



Science me a story

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A contest of writing scientific stories for children

This competition was created by the Society of Spanish researchers in UK (SRUK/CERU) with the aim of promoting scientific outreach in a fun and engaging way appropriate for primary school children. The ultimate goal of the contest is to promote scientific spirit and inspire the next generation that will later build our future. We hope to achieve this through the communication of scientific achievements, findings, methods, and anecdotes in the form of short stories.

Competition rules

1. The competition is open to any adult (18 years old or more), irrespective of their nationality or country of residence as long as the stories, presented in Spanish or English, are original and unpublished by any media (including Internet). Therefore the manuscript should not have been awarded or being pending on deliberation in previous contest. The breach of this clause automatically disqualifies the participant.
2. Each author/a may present a singular story by category, provided they are different:
 - a. Short story in Spanish.
 - b. Short story in English.
3. The submitted manuscript should comply with the following criteria:
 - a. The story, either real or fictional, must be conceived from the objective of scientific dissemination targeting primary school children (ages between 6 to 12 years old) through the use of the narrative technique. The topic should be related to science, the scientific method, the research process and scientific discovery, everyday life of a scientist, and others alike.
 - b. The manuscript must be written in correct Spanish or English, according to the selected category. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant and must never have been published, self-published, published online or broadcasted.
 - c. A single original copy of the manuscript will be submitted, written entirely using Arial font, size 12, margins of 2.5 cm and 1.5 line spacing throughout (including title). The manuscript must not exceed four (4) pages in length, and should be a minimum of one (1) page long.
4. The entries must be submitted via email to relatosciencia@sruk.org.uk including the contact information of the contestant (name, email address and telephone number) together with the competition category selected. The proper manuscript will be attached in PDF format and named only by the title of the story. This PDF file should not contain personal information, signature or any identification element related to the identity of the contestant.
5. The submission deadline will be at 23:59 pm London UK time on the 16th May 2019.



6. The jury will be formed by people related to the scientific, cultural and literary field. In addition to the prizes decision and allocation, the judging panel (whose composition will be announced once



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emitted the decision) will be able to interpret these rules, and their decision will be unappealable. None of the jury members may participate in this contest.

7. The manuscripts will be evaluated by the appropriateness to the theme, the literary quality, originality, structure and coherence of the narrative, as well as style, creativity and imagination.
8. The decision of the judging panel will be disclosed through the SRUK/CERU webpage and other online media by the end of June, and it will be communicated to the winners via email or phone call.
9. The awards for each category will include a winner prize (£150) and two runners-up prizes (£100 and £50). The awarded stories will be published in the online magazine PRINCIPIA (stories in Spanish, <http://principia.io/>) or in other science communication media (stories in English).
10. The winners will be able to participate in the awards ceremony that will take place in the United Kingdom, being informed of the date and exact place in due course.
11. The society of Spanish Researcher in UK (SRUK) will keep the rights of publication and assignment of the award-winning stories and finalists.
12. The society of Spanish Researcher in UK (SRUK) will keep, exempt from any payment in favour of the authors, the right of use of the award-winning stories and finalists in future activities and events of science outreach promoted by this society.
13. By participating in this competition, the contestants agree to comply with all the aforementioned rules. The interpretation of these rules as well as any other situation related with the competition lies with SRUK and the Jury.