

**CONTEST RULES FOR THE “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED
INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026” AS PART OF THE
EXHIBITION “ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD”**

1. The organizer of the “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026” as part of the exhibition “ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD” (hereinafter referred to as the "Contest") and the exhibition at the Wrocław Market Square and at Wrocław University of Science and Technology is Wrocław University of Science and Technology - Photonics and Bionanotechnology Association “PhoBiA” Scientific Association, operating at the Faculty of Chemistry of the Wrocław University of Science and Technology (hereinafter referred to as the "Organizer"). Contact with the Organizer is possible via e-mail: phobia@pwr.edu.pl.
2. The exhibition at the Wrocław Market Square will take place from May 22nd to June 15th, 2026. The exhibition at Wrocław University of Science and Technology will take place from May 25th to June 12th, 2026. The Contest for places I – III will be held from May 9th to 17th, 2026.
3. Any individual, regardless of age or academic title, may participate in the Contest (hereinafter referred to as the "Participant"). If the Participant is under 18 years old at the time of the Contest, it is mandatory to provide the Organizer with consent from their legal representative. The consent form is attached as Annex 1 to these Rules.
4. By May 8th, 2026, at 11:59:59 PM CEST, Participants must submit a photograph taken with any microscope (hereinafter referred to as the "Work") using the form available on the website <http://phobia.pwr.edu.pl>. The form must be completed in English.
5. The Work must meet the following requirements: 300 DPI, CMYK, all layers flattened, file format PDF.
6. The posters will be printed in 100 cm x 70 cm format, so the submitted files should be in "2:1.5" format.
7. Each Participant may submit up to 5 Works.
8. Each Work must be accompanied by a short description in English, containing information about the microscope used and what the image depicts (maximum 2 sentences). If the description is too long, the Organizer may request the Participant to shorten it.
9. All Works must be created independently by the Participant, and the author of the photograph must be the sole owner of its copyright. By entering the Competition, the Participant declares that they are the author of the photograph within the meaning of the provisions on copyright and related rights, and that they hold full copyright to the photograph and that it does not infringe any rights of third parties. At the same time, the Participant grants a license for the use of the photograph in accordance with Annex no. 2 to the Regulations.
10. Participation in the Contest is free of charge.
11. The Works will be judged by a Jury, consisting of 4 members appointed by the PhoBiA Scientific Association board (Chair: Prof. Katarzyna Matczyszyn – supervisor of PhoBiA Scientific Association; Institute of Advanced Materials, Faculty of Chemistry, Wrocław University of Science and Technology).
12. After the deadline specified in point 4 for submitting Works and after verifying compliance of the Works with the requirements, the Organizer will present them to the Contest Jury in electronic form.

13. When evaluating the Works, the Jury will not know the authors of the works.
14. The Jury will evaluate the Works and vote to select three Works to receive awards for I, II and III places. In case of a tie, the Chairperson's vote is decisive.
15. Members of the Jury and their family members may not participate in the Contest.
16. After the Jury decides, a protocol will be prepared and signed by all Jury members. The Organizer will announce the Contest results on the website <http://phobia.pwr.edu.pl>, publishing a list of laureates including their name, surname and the title of the Work.
17. The Organizer has provided 3 material prizes for the authors of the winning Works mentioned in point 14.

For I place: FUJIFILM Instax Mini Link 3 printer worth approximately PLN 450 gross, FUJIFILM Instax Mini Glossy 20-sheet pack worth approximately PLN 80 gross and LOGITECH R400 presenter worth approximately PLN 150 gross, the total estimated value of the prizes is PLN 600 gross;

for II place: APEXEL APL-TM6 lens set worth approximately PLN 300 gross, KODAK EM001 ring light worth approximately PLN 170 gross and book "Mastering Macro Photography by T. David worth approximately PLN 100 gross, the total estimated value of the prizes is PLN 570 gross;

for III place: LEGO The Evolution of STEM building blocks worth approximately PLN 350 gross and book "The Elements: A Visual Exploration of Every Known Atom in the Universe" by T. Gray worth approximately PLN 150 gross, the total estimated value of the prizes is PLN 500 gross.

