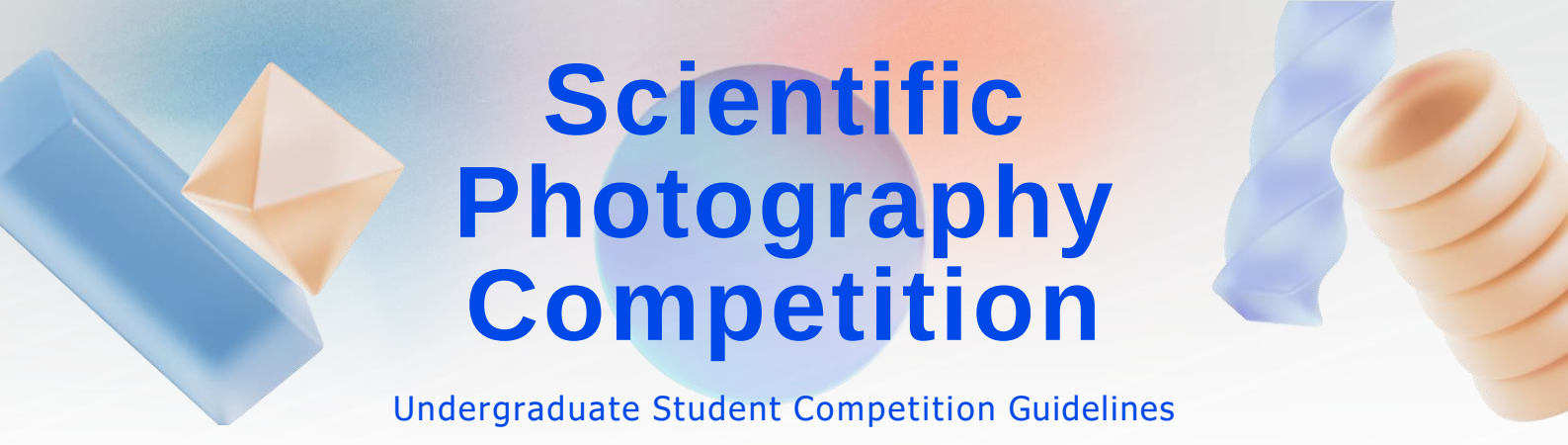




Scientific Photography Competition

Undergraduate Student Competition Guidelines

SEAPPRO 2026

The 4th Southeast Asia Plant Protection Conference – SEAPPRO 2026

Conference Theme: "Healthy Plants, Resilient Future: Navigating the Advancement of Crop Protection"

Event Details: 19–20 November 2026, IPB International Convention Center, Bogor, Indonesia

Striking macro photograph related to plant protection, e.g., fungal spores or insect eggs

Competition Overview and Eligibility

This competition invites Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral students to explore and reveal hidden, overlooked, microscopic, or concealed aspects of plant protection through scientific photography. It aims to promote a deeper appreciation of the biological organisms, processes, and interactions that influence plant health

Eligibility

- Participants must be active Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral students enrolled at a recognized higher education institution
- The competition is open to students in plant protection and related scientific fields
- Participation is individual
- Each participant may submit only one photograph
- The photograph must have been taken by the registered participant
- Proof of active Undergraduate, Master's and Doctoral students status may be required

Theme and Suggested Subjects

Competition Theme

"The Unseen World of Plant Protection: Revealing Hidden Life, Threats, and Interactions"

Scientific image frame 2

The theme focuses on organisms, symptoms, structures, and biological interactions that are often too small, concealed, overlooked, or difficult to observe directly

Suggested Subjects

- Fungi associated with plants including mycelia/spores/fruitle structures
- Microorganisms and microbial colonies
- Mites/nematodes/thrips/aphids/scale insects and other small pests
- Insect eggs/larvae/pupae and concealed life stages
- Early or subtle symptoms of plant diseases
- Predator–prey and parasitoid–host interactions
- Biological control agents Beneficial microorganisms
- Leaf mines/galls/lesions/feeding damage and other hidden plant injuries
- Microscopic plant structures associated with infection/resistance/plant health
- Other hidden biological phenomena relevant to plant protection

