

This year, the first **IDC photo contest** took place. Students could send in pictures related to their PhD to share insights about their work and the stunning places we are privileged to visit.

Amazing shots were submitted, including pictures about animals visiting field sites, forests, flowers, mushrooms and also cool photos of students at work.



All student members of the IDC could vote for the best picture. Ambre Placide won the photo contest with a picture of a rubber boat taken at a beautiful mountain landscape. The shared second place went to Álex Tuñas Corzón for a picture of a waterdrop on a spruce branch related to his research in mountain forests and Lesley Huymann for a photo of a purple mushroom (*Cortinarius magellanicus*) taken during her fieldwork in Chile.

The winners got a photo glass block with their image as a prize. Congratulations to Ambre, Alex and Lesley!



Thank you all for participating, we can't wait to see next year's submissions!

Rike and Anna