EAN Photo Contest Guidelines – ESCAIDE 2025

Purpose and content:

The purpose of the EAN photo contest is to provide the participants of the ESCAIDE conference with a different perspective on the work of field epidemiologists and public health microbiologists. We are therefore pleased to receive photographs that represent any of the many aspects (people, landscapes, cultures, and everyday work) of field epidemiology and public health microbiology in an artistic way.

We ask participants to share photographs that capture the diversity of field epidemiology and public health microbiology in community, clinical, laboratory, or policy settings.

We're looking for images that tell authentic stories of public health in a fair, inclusive, and respectful way, giving voice to local actors and diverse experiences. Photos that highlight local leadership, challenge stereotypes, or reflect on power dynamics in public health practice are especially welcome.

Who can submit?

All those attending the ESCAIDE conference (physically and online) can participate in the EAN photo contest by submitting up to two photographs.

Submission criteria:

- Accepted formats for the photographs are the following: jpg, tiff, png, psd, bmp. Files must not be over 10 MB.
- The following information must be filled in:
 - Author's name
 - Date of the photograph
 - Place of the photograph (Location, Country)
 - Title of the photograph
 - Accompanying text (120 words max).
- Filled Consent and Declaration Form.

Exclusion criteria:

- All submitted photographs that will not meet the submission criteria will be rejected.
- Photographs that are not submitted together with the Consent and Declaration form will also be rejected.
- Photographs that contain sexual or any other theme that may result offending for the audience will be rejected.

Submission and deadline:

Send your photo/s together with the accompanying information and Consent form to the eanboard@gmail.com by 10 November 2025.

Selection process:

The exclusion criteria for the photographs to be included in the Photo Contest will be applied by the EAN Board.

Exhibition:

Selected photographs will be exhibited during the ESCAIDE conference (Warsaw, Poland, 19-21 November 2025) and made visible on the EAN and ESCAIDE websites and ESCAIDE app.

Voting:

Voting will be done through a Slido poll (link available on the page in Swapcard), each participant can vote for one photo each and should only submit the poll once.

Voting will be open from Wednesday 19 November, until Friday 21 November, 13.30 CET.

Announcement of the winning photograph:

The winning photograph will be announced and awarded during the **ESCAIDE Closing Ceremony**.

Copyright and permission:

The person who submits a photograph must agree to the Consent and Declaration form.

Ownership:

Ownership of the photographs will be maintained by the participant. However, by submitting a photograph/s, the author gives permission to EAN to display it during ESCAIDE and to reproduce it in print and/or electronic EAN materials (i.e. website) and social media and on the ECDC (ESCAIDE) webpages.