Photograph and Technical Requirements

Submission Requirements

- **Originality:** Participants must submit one original photograph taken by themselves
- **File Format:** JPEG or PNG
- **Resolution:** At least 2,000 pixels on the longest side, clear enough for online viewing and judging
- **Orientation:** Landscape/portrait/square permitted
- **Watermark:** Not permitted
- **Identification:** Participant's name/institution/identifying information must not appear within the image
- **Borders:** Decorative frames or borders not permitted
- **Embedded Text:** Titles/captions/signatures/other text must not be embedded in the photograph
- **Original File:** Participants must retain original image file and metadata for Verification
- **Imaging Devices:** Photographs may be taken using digital cameras/smartphones/macro lenses/microscopes/digital microscopes/other scientific imaging devices

File Naming Format

SEAPPRO2026_PHOTO_FullName_Institution

Image Editing and Artificial Intelligence

Permitted Adjustments

- Cropping and straightening Exposure/brightness/contrast adjustment White-balance correction
- Minor color correction
- Noise reduction Sharpening
- Removal of minor sensor dust or imaging artifacts
- Focus stacking for legitimate macro or microscopic photography
- AI-assisted grammar checking and language refinement for titles and captions

Prohibited Manipulation

- AI-generated photographs
- Generative fill or synthetic backgrounds
- Adding/removing/replacing/moving biological objects
- Changing number/size/shape/position of organisms
- Creating artificial pests/pathogens/symptoms/scientific structures
- Combining unrelated photographs into misleading composites
- Excessive color manipulation that alters the scientific meaning of the image
- Any editing that misrepresents the original subject or biological context.

Important Statement: Image editing must not alter the authenticity, scientific meaning, or biological interpretation of the photograph.

Title, Caption, Ethics, and Submission Materials

Photograph Title

- Must be written in English
- Must not exceed 15 words
- Should be concise, accurate, and engaging

Scientific Caption

- Must be written in English
- Must not exceed 150 words
- Should describe the subject shown in the photograph
- Should explain the relevance of the image to plant protection or plant health
- Should state the location where the photograph was taken
- Should describe the imaging method and magnification when applicable
- Scientific names should be written correctly and italicized where appropriate

Required Submission Materials

- One original photograph
- Photograph title
- Scientific caption
- Participant's full name, institution, and study program
- Proof of active Undergraduate, Master's or Doctoral students status
- Signed statement of originality
- Camera or imaging-device information
- Brief description of image-processing methods
- Original file and metadata

Judging Criteria and Finalist Selection

Criteria	Weight
Relevance to Theme and Scientific Value	30%
Visual Impact and Creativity	25%
Technical Quality	20%
Scientific Caption and Communication	15%
Audience Engagement/Social Media Likes	10%

TIMELINE

Activity	Date
Registration	20 August – 20 September
Submission Deadline	20 September
Judging Period	20 September – 20 October
Best 6 Nominees Announcement	20 October

Participants retain copyright ownership of their photographs. By entering the competition, participants grant the organizing committee a non-exclusive right to display, publish, reproduce, and archive submitted photographs for educational, promotional, reporting, and competition-related purposes, with appropriate credit whenever reasonably possible

Finalist Selection

The highest-scoring photographs will be selected as finalists. The number of finalists will be announced by the organizing committee. Finalists may be required to submit the original high-resolution file, metadata, and additional verification materials. Finalist photographs may be displayed through official SEAPPRO 2026 online platforms. Failure to provide the requested verification materials may result in removal from the finalist list

Disqualification, Awards, and Important Information

Grounds for Disqualification

- Submitting a photograph taken by another person
- Submitting more than one entry
- Using an AI-generated image
- Using prohibited generative or deceptive editing
- Adding/removing/replacing/moving biological objects
- Providing false scientific information
- Submitting plagiarized or copyrighted material without permission
- Manipulating social media engagement through bots/paid likes/fake accounts
- Failing to provide the original file or metadata when requested
- Providing false student-status information
- Failing to comply with submission requirements or deadlines

Awards, Important Notes, and Contact

Award Categories:

- Champion : IDR 1,500,000 + Trophy + Certificate
- First Runner-Up : IDR 1,250,000 + Trophy + Certificate
- Second Runner-Up : IDR 1,000,000 + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Story Behind the Photo : IDR 500,000 + Trophy + Certificate
- Best Photographic Composition : IDR 500,000 + Trophy + Certificate
- Audience Favorite Award : IDR 500,000 + Trophy + Certificate

Connect With Us:

- Registration Link : <https://forms.gle/YvbsG9kwXuk9xmQXA>
- Contact Person : +62 852 6209 2424 (Della)
- QR Code :

