

Regulations of the contest "Astronomical Guide to Poland"

Regulations of the contest "Astronomy Guide to Czechia"

Regulations of the contest "Astronomical Guide to Slovakia"

Regulations of the contest "Astronomical Guide to Hungary"

§ 1 Purpose of the competition

1. The competition called "Astronomical Guide" is conducted in four countries (Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary) under the names, respectively, "Astronomical Guide to Poland", "Astronomical Guide to Czechia", "Astronomical Guide to Slovakia", "Astronomical Guide to Hungary". The English name is also used "Astronomical Guide to Visegrad Countries."
2. The aim of the competition is to collect information, photos, videos and other resources on places and objects in the Visegrad Group countries (Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary) that are related to astronomy or space research.
3. The competition lasts during the period (deadline for accepting competition entries):
Poland - from November 10, 2022 to ~~December 10, 2022~~ March 31, 2023
Czechia - from November 22, 2022 to ~~December 20, 2022~~ March 31, 2023
Hungary - details will be announced later
Slovakia - from November 20, 2022 to ~~December 20, 2022~~ March 31, 2023
4. Results of the competition will be announced:
Poland - by ~~December 15, 2022~~ April 30, 2023
Czechia - by ~~December 31, 2022~~ April 30, 2023
Hungary - details will be announced later
Slovakia - by ~~December 31, 2022~~ April 30, 2023
5. The competition website is available at:
Poland - <https://konkurs.astroturystyka.pl>
Czechia - <https://contest.astro-tourism.org/czechia>
Slovakia - <https://contest.astro-tourism.org/slovakia>
Hungary - <https://contest.astro-tourism.org/hungary>

§ 2 Organizer of the competition

1. Depending on the country, the organizer of the competition is:
Poland - Polish Astronomical Society, with headquarters: ul. Bartycka 18, 00-716 Warszawa, Poland
Czechia - Czech Astronomical Society, with its seat: Fričova 298, Ondřejov, 25165, Czechia
Slovakia - Slovak Astronomical Society with its seat: Astronomical Institute of the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Tatranská Lomnica, 059 60, Slovakia
Hungary - Research Center for Astronomy and Geosciences, headquartered: Konkoly Thege Miklós út 15-17, Budapest, H-1121, Hungary
2. The sponsors of the competition are:
Poland - International Visegrad Fund ("open category") and the Ministry of Education

and Science ("School category");
Czech Republic - International Visegrad Fund;
Slovakia - International Visegrad Fund;
Hungary - International Visegrad Fund.

3. The competition is organized:

Poland - as part of the "Astronomical Guide to Visegrad Countries" grant awarded by the International Visegrad Fund ("open category") and the "Astronomical Guide to Poland" grant implemented under the "Social Responsibility of Science" program of the Minister of Education and Science ("Category for schools ");

Czechia - under the grant "Astronomical Guide to Visegrad Countries" awarded by the International Visegrad Fund;

Slovakia - under the grant "Astronomical Guide to Visegrad Countries" awarded by the International Visegrad Fund;

Hungary - as part of the "Astronomical Guide to Visegrad Countries" grant awarded by the International Visegrad Fund.

§ 3 Competition participants

1. Depending on the country, the competition can be divided into one or two categories: (1) a category for schools and (2) an open category. Details for countries are the following:

Poland - two categories: (1) category for schools, (2) open category

Czechia - one category: open category

Slovakia - one category: open category

Hungary – details will be announced later

2. Applications in the "school category" can be sent by teams representing schools educating children and youth, and in the "open category" any interested person can participate.

3. The team representing a school in the "school category" must be made up of the student(s) and the teacher(s). Applications on behalf of the team are made by the teacher.

4. There is no age limit for the competition, however, persons under the age of 18 participating in the "open category" must submit the written consent of their legal guardian authorizing them to take part in the competition and receive the potential prize.

5. Entries are judged separately by the jury of each country. Participants have the right to submit a competition entry for any of the Visegrad Group countries, regardless of their place of residence. The entries will be assessed by a jury from a given country. For example, a participant from Poland has the right to submit a competition entry to a Slovak competition if the entry is for a place / object in Slovakia.

§ 4 Subject of the competition

1. The task of the participants in the competition is to submit a competition entry, which will be a description of a place/places and/or facility/objects in a given country that are related to astronomy or space research.

2. The competition entry should be submitted to the country where the described place/facility is located.

3. The participant can describe multiple places/facilities/objects in one entry, however they all must be from a given country. If places/facilities/objects are from various countries, the participant should divide them into separate entries to each country and send them separately using respective countries' forms.
4. If the participant used any sources when preparing the work (e.g. books, websites), these should be indicated.
5. You can attach photos and videos of your own authorship to the competition work.
6. It is permissible for illustration purposes to attach photos that the participant is not the author, but then the author and source of the photo should be clearly indicated, together with a link to it, if the photo is available on the Internet. We emphasize, however, that the competition aims to collect original photos of places / objects, and not photos commonly available, for example, on Wikipedia.
7. The competition entry should be written in the language of the country to which the application is sent. It is also acceptable to write it in English.
8. Sending copy-paste descriptions from Wikipedia or other available sources is not allowed.

