

## The 6<sup>th</sup> International Festival of Scientific Visualization The Short Film Competition Guidelines

This year will be the 6th year the International Festival of Scientific Visualization has been held (pre-event was held in 2009) to introduce high quality scientific films widely and provide an opportunity for the public to see them.

The 6th IFSV committee announces a short film competition for the purpose of fostering and discovering creators making high quality scientific films.

The Committee is calling for entries for full-dome or flat-screen films. We welcome not only scientific films but also artistic films.

A list of last year's winners will be shown on the following website.

<http://image.sci-fest.net>

[Entry deadline]        July 31, 2015(Fri) 5 p.m. JST

[Theme] "Light"

2015 is the International Year of Light (IYL2015) designated by the United Nations. Besides astronomy and optics, light is related to various fields of science. The 6th IFSV intends to introduce scientific visualization films approaching the theme "Light" from many different perspectives.

\* Films not related with the theme "Light" can be submitted. But films scientifically related to the theme are most appreciated by the judges.

[Guidelines]

- A full-dome or flat-screen film in accordance with specifications stated below.
- A film related to the theme (not mandatory).
- Group or individual entries will be accepted.
- There are no restrictions as to production techniques.
- Total running time must be less than 5 minutes.
- The film must have been completed after September 18, 2014 (final day of the 5th IFSV).
- It does not matter whether the film is yet-to-be-released or not.

[Specifications]

A) Full dome film

- Dome master data format : jpg sequence
- Resolution: minimum:2048x2048 / maximum:4096x4096 (must not exceed 4096x4096)
- Sound : 5.1ch(L R Ls Rs C Lfe) or 2ch WAV file (48KHz/16bit,24bit)
- Data storage Media : HDD(Windows format),USB3.0 or e-SATA
- \* Please include a low resolution video for confirmation.

B) Flat-screen film

- Resolution : 1920x1080 or less
- Format : Mpeg2,MP4,WMV
- Sound: 2ch WAV file (48KHz/16bit,24bit)
- Media: any except download

[Screening process]

Candidates are screened in committee in a pre-event preliminary round, and if selected go to the finals.

The judging panel appointed by the organization will evaluate the films based on the following criteria: Technical Achievement, Scientific and Artistic Creativity, Originality, and Potential.

[Awards]

Grand Prix:	a prize and certificate for the best work
Award for Fulldome Film Excellence:	a certificate
Award for Flat-screen Film Excellence:	a certificate
Special Audience Award:	a certificate

[Program: Finals, Showing, Award Ceremony]

The finals, the showing, and the award ceremony will be held at the Dome Festa:

Period : September 23(Wed) – 26(Sat), 2015

Venue : Koriyama City Fureai Science Center. (Koriyama City, Fukushima)

Prize-winning films will be screened in the 6th IFSV After Event (September 26(Sat) – 27(Sun), 2015) at Koriyama City Fureai Science Center.

[How to enter your work] \* See page-1 for deadline.

- Please send entry form by the application deadline to the following e-mail address. [apply2015\\_sf@sci-fest.net](mailto:apply2015_sf@sci-fest.net)
- Please download the entry form from the link.  
<http://image.sci-fest.net/en/contest.html>
- Please make sure to send only one media appropriate to the size of the data.  
(Sending several DVD-R disks is not accepted.)
- Entry forms sent by e-mail must be printed and sent together with the data carrier.
- Please note that we cannot return your media. We delete the data after installing.

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[Entry Agreement]

The committee reserves no right to utilize the participants' works for a purpose other than this festival.

The award winners permit the committee to utilize the works for promotion and screening.

The committee will not utilize the personal information acquired for purposes other than this festival.

However, every award-winning work will be shown publicly with the name of the winner and winner's company.

The entrants are considered to have accepted all the competition rules when they submit the entry forms and the work.

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