

## 10TH INTERNATIONAL AWARD ON SCIENTIFIC AND NATURE ILLUSTRATION *ILLUSTRACIENCIA*



Image of 'Illustraciencia 10'.

The **Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)**, through the **National Museum of Natural Sciences (MNCN-CSIC)** and its **Deputy Vice Presidency for Scientific Culture and Citizen Science (VACC-CSIC)**, and the **Catalan Association of Science Communication (ACCC)**, organize the award “**ILLUSTRACIENCIA, International Award on Scientific and Nature Illustration**”. The purpose of this initiative is to promote scientific culture through scientific illustration, as well as to encourage the development and knowledge of this discipline, long linked to science and scientific dissemination.

This year, as a novelty, ILLUSTRACIENCIA joins the celebration of Cajal Year, promoted internationally as an Event of Exceptional Public Interest 'Santiago Ramón y Cajal Year of Research' (**Cajal Year**).

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This award is open to work groups, professional teams or individuals over 18 years old who may participate in this award regardless of their country of residence. The winner of the previous edition, the organizing committee and the members of the jury are excluded from this call.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Each participant (single or team) may submit one project, using the [web form](http://www.illustraciencia.info/participa) at the link [www.illustraciencia.info/participa](http://www.illustraciencia.info/participa), indicating personal data and information about the project, as well as the category to which it is presented. In case of participating as a team, the name of all the members must be indicated.

The project must have been created between **January 2022** and **April 18th 2023**. The subject of the illustrations must be related to science or nature and the technique is free.

The measure of the illustration must be uploaded to **A4 (210 x 297mm)** 72 DPI in RGB and it should not include watermarks or text (except signatures, numbers or figure letters and symbols included in the art work). An informative text in English, Spanish or any other Spanish official language will be included in the participation form with a maximum extension of 100 to 150 words. The corresponding version in Spanish must be included. This text will explain, in addition to the species or element represented, some scientific curiosity or characteristic shown in the illustration. The texts must be completely original and its scientific rigor, as well as its quality, will be taken into account in the evaluation of the jury.

The period of **reception of works** will be open from **March 15th to April 18th 2023** (11:59 p.m. peninsular Spain time).

On **May 10th 2023**, the 40 selected works will be published. The notification to the creators of the selected works will be done by email. The selected artists must send the illustration adapted to be printed in A2 size (420 x 594mm) 300 DPI in CMYK within 7 days. The organization reserves the right to review and edit the texts of the different selected works in order to guarantee their scientific and informative rigor.

Final **awarded works** will be announced the **31st May 2023**.

## CATEGORIES

- **Naturalist.** Proposals that deal with nature and conform to the characteristics of [naturalist illustration](#).
- **Scientific.** Proposals that conform to the characteristics of [scientific illustration](#).
- **Cajal Year.** Proposals related to the anatomy and physiology of the brain or the nervous system in general and/or with scientific contents related to any recent research in the area of neurosciences.

## SELECTION

From among all the proposals received, the jury will select a maximum of 40 illustrations to be part of the exhibition based on their technical rigor, innovation and informativity. Among these 40 works, the winners of each category and up to five special mentions for the most outstanding works will be decided (unanimously or by majority vote).

On these 40 selected works a special **Mention of the public** will be awarded. The choice of this Mention will be made on [Facebook](#) through online voting.

## AWARDS

The Ilustraciencia Award will give a prize of 1,000 euros per winning work in each of the three categories, while the author of the work selected by the audience on the **Mention of the public** will receive a diploma. The 40 selected artworks will receive a digital accrediting certificate. The reduction corresponding to personal income tax will be applied to the economic prizes.

The winners must submit the following documentation by email within a maximum period of one week:

1. Copy of passport or identification document.
2. Certificate of ownership of the bank account.

## **JURY**

The jury will be formed by representatives of CSIC, MNCN-CSIC, ACCC and professional experts belonging to the Ilustraciencia advisory committee. From that date, the selected illustrators will receive the diploma via email. The jury's decision is final.

## **CALENDAR**

Receipt of proposals: **15.03.2023 – 18.04.2023** (23:59h Central European Summer Time (CEST), UTC +2).

Announcement of selected works: **10.05.2023**.

Public Vote of Mention from the public: **10 – 17.05.2023**.

Winners announcement: **31.05.2023**.

## **WARRANT**

The organization is allowed to exclude the participants who do not accept or respect the requirements of these rules. Plagiarized works will be disqualified and archived on the web section of disqualified proposals.

Participation in this competition implies the automatic acceptance of the following rules. By participating, the author authorizes, not exclusively, the organization to use, reproduce or publicly broadcast their works and his/her name in all activities and publications related to the Award or those in which it is mentioned, without the participant receiving any compensation for their concept. The organization is committed to not commercialize or sell the artworks independently.

The participants assure and warrant to the organization that they are the soleowners of the copyright of the submitted project to the contest and that they are fully responsible for third party rights in their submitted works and any claims of third parties to image rights. **Works that are plagiarism will be disqualified and published in the web section of disqualified proposals.**

The organization is empowered to exclude from the Award participants who do not meet the requirements established in these rules.

CSIC, MNCN-CSIC and ACCC are exempt from any obligation or compensation to the participants if the Award is cancelled or suspended due to major force or law. In this case, the organization will conveniently inform the participants. In the broadest interpretation of the law, the participants exonerate the ACCC of any liability, penalty, claim, demand or civil

commercial, criminal or administrative cause, including compensation of any nature, expenses and costs for any complaint it may receive as a result of a breach by the participants of any of their obligations which arise from these terms (expressly including attorney and court fees).