

June 11th to 17th

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INTERNATIONAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



MARÍA LA GORDA, CUBA
IMASUB 2012

Photography rewarded in IMASub 2011

SECOND INTERNATIONAL UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The morphology of the seabed in the Guanahacabibes National Park features a fascinating landscape formed by vast expanses of white sands and unique rock formations known as cabezos or mogotes. However, the most impressive features are the extensive dark blue coloured cliffs and the variety of caves, caverns and tunnels, with their vestiges of times gone by.

The marine fauna includes typical species such as barracudas, parrot fish, lobsters, green morays, groupers, red porgies, angel sharks and crabs. The vegetation features a rich variety of gorgonians – Acroporas, Madrasis, Oculina, Diploria and Scolima – as well as vast and beautiful colonies of Black Coral which carpet the cliffs.

With its crystalline waters which permit a visibility of up to 30 meters at depths of 25 to 30 meters, the seabed offers sharp contrasts which are ideal for underwater photography.

This will be the setting for the IMASUB 2012 underwater photography competition which is open to photographers from any country. The only entry requirement is to comply with the event's regulations.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

FAUNA: It's possible to include different species such as: invertebrates, marine mammals, turtles, birds, etc. Photos half water – half land are allowed in this category.

MACRO: Images obtained from 1:1 scale increasing the reality 10 times..

SCENERY: Photo featuring underwater flora and fauna.

SCENERY WITH MODEL: Photo capturing the beauty of the underwater scenery with a model or diver. It's possible to include any external element for artistic photos.

RULES AND CONDITIONS

- Each participant can select up to three (3) photos per category.
- All entrants will shoot photos in four designated diving sites.
- All digital cameras must be sealed. The Organizing Committee will have the right to reject cameras or housings which could be manipulated.
- The photos shall not be subject to any form of modification or manipulation which cannot be performed by or from the sealed camera itself.
- The use of lighting equipment, filters and masks is permitted.
- Divers must use SCUBA diving equipment. Pressure and depth gauges and stabilizing jackets must be used. Taking photos whilst apnoea diving is not permitted.
- A maximum of 200 photographs can be taken, all of which must be in JPEG format, TIFF or RAW can also be used provided the camera permits conversion from both formats. Only JPEG images will be downloaded from the memory card.

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 11th of June

Reception. Accommodation and dinner in a hotel in Havana. Free time in evening.

Day 2: 12th of June

Transfer to María la Gorda. Reception with welcoming cocktail. Accreditation, accommodation and lunch. Technical briefing. Immersion of recognition. Inauguration dinner.

Day 3: 13th of June

2 competition dives in the morning. Lunch. Free immersion in the afternoon. Optional tour (Sunset by Catamaran). Dinner. Optional night dive (minimum 5 persons).

Day 4: 14th of June

2 competition dives in the morning. Lunch. Dinner. Masterly lecture. Optional night dive (minimum 5 persons). Dinner.

Day 5: 15th of June

Selection of photographs to be given to the judges. Optional tour (maritime excursion by Catamaran, includes an immersion and snack on board), return to María la Gorda. Lunch. Afternoon at leisure. Farewell dinner. Award ceremony with screening of the 10 best photographs.

Day 6: 16th of June

Breakfast. Transfer to hotel in Havana. Free time.

Day 7: 17th of June

Check out. Transfer to the airport.

INCLUDED SERVICES

- Transfers on arrival and departure (collective inter-hotels transfer).
- Airport assistance.
- 2 nights in Havana: Breakfast included.
- 4 nights at Villa María la Gorda (3*) with full board: accommodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- 1 Immersion of recognition
- 4 competition dives.
- 1 optional immersion (free)
- Each dive included: boat, bottles, ballast and instructor.

REGISTRATIONS

- There is no registration fee.
- Competitors must be certified as being members of diving clubs which are associated with the RSTC. They must possess a valid medical certificate and fill in the responsibility waiver document provided to them at the start of the event.
- Registrations must be submitted 30 days prior to the event.

RATES

Stay in selected hotel in Havana and María la Gorda.
It's not included optional immersions and tours.

