



THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIAD OF READING

1. CONTEXT

Cultural diversity as a resource of development has proved its importance in all fields of social life, especially nowadays when reading literacy has turned into a fruitful tool of developing students' life skills. Texts help teenagers understand, use, and reflect on fictitious or real life issues, achieve their goals, and develop their knowledge and potential.

2. AIM

The International Olympiad of Reading encourages students to approach reading as a genuine source of life skills, besides the literary competences, by means of fictional, non-fictional and multimodal texts and to create contexts of intercultural socialization. This competition is structured on two basic goals: the comprehension of the literary/non-literary text from the life skill perspective and reading for personal development.

3. SECTIONS and TARGET GROUPS

The competition is structured on two sections and education levels, according to the students' age, reading competences and the international standards in use.

- a. *The coaching section* is intended to students aged 13 to 15 aims to assess reading and cultural awareness skills;
 - b. *The proficiency section* aims at students aged 15 to 19 and assesses reading, media and communication skills.
- Level 1 – coaching – 7th – 8th grades (students aged 13 – 15);
 - Level 2 – proficiency – 9th – 10th grades (students aged 15 – 17);
 - Level 3 – proficiency – 11th – 12th grades (students aged 17 – 19).

It is opened to the above-mentioned categories of students who:

- study World Literature formally (as part of compulsory/elective curriculum) or non-formally (Literature Clubs);
- fill in the application form and send it to the organizers by 1st of July 2018;
- have the application approved of by the organizers.

4. COMPETITION ORGANIZATION

The competition consists of two phases:

- a. The preparatory stage. It consists of courses and debates relevant to the contest theme which are held and delivered by Romanian and foreign



university teachers well –known for their experience and expertise in the field of teaching reading.

- b. A written test. It held at the end of the prep stage. In preparing their papers, students will make use of their language and literature knowledge, as well as of their experience and reading competences. They needn't have studied Romanian literature or language, for they will have to approach only excerpts from books, not entire literary works. The writers proposed are selected from the World Literature.

The test lasts for three hours and includes three items:

- the first one assesses a fictional text comprehension and its literary analysis (50% of the score);
- the second one focuses on a non-fictional text comprehension and its analysis (35% of the score);
- the third one assesses a multimodal text comprehension and its analysis (55% of the score).

The answers can be written in Romanian, English, French, Italian, Spanish, German or Russian.

5. **THEME**

This year the theme is *Holiday and Friendship*. This topic will be amply developed during the preparatory stage.

6. **ASSESSMENT**

The papers are assessed according to an assessment grid and the maximum score numbers 60 points. The participants can challenge only the score of the written test. The final score is set upon the re-assessment of the papers. In case of equal scores, there are two tiebreak criteria specific to the written test:

- the score got on the first item;
- the score got on the third item

7. **PRIZES**

The winners are awarded books, arts objects, money, diplomas.

8. **TIME AND LOCATION**

Period – September 1st – 5th

Venue – Constanta

Organizers: Ministry of National Education – Romania

9. **EXPENSES**

The travel expenses and the medical insurance are covered by the participants whereas the accomodation expenses during the olympiad are incumbent upon the organizers.



APPLICATION FORM – Deadline - 1st of July 2018

The application forms should be sent to the following email addresses:

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The applications will be analysed and approved by the 15th of July, 2018.

You are invited to attend *The International Olympiad of Reading*.

- **Description of the event:**

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- **Name and Surname**.....
- **Age**.....
- **School**.....
- **Grade**.....
- **Town**.....
- **Country**.....
- **Literary subjects studied**
- **Section (to be enrolled)**
- **Level**.....
- **Language selected**.....
- **Write down a short motivation for your participation to the *International Olympiad of Reading* (maximum 5 lines).**



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- **Attach your parents' and your accompanying teacher's written consent on your participation to this event.**
- **On the arrival at the Olympiad site, each participant must present a medical certificate (issued by a doctor) to certify his/her clinical health.**
- **Signatures**

Parents (name and surname)

Accompanying teacher (name and surname)

Date.....