§ 5 Formal requirements

1. Applications are accepted via the form on the competition website. For the application to be valid, the participant must (1) provide his/her name and surname in the form, (2) provide his/her e-mail address, (3) provide his/her country of residence, (4) indicate the country to which he/she is sending the application, (5) attach the competition entry and any additional materials (photos, video).
2. In the case of the "category for schools", please additionally indicate (1) the name of the school, (2) its address, (3) the type of school, (4) contact e-mail, (5) telephone number, (6) website address, (7) name and surname of the teacher, (8) names and surnames of all team members.
3. The competition entry should be a text file in one of the popular formats (e.g. Microsoft Word, Libre Office, PDF files, etc.).
4. In the case of large photo or video files, it is acceptable to place them on external network drives (e.g. Google Drive, OneDrive, etc.) and provide a link to download files by the Organizer in the application.

§ 6 Awards

1. The best entries in the competition will receive awards.
2. The prizes in the competition will be vouchers for astronomical equipment, tickets to astronomical facilities, books and gadgets. The exact list of prizes by country will be published on the competition website.
3. In the case of the "school category", the prize is awarded to the school represented by the applicant team and will be sent to it. Team members can then decide on their own to distribute the prize received.
4. The prizes will be sent by the Organizer from the given country.
5. The participant is obliged to provide his correspondence address to the Organizers within 14 days of receiving such a request from them, which will be sent to the participant's e-mail address. Failure to provide a mailing address or failure to collect

the prize shipment sent to the address provided is tantamount to resignation from the prize by the participant.

§ 7 Evaluation of entries

1. The entries will be judged by a jury composed of astronomers and other people involved in astronomy, space and astrotourism.
2. In each country, the Organizers will appoint their own jury to evaluate the entries submitted in that country.
3. When assessing the entries, the following factors will be taken into account: the correctness and diligence of the study, the curiosity and originality of the described place / object, the quality of the attached additional materials (e.g. photos).

§ 8 Copyright

1. By submitting the work as part of the competition, the Participant declares that the competition entry is the result of his/her creation and does not infringe the copyrights of third parties.
2. The copyrights to the competition entry remain with the Participant.
3. The Participant grants the Organizer a non-exclusive, unlimited in time or territory, free and irrevocable license to use the competition work (as well as photos, videos and other materials attached to it). This license allows the Organizer, in particular
 - a) publishing the competition entry in print and/or digital form (including Internet networks, also in the form of video or audio), and in particular in the Astronomical Guide, "Urania - Postępy Astronomii", on the Urania website (www.uraniamuseum.edu.pl), on Urania TV, in other media and websites published by the Organizer.
 - b) recording and reproducing the competition entry: producing copies using a specific technique, including printing, reprographic, magnetic and digital recording, as well as entering into computer memory,
 - c) trading in copies on which the competition entry has been recorded: marketing, lending or renting,
 - d) in the field of disseminating the competition entry: public performance, exhibition, display, broadcasting (including via television), rebroadcasting, as well as making it available to the public in a way that allows everyone to have access to it at a place and time chosen by them, in particular, dissemination via the Internet,
 - e) processing of the competition entry, its editing, fragmentation, creation of studies, translations,
 - f) in the event of a new field of exploitation, the participant will extend the license for this field at no additional charge.
4. The organizer may grant a permit (sub-license) in accordance with § 8 para. 3 to third parties without the need to obtain separate consent from the Participant (e.g. for the distribution of materials containing the competition work, promotion of the Astronomical Guide, etc.)
5. In the event of a breach by the Participant of point § 8 sec. 1, the Participant is obliged to cover the Organizer with any resulting damages and losses (including: costs of fines, costs of litigation).

§ 9 Processing of personal data

1. By submitting the entry for the competition, the participant agrees to the processing of his/her personal data by the Competition Organizer for purposes related to the competition, in accordance with applicable regulations and these regulations.
2. The participant agrees to make his/her name and surname public in connection with the announcement of the competition results (in the event of receiving an award or distinction) or the publication of the competition entry.
3. Personal data will be processed in accordance with the so-called the provisions of the GDPR of the country in which the Participant will send an entry and the provisions on the protection of personal data in force in the European Union, as well as in accordance with the Privacy Policy of the Organizer in a given country.

§ 10 Final provisions

1. The Organizer has the right to change the deadline for accepting competition entries and announcing the results of the competition by publishing such information publicly on the competition website.
2. The competition jury has the right to change the method of awarding the prizes.
3. Editors and collaborators of the Astronomy Guide are not allowed to take part in the competition.
4. Complaints related to the course of the competition may be submitted to the Organizer conducting the competition in a given country to which the participant sent the competition entry.