Room	DBL	SGL	TRI
COMPETITOR	CUC 489. ⁰⁰	569. ⁰⁰	451. ⁰⁰
Hotel 4*	GBP 337. ⁰⁰	393. ⁰⁰	311. ⁰⁰
in Havana	USD 575. ⁰⁰	669. ⁰⁰	531. ⁰⁰
	EUR 389. ⁰⁰	453. ⁰⁰	359. ⁰⁰
	CAD 529. ⁰⁰	615. ⁰⁰	487. ⁰⁰
Companion Hotel 4*	CUC 395. ⁰⁰	475. ⁰⁰	327. ⁰⁰
	GBP 273. ⁰⁰	329. ⁰⁰	227. ⁰⁰
	USD 465. ⁰⁰	559. ⁰⁰	385. ⁰⁰
in Havana	EUR 313. ⁰⁰	377. ⁰⁰	261. ⁰⁰
	CAD 427. ⁰⁰	513. ⁰⁰	353. ⁰⁰

Room	DBL	SGL	TRI
COMPETITOR	CUC 425. ⁰⁰	489. ⁰⁰	399. ⁰⁰
Hotel 3*	GBP 293. ⁰⁰	337. ⁰⁰	275. ⁰⁰
in Havana	USD 499. ⁰⁰	575. ⁰⁰	469. ⁰⁰
	EUR 337. ⁰⁰	389. ⁰⁰	317. ⁰⁰
	CAD 459. ⁰⁰	529. ⁰⁰	431. ⁰⁰
Companion Hotel 3*	CUC 330. ⁰⁰	395. ⁰⁰	273. ⁰⁰
	GBP 229. ⁰⁰	273. ⁰⁰	189. ⁰⁰
	USD 389. ⁰⁰	465. ⁰⁰	321. ⁰⁰
in Havana	EUR 337. ⁰⁰	313. ⁰⁰	217. ⁰⁰
	CAD 357. ⁰⁰	427. ⁰⁰	295. ⁰⁰

Optional immersions (payment in María la Gorda): 20.00 CUC daytime immersions and 25.00 CUC evening immersions. The customer must pay (before the service) 50.00 CUC per pax in case of private Transfer Havana-María la Gorda.

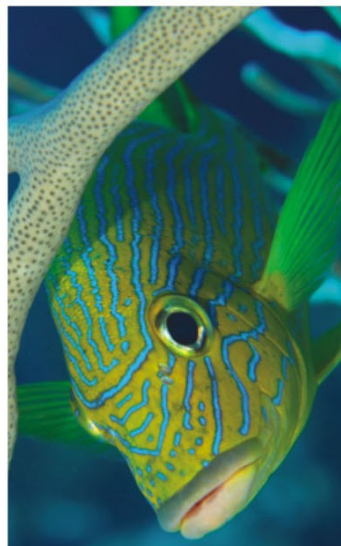
RATES PRE AND POST EVENT

Rates per pax per night

María la Gorda and Villa Cabo de San Antonio (In FB)			
Room	DBL	SGL	
	CUC 36. ⁰⁰	48. ⁰⁰	
	GBP 25. ⁰⁰	33. ⁰⁰	
	USD 43. ⁰⁰	57. ⁰⁰	
	EUR 29. ⁰⁰	38. ⁰⁰	
	CAD 39. ⁰⁰	53. ⁰⁰	
Hotel Kohly-El Bosque (In BB)			
Room	DBL	SGL	
	CUC 17. ⁰⁰	25. ⁰⁰	
	GBP 12. ⁰⁰	17. ⁰⁰	
	USD 20. ⁰⁰	29. ⁰⁰	
	EUR 13. ⁰⁰	20. ⁰⁰	
	CAD 19. ⁰⁰	27. ⁰⁰	

PRIZES

13 prizes will be awarded. Three first prizes for each category and an overall prize for the best and most creative photograph. Any given competitor can win more than one prize. The overall winner will be awarded an original trophy and a three night stay for two people in María la Gorda at half board with 5 dives per person.



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