

MICO PHOTO CONTEST

Mushrooms are not simply inhabitants of the forest: they are mediators, transformers, and architects. Silent allies or antagonistic presences, they weave a complex web of vital exchanges, deep dependencies, and constant metamorphoses.

Through photography, this contest is an invitation to slow down your gaze, observe, and create a visual narrative of the relationships that fungi establish with plants, animals, bacteria, and landscapes.

We are not looking for compositional perfection, but for visions capable of intuiting the invisible: the subtle connections, the processes at work, the dynamics that sustain and transform life.

Technical Specifications:

Number of images: max 5 photographs

Digital format: JPG, color or B&W, aspect ratio 2:3, resolution 300 dpi.

How to Enter: Application form available online at www.micocosmofestival.net

The application requires a minimum donation of **€10,00**.

File Names: After registering via the online form, each participant will receive a confirmation email containing a unique ID number, used to ensure anonymity during the judging process. All file names must follow this format:

[ID code]_[sequential number].

Example: if I submit 3 photos and my assigned number is 7, the three files must be named as follow: 7-1.JPG (first photo) – 7-2.JPG (second photo) – 7-3.JPG (third photo).

Submission of Works: Files must be sent exclusively through the WETRANSFER platform to the email address:

micocosmofestival@gmail.com

by August 20, 2026.

Jury: The jury will be composed of: one representative of MicoCosmo APS, one mycologist, and three professional photographers.

The jury's decision is final and binding.

Prizes:

1st: 1 night for 2 people in a double room in Valle Camonica + Mushroom foraging excursion

2nd: MicoCosmo T-shirt + Mycology book and mushroom bag

3rd: Cultivation kit + Mycology book and mushroom bag

4th: Mycology book and mushroom bag

Regardless of the result, every participant who comes to the festival will receive a prize!

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By participating in the contest, the author authorizes MicoCosmo APS to use all submitted photographs in connection with the contest itself, as well as on the website, social media channels, and any other medium within the scope of its institutional purposes.

The contest is open to everyone.