Call for Submissions:

Photo Contest for the 2nd SAFETYNET Scientific Conference

INTRODUCTION

Memorable photographs heighten the visual impact of the information that public health professionals strive to communicate. With just one click, the photographer captures a fleeting emotion or unique moment with the power to convey a distinct and compelling message.

Photographs serve as valuable evidence of FETP activities and can help:

- Increase the visibility of FETPs
- Expand research communication strategies
- Expand partner knowledge of the work of epidemiologists
- Stimulate the exchange of experiences among field epidemiology professionals

To this end, during the scientific conferences it supports, SAFETYNET offers photo contests to showcase FETP activities. We will conduct a photo contest during the 2nd SAFETYNET Scientific Conference taking place at the Pullman Kuala Lumpur City Centre Hotel, Malaysia from September 22-26, 2025.

CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To stimulate the exchange of experiences among field epidemiology professionals
- To promote the work of FETPs in the Asia Pacific region
- To increase SAFETYNET's available set of photographs of field epidemiology activities
- To visually document investigations and encourage new field epidemiologists to record their work through images
- To strengthen research and partner communication strategies
- To expand knowledge of the work of field epidemiologists

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Authors who submitted abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations during the conference, and whose abstracts were accepted, are eligible to submit photographs for the contest.

CONTEST TIMELINE

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, July 31, 2025.

Selected photos (see *Exhibition of Photographs*) will be displayed during the conference. Conference attendees will vote for their favorite photos during the conference, and the winners will be announced during the Awards and Closing Ceremony on September 26, 2025.

CONTEST PROCEDURES

Participants should submit their photos online at this link:

https://forms.gle/y1RNaHriDL4KvNnt7

Please note that you will be prompted to sign into a Google account in order to complete the form.

Each participant may submit a maximum of one (1) photograph. Additional submissions will be disqualified automatically.

Please review your submissions with a critical eye and only submit what you consider to be your best photo in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed below (see section titled *Evaluation of Photographs*).

CRITERIA FOR DISPLAY

1. All images must be in JPG/JPEG or PNG format. DO NOT submit images embedded in Word documents or images in PDF format. These will be disqualified automatically.
2. Photographs should be related to FETP disease prevention, detection, and/or response activities.
3. Photographs cannot be the same as any submitted for a previous TEPHINET or SAFETYNET conference.
4. Photographs should have minimum digital alterations. Slight cropping and editing (for example, fixing red eyes) is permitted, but photographs that have obviously been photoshopped (for example, with heavy filters or lighting effects) will be disqualified.
5. Do not add text onto your photographs. Photos with text overlay will be disqualified automatically.
6. Each image must be a single photograph. Collages will be disqualified automatically.
7. For optimal print quality, image resolution must be at least *300 dots per inch (dpi)* and size at least *3x5 inches*. The file size should not exceed *8MB*.
8. Each image must be accompanied by a descriptive caption that tells the viewer who is in the photo, where and when the photo was taken, and what activity is occurring within the photo.
9. Subject matter can include portraits, landscapes, or any subject that depicts FETPs (including laboratory and veterinary) in action and captures challenges, emotions, solutions, and/or the peoples, cultures, and their environments.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Participants should submit their photos online at the following link:

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1. For each photo, you must submit a brief (100 word maximum) caption. Please be as descriptive as possible in each caption. The caption should tell the viewer about the purpose, location, and time of the work depicted in the photograph as well as information about who is pictured.
2. The file names for your photos must correspond to the titles and descriptions of your photos. Please use the following format in naming your files:
   Surname_country_photo number.jpg *(Example: Quizon_Philippines_1.jpg)*
3. Along with the photos and descriptions, you must download, complete and attach to your application a Photo Consent Form to ensure that individuals' privacy rights were respected for all subjects who are not photographed in public. You can download a template of Photo Consent Form on our website.

EVALUATION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The following eight attributes should be considered when evaluating each photograph:

1. Focus and clarity
2. Exposure
3. Lighting
4. Composition
5. The photo has good resolution permitting its use in both digital and print SAFETYNET publications.
6. The photo clearly represents field epidemiology activities.
7. The photo and its caption convey a clear message.
8. Compared to the other photos, this photo demonstrates originality and creativity.

EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

The conference photo contest committee will screen all submissions. Photos not meeting the review committee's standards will be disqualified. One photo per **program** will be displayed at the conference.

VOTING AND SELECTION

Conference participants will vote for their favorite photos during the conference. Winners will be awarded for first, second, and third place. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony on the final day of the conference.

OWNERSHIP

The photographer will retain ownership of his/her photos; however, SAFETYNET reserves the right to use all submitted photographs in their print and/or electronic communications materials.

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Participants in the photo contest must obtain consent when photographing their subjects. Applicants must always respect their subjects' wishes by not taking compromising or exploitative pictures of recognizable individuals. Consent must always be obtained if the photos are taken in a health center regardless of whether the location is considered "public." All contest participants must complete the Photo Consent Form as part of their submission.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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