

RULES AND REGULATIONS 17TH INTERNATIONAL CONTEST DINOSAUR SCIENTIFIC ILLUSTRATIONS CONTEST, 2025

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

Any person, Spanish or from any other nationality, regardless of age.

THEME:

The main topic of the contest is dinosaurs or other contemporary creatures (Mesozoic). They can depict animals and other Mesozoic beings in their natural environment or as original fossils.

IDENTIFICATION OF WORKS:

The submissions must be original and unpublished; those that have already won a prize in other contests or those that have been presented in former editions of this contest will be eliminated. Both grayscale and full colour works will be admitted. The works will be accompanied by the following personal information of the author:

- Name and last names.
- Nationality.
- Explanation of the work, title, author and technique.
- If it has been published previously, please indicate which media it has been included in.
- E-mail, social networks, and web site.
- Authors submitting AI-generated illustrations must indicate this in this data.

The name of the illustrated species, ecosystem or site should be stated in the title of the work. You can submit as many works as you want without limit.

SIZES AND TECHNIQUES:

The size of the illustrations must be no other than 420 mm by 297 mm (A3). Any technique and material used will be accepted.

Illustrations generated with artificial intelligence (AI) will not be awarded.

DIGITAL IMAGES AND SENDING:

The illustrations should be sent on digital format to the following address: fundaciondinosaurioscyl@gmail.com

The image resolution must be at least of 300 dpi.

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

The submission period will be from April 27 to November 8, 2025.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

The works will be selected by scientific evaluation, quality and techniques used. Those that do not present minimum scientific quality will be eliminated by the Organisation and will not be evaluated by the contest's Jury. In addition, the Organisation keeps its right to exclude the Prize from the participants that do not reach with the requirements set in the present rules and regulations, especially the aforementioned size requirements: 420x297 mm (A3).

The illustrations with dinosaurs found in the Area of the Sierra de la Demanda (Burgos) will have an extra value*.

*We will place information in the web site of the Foundation:
www.fundaciondinosaurioscyl.com

JURY:

The jury will be formed by paleo illustrators and paleontologists from various institutions and countries. Its line up will be announced prior to the issuance of the jury's decision.

VERDICT:

The jury's decision will be made public before November 26, 2025, through the Dinosaur Foundation and Dinosaur Museum websites:

www.fundaciondinosaurioscyl.com;

<https://twitter.com/FDinosaurios>;

<https://es-es.facebook.com/pages/Fundaci%C3%B3n-Dinosaurios-CyL/104424572934735>

<https://es-es.facebook.com/pages/Museo-de-Dinosaurios-de-Salas-de-los-Infantes/428493280530644>

<https://twitter.com/mdinosaurios>

EXPOSITION:

All the artworks received and accepted will be exhibited in the Dinosaur Museum of Salas de los Infantes from the winter months of 2025 until spring of 2026. They will be available to other institutions for exhibitions in different parts of Spain.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The participation in this contest implies the agreement of the author in relation to the inclusion of the submitted illustrations in the files of the Dinosaurs Foundation.

The Foundation will have reproduction rights to use the artworks in books, the Internet, merchandising, publications, as support material for the Dinosaur Museum of Salas de los Infantes and scientific studies, committing to always mention the author of the work. This does not include neither the selling nor trading of the artworks.

Accepting any of the prizes automatically implies giving up the artwork property and all the rights that come with it to the **Fundación para el Estudio de los Dinosaurios en Castilla y León**. The winning authors can use their artworks in their professional promotion. If they wish to print it (in posters, books, internet or other media), they have to ask the foundation for written permission.

The participation in the contest implies the acceptance of each and every term and condition. The organization has the right to solve any contingency that may arise.

PRIZES:

The prizes will be granted by the aforementioned jury. Their decisions will be final. Among the criteria that the jury will consider, the originality and scientific quality of the illustrations will be of special relevance.

Those participants who have already been awarded in the last one year will not be able to be awarded (2024).

No participant can receive more than one prize. In case the jury grants two prizes to the same person, the foundation will give the prize to the second most voted participant.

The jury reserves the discretion to refuse to accept any tender if, on appropriate grounds, none is considered suitable for acceptance. The jury reserves the possibility of granting special prizes to works that have not been awarded with any one of the first three prizes.

There will be three prizes:

1st Place: **700 € and Diploma.**

2nd Place: **500 € and Diploma.**

Dinosaur Land Award*: **350 € and Diploma.**

Accésits: 4th and 5th: **Diploma.**

- * This award will be awarded to the best illustration that refers to finds made in the Sierra de la Demanda, and will be awarded regardless of whether the 1st or 2nd prizes are also based on fossils or deposits in that geographical area.

CALENDAR:

27/04/2025 – 08/11/2025: Artwork submission.

26/11/2025: Final decision of the Jury and publication of the results.

December 2025 - April 2026: Exhibition of the selected artworks at the Dinosaur Museum of Salas de los Infantes.

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