

THE RESEARCH COMPETITION “NEW PERSPECTIVE ON DISPUTE RESOLUTION”

General Provisions

1. The Research Competition “New Perspective on Dispute Resolution” (the “**Competition**”) is a competition organized by Young IMA (the “**Organiser**”) with support of non-profit organisation Russian Institute of Modern Arbitration. The aim of the Competition is to promote 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.
2. 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.
3. The Competition is open to all practitioners and students under the age of 28 at the date of entering the Competition. The Competition is open to authors of any nationality, race, colour and ethnic origin.

Submission Requirements

4. 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”).
5. The Research paper should be unpublished or published (in electronic or physical format) within a year before its submission for the Competition.
6. The Research paper of one author or a group of authors (up to 3 people) can be submitted for participation in the Competition.
7. The Research paper must be in Russian or English.
8. The Research paper should meet the following requirements:
 - total volume of the paper – up to 25 thousand characters, including spaces and excluding the text of footnotes;
 - text front – Times New Roman;
 - front size – 12 or 14;

- every page must be numbered;
 - top and bottom margins – 2.5 cm, left – 2.5, right – 1.5; line spacing – 1.5.
9. Previously submitted Research paper may not be resubmitted for the Competition for the second time.
 10. 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.

Assessment of Research Papers

11. 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.
12. The submitted Research papers are assessed 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.

Awards

13. Based on the results of mutual deliberation, the Council selects the winners and runners-up of the Competition. The winners of the Competition receive a prize for the best Research papers in the amount of 1,000 USD, the runners-up of the Competition – 500 USD. If the winner or runners-up of the competition is a resident of the Russian Federation, the prize amount to winner will be 60,000 RUB, while runners-ups of the Competition will be awarded 30,000 RUB.
14. The Organiser reserves the right to award additional prizes, as well as to attract sponsors and media partners for these purposes.
15. The Council may decide not to select winners or runners-up 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 runners-up may be selected.
16. The Organiser may decide to annul the decision on the selection of winners or runners-up 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).
17. The Research papers of the winners and runners-up are subject to publication on the official website of the Organiser, as well as in other information sources available to the Organiser.
18. The Research papers of the winners and runners-up 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.

Other Provisions

19. Russian law applies to the procedure for organising the Competition, as well as to all issues related to the holding of the Competition.
20. The Organiser reserves the right to amend this Regulation.