52th National Congress of the Fédération Française de Spéléologie (FFS),
15th National Congress of the Société Suisse de Spéléologie (SSS / SGH)
19 th EuroSpeleo Forum of the Fédération Spéléologique Européenne (FSE).

Photo Contest

May 15 - 17, 2027 – Morteau, France.

Registration for the 2027 Morteau Photo Contest is officially open!

Don't miss this opportunity to participate! Register now and share your vision of the underground world with the international community.

Entry in the contest is free.

Judges and members of the organizing committee are not eligible to enter the contest.

The registration deadline is March 1, 2027. No photos will be accepted after this date.

The awards ceremony will take place on the evening of Saturday, May 15, during the gala dinner.

The organizing committee, the French Speleological Federation, and the European Speleological Federation reserve the right to use the winning photos for communication purposes related to the contest and the conference (federations websites, the Internet, social media, and articles).

Awards

There are four categories designed to highlight the many different aspects of cave photography:

A Exploration and Action (including cave diving)
B Underground Landscapes and Karst Landscapes
C Macro Photography and Biospeleology
D Unconventional and Humorous Photos.

Each photographer is free to interpret the theme of the various categories in which they wish to enter their photos.

Each photographer may enter one or more categories, with a maximum of three photos per category. The maximum number of photos that may be submitted is six.

Works created using artificial intelligence software will not be accepted.

All submitted photos will be evaluated by a diverse five-member jury (made up of cavers, photographers, and artists). For each of the four categories, the jury will award a first prize and, if applicable, one or more honorable mentions. Rewards and trophies will be given to the first-place winners in each category.

Prints of the competing photos will be made for display during the conference. If the total number of photos exceeds 150, the organizing committee will, at its sole and absolute discretion, select which photos will be displayed.

This exhibition will provide an opportunity to award two additional prizes during the conference:

- the Public Award. Conference participants will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite photo using a voting slip provided at registration;
- the City of Morteau Award. The city council will select its favorite entry, and a prize will be awarded to the winner.

Format and Submission Guidelines

Photos must be submitted using the online registration form:
https://congres2027.speleo-doubs.com/photo-contest-form

Only entries duly received via this form will be accepted. Any entry received by other means will automatically be considered INVALID.

The name of each photo file must follow this format:
LastName_FirstName_Category_CaveName_Country
Example: Dupont_Alain_B_Gouffre de Padirac_France

Digital photos must be at least 30 cm on the longest side and have a resolution of 300 dpi (3,540 pixels). File sizes must not exceed 12 MB. Photos must be submitted exclusively in JPEG format. Photos submitted in other formats (such as RAW or TIF) will be disqualified from the contest.

Each photo submitted via the registration form must be accompanied by a title and a caption providing additional details (cave, country, description, or comment).

Under no circumstances may the photos include the author's name or any logo or watermark that could identify the author.

A confirmation of receipt will be sent automatically by email to the address provided in the registration. The contestant will be notified if one or more photos are not accepted due to issues with content or resolution.

Submission of photos constitutes acceptance of these rules, and especially implies that the photos can be used for promoting the congress or the photo contest.