**EVOLMAR 2023**

**PHOTO & VIDEO CONTEST ISOTTA**

*Look and think before opening the shutter. The heart and mind are the true lens of the camera*

(Yousuf Karsh)

**RULES**

This photo contest has been set up as part of the first virtual Italian Congress of Marine Evolution – EVOLMAR. To participate you can send photographs (taken either underwater or in a laboratory context) and/or videos which depict or are representative of any aspect of Marine Evolution.

Participation is free and is open to all congress members, regardless of the equipment type they have used. Jury members or their close relatives are not eligible to participate. The jury (whose judgment is definitive) is composed by Michele Solca (as President), Marco Colombo (Naturalist, photographer and science communicator) and Gabriella Luongo (Marine Biologist and underwater photographer). The jury will receive the files in completely anonymous form after they have been renamed and re-encoded.

The deadline for sending photographs and/or videos is **NOVEMBER 06th 2023**. The award ceremony will take place on the last day of the Congress, Friday **NOVEMBER 17th 2023**.

**PHOTOCONTEST**

The categories of the Photo Contest are:

* **“UW” – Underwater** – Any photograph that represent and/or interpret the theme of marine evolution and that are taken underwater, regardless of the reproduction ratio and the cut you want to give to the scene depicted (Wideangle, Macro, etc…).
* **“LAB” – Laboratory** – Any photograph that represents and/or interprets the theme of marine evolution taken in a research laboratory setting with photographic equipment, phones or professional tools (microscope, SEM / TEM, etc...).

The best of each category will be awarded and the photo (Best Of Show) considered the most representative of the Congress will be chosen. Each photographer can be awarded only once. The prizes are as follows:

* **Best Of Show** – 150€ voucher to be spent at *Isotecnic* – ISOTTA + Cover Image of the Book of Abstracts + Free registration to the next edition of EVOLMAR.
* **1st Underwater** – 100€ voucher to be spent at *Isotecnic* – ISOTTA
* **1st Laboratory** – 100€ voucher to be spent at *Isotecnic* – ISOTTA

Each participant can send up to 2 photographs per category, in .JPG format with a maximum size of 10Mb each, ONLY via WETRANSFER.COM to **info@evolmar.it**. The photographs must not bear signatures, watermarks, signs or frames or other forms of identification. Only a moderate use of tools such as brightness/contrast, saturation, noise/sharpness and white balance is allowed. Cropping is allowed only up to 25% reduction from the original photo. The jury reserves the right to ask the winners for the original file in RAW or JPG format.

Together with the photographs, a registration form must be sent containing the photographer's data, the description of the photographs and the release form. The form must be signed and the files must be named like this:

Name\_Surname\_title’s/description first word\_Category\_Number

(Example: Luisa Rech want to send 2 photographs for the Underwater category (es. “Gorgonie mediterranee” and “Biodiversità salmastra”) and 2 for Laboratory category (Es. “Sabellidi inquieti” and “Gasteropodi fluo”) she will name her photographs like this: “Luisa\_Rech\_Gorgonie\_UW\_1”, “Luisa\_Rech\_Biodiversità\_UW\_2”, “Luisa\_Rech\_Sabellidi\_LAB\_1” etc…).

**VIDEOCONTEST**

The videos must have a maximum duration of 5 minutes and must freely interpret the theme of MARine EVOLution. There are no constraints regarding the methods of construction (underwater, external, laboratory) or the tools used.

The format presented must be mp4, the suggested image size is Full HD i.e 1920x1080.

Each participant can send a single video file by EMAIL ONLY via WETRANSFER.COM to the address **info@evolmar.it**. Videos must not bear signatures, watermarks, signs or frames or other forms of identification.

The best video will be awarded:

* **Best Video** – 150€ voucher to be spent at *Isotecnic* – ISOTTA + Free registration to the next edition of EVOLMAR.

**PHOTOCONTEST & VIDEOCONTEST**

Each competitor can freely participate in both contests (Photo and Video) as long as they respect the maximum number of files to send, i.e.: 4 Photographs (2 per Category – UW and LAB) and 1 video.

**NB – Files will be send together with:**

* **Application Form at Photo & Video Contest**
* **Receipt of registration / payment for the EVOLMAR 2023 Congress**

The winning works will remain in the possession of the Congress organizers and can be used for the promotion of the next editions of the Competition, always quoting the author, but not for profit.

The works presented in the Competition must be exempt from any artistic property right or from rights of any kind that could belong to third parties. The authors guarantee the Organizing Committee and the jury of EvolMar 2023 against any action that may be exercised by any right holders.

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Application form

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**Send up to a maximum of 2 photographs per category and/or a video file via WETRANSFER.COM to the address:** [**info@evolmar.it**](mailto:info@evolmar.it)

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The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ declares to be aware that the processing of personal data will take place in compliance with the provisions of Law 196/2003 on the protection of personal data. The undersigned authorizes the processing of data only for communications relating to this competition and it is understood that the data will in no case be transmitted to third parties or partners of the initiative.

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_