

The European Young Chemists' Network and the Royal Society of Chemistry present: PHOTOCHIMICA 2020

- 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 3rd edition of PHOTOCHIMICA, a European competition of scientific photography. Our previous editions of PHOTOCHIMICA, which took place in 2016 and 2017, were a great success: the EYCN received 78 photos from 12 countries and organized exhibitions in five different countries.

We would like to kick off the new year with the 3rd edition of our photography contest in collaboration with the Royal Society of Chemistry. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Earth Day on the 22nd of April 2020, the topic of this edition has been chosen as:

Sustainable development!

This year, we would like to add our voice to the international science community to advocate that development and sustainability can go hand in hand to ensure a bright future for the next generations. Your entry should demonstrate a real and important example of sustainability in action, or a recent scientific or technological development that could be improved in a sustainable way.

1. Who can participate?

The contest is divided into two separate categories based on your imagination and on your photo's intent. These categories are:

- 1) Pictures without any post editing.
- 2) Pictures with further postproduction or limited digital editing. We encourage you to make good use of your filters, but the photo itself will still have the most value for the judges!

2. How can I apply?

- a. The photos need to be uploaded through any social media (preferably Instagram, but Facebook and Twitter are also acceptable). The following tags must be used:

Instagram	#photochimica2020	@EYCN.eu	@RoySocChem
Twitter	#photochimica2020	@YoungChemists	@RoySocChem
Facebook	#photochimica2020	@EYCN	@RoyalSocietyofChemistry

- b. Every participant may enter up to 3 photos per category.
- c. Every photo must have a title (maximum 5 words) and has to 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). The caption can be provided in a separate post if character limits apply.
- d. The photos must not have a signature, watermark, logo or border.
- e. 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:** PhotoChimica is a contest that aims to promote the visibility of chemistry and bring it closer to a wider audience from outside the research fields.
- f. 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: 27th January 2020
- b. Application window: 28th January 2020 – 7th March 2020
- c. Judging: 07th March 2020 – 20th April 2020
- d. Results: Earth Day, 22nd of April 2020 (announced on EYCN and RSC social media channels)

4. Judging

Our jury will be formed by members of the international chemical sciences community with knowledge of sustainable chemistry and experience of social media.

The organizational team will create a shortlist from the submissions to go to the jury. Our jury will select one winner for each category. Two prizes will be awarded overall; in the case of there not being a suitable entry in either category, two prizes will be awarded in the other category. The decision of the judges will be final.

The organizational team will select a shortlist for the popularity award. These will be shared on social media so that members of the public can vote for their favourite.

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 for any purpose related to the EYCN, EuChemS and RSC. The organizers guarantee that the photographer's identity will be shown in every occasion.

- b. A calendar for the year 2021 will be created with 12 photos chosen by the jury and the public. The calendar will be commercially available, and part of the proceeds will be used for future competitions. The participants will have no right to any cut of the proceeds, except in the form of prizes awarded to the winners. The calendar will also be used to promote EYCN, EuChemS and RSC.
- c. By entering the competition, the participant declares that they have the copyrights of the photo(s) and assumes all the legal consequence if it is proven the contrary.
- d. If the participant does not have the copyrights of the photos, they will not receive any awards.

6. Awards

- a. There will be three prizes: first prize for each category and a popularity award, presented to the photo that receives the most public appraisal (measured using the number of social media interactions).
- b. The 12 finalists (as chosen by the jury and the public) will receive a copy of the 2021 calendar produced from their images.

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 invade the human dignity and privacy. 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.
- d. By entering the photos, the participant declares that have accepted the rules and regulations of the PHOTOCHEMICA competition.

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

Best of luck!