1.- Participants

Participation in the contest is open to anyone, whether amateur or professional anywhere in the world, regardless of their nationality.

The organizers, committee members and people serving on the jury are excluded from participate.

2.- Subject

Nature Photography classified into two sections.
- Landscape Category, theme: Dry land and/or steppe areas.
- Local Category, Subject: Nature of the municipality of Torres de Segre (Utxesa marsh, Segre River, fields, etc.)

3.- Photograph admission.

The photographs will have send by e-mail to the City hall of Torres de Segre: medinatural@torressegre.cat

- Photos that have been awarded in other contests will not accepted
- Is not allowed submit photographs whose property rights do not belong in full, at the same contestant
- Each contestant over 16 years may submit a maximum of two photographs in each category. It’s not allowed to submit the same photograph in more than one category.
- The Children's Contestants may submit a maximum of two photographs in the local category (made in the municipality of Torres de Segre).
- The participants in the Children category (from 5-11 years) must be children from Torres de Segre.
- The photos presented in the international category will can’t awarded as the best local photographer.
- It’s not allowed pictures with watermarks or signed.
- It is forbidden to submit, photographs of nests or species in captivity or under controlled situations.
- The competitor’s have the responsibility in order to comply with national and international legislation of the country where the photo was made following the AEFONA Decalogue: http://www.aefona.org/quienes_somos/codigo_etico and the ethical code of the Catalan Society for Nature Photographers : http://ichn.iec.cat/pdf/SCFN_Codi%20etic.pdf
- For the exhibition works, the organization reserves the right to reproduce the photographs at the convenient size in his consideration, without modifying the original format.
- The photographs submitted for the contest will be made in 2015 or 2016.

4.- Technical requirements.

- Digitally manipulated photographs or colour turns, cloning, photomontages or any other alteration that changes the original picture can't be accepted. Do not be construed as tampering settings masks approach, saturation, levels and other necessary adjustments in any digital processing.
- The photographs will have the following format features:
  - If it’s horizontal: 3150 pixels wide x high proportion
  - If it’s vertical: 2086 pixels wide x high proportion
Bases of the 13th Photo Contest of nature “Antoni Ribes Escolà” from Torres de Segre

- JPEG format, in high quality
- In the IPTC (EXIF) data information of the JPEG photograph shall be recorded, the personal data of the author, age (for children and youth modalities), and e-mail contact. In the “description” must be stated where is the photograph realized and a brief comment on it. In any case these same data also is accepted in an accompanying document, word or PDF.
- The file name will be the title and category to which it is presented

5.- Work selection.
- The winning and finalists photographs will be published on the website of the City hall of Torres de Segre: www.torressegre.cat, facebook and others
- Printing costs of selected works will be paid by the organization
- The finalist selection and award winners will be founded from jury proposed by the organization, compound of renowned professional photographers.
- The jury may not award any prize.
- Files of not selected works will be destroyed before the next edition

6.- Limit date participation.
- The deadline for admission of the participating photographs will be March 22, 2017, inclusive
- On Sunday April 9, will be announced the verdict of the jury, ceremony awards, and the winning and finalist works will be exhibited in a room set up for this purpose.
- The photographs will be exhibited at this site until late April, and will be exhibited in different municipal facilities until the next edition.
- The winners and finalists authors will be notified by the organization, by phone, email or through the website of the City hall, the place, date and time of the ceremony awards.

7.- Prizes
- 400€ Award for best photography Landscape Category (Dry land and steppe).
- 400€ First prize for the best local photo (municipality of Torres de Segre: Utxesa, River, Fields, etc.). In case to coincide in the same photograph, it will be selected another.
- 300€ The best local photographer. (photo and photographer of the municipality of Torres de Segre).
- 200€ Second Prize for the best local photographer.
- 100€ Third Prize for the best local photographer.
- Photographic material, to the better youth photography (ages 12-16 years include).
- Photographic material to the best local and child photography from Torres de Segre (ages 5-11 years include).
- The winner for the best photography of Landscape Category (Dry land and steppe areas.) will be joined on the jury for the next edition.
8.- Property rights.

The property rights of use, dissemination, distribution, disclosure, reproduction and exhibition of the winning works will always belong to their authors, but these yield to the Local government of Torres de Segre and the sponsors for publications related to the competition; in no case may sell and use them for other purposes prior the author permission. It will reproduced in social networks and web media in a low resolution.

The photographs on display, that not be awarded, can be collected during the month of May, by the owner or person authorized (document must be submitted proving it). After this time the works will become property of the organization.

9.- Data protection.

- Participants guarantee that the data provided are true.
- Participants authorize the Local government of Torres de Segre to use the data for sending communications about the activities, courses and promotions organized by the Local government.

10.- Acceptance of rules.

- The mere participation in this competition implies acceptance of these rules in their entirety.

11.- Jury.

- Albert Maso. Biologist, teacher, nature photographer and founder of the Catalan Society of Nature Photographers (SCFN). Author of numerous articles, books and field guides, such as birds and amphibians and reptiles. Senior Scientific Advisor and National Geographic. www.albertmaso.com
- Jordi Bas. Agronomist, teacher and nature photographer. Member of the “Aragonese Nature Photographers Association” (ASAFONA) and the SCFN. Countless awards and accolades in multiple contests and competitions, national and international nature photography. Member of various environmental defense organizations.
- Carles Santana. Biologist, nature photographer, cofounder of the PHOTOLOGISTICS. He has worked on several projects of valuation about the natural environment based on the image.
- Javier Herranz, Photographer who won the prize for the best photography about Invertebrates around the world, from the Nature Photography contest of Torres de Segre. Edition 2016
- Coordinator, a member of the Environment Committee of the Local government of Torres de Segre.

NOTE: IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO AVOID THE EXCLUSION OF PARTICIPANTS LOOK CAREFULLY THESE TERMS AND PROVIDE ALL THE REQUIRED INFORMATION.

These rules have been approved and recognized by the Spanish Association of Nature Photographers (AEFONA), and the Catalan Society of Nature Photographers (SCFN).