

# SCINEMA

## INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FILM FESTIVAL 2019

### SCINEMA AWARD WINNERS PROGRAM

**RUN TIME 5 hours 32 minutes LONG VERSION OF 700 SHARKS**  
**4 hours 55 minutes SHORT VERSION OF 700 SHARKS**

**THE FACE OF A STRANGER** (Canada)

50 minutes

**Best Film**

*French (English subtitles)*

**Directed by** Geneviève Turcotte

**Produced by** Découverte, Radio-Canada

**Written by** Danny Lemieux

After a 2011 hunting accident, this Quebec man thought he'd live forever with half a face. Then a confident young surgeon made an extraordinary offer. Face of Stranger takes us on a medical journey of epic proportions – where the odds of success are less than ideal. That didn't bother the prospective patient, 65-year-old Maurice Desjardins, who desperately needed a facial transplant operation.

**Jury comment:** *Story telling at its best with layers of brilliant cinematography, amazing human connections; emotionally charged and totally engaging.*

**VITAMANIA** (Australia) 1 hour 30 minutes

**Best Documentary**

**Directed, produced and written by**

Sonya Pemberton

Almost one billion people take a regular dietary supplements, mainly vitamin tablets, but how safe are these products, how are they regulated, and how can we make the right choices for our health? These surprisingly urgent questions are investigated by scientist Dr Derek Muller.

**Jury comment:** *A riveting tale uncovering the madness of enormity of the supplements industry.*

**THE MOST UNKNOWN** (United States)

1 hour 32 minutes

**Special Jury Award**

**Directed by** Ian Cheney

This epic documentary film sends nine scientists to extraordinary parts of the world to uncover unexpected answers to some of humanity's biggest questions. How did life begin? What is consciousness? How much do we really know?

**Jury comment:** *This film addresses some of the most fundamental questions in science.*

**SMART SLIME?** (United Kingdom) 10 minutes  
**Award For Scientific Merit**

**Directed by** Juliette Martineau

It's neither plant, animal or fungus, but a giant single cell that crawls around eating dead matter. Beautiful and mesmerizing time lapse videography, Smart Slime? introduces us to the quirky work of two high profile slime researchers.

**Jury comment:** *Exceptional technical detail and a great way to explain the network of a cell.*

**700 SHARKS** (France) 1 hour 30 minutes (long)  
/53 minutes (short)

**Award For Technical Merit**

*French (English subtitles)*

**Directed by** Luc Marescot

In a ground breaking experiment, five of the world's most experienced underwater scientists dive among 700 starving sharks.

**Jury comment:** *This film is technically brilliant. Exceptionally well-made.*

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