

THE “LA PALMA 2009” INTERNATIONAL ASTROPHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1st.- This is an **international contest** for astronomy amateurs. Every participant, who must be over 18 years old, is allowed to present up to a maximum of **3 pictures** per author.

2nd.- The **subject of the pictures** presented to take part in the contest should be astronomical. They can be taken by making use of any astrophotographic technique (by means of telescopes, cameras on tripods, CCD, digital or chemical cameras and so on), processed or not. They must be original and unpublished. Originality will be evaluated by taking into account the means used to take them, being possible to award those pictures which have been taken by making use of many means, or those which, as a consequence of making use of a few means, are considered as spectacular.

3rd.- Pictures **must be saved** in a CD-ROM, in TIFF or JPEG format (300pp) and they have to give the possibility to be enlarged up to 60x40cm without pixellating. Besides, a 20x30 cm copy on paper without being framed must be provided.

4th.- Contestants will present every work with **a title and they will be signed up under a pseudonym**. This information must be included in the CD-ROM as well as on the back side of every picture. Vertical position of every shot must be indicated.

5th.- Every picture should include an **index card recording and specifying** its features and characteristics, such as the material which has been used, time of exposure, guide components, the camera which has been used, the place where it was taken, the date, the software which was used and so on.

6th.- With a view to **control the authenticity as well as the authorship of the works**, every participant must enclose a closed envelope including his/her personal information :name, surnames, Identity Card number, date of birth, address, telephone number and e-mail address as well as a sworn statement about the authorship and the originality of the work. Besides, they should also add a copy of “altas de terceros”, a form which can be downloaded from the website of the Cabildo Insular (www.cabildodelapalma.es)

(Formularios de Tesorería). This form should be filled in and it should be sent together with the CD-ROM just in case the participant is awarded.

7th.- Works **must be sent** to the “Servicio de Cultura, Educación y patrimonio Histórico del Excmo.Cabildo Insular de la Palma” (the Department of the Island government in charge of Culture, Education and historical heritage), in Avenida Marítima, 3. 5th floor, 38700 S/C de la Palma. On the envelope it must be specified:”Concurso de Astrofotografía La Palma 2009”

8th.- The Excmo.Cabildo Insular de La Palma releases from any responsibility from any lost or damage of the works which have been presented for this contest.

9th.- **the jury** will be composed of seven members: two members of the Excmo. Cabildo Insular de La Palma, being one of them the chairman of the jury and the other one the Secretary. Two members of the Instituto de Astrofísica de Canarias (IAC) and a member of the Gran Telescopio de Canarias (GTC) and two members belonging to the Reserva Mundial de la Biosfera.

10th **Deadline** for presenting pictures is November, 30th, 2009, before 12.00. Those showing on the envelope that they have been posted before or on this deadline will be regarded as having been presented in time. The same will be applied for those showing on the delivery note of the courier that they have been sent before the deadline or on the deadline. Works handed in or posted or sent after this deadline will not be accepted.

11th **The decision of the jury** will be communicated to the awarded in the first week of December 2009. Later, it will be publicly communicated. Communication media will be informed of it and the decision will be published in the website of the Excmo.Cabildo Insular la Palma: www.cabidolapalma.es. The decision will not be open to appeal.

12th The following **prizes** will be given:

- First prize: 2,000 €
- Second prize: 1,500 €
- Third prize: 1,000 €

- Fourth prize: 500 €

13th Prizes will be indivisible and it will be impossible to declare them void

14th Prizes will be charged to the budget item 451.481.01 of the Budget of the Cabildo Insular de la Palma for the financial year 2009.

15th Participating in the contest implies that participants accept, without limitations or reservations whatsoever, its regulations and rules. Besides, it implies that authors of the pictures are committed not to taking them away before the decision has been made public

16th After the decision, the **30 best pictures** , no matter whether they have been awarded or not, will be chosen and they will become property of the Excmo. Cabildo Insular de La Palma, which will show them in a travelling exhibition. Those authors whose pictures have been chosen, will be sent a certificate stating that they have taken part in the exhibition

17th according to the Spanish *Ley Orgánica 15/199, de 13 de diciembre de Protección de Datos de Carácter Personal* (the Spanish data protection act), all the personal information participants will give us will become part of a file for internal use of the Excmo. Cabildo Insular de la Palma, which is responsible for it, in Avenida Marítima, 3, 38700 Santa Cruz de La Palma. They can write the Cabildo Insular to ask for correction, access to, removal or objection of it.

18th Prizes of this contest, according to the current Spanish legislation, will be subject to the **Spanish Impuesto sobre la Renta de las Personas Físicas**, the Spanish income tax.