

VERBANO MODEL SHOW ITALY

STRESA - MAY 22-24, 2026

Competition Rules

PLACE OF THE EVENT

PALAZZO DEI CONGRESSI DI STRESA – PIAZZALE EUROPA, 3 - STRESA

THE COMPETITION DIVIDED INTO THREE MACRO CATEGORIES: FIGURES - ORDNANCE – JUNIORS

The **FIGURES** are sub-divided into two categories:

HISTORIC and FANTASY and each category is divided into two levels of expertise:

MASTER - upper level, with proven experience, who have won prizes in national and international events, or, however, they want to compete together with the modellers accredited.

STANDARD - a basic level, with limited experience, who have not yet won awards in national and international events.

Within two categories:

PAINTING - only the painting of the subject is judged; any modifications to the original model are not taken into account.

OPEN - the complete realization of the model or the substantial conversion (both anatomical and aesthetic) a green image / photograph of the most representative model of the display is required. Box-dioramas, busts and plates are also judged in this category.

This year, the following categories have been added:

- **Historical Master Open 3D and Fantasy Master Open 3D**
- **Fantasy standard e master Painting War Game (the two new Fantasy Painting categories are specific for small sized figures - from 40 mm. down)**

H1	HISTORY STANDARD PAINTING
H2	HISTORY STANDARD OPEN
H3	HISTORY MASTER PAINTING
H4	HISTORY MASTER OPEN
H5	HISTORY MASTER OPEN 3D
F1	FANTASY STANDARD PAINTING
F2	FANTASY STANDARD PAINTING WAR GAME
F3	FANTASY STANDARD OPEN
F4	FANTASY MASTER PAINTING
F5	FANTASY MASTER PAINTING WAR GAME
F6	FANTASY MASTER OPEN
F7	FANTASY MASTER OPEN 3D

The jury reserves the right to change the category of any one or more piece entered in the competition or even the entire display if the entry category is seen to be incorrect.

The **ORDNANCE** categories have the same levels of competence for the figures as follows:

MASTER - upper level, with proven experience, who have won prizes in national and international events, or, however, they want to compete together with the modellers accredited.

STANDARD - a basic level, with limited experience, who have not yet won awards in national and international events.

This year, the following categories have been added:

- **two specific categories for helicopters have been added to the aircraft category**
- **In VIGNETTE category the figurines on the ground must not exceed the number of FIVE**

A1	AIRCRAFTS STANDARD 1/72
A2	AIRCRAFTS STANDARD 1/48 – 1/32 – 1/35
A3	HELICOPTERS STANDARD ALL SCALES
A4	AIRCRAFTS DIORAMAS STANDARD 1/72
A5	AIRCRAFTS DIORAMAS STANDARD 1/48-1/32-1/35
A6	AIRCRAFTS MASTER 1/72
A7	AIRCRAFTS MASTER 1/48-1/32-1/35
A8	HELICOPTERS MASTER ALL SCALES
A9	AIRCRAFTS DIORAMAS MASTER 1/72
A10	AIRCRAFTS DIORAMAS MASTER 1/48-1/32-1/35
M1	MILITARY VEHICLES STANDARD 1/72-1/48
M2	MILITARY VEHICLES STANDARD 1/35
M3	MILITARY VECHICLES DIORAMAS STANDARD 1/72-1/48
M4	MILITARY VECHICLES DIORAMAS STANDARD 1/35
M5	MILITARY VECHICLES VIGNET STANDARD 1/72-1/48
M6	MILITARY VECHICLES VIGNET STANDARD 1/35
M7	MILITARY VEHICLES MASTER 1/72-1/48
M8	MILITARY VEHICLES MASTER 1/35
M9	MILITARY VECHICLES DIORAMAS MASTER 1/72-1/48
M10	MILITARY VECHICLES DIORAMAS MASTER 1/35
M11	MILITARY VECHICLES VIGNET MASTER 1/72-1/48
M12	MILITARY VECHICLES VIGNET MASTER 1/35
N1	KIT SHIPS ALL SCALES
N2	SCRATCHBUILD SHIPS ALL SCALES
N3	NAVAL DIORAMAS ALL SCALES
V1	CARS SCALE 1/43
V2	CARS ALL OTHER SCALES
V3	MOTORBIKES ALL SCALES
V4	TRUCK, TRACTORS, VEHICLES AND MACHINERY ALL SCALES
V5	CIVIL DIORAMAS ALL SCALES
SF1	SCI-FI STANDARD
SF2	SCI-FI MASTER
SF3	DIORAMAS SCI-FI
J	JUNIORES