The Contest meets the criteria set out in Article 21(1)(68) of the Personal Income Tax Act – the prize amount per laureate does not exceed PLN 2,000.

Wrocław University of Technology will not issue a PIT-11 form to the laureate, and the laureate does not include the value of the prize received in their annual tax return.

18. Participants can collect prizes in person at the Wrocław University of Science and Technology. It is also possible to send prizes by post. If the Participant chooses to receive the prize by post, they must provide a delivery address. The Organizer will use the Participant's address solely for the purpose of sending the prize and will not collect this data.
19. Each Participant must confirm receipt of the prize in writing. In case of personal collection, the Organizer allows the possibility of handing over the prize to a third party, provided they have written authorization from the Participant or their legal representative.
20. A Participant may list more than one author for a Work, but only one prize will be awarded for such Work.
21. In the event of a large number of Works received in the Contest, the Organizer reserves the right to select Works for display.
22. All Works submitted to the Contest will also be available online at <http://phobia.pwr.edu.pl>.
23. Participants are required to submit electronically through the registration form a declaration of copyright and personal data processing, which are attached as Annex 2 and Annex 3 to these Rules. One language version of the declaration (Polish or English) must be provided.
24. The Organizer reserves the right to amend these Rules.
25. The Organizer has the right to the final interpretation of the Rules.
26. Matters not regulated by these Rules are subject to the relevant provisions of the generally applicable law, including the Civil Code.

27. The Rules are available in Polish and English on the website <http://phobia.pwr.edu.pl>.
28. Participation implies acceptance of these Rules and acknowledgement of the personal data processing clause (Annex 4 to these Rules).
29. The Organizer declares that it has implemented Standards for the Protection of Minors, which are available at the following address: <https://pwr.edu.pl/uczelnia/standardy-ochrony-maloletnich-na-pwr>
30. Employees of the Organizer who have contact with minors will be verified in the relevant registers in accordance with the applicable internal regulations.

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(city, date)

**PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR A MINOR TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL
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I, the undersigned, as the legal guardian of:

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(full name of the underage contest participant)

hereby give my consent for participation in the “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026”, under the terms and conditions outlined in the official contest rules and regulations.

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(signature of parent/legal guardian)

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(city, date)

CONSENT FOR THE USE OF THE WORK

By participating in the Contest and submitting the photographs, I grant a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to Wrocław University of Science and Technology to use the submitted work and to manage its use across all fields of exploitation, in accordance with Article 50 of the Act of 4 February 1994 on Copyright and Related Rights (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1191). These fields of exploitation include:

1. with respect to recording and reproducing the work – producing copies of the work using specific techniques, including printing, reprography, magnetic recording, and digital technologies;
2. with respect to trading in the original or copies on which the work has been recorded – placing on the market, lending, or renting the original or copies;
3. with respect to disseminating the work in a manner other than specified in point 2 – public performance, exhibition, display, broadcasting, rebroadcasting, as well as making the work available to the public in such a way that anyone can access it at a place and time individually chosen, including via the Internet.

I hereby declare that I have been presented with the information clause regarding the processing of my personal data by the Organizer of the “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026”, for purposes arising from the rules of this Contest, in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

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(signature of participant)

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(city, date)

CONSENT FOR IMAGE DISTRIBUTION IN THE “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026”

I hereby voluntarily grant permission for the non-paid distribution of my image by Wrocław University of Science and Technology for the purpose of promoting the University and its Faculty – in particular, to inform about the Contest in the media (including social media) and on the Internet. This permission includes recording and reproducing my image using any available techniques (without territorial or time limitations). I understand that I may withdraw this consent at any time, and that such withdrawal will not affect the legality of any use of my image prior to withdrawal.

