

European Earth Monitoring Illustration Challenge

In conjunction with GEO magazine, the Copernicus Masters has announced it will include a competition for illustrators, graphic designers and other artists for the first time this year. Under the heading 'Traces of Humankind', participants will be asked to accentuate humankind's footprint on our blue planet by applying graphical and artistic techniques to satellite imagery.

The GEO Illustration Challenge is part of the Copernicus Masters, an annual Europe-wide competition that has awarded the best projects and business ideas for Earth monitoring applications since 2011. Copernicus, meanwhile, is the satellite programme of the European Commission and the European Space Agency (ESA) that will provide, accurate, timely and easily accessible information to improve the management of the environment, understand and mitigate the effects of climate change, and ensure civil security. Previously known as Global Monitoring for Environment and Security (GMES), the programme's name was officially changed to Copernicus in December 2012.

Submissions to the illustration challenge 'Traces of Humankind' will be accepted from now until 30 June 2013; those interested can register at www.geo.copernicus-masters.com. Participants will then get access to the necessary satellite imagery from four Copernicus Masters partners: ESA, the German Aerospace Center (DLR), European Space Imaging and Astrium GEO-Information Services. This summer, a jury will select the 20 best entries and publish them for voting at www.geo.de.

The entrant who takes home first prize will be commissioned to illustrate a *GEO* article and will receive a VIP invitation to attend the launch of a Sentinel satellite at the European space port in French Guiana. The top three submissions, meanwhile, will be printed in the European editions of *GEO*, and the 12 entries that prove most popular in the online vote will be compiled into an exclusive calendar.

To learn more about the GEO Illustration Challenge 'Traces of Humankind', please visit www.geo.copernicus-masters.com.

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