

REGULATION ON THE RESEARCH COMPETITION “NEW PERSPECTIVE ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION”

General Provisions

1. This Regulation establishes a research competition “New Perspective on Dispute Resolution” (the “Competition”), determines the procedure for participation in the Competition and requirements for submission of research papers.
2. The Competition is organised by the Young Institute of Modern Arbitration (Young IMA) with the support of the autonomous non-profit organisation Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration (the “Organiser”) in order to popularise alternative dispute resolution in Russia and abroad, as well as to encourage the in-depth study of debatable issues of alternative dispute resolution by students and young professionals.
3. The Competition is held once in a year, unless otherwise decided by the Organiser. The announcement of the Competition is published on the official website of the Organiser in advance before the start of accepting research papers.
4. Students, pursuing full-time or part-time bachelor, master or post-graduate degree, or equivalent in Russian and foreign universities (institutions), as well as other persons not older than 28 years old, including foreign nationals, are eligible to take part in the competition.

Submission Requirements

5. For participation in the Competition, a research work should be devoted to the current trends in the field of alternative dispute resolution and meet the requirements established by this Regulation (the “Research paper”).
6. For participation in the Competition, the Research paper should be unpublished or published (in electronic or physical format) within a year before its submission for the Competition.
7. The Research paper may be authored by one person or group of authors not exceeding three.
8. The Research paper should be written in Russian or English.
9. The Research paper should meet the following requirements: the total volume of the paper – up to 25 thousand characters, including spaces and excluding the text of footnotes; setting of margins – top: 2.5 cm; bottom: 2 cm; left: 2.5 cm; right: 1.5 cm; the page number is provided in the middle of the bottom margin; font – Times New Roman; line spacing – 1.5; font size – 12 or 14.
10. Previously submitted Research paper may not be resubmitted for the Competition for the second time.
11. The procedure and deadline for submitting Research papers are determined by the Organiser annually. Research papers received after the deadline, as well as those that do not meet the requirements established by this Regulation, are not considered.

Evaluation of Research Papers

12. The submitted Research papers are considered by the Council, consisting of Russian and/or foreign specialists in the field of alternative dispute resolution (the “Council”). The personal and quantitative composition of the Council is determined annually and published on the official website of the Organiser.

13. The submitted Research papers are evaluated based on, *inter alia*, depth of scientific study of the chosen topic, author's style, practical significance of the conclusions made, scientific novelty of the theses suggested in the Research paper.

14. Based on the results of mutual deliberation, the Council selects the winners and prize-winners of the Competition. The winners of the Competition receive a prize for the best Research papers in the amount of 50,000 RUB, the prize-winners of the Competition – 25,000 RUB.

15. The Organiser reserves the right to award additional prizes, as well as to attract sponsors and media partners for these purposes.

16. The Council may decide not to select winners or prize-winners if it considers that the submitted Research papers do not sufficiently meet the above evaluation criteria. In this case, in any subsequent year, a larger number of winners and prize-winners may be selected.

17. The Organiser may decide to annul the decision on the selection of winners or prize-winners in the event of provision of false information by the participant or violation of scientific ethics in the preparation of the Research paper (for example, plagiarism).

Miscellaneous

18. The Research papers of the winners and prize-winners are subject to publication on the official website of the Organiser, as well as in other information sources available to the Organiser.

19. The Research papers of the winners and prize-winners may be published by the Organisers, including on the Organiser's website, without the additional consent of the authors, while identifying the authors. The Organiser enjoys non-exclusive right to publish the Research paper, the author reserves the right to publish the Research paper in other sources.

20. Russian law applies to the procedure for organising the Competition, as well as to all issues related to the holding of the Competition.

21. The Organiser reserves the right to amend this Regulation.