My image may not be used in a form or publication that is offensive to me or otherwise infringes upon my personal rights.

The permission to distribute my image and voice includes their dissemination, recording, and reproduction using all available techniques (without territorial or time limitations).

I understand that in connection with the distribution of my image, my personal data may also be used on the websites of Wrocław University of Science and Technology for promotional and marketing purposes. I understand that this data may appear on social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and may also be recorded, stored, and distributed by the University – for example, as part of event coverage organized by the University, live streaming of such events, and inclusion in promotional and informational materials accompanied by commentary.

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(signature of participant)

PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING IN THE “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026”

Identity of the Administrator

The Administrator of your personal data is Wrocław University of Science and Technology (Politechnika Wrocławska), registered in Wrocław, Wybrzeże Stanisława Wyspiańskiego 27, 50-370 Wrocław, Poland. You may contact the Administrator via the contact form available at: <https://pwr.edu.pl/en/contact-us>, or in writing at the Administrator’s registered address. The Administrator has appointed a Data Protection Officer (DPO), who can be contacted at: IOD@pwr.edu.pl.

Purposes and Legal Basis for Data Processing

Your personal data is processed for the following purposes:

Registration, preparation, organization and execution of the contest “8TH MICROSCOPIC ART NON-LIMITED INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL CONTEST MANIAC 2026” in accordance with the Regulations, which the Participant accepts by submitting an online application to the Contest and agreeing to the terms of the event, based on Article 6(1)(b) GDPR.

Documenting the event, settling awards and fulfilling archiving obligations related to appropriate documentation, based on Article 6(1)(c) GDPR.

Communicating with Participants to provide information related to the event and to share information about future editions of the Contest or other scientific events organized by Wrocław University of Science and Technology, based on Article 6(1)(f) DGPR.

Dissemination of Participants’ images (in the form of event photographs or photos submitted by Participants) in informational and promotional materials concerning the Contest, in particular on the Administrator’s website and social media – solely based on participant’s voluntarily granted consent, based on Article 6(1)(a) GDPR.

Recipients of Personal Data

Your data may be shared only with the entities supporting the organization of the Contest (including those acting on the basis of agreements concluded with Wrocław University of Science and Technology). The recipients of the data may include, in particular:

- Institutions financing the Contest, including the ORLEN Foundation as the main funder of the Contest;
- Entities providing IT services, including participant registration systems, acting on behalf of Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
- Entities providing hosting or server services on behalf of Wrocław University of Science and Technology (e.g. for the storage of data within the University’s systems);
- Entities providing postal, courier or transportation services for the purpose of delivering

prizes to the laureates.

Data Storage Period

Your personal data will be stored for the time necessary to carry out activities related to organizing and executing the Contest and the Exhibitions, including:

1. With regards to the processing of personal data in connection with the performance of contracts with various entities (including funding agreements) - for the duration of such contract;
2. With regard to processing based on a legal obligation of the Administrator – for the period specified by the Unified Material File List (Jednolity RzeczoWy Wykaz Akt) of Wrocław University of Science and Technology;
3. With regard to processing based on the legitimate interest of the Administrator (Article 6(1)(f) GDPR) - only for the period necessary to contact the Participant before and after the Contest.

Rights of Data Subjects

You have the right to access your data, rectify them, and request restriction processing, data transfer, object to processing or request erasure, in situations indicated in Articles 15-22 GDPR.

To ensure data security, exercising these rights may require verification of your identity.

Right to Lodge a Complaint

You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority responsible for data protection in your country of residence, employment, or the place of the alleged infringement.

In Poland, the supervisory authority is the President of the Personal Data Protection Office (PUODO).

Information on Voluntary or Mandatory Provision of Data

Providing personal data is necessary for registration and participation in the Contest. Failure to provide data makes participation impossible.

The Administrator may contact you using the contact information you provided (including non-university e-mail addresses if given voluntarily) solely for purposes related to organizing the event or informing you about future editions and related scientific initiatives.