

SPECIFICATIONS

Ref. The organisation of The International Reading Contest, 2016

Time of the event : 1st – 5th September 2016;

Venue : Constanta (CT), Romania;

Organiser: The Ministry of Education and Scientific Research from Romania

Participants: students from Romania and abroad **aged between 13 and 19**

The purpose of the contest: Encouraging students to approach reading as a life skill, through the fiction, non-fiction and multimodal text.

The organisation of the Contest

The contest is organised in two sections:

A. *The training section: 13-15 year- olds- which assesses the reading and cultural awareness skills*

B. *The proficiency section: 15-19 year- olds- which assesses the reading, media and communication skills*

The 2016 edition is the third edition of the contest in this format, on different topics.

The development of the Contest

The programme of each edition of the Contest includes at least 2 courses and 1 debate in the reference fields for the contest and a written individual test.

The format of the competition includes courses and debates delivered/ moderated by professors and teachers from Romania and abroad that have scientific authority and experience in teaching reading comprehension skills.

For the written test, the contestants will refer not only to the specific contents of the language and literature subjects but also to their knowledge, experience and reading skills.

This test will take place at the end of the courses.

N. B. The participants do not need to have studied Romanian literature. They will have to approach texts/ excerpts, not entire literary works/ a certain writer's works. The writers may be national or international.

Testing

The contest syllabus follows the syllabus of the optional course *Reading and life skills* for the students in the Vth - XIIth grades and the topics of the courses delivered during the contest.

The paper may be written either in Romanian or in the other languages of the competition, English and French. Translations from/ into Italian, Spanish, German, Turkish and Russian may also be available

The contestants will mention the language for the test in the application form when entering the contest.

The allotted time for writing is 3 hours.

The structure of the subjects is as follows:

(1) The written test includes 3 subjects: the first subject aims at a fiction text reading comprehension and interpretation and it is allotted 50% of the final mark; the second subject aims at a non-fiction text reading comprehension and it is allotted 35% of the final mark; the third subject aims at a multi-modal text reading comprehension and interpretation and it is allotted 15% of the final mark.

The topic of the 2016 edition of the contest is *The Sea*.

Entry requirements

The contest addresses students aged between 13 and 19 that are able to use reading as part of their personal development.

a) **From Romania** the participants are members of the Olympic team, selected among the prize winners in the national stage of Romanian Language, Communication and Literature Olympiad, for secondary and high school students and in the national stage of the *Reading as a Life Skill* Olympiad.

b) **Outside Romania** the participants can be students that **meet the following conditions cumulatively**:

b1) study comparative literature in a formal or non-formal learning environment;

b2) fill in the application form that is certified by the coordinating teacher of the team/ the mentor teacher in case there is only one student and send it to the Central Committee of the Olympiad, in the period mentioned in the Olympiad calendar, to the following e-mail address: lectura.internationala@gmail.com

b3) get the validation of the application by the Central Committee of the contest.

N.B. The Romanian students that attend European or international schools (outside Romania) will take part in the contest on separate places on condition they have the approval of their European/ international school principal.

The students will send an e-mail to express their intention in this sense by 15th June 2016 to the e-mail addresses for communication. The central committee will use the specified e-mail addresses to send the answer regarding the validation of their application.

The students are assessed regarding their reading skills, their capacity of understanding fictional, nonfictional and multimodal texts, their ability to reflect upon these texts and to relate them to Romanian literature/ culture, to express their opinions, arguments and own interpretations in writing or in an oral presentation, or in a debate form.

The contest comprises three levels of age and schooling, according to the reading comprehension skills acquired by students in formal or non-formal contexts and in agreement with international competitions practices:

a) level 1 – practice – 13 - 15-year-olds - (the VIIth - VIIIth grades) - secondary school;

b) level 2 – 15 - 17-year-olds - (the IXth - Xth grades) - high school

c) level 3 – 17 - 19-year-olds - (the XIth - XIIth grades) - high school

Financing the Contest

The funds for organising and managing the International Reading Contest are provided by the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research from Romania.

The expenses for accommodation and meals of the participants – maximum 7 participants (6 students and 1 coordinating teacher) for each country – are supplied from the budget of the contest.

Transportation costs, to and from Constanta, are covered by the participants.

Communication

The proposals for the national team to be validated will be forwarded via e-mail by the accompanying teachers from each participating country to the Central Committee by 6th July 2016, in the following table:

No.	Surname and name of the student	Grade/ Age	School	Country	Contest language (RO/EN/FR)	Contact details of the accompanying teacher

The e-mail addresses for communication are: lectura.internationala@gmail.com, anca.petrache@edu.gov.ro, mina.rusu@edu.gov.ro

The final lists with the national teams will be validated by the Central Committee and will be sent to the participating countries by 15th July 2016.

Details regarding the programme of the contest, international/ national transportation to Constanta conditions/ alternatives, accommodation, meals etc. will be sent to the participants by organisers after the validation of the national teams.

Useful links

<http://www.edu.ro/index.php/articles/23405>

<http://www.colegium.ro/olimpiada-de-lectura/index.html>