or joint capacity, may require, from any of the winners, the clarifications that are deemed appropriate to make sure there is no possibility of plagiarism or fraud (breaking any of the contest rules). In the event that fraud was detected in the awarded works, the Organization of the 5th International Astrophoto-

tography and Time-Lapse Contest Calar Alto will deliver the prize to the first runner up. The Organization of the 6 th International Contest of Astrophotography and Time-Lapse Calar Alto 2021 reserves the right to take the actions it deems appropriate against the violator of these Rules.

5. PROPERTY OF WORK AND DATA CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The Organization of the 6th International Contest of Astrophotography, Time-Lapse and Astronomical Drawing Calar Alto 2021 recognizes the physical and intellectual property of the authors of each of the works presented. However, the winning works Will become part of the Calar Alto Observatory. They may be used for astronomical disclosure as long as the author's information is cited. Likewise, they can be published on the Calar Alto website (www.caha.es), and on the Friends of Calar Alto association blogspot (amigoscalaralto.blogspot.com), as well as on the social networks of both.
2. The astrophotographs, time-lapse and drawings that the winners make with the 1,23 telescope of the observatory will be owned by the astronomical center, as well as the work done using material or showing the inside of CAHA facilities during the stay resulting from the award.

In accordance with the provisions of Organic Law 15/1999, of December 13, on the Protection of Personal Data (hereinafter LOPD), the Organizing Committee of the 6th International Contest of Astrophotography, Time-Lapse and Astronomical Drawing Calar Alto 2021 informs that data provided through the web form for registration to the contest will be incorporated into a file owned by the Organizing Committee of the 6th International Contest of Astrophotography, Time-Lapse, and Astronomical Drawing Calar Alto 2021, being used in order to facilitate participation in the Astrophotography, Time-Lapse and Astronomical Drawingcontets, as well as the prize delivery to the winner. The sending of such data implies the express consent on the part of the contestant to proceed to the treatment of the same, including the email address and telephone, with the purposes indicated in the previous paragraph. The contestant may exercise their rights of access, rectification, cancellation and opposition, prior accreditation of their identity, by contacting the Organizing Committee of the 6th International Contest of Astrophotography, Time-Lapse and Astronomical Drawing Calar Alto 2021 through the following email address: amigos-calaralto@gmail.com