

REGULATIONS OF THE FRIENDS OF TOUR DU VALAT 2017 PHOTO COMPETITION

Clause 1

Description of the competition

This photography competition will be organised from **16**th **October to 26**th **November 2017** by the Friends of Tour du Valat Association.

Its aim is to promote wetlands as being rich in biodiversity and a welcoming environment for people.

This year's theme is "Blue".

The competition is open to everyone, both amateurs and professionals, from any country, whether member or not.

There will be two categories of entries: 1) the **classic category** where you send the photo directly by e-mail according to the terms and conditions laid down in Article 2, and 2) the **smartphone category** in which the photo is initially posted on Instagram before being sent directly by e-mail according to the terms and conditions laid down in Article 2.

Clause 2

Participation conditions

Participation is open and free of charge. The competition is open to both amateurs and professionals. Each participant can submit only one photo.

The members of the panel are not allowed to take part in the competition.

Image Format

For the classic category, images should be in jpeg digital format, between 3 and 10 MB in size, and minimum 300 dpi to enable printing in 40x60 format, for example.

Digital enhancement is accepted within reasonable limits (contrast, brightness, despeckling, sharpness ...) in other words conserving the spirit of the original image without incorporating external elements.

They should be sent by e-mail together with the indications specified in the **Indications** section below.

For the smartphone category, images need to be taken using a sufficiently high-quality smartphone to be printed in 20cm x20cm format.

To participate in this category, you must first follow the account @amistdv then post the photo with the hashtag **#bleutourduvalat** and a caption explaining the message of the photo with respect to the theme and aim of the competition, as described above.

The photo should then be sent by e-mail together with the indications specified in the **Indications** section below.

Indications

To be validated, the photo must be sent to the following email address: amis@tourduvalat.org, together with the following indications:

- Photographer's full name,
- Date of birth,
- Postal address,
- Telephone number,
- A title (file name)
- A caption: a few lines explaining the message of the photo,
- Place and date taken,
- The indication: "I the undersigned,, author of the attached photograph, declare that I have understood and fully agree to the conditions of the regulations of the Friends of Tour du Valat 2017 Photo Competition, organised by the Friends the Tour du Valat Association. I waive any right of recourse against the Friends of the Tour du Valat concerning any possible rights pertaining to the persons, buildings or sites appearing in the image, and that I authorise the above-mentioned association to use the photo I have sent for the needs of the 2017 Photo Competition, in accordance with the conditions of the regulations of the competition."

Email reception of photos will be confirmed by email reply.

Deadline for participation

The deadline for sending your photos is 26th November 2017.

Clause 3

Panel and selection criteria

The panel will be made up of members of the Friends of Tour du Valat Association's Advisory Board and professional photographers (Hervé Hôte, Jean-Emmanuel Roché and David Tatin), who will meet on Wednesday 6th December 2016 and decide in function of several criteria (quality, aesthetics, theme, message).

Prizes

Several prizes will be awarded:

"Classic" panel prize: 4 winners

"Smartphone" panel prize: 1 winner

"Classic" public choice prize (voted via Facebook): 1 winner

The panel will select the best 4 photos in the "classic" category and the best in the "smartphone" category. It will also preselect a certain number of photos (number varying in function of the quality of the photos received) from the "classic" category, which will then be posted on the Association's Facebook page.

The photo that gets the most Facebook "Likes" will win the "classic" public choice prize.

No prize can be exchanged. Under no circumstances can the name of the winner be modified.

The prize awarded to each of the 6 winners is the same:

- A photography workshop¹ on the Tour du Valat estate (2 days, 1 night) given by professional photographer David Tatin (https://www.davidtatin.com/), on Saturday7th and Sunday 8th April 2018.
- An event displaying the photos taken during the workshop will be held on the evening of Sunday 8th April 2018 at the studio photo Maison Close in Arles (http://lamaisonclosearles.com/). The event will be open to the public.

Clause 4

Competition organisation and results

On 6th December 2017, the panel will preselect the best photos in the "classic" category to be posted on Facebook together with the 4 winning images in that category and the winner of the "smartphone" category. The 5 winners will be informed before the end of December.

The best photos will be displayed in an exhibition.

The photos preselected by the panel will also be posted on the Association's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/amistourduvalat) from 8th January to 2nd February 2018 for the public to vote. The winning photo in the Public category will be the one that has received the most "Likes" by 2nd February 2018.

An album of the photos will be created on the Facebook page as of 8th January, and the photos will be presented accompanied by their captions from 4th January to 2nd February 2017.

The results will be officially announced at the Tour du Valat Open Day (on World Wetlands Day), **4**th **February 2018**. The winners will be invited to attend that day, which will also be the opening of the exhibition.

The exhibition will be used during other events in which the Association will be involved in 2018.

Clause 5

Conditions for participation and ethics

The participants commit to preserving the species photographed. They commit to not disturbing the species in their natural habitat. Each participant must obtain the written agreement of any persons photographed when the photo could implicate those persons' personality rights concerning their image, and send the agreement along with the photograph concerned. Each participant promises the organisers that he or she is the exclusive author of the photo which he or she sends in order to enter the competition, and that he or she has all the rights and authorisations required for the publication of that photo and its exhibition free-of-charge.

Authorship rights

The authors of the preselected photos remain the owners of their photos but authorise free-ofcharge the Friends of Tour du Valat Association to use and publish their images in the framework of

¹ The photography workshop will be organised in April 2018 for the 6 winners of the competition.

this competition (for the public vote on the Facebook page, for example), and also in the framework of promoting the actions of the Friends of Tour du Valat Association and the Tour du Valat Foundation: posters, website, publications, etc. The authors commit to authorising the displaying of their photos.

There will be no commercial utilisation of the images.

Clause 6

Regulations of the competition

The regulations of the competition are available for downloading on the Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/amistourduvalat) and at the following address: http://www.tourduvalat.org/soutenir

Clause 7

Recourse

Participation in the competition implies acceptance of all the regulations, with no possibility of contesting the results, or returning the photo. Any photo that does not comply with the conditions of these regulations will be considered invalid for the competition. All further information can be obtained by emailing the following address: amis@tourduvalat.org.

Clause 8

Responsibility

The Friends of Tour du Valat Association specifies that Facebook and Instagram are not the organisers or sponsors of the competition and therefore cannot be held responsible in the event of problems during the competition.

Clause 9

Cancellation

The organisers of the competition reserve the right to modify, shorten or cancel the competition without being held liable.

Clause 10

Competition organising body

The body organising the Friends of Tour du Valat 2017 Photo Competition is:

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