



REGULATIONS

On the Contest for *Evstafiev* Award

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The Regulations on the Contest for General Gennady Evstafiev Award (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations) establish the procedure for holding a contest for the Award in the city of Moscow (hereinafter referred to as the contest).

1.2. The contest is held on an annual basis.

1.3. The contest is open to citizens of the Russian Federation, as well as foreign citizens whose works:

1.3.1. were published in the *Security Index* for the period from November 1 of the previous year to November 1 of the current year within the *Evstafiev* Series in Russian or English.

1.3.2. submitted by the participants of the contest for publication as of November 15 of the current year, with the corresponding cover letter of the author.

1.4. The Award is given annually to young IR-specialists (postgraduates, graduates and undergraduates) for the preparation of research papers in the format of articles (reports, scientific notes) based on the results of relevant scientific and practical research on global security issues.

1.5. The following basic concepts are used in these Regulations:

1.5.1. Contest is a procedure for selecting and evaluating scientific works in order to determine the winner of the Award.

1.5.2 Participant is a citizen of the Russian Federation or a foreign state who has reached the age of 18 and not older than 30 years on the day of the start of accepting applications for the contest, studying at a bachelor's, master's or postgraduate program at a Russian or foreign university, acting on their own behalf. In exceptional cases, research projects (articles, reports, scientific notes) from applicants under the age of 35 who have already completed their master's and (or) postgraduate studies and hold a Ph.D in political, historical or military sciences may be accepted for the contest.

1.5.3. The organizer of the contest is PIR Center.

1.5.4. The Commission is an expert collegial body formed by the organizer of the contest and carrying out a competitive selection in order to determine the winner of the contest.

1.5.5. The *Evstafiev* Series is a series of research and scientific-practical publications of young authors from Russia and various countries of the world in the field of international security – primarily graduates and undergraduates, published in the electronic editions of the PIR Center

Security Index and *Security Index Occasional Paper Series* and dedicated to the memory of the former PIR Center Senior Vice-President, Lieutenant General Gennady Evstafiev.

1.5.6. The winner of the contest is the author (authors) of the best work based on the results of the competitive selection.

1.5.7. The official website of the organizer is the website of PIR Center: www.pircenter.org.

1.6. The contest is public and open.

1.7. Participation in the contest is free of charge.

1.8. Contact details of the organizer: PIR Center, postal address: P.O. Box 147, Moscow, Russia, 119019.

1.9. In their activities, the Organizer and the Commission are guided by the Constitution of the Russian Federation, federal laws, other regulatory legal acts of the Russian Federation, laws and other regulatory legal acts of the city of Moscow, as well as this Regulation and the PIR Center's Charter.

1.10. The composition of the Commission, its expert groups, amendments and additions to these Regulations are subject to the approval by the Director of PIR Center.

1.11. The procedure for participation in the contest, as well as the timing of its holding, may be changed by the organizer.

1.12. The Award is not given to the former winners repeatedly.

PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST

2.1. Participants of the contest are individuals.

2.2. Citizens of the Russian Federation or foreign citizens acting on their own behalf can take part in the contest, as established by clause 1.5.2.

2.3. Participants of the contest are the authors of works published from November 1 of the previous year to November 1 of the current year within the *Evstafiev series* in Russian or English; as well as those who submitted works for publication as of November 15 of the current year with the corresponding cover letter of the author.

2.4. The organizer notifies in writing the authors of the publications of the *Evstafiev series* for the current year about the beginning of the competitive selection and their participation in it.

2.5. The participant has the right to refuse to participate in the contest. To do this, he must notify the organizer of his refusal in response to the organizer's letter about participation in the competitive selection within two weeks.

2.6. The absence of refusal to participate in the contest automatically means the participant's consent to take part in the contest.

2.7. Participation in the contest means the participant's consent to the use by the organizer of information about them for the purpose of non-commercial use for the implementation of the competitive selection by the Commission and the production of advertising materials of the contest.

2.8. Participation in the contest automatically means the transfer by the participant of all rights to the transferred research project (articles, notes, reports) to the organizer, including the rights to publish a paper (in whole or in part) for an unlimited period.

2.9. By participating in the contest, the participant thereby confirms that the research work submitted to the contest (article, note, report) is transferred to the organizer free of charge and exclusively, has never been published or posted on the Internet before.

2.10. By participating in the contest, the participant thereby automatically confirms that all rights to research (article, note, report) at the time of transfer of the project to the contest belong exclusively to them. In case of plagiarism, the organizers reserve the right to disclose it publicly. The facts of plagiarism identified by the organizers, confirmed by the Commission, will exclude the applicant's right to participate in the contest in the future for an unlimited period, as well as be published in the organizer's editions.

