Participation Guidelines for the Student Poster Competition "Orchids for Future"

1. Organizer

The poster competition "Orchids for Future" is organized by the German Orchid Society (D.O.G.) as part of the 24th World Orchid Conference (WOC) 2026 in Dresden.

2. Eligibility

- The competition is open to students in grades 7 to 10 enrolled at a UNESCO project school in Germany or their UNESCO partner schools.
- Each class, working group, or elective subject should select its **best poster**. Only **one submission per class, working group, or elective** subject is allowed. If multiple groups within a class, working group, or elective participate, the class, working group, or elective must select a single entry.
- Participation is **free of charge**.
- Collaboration with international schools is welcome and both, German and collaborative schools are welcome to submit a poster (in cooperation in total two, one each for the German and international collaborating class, working group, elective subject).
- A **consent form** signed by the class/group leader must be submitted along with the poster.

3. Poster Requirements

- The poster must visually highlight the **fascination of orchids** and combine both **scientific** and **artistic elements**.
- Allowed format: DIN A0 (portrait or landscape orientation).
- Techniques: e.g., drawing, painting, collage, or digital design (AI-generated images are not allowed).
- **Text and image sources** must either:
 - o Be created by the participants themselves, or
 - o Be used under a valid **Creative Commons license** (e.g., CC BY, CC BY-SA).
 - o The license type and source must be clearly credited on the poster.
 - Images with commercial rights or without proper licensing information are not permitted.
- Each entry must include the name of the school and the participating class/group.

4. Submission of Entries

- Posters must be submitted digitally in **high resolution** by **December 20, 2025**.
- Recommended format: 300 dpi for A0 posters (9,914 × 14,032 pixels) in .pdf format.
- **Submit to:** orchids4future@woc2026.orchidee.de
- **Group submissions** are encouraged. Prize money will be divided among group members.

5. Evaluation & Prizes

- A panel of **experts from science and art** will evaluate submissions based on:
 - Creativity
 - Scientific relevance
 - Artistic execution
- The top 10 posters will receive prize money and will be exhibited at the WOC 2026:

Placement	Prize Money
1st Place	€1,500
2nd Place	€1,000
3rd Place	€700

4th-10th Place €400 each

- The winning poster will also be featured in the magazine of the German Orchid Society's
 "Die Orchidee".
- The teacher has the flexibility to use the prize for the class'/groups' projects, clubs, workshops, or other group activities.

6. Usage Rights

- By participating, the legal guardians agree that the **German Orchid Society** may use the submitted works for **non-commercial purposes** (e.g., **exhibitions**, **publications** in print and online media).
- The **copyright** of the participants remains unaffected.

7. Liability Disclaimer

- The German Orchid Society (D.O.G.) assumes no liability for lost or damaged submissions.
- There is no guarantee for the payout of prize money. If, due to unforeseen circumstances
 (e.g., lack of funding, sponsor withdrawal, or force majeure), the prize money cannot be
 paid out, the DOG assumes no liability. In such cases, the DOG will strive to provide an
 alternative form of recognition (e.g., non-cash prizes, certificates, or exhibition
 opportunities).
- The right of legal recourse is excluded.

8. Data Protection

- Personal data of participants will be used **exclusively** for the purpose of the competition and will **not be shared** with third parties.
- All personal data will be deleted after the competition unless further consent has been given.

9. Acceptance of the Participation Guidelines

By submitting an entry, participants (or their legal guardians) agree to the above **participation guidelines**.

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