

WEC Energy Photo of the Year 2010

Rules and Regulations

Conditions of Eligibility

Participants:

1. The WEC ENERGY PHOTO OF THE YEAR 2010 competition is open to amateur photographers, from any nationality or country.
2. The entry must be an original photo taken for personal or private use.
3. The competition is open for entrants aged 18 and over.
4. Participants must certify that they are an amateur photographer only, that they are the author of the original image attached and that it has not been published previously elsewhere, that all releases and authorisations were duly obtained, including model releases, which are the sole responsibility of the participant, and that nothing exists that may interfere with their entering said image in the competition or with the granting of authorisations in relation thereto.

Competition dates:

5. The Competition opens May 17th, 2010 and closes July 16, 2010. No entries will be accepted before or after these dates. Final results will be announced on September 16, 2010.

Submission of images:

6. There is no restriction on the number of entries per participant; however, each photograph is one entry and an entry form is required for each entry.

7. Photos should represent the competition theme: “**Energy for All**”. Each photograph will be categorized according to one of these seven categories:
 - 1 Coal
 - 2 Gas
 - 3 Hydropower
 - 4 Nuclear
 - 5 Oil
 - 6 Solar
 - 7 Wind
8. A correctly completed online entry form, which is available on the WEC website, www.worldenergy.org, must accompany all images. The form should be filled out fully and completely. A sample of a correctly completed form is available online for your reference.
9. All submitted photos must conform to competition conditions. Photographs submitted without the proper information will be disqualified.
10. Entries may be disqualified if photo(s) contain materials that are considered obscene, defamatory or other in any way offensive or inappropriate.
11. A WEC representative will check submitted photos before publishing them on the website or at the Congress. The organisers reserve the right to refuse publication of photos which inadequately correspond to the theme of the competition.

Technical specifications:

12. Any type of camera, film or memory medium may be used; however, only digital entries will be accepted. Printed photographs or photographic slides will not be accepted.
13. Photographs may be either RGB (colour) or greyscale (black & white).
14. The photographs do not have to be taken within a particular time frame. However it is expected that they would be relatively recent (taken within the past three years).
15. All images should be submitted electronically as separate entries with a minimum resolution of 300 dpi, saved as JPEG files (.jpg). For digital cameras, a minimum of 3 megapixel is recommended to ensure sufficient image quality.
16. Captions may accompany entries, but they should not be more than 40 words long.
17. No signature, stamp or any other identifying mark is allowed anywhere on the entry.
18. Photos must not be manipulated by computer software or electronic filters. Photo collage and digital editing are not allowed. Composite photographs, multiple printing/exposures,

and manipulated images (electronically or otherwise) are excluded from the competition.

19. Applicants are solely responsible for obtaining any permission required to photograph specific locations and must provide appropriate Model Release/ Declaration of Consent, which are also available on the WEC website: www.worldenergy.org;

Judging process

20. All entries will be judged by a panel of judges comprised of representatives from the WEC national Member Committees and the sponsor;
21. There are two stages to the judging process:
Stage one: after the deadline for submissions, the WEC London Office, WEC 2010 organizers and sponsor representative will review all submitted images and select the 35 best images across seven categories.

Stage two: Members of WEC's Communications and Outreach Committee with the Sponsor representative will decide on the final overall winner and category winners via secure online vote via the WEC website. These winning photos will be mounted and displayed alongside other notable entries from the 2010, 2009 and 2008 competitions at the World Energy Congress in Montreal September 12 – 16. The winner will be announced at the closing ceremonies. After the Congress, the winner and category winners will be notified, and the results published via the WEC website. There may be an additional publishing of the winning submissions.

22. The basis for the appraisal of photos is above all the ability to catch interesting moments, details and moods, which best describe the competition's theme.
23. The evaluation criteria will be:
 1. Relevance to the theme;
 2. Power of message
 3. Creativity
 4. Technical quality
24. The organizers reserve the right to change the structure of prizes or to make no prize awards at all in the event of there being insufficient photos of an appropriate quality.

Announcement of winners

26. All award winners will be informed of the results of the Competition by no later than 16 September 2010. Winners will be contacted personally by phone and/or email. The prize or prizes will be posted to each winner at the address provided, it is of great importance that a full and detailed address is given; awards cannot be delivered to PO boxes.
27. A list of winning entrants will be made available on the website after this date.
28. If WEC is unable to contact any winner or if any prize is not claimed within 28 days of the judges' decision being made available on WEC website, then that winner will be deemed

to have forfeited their prize and WEC reserves the right to present that prize to another entrant selected by the panel of judges.

