

IAIA's *Inspired by Nature* competition

Organized by IAIA's Biodiversity & Ecology Section
in the International Year of Biodiversity

1. The purpose of the '**Inspired by Nature**' competition is to celebrate the diversity, value and beauty of life on earth, and the natural systems that provide goods and services for our health and wellbeing (including use, non-use or cultural values, spiritual values, or simply celebrating the joy that their existence brings us).
2. This competition is open to all. IAIA invites submissions from any individual or organization.
3. Submissions should comprise interesting, unique and exciting perspectives, insights, epiphanies and experiences involving nature, and/ or 'nature as muse or inspiration'.

Entries could be in the form of:

- a) **Written submissions** comprising short stories or poems;
 - b) **Photographs** of species, landscapes, any form of biodiversity on its own or in relation to human wellbeing; or
 - c) **Images of 2- or 3-dimensional art works in any media** such as logos, material or jewellery designs, prints, or paintings.
4. A panel consisting of IAIA's Biodiversity and Ecology Section Chairs plus members of IAIA's Board, would adjudicate the submissions.
 5. The winning entries will be given one year of free IAIA membership plus hard copy subscription to the IAPA Journal for that year. Runners-up will win one year of free IAIA membership. IAIA may, at its discretion, award additional prizes.
 6. Winners and runners-up in each category will be announced by 15 December 2010. Awards will be presented to winners at IAIA' 11, or sent to those participants who are unable to attend the annual IAIA conference.
 7. Enquiries about the competition to be directed to IAIA (bridget@iaia.org)

Participants in the competition must agree to abide by the competition rules given hereunder.

1. Submissions must reach IAIA on or before the **15 October 2010**.
2. An electronic IAIA entry form must be completed for each submission. The online entry form can be accessed at www.iaia.org/inspired-by-nature.
3. One entry per person in each of the three categories is allowed.
4. Material previously submitted to any other competitions may not be submitted to this competition.
5. Each entry, whether written submission, photograph or art work, must be directly relevant to the topic of the competition.
6. Entries must either be original written compositions, photographs, or images of an original art work, prepared by the participant, and may not be submitted in violation of any publishing or intellectual copy rights held by other parties.
7. Where the submission itself does not explain the context or motivation for the art work, a concise paragraph of not more than 250 words explaining the significance or motivation behind the piece should accompany the submission.
8. An entry is only considered to have been submitted to the competition on confirmation from IAIA that it has received the submission.
9. Each entry must meet the format requirements and/or size limitations set for submissions in each category:
 - a) **Written submissions** should not be longer than 2500 words for a short story, 500 words for poems.
 - b) **Photographs** may be submitted as jpg, jpeg, gif, png, tiff, or pdf files up to 1MB. Image size should be no larger than 1280 pixels wide. (See file sizing and saving tips below.)
 - c) **Images of art works** may be submitted as jpg, gif, png, tiff, or files up to 1MB. Image size should be no larger than 1280 pixels wide. (See file sizing and saving tips below.)
10. Participants must grant IAIA the right to reproduce, publish and distribute submissions for publicity and capacity building purposes. All submissions will acknowledge the party responsible for the submission.
11. Decisions of the judges are final.

File sizing and saving tips

- Use either camera supplied photo software, advanced photo editing software such as Adobe Photoshop or free software such as Google's Picasa to resize your image to no larger than 1280 pixels wide. There is generally a photo editing option to accomplish this. Look for 'Image' or 'Picture' resizing options.
- Save the image for either Web or Email delivery. This will compress the image's file size. Look for file saving options. Some programs provide the option of saving for email delivery or posting a picture on a web site.