

# Attenborough 100 – Nature Photography Competition

The Department of Evolutionary Zoology and Human Biology of the University of Debrecen is announcing a wildlife photography competition entitled " **Attenborough 100**", **in honor** of the 100th birthday of the world-famous naturalist and nature filmmaker, David Attenborough .

Sir David Attenborough's work has shown generations the richness and fragility of our planet's wildlife. His films and books have helped bring people closer to nature and recognize the importance of conservation.

The aim of the competition is to use photography to showcase the beauty, diversity and vulnerability of nature, and to encourage respect and responsibility for nature.

The organizers are looking for nature photos that capture special moments in nature, showcase the richness of wildlife, and draw attention to the relationship between humans and nature.

## Participation in the competition

The competition **is open** to anyone, regardless of age or place of residence.

An applicant can submit a **maximum of 3 photos per category**.

Participation in the competition is free.

**Photos must be uploaded to the category you wish to enter in the tabs below the competition announcement!**

## Application categories

We are looking for photos in the following three categories:

### A. Man and nature

Images that demonstrate the relationship between humans and nature. Photos may depict humans in nature, various forms of nature conservation, or the impact of human activity on the environment. The purpose of this category is to highlight that humans are part of nature and have a responsibility to preserve it.

### B. Wonders of nature

In this category, we are looking for images that show the beauty and diversity of nature. This may include plants, fungi, and special natural phenomena. The aim of the photos is to capture special moments and forms of nature.

## C. Wild animals

This category is open to photos of animals living freely in nature. The aim of the images is to capture the natural behaviour, character and habitat of the creatures in an authentic manner. It is important that the images are taken without disturbing the animals and in an ethical manner. The category emphasizes respect for nature and the presentation of the diversity of wildlife.

## Technical requirements

We are accepting digital photographs for the competition.

Submitted images must meet the following criteria:

- photos can be submitted **in JPG format**
- size of photos participating in the competition is 50Mb per category .
- the longest side of the image must be at least **3000 pixels**
- the image file name includes the **Image title and the denominator name, as follows:**  
**e.g.:** Image\_title\_denominator\_name.jpg

Basic image processing (such as color correction, contrast, cropping, etc.) is permitted, however, content manipulation of the image is not permitted.

Only **photos taken by you** can be submitted to the competition, images generated by artificial intelligence are not allowed. Violation of these requirements will result in disqualification!

## Ethical guidelines

Applicants are required to adhere to the ethical rules of nature photography.

It is particularly important that when taking photos:

- do not disturb or endanger wildlife
- not harm protected species
- do not cause damage to natural habitats

The organizers reserve the right to exclude images that violate ethical rules from the competition!

## Deadlines

Deadline for submitting photos: **2026.05.01. (Friday) 23:59**

Judging will take place afterwards.

Expected date of announcement of results: **2026.05.08. (Wednesday)**

# Jury

The images of the competition will be evaluated by a professional jury consisting of nature photographers and experts from the University of Debrecen.

The jury evaluates the images based on several criteria, such as:

- aesthetic value
- composition
- originality
- technical implementation
- importance for nature photography

# Remuneration

The following prizes will be awarded in the competition:

- Awards for the top 3 in each category
- Special Jury Prize

Winners can win nature photography books, albums and other gifts.

# Exhibition

The jury will select the best 30 works from the images submitted for the competition, which **will be displayed in a photo exhibition at the University of Debrecen**. The aim of the exhibition is to present the most outstanding nature photos submitted for the competition and to draw attention to the values of nature and the importance of nature conservation.