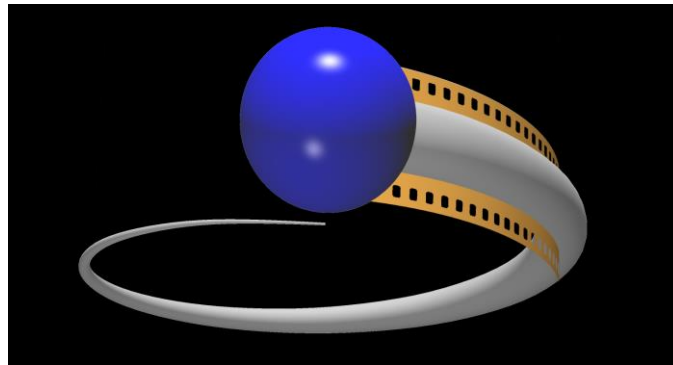


## **Rules**

### IV Riom Scientific International Short Film Festival.



The IV Riom Scientific International Short Film Festival will take place in Riom (France) from 22 November to 23 November 2024.

The Riom Scientific International Short Film Festival is organized by the association Science-Toi ! with the support of the City of Riom, the agglomeration community Riom, Limagne et Volcans (RLV) and the Departmental Council of Puy-de-Dôme as well as other public and private partners such as the Michelin Foundation and EDF Auvergne,

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The films presented must be related to science and in line with the objectives of the Festival:

- To make people discover Science
- Explain science with messages that are accessible to all audiences
- To give an image of science that allows debate and questioning.
- Engage in a playful, creative, and artistic way with the world of science.
- Inspire dreaming, awaken curiosity, amaze, and evoke emotions.
- Enrich reflections around Planet Earth (astronomy, climatology, biology, geology, ecology...).
- Raise awareness of the major challenges facing our planet (examples: the importance of decarbonizing our activities to limit their climate impact, the necessity of preserving natural resources and biodiversity as key elements of our future).

The Festival also aims to boost culture in the Riom, Limagne et Volcans (RLV) agglomeration community.

A young audiences session will be proposed with a selection of presented films.

#### Festival Prizes:

The symbolic sculpture: "The short film in the genes", a work by José Merino, will be a reward for the first prizes. This artwork represents a DNA molecule bearing a filmstrip.

First Prize of the Festival Jury:	Sculpture + Diploma.
Second Prize of the Festival Jury:	Diploma.
First Audience Prize. General sessions:	Sculpture + Diploma.
Second Audience Prize. General sessions:	Diploma.
First Audience Prize. Youth Session:	Sculpture + Diploma.
Second Audience Prize. Youth session:	Diploma.

The winning films will be screened at a prize-giving ceremony on Saturday 23 November 2024.

The filmmakers present will receive their sculpture. It is planned to send the sculpture by parcel post to directors who will not be present in Riom.



## **1 - CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

Any production (fiction, animation, documentary, experimental) meeting the objectives of the Festival may be submitted to the selection committee.

Films made after 1/1/2021.

Films must not exceed 20 minutes in length.

Films already submitted to the selection committee may not be re-submitted in future editions of the Festival.

Films with a strong political, advertising, or industrial component are not accepted.

When registering, please specify if the film has already participated in other festivals and obtained any previous awards.

Language: Films in non-French languages will be subtitled in French. This contributes to the popularization of science, making the film accessible locally to as many people as possible. A summary in English or French is compulsory up to 500 characters.

## **2. REGISTRATION**

Registration will be made through the online site [shortfilmdepot.com](http://shortfilmdepot.com). The registration is free. The following elements must be attached to the online registration:

- A photo of the film
- An uploaded video file of the film
- An English or French summary

The transfer of a viewing video file is done by purchasing a stamp on [shortfilmdepot.com](http://shortfilmdepot.com)

Registration opens on 10 May 2024.

Closing date: 15 July 2024

Files uploaded to [shortfilmdepot.com](http://shortfilmdepot.com) will be considered.

### **3. SELECTION**

The list of selected films will be available on the website [http://www.sciencetoi.fr/festival\\_court](http://www.sciencetoi.fr/festival_court) (15 September 2024).

Films selected for the competition cannot be withdrawn from the festival.

All contacts of the films entered will be informed by e-mail of the results of the selection.

### **4. VIEWING TECHNIQUE.**

In order to make the Festival accessible to as many films as possible, MP4, AVI, WMV and MOV video formats will be accepted. Films in DCP format will be accepted too.

In addition to the video file sent to the platform, the selected film can be sent by post to the association's address before 30 September 2024.

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The media of the files sent by mail can be returned to their owners on site during the festival in Riom or by postal service.

The viewing files, as well as any document sent, will be kept by the Festival organization and Science-Toi!

The organization of the Festival will not cover the costs of participation in the Festival.

The website, the catalogue and the various publications of the Festival may contain the data and photos provided via [shortfilmdepot.com](http://shortfilmdepot.com). The participants authorize the free use of these data and images for non-commercial purposes.

Selected films for the Festival could be part of private screening sessions for the collaborating entities of the Festival, for regional cultural organizations and for organizations of general interest, such as the Riom penitentiary center.

The Youth session could be screened for students in the region.

Finally, the nominated and award-winning films in the different categories could be the subject of a session for the region public for the purpose of popularizing science.

### **5. WARRANTIES**

Participants guarantee that they hold the necessary rights and authorizations for the films submitted.

Participants guarantee that they will bear the costs and possible damages of any legal action that may be taken regarding their films.

## **6. TELEVISION AND INTERNET BROADCASTING**

Participants authorize the Festival and Science-Toi !, free of charge, to reproduce and broadcast on any medium (paper, electronic and/or digital, TV, internet, etc.) extracts and/or images of the films selected and/or awarded during the Festival.

These extracts will be less than 2 minutes long or 15% of the total length of the film for the purposes of information or reports about the Festival. An audiovisual composition of the different films may be produced to promote the Festival.

## **7. History of the Riom Scientific Short Film Festival.**

The Riom media library could keep the films selected by the Festival, which can be consulted free of charge on site.

The participants in the Festival accept without reserve the terms of the present rules.