The development, creation or modification of a model already on the market is accepted; figurines and accessories may be included but will not be considered by the judges except in the category Dioramas, where the piece will be judged as a whole.

The tables are divided and labelled according to the different categories and levels. Any competitor who has work entered in the competition must place them on the correct dedicated tables.

Unlike dioramas, VIGNETTES/SENETTE are small-scale creations, containing just one vehicle, or part of it, with the number of figures on the ground limited to five.

Models that have been entered in other editions are not permitted, nor are models that may be offensive to the public, or inappropriate to the decency of the event: the organizing committee reserves the right to not accept such works.

The **JUNIOR** (J) category includes modellers up to 14 age; it is a unique category and includes historical and fantasy Figures - Military Vehicles - Dioramas - Aircraft - Civil Vehicles – Ships.

JUDGEMENT

The jury is composed of world-renowned experts coordinated by a Chief Judge and three other judges who are responsible for the three main categories - Historical Figures, Fantasy Figures, Ordnance. The judges' decision is final.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

HISTORICAL FIGURES AND FANTASY - Each subject will be examined by a panel of judges, who will evaluate the piece highlighted by the modeller and althea pieces that make up the display, the judges will choose to judge and vote for the single piece, the number of pieces or the entire display so as to give the modeller the maximum recognition.

ORDNANCE - Each model will be evaluated individually.

Each judge will evaluate the subject in a scale from 0 to 4 points; the sum of the scores of the judges will determine the final judgment, according to the following scheme:

GOLD: 12-11
SILVER: 10-9-8
BRONZE: 7-6-5
NOTING: 4-3-2-1-0

SECURITY AND CONTROL

The models will be exposed to shelter from the elements in a closed, properly controlled environment, but they will not be covered by insurance. The Organizing Committee (VMS ITALY) will provide adequate supervision of the models. We accept no responsibility in case of theft and any other event that could damage the models on display.

Once the pieces have been placed and positioned on the display tables, even modellers no longer are permitted to touch or move the models, except with the assistance of the security staff. The jury reserves the right to disqualify contestants who do not follow these rules.

PRIVACY POLICY

Personal data will be processed in accordance with current regulations D.L. 196/2003 the data will not be disclosed to third parties. The Organizing Committee (VMS ITALY) reserves the right to take photographs and video footage of the models on display, to publish these photographs in specialized or non-specialized magazines and books, monographs and other publications about the event, or on their own site and / or on sites linked to the event.

Entry to the competition implies acceptance of the rules in their entirety and implicitly authorizes the VMS 2018 Organization take photographs and use the same for institutional purposes.

ENTRY FEE

The cost of registration is as follows:

- **Online registration - 20,00 Euro**
- Onsite registration - 25,00 Euro
- Free for entries in the JUNIOR (J) category.

Payment of the registration fee will be made upon delivery of the models.

DELIVERY OF THE MODELS

on the afternoon of **Friday May 22, 2026** - from 15.00 to 19.00

The morning of **Saturday May 23, 2026** - from 9.00 to 12.00

POST CONTEST MODEL COLLECTION

the models can be collected after the end of the awards ceremony **Sunday May 24, 2026**, presenting the registration receipt to the staff members who will be present in the exhibition hall at the time of model withdrawal.