

The Royal Society of Chemistry and the European Young Chemists' Network present: PHOTOCHIMICA 2022 (4th edition)

– Rules and Regulations –

The European Young Chemists' Network (EYCN) together with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), would like to invite you to participate in the 4th edition of PHOTOCHIMICA, a European competition of scientific photography. Across the first three PHOTOCHIMICA competitions we received 119 photos submitted from young chemists around the world – photos we have been proud to display in exhibitions in five countries.

The topic of this edition has been chosen as:

“Chemistry in Everyday Life”

This year, we would like to add our voice to the international science community to advocate that chemistry is everywhere and influences our life for the better day after day. Your entry should demonstrate a real and important example of this fact in an artistic, engaging and/or beautiful way.

1. Who can participate?

Any young chemistry enthusiast (“young” by the definition of the European Young Chemists' Network, *i.e.*, below the age of 35) from any country can participate. Members of the PHOTOCHIMICA team as well as members of the jury are excluded from the competition.

2. How can I apply?

Every participant may enter up to 3 photos. There are two steps to submitting each entry:

1. The photos need to be uploaded to one of three social media platforms. The PHOTOCHIMICA hashtag must be used and the EYCN and RSC accounts must be tagged.

Instagram	#photochimica2022	@EYCN.eu	@RoySocChem
Twitter	#photochimica2022	@YoungChemists	@RoySocChem
Facebook	#photochimica2022	@EYCN.eu	@RoyalSocietyofChemistry

2. Participants must confirm their entry or entries by completing an [online form](#). The form will request the following information:
 - **name and contact details of the participant,**
 - **username on the social media platform(s) used,**
 - **a link to the social media post(s),**
 - **the title and caption used for the entry,**
 - **a high-quality version of the submitted picture(s), and**
 - **acceptance of the rules detailed in this document.**

Additional Information:

- a. Every photo must have a title (maximum 5 words) and must be accompanied by a short caption (maximum 100 words), explaining what can be seen on the photo itself (the subject and any additional information that underline the relevance or importance of the photograph). On Twitter, this can be posted as a thread to account for character limits.
- b. The photos cannot have a signature, border, logo, watermark, or any other specific signs.
- c. SEM, TEM, AFM, XRD, electrochemical techniques, chromatographic and other measurements from your own research are accepted. The jury will **not** take into consideration the scientific impact of your research! Remember: this is a contest that aims to promote the visibility of chemistry and bring it closer to a wider audience from outside the research fields.
- d. Submitted photos can be lightly edited (*e.g.*, filters, typical post-processing adjustments like contrast, brightness, saturation, etc.). However, these edits cannot lead to the alteration or falsification of the core (scientific) messages of the picture.
- e. In the case of the winning entry, we may contact you via social media; please ensure your social media settings allow you to receive outside messages!

3. Competition calendar

- a. Competition Launch: Monday 3 October 2022
- b. Application window: Monday 3 October 2022 – Sunday 13 November 2022
- c. Judging: Monday 14 November 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022
- d. Popular Vote Window (*see Section 6b*): Wednesday 16 November 2022 – Friday 16 December 2022
- e. Results: Monday 16 January 2023 (EYCN and RSC social media channels)

4. Judging

The PHOTOCHIMICA team, made up of EYCN, EuChemS, and RSC representatives, will assess all entries for eligibility. In the case of a significant number of entries, the PHOTOCHIMICA team will create a shortlist of no more than 25 photos among the submissions to share with the jury. Our international jury will subsequently select six (6) of those photos and another six (6) photos will be selected by the public, according to their social media interactions (see section 6b). Our jury will be formed by creative experts and chemistry graduates. The results will be announced on the EYCN and RSC social media channels.

5. Photo use and copyright

- a. The participants give the organizers the right to reproduce their photos online and in print for any purpose related to the EYCN, EuChemS, and RSC. The organizers guarantee that the photographer's identity will be shown on every occasion.
- b. A calendar for the year 2024 will be created with the 12 best photos of each section. This calendar will be used to promote the EYCN, EuChemS, and RSC. Any proceeds from production of the calendar will be used to fund future competitions. The participants will have no right to expect remuneration of any kind except in the form of prizes awarded to the winners.
- c. By entering the competition, the participant declares that they have all relevant copyrights of the photo(s) and assumes all legal consequences if it is proven to the contrary.
- d. If the participant does not have the copyrights of the photos, they will not receive any awards and are liable for any damages caused by this copyright infringement.

6. Awards

- a. There will be two main prizes: one prize awarded by the jury and a "most popular" award. Each of the two will have a gift prize.
- b. The popularity award will be presented to the photo that receives the highest level of public appraisal via the number of social media interactions. For this purpose, all submitted photos will be reuploaded on the EYCN's Twitter and Instagram channels and the interactions within one month (16 November 2022 – 16 December 2022) will be counted and combined across both channels (**LIKES on the post on the EYCN account will count for 1 point and SHARES on the post on the EYCN account will count 3 points**). Likes or shares on any other (re-)posts of the image or the original posts by the contestants are not counted.

7. Organizational rules

- a. The participant must enter photos that have not been awarded at any other competition.

- b. An entered photo may not be changed.
- c. It is not allowed to enter photos that contain pornography, violence or any other illegal practices, discrimination, or invasions of human dignity or privacy.
- d. The participant will be disqualified if they do not respect the rules; disqualification is at the discretion of the jury and is the final decision.
- e. By submitting the photo and information via the [online form](#), the participants declare that they have accepted the rules and regulations of the PHOTOCHIMICA competition.

For any question regarding the rules and regulations, please send an e-mail to: science@eycn.eu

We wish you the best of luck!