

## Scientist Rewarded for Creative Flair in National Science Photo Competition

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A researcher from the University of Birmingham has been awarded a prize in the inaugural Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) science photo competition.

BBSRC-funded researchers were asked to submit images that capture the excitement of new knowledge; the intricacies of research; or the sheer beauty of the natural world. PhD student Jolyon Trosciano's success as winner in the Concepts category is down to his ability to achieve an image that not only has aesthetic merit, but also succeeds in conveying complex scientific subjects in research, issues in science and society, life in research, as well as contemporary topics in bioscience (such as, but not limited to, food security, bioenergy, and health).



The prize

winning photograph

Paul Gemmill, BBSRC Director of Communications and Information Management said: "The entrants gave the competition judges a difficult job because the standard of images entered for the competition was remarkably high. The creative flair shown by scientists in our community is impressive and their skill in using photographs to communicate ideas in bioscience is highly commendable. We would like to congratulate the winners and thank everyone who entered for their efforts in creating these really wonderful images."

Images were entered into one of three categories:

- Concepts - illustrations of concepts in any area of contemporary bioscience research, including standard, generated or computer-manipulated images.
- Agriculture, Food, Diet and Health - scientific images illustrating the science underpinning agriculture, food, and diet and health.
- People - images of people that convey either the role of researchers or the impact of research on everyday life

The winner of each category receives £500 worth of vouchers to purchase photographic equipment. A runner up prize of £100 of vouchers is also awarded in each category. There is one overall winner of the competition who receives £700 of vouchers.

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### Notes to editors

High resolution images are available from the University of Birmingham Communications Office or BBSRC External Relations

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