29. The judges' decisions will be final. No discussion or correspondence regarding results will be entered into.

Use of Photographs

30. By submitting their photo or photos to this Competition, participants grant WEC the right to use the photograph(s) free of charge in any way it deems appropriate. Purposes include, but are not limited to: administering the Competition; publication of the photograph on WEC's website; use of the photograph in print or electronic media; display at exhibitions or third party premises; publication in a collection of such photographs in any and all media, including in literature and promotional materials in connection with WEC and as part of WEC Photo Competition promotional materials. WEC reserves the right to keep all submitted images in WEC Photo Archive for an unlimited time and to make them freely available to WEC members and other authorised parties for use. Entrants shall not object to any cropping or other minor alteration of their photographs when used by WEC outside the remit of this Competition.

Prize Fund:

31. Energy Photo of the Year
 - Photographic equipment or Gift Voucher worth CAN\$1000
 - Winners Certificate
32. Seven energy category winners
 - Photographic equipment or Gift Voucher
 - Winners Certificate
33. Prize(s) must be accepted as stated and cannot be deferred or converted to cash. The exact nature of the prize will be dictated by which photographic suppliers or electronic goods retailers can reliably deliver a gift voucher or credit in the country where the Global Winner resides;

Copyright and acceptance of rules

By joining the competition, the participant agrees to the competition Rules and Regulations outlined and to the following:

34. That the participant is the sole author and owner of the copyright of the photographs entered. The contestants must own all rights to the work submitted.
35. That the participant has not assigned, licensed or disposed of or otherwise encumbered any of their rights to the photograph.
36. Images must not have been digitally altered in any way other than the necessary

size/resolution adjustments or cropping.

37. In order for an image to be considered for inclusion in the Competition, consent must be obtained from those pictured in the photos or, if the subject is under the age of legal consent in his/her country, his/her legal guardian must sign the consent form. Obtaining written approval from the subjects or specific places, including protected places, animals or plant species, shown in the photos is the contestant's responsibility. A standard Model Release/ Declaration of Consent form is available on the WEC website. Only images with cleared declaration of consent forms will be considered. Participants must be able to supply a signed declaration of consent from any person appearing on the photograph (or their guardians if the subject is under-age).
38. Nothing within any work may be altered copied or added from another person's work.
40. The participant must not have infringed the intellectual property rights of any third party in respect of the photograph and will indemnify WEC against any claims made against WEC by any third parties in respect of such infringement.
41. WEC accepts no liability resulting from losses; delays; incorrect addresses on mail or e-mail received; typographical errors; poor technical quality; computer or telephone malfunctions; loss or theft of computer or telephone data; damage to software or equipment; loss of mail; fraudulent calls; or any other mistake, however caused, to any entries, and accepts no responsibility for incomplete or delayed entries. Upon acceptance of these rules, the participant releases WEC, WEC's partners and the Competition's judges from all liability for any damage or loss resulting from participation in this contest or arising from the awarding, acceptance or use of the prize;
42. WEC, WEC's partners and the contest's judges shall assume no liability of any kind whatsoever in any case in which their inability to act results from an event or situation beyond their control, including more particularly a strike, lock-out or any other labour dispute in their place of business or the places of business of the organisations or businesses whose services are used to hold this contest;
43. Copyright and all other rights remain with the photographer. However, by entering the Competition, photographers accept that unlimited license of usage will be granted to WEC at no cost.
46. Any photograph used by WEC shall be credited to the owner of the image.
47. Nominated and winning entries may be reproduced, cropped, enlarged, published or exhibited mechanically or electronically by the Competition organisers, sponsors and / or media partners as part of their own engagement with the WEC ENERGY PHOTO OF THE YEAR 2010, including reporting on or reviewing the Competition, and inclusion in any related exhibition, PR or publicity campaign.
48. Prize(s) must be taken as stated and cannot be deferred or converted to cash.
50. Should winners make any false statement on their entry form or in connection with the

Competition, they shall be automatically disqualified from the competition.

51. WEC and any sponsoring organisations reserve the right to cancel this Competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion or if circumstances arise outside of their control.
52. WEC and any sponsoring organisations reserve the right to change the rules if deemed necessary without prior participant notification.
53. This Rules and Regulations shall be construed according to the laws of Great Britain.