2.11. It is allowed to submit to the contest research papers written by two or three co-authors. Groups of authors of more than three people are not allowed to participate in the contest. As a rule, co-authorship is not encouraged.

3. TERMS AND PROCEDURE OF THE CONTEST

3.1. The period of the contest starts from the moment of the announcement of the start of the contest and until the announcement of its results by the organizer. Information about the contest is published on the official website of the organizer, in its social networks, as well as on the websites and social networks of sponsors and partner organizations, with whose support the contest is held.

3.2. After the organizer announces the start of the contest, the organizer, represented by the director of the organization, approves the composition of the Contest Commission for the current year.

3.3. The Organizer undertakes to inform the Contest Commission about the rules of participation in the contest and familiarize it with these Regulations.

3.4. After the approval of the Contest Commission members list, the organizer sends the works participating in the contest to the members of the Commission for their consideration and evaluation, and further for identifying the winner of the contest.

3.5. Members of the Commission are obliged to study the works participating in the contest and choose the work that, in their opinion, is the best and fully meets the criteria set forth in these Regulations.

3.6. Not later than one month after the organizer sends the works participating in the contest to the members of the Commission, the organizer convenes a meeting of the Commission, at which the works are discussed, the winner is selected and the results of the contest are summed up.

3.7. Members of the Commission are obliged to study the works participating in the contest by the beginning of the meeting of the Contest Commission.

3.8. The decision on the winner is made on the basis of the results of the contest. The winner of the contest is, as a rule, one work written by one or more authors.

4. PROCEDURE AND TERMS FOR RECEIVING THE AWARD

4.1. The organizer announces the results of the contest publicly.

4.2. The winner of the contest is invited by the organizer to the award ceremony.

4.3. In the event that the winner cannot attend the award ceremony, the organizer reserves the right to hold it remotely or refuse to hold it. In this case, the organizer sends the winner's certificate to the winner of the contest by e-mail.

4.4. The award is transferred to the card or bank account of the winner of the contest no more than a month after the announcement of the results of the contest. The publicly announced amount of the award includes all taxes and payments (including social payments and personal income tax). Deduction of taxes and payments from the award occurs in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation in relation to residents of the Russian Federation, if the participant is one and confirms this with documents, and non-residents of the Russian Federation (in other cases).

4.5. After receiving the award, the winner of the contest transfers in person or sends by mail to the organizer the warrant confirming the receipt of the award in the proper amount, and also sends a scanned copy of the receipt by e-mail.

5. OTHER PROVISIONS

5.1. The Organizer is not responsible for non-compliance, untimely fulfillment by the participants of the terms of these Regulations, neither for receipt of incomplete, incorrect information necessary to participate in the contest and receive the award, including by the fault of the postal service, communication organizations, for technical problems and (or) fraudulent actions on the Internet and (or) communication channels used during the contest, as well as for the inability to communicate with the participant due to incorrect or irrelevant contact information.

5.2. Participants and winners of the contest, with their consent, may be invited to various events organized by PIR Center.

5.3. The winner(s) of the contest shall independently pay all expenses incurred by him (them) in connection with participation in the contest (including transportation costs, postage costs).

5.4. The authorized representative of the organizer on the issues of the contest is the executive secretary of the Commission, appointed by the Director of PIR Center.

6. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF WORKS

6.1. Only research projects (articles, scientific notes, reports) that are devoted to topical issues of international security, mainly on the issues of WMD nonproliferation, arms control, strategic stability, cybersecurity and cyber threats, Internet governance, countering international terrorism, as well as challenges and threats to regional security, to the extent that they are related to the interests of the Russia, are accepted for the contest. Works on the following issues are also welcomed for the contest: dialogue between Russia and China on global and regional security issues; BRICS and Peace and Security Issues; issues of Middle East security to the extent that they affect the interests of Russia; new technologies and interests of Russia; state-of-the-art

technologies and open source analysis to assess nuclear nonproliferation threats; advanced weapons systems and their impact on strategic stability; new ideas for Russia's security policy; military-strategic issues in the Asia-Pacific region to the extent in which they affect the interests of Russia; the consequences of existing and the risks of new sanctions for the strategic spheres of Russian industry; Russian–African Dialogue on strategic issues; prospects for a new European security architecture and arms control in Europe; prospects for nuclear energy and its individual aspects (floating power units, SMRs), as well as its peculiarities in various regions of the world (such as Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia).

6.2. The relevance of the research topic (from 0 to 15 points): the work in question indicates the necessity and timeliness of studying and solving the problem for the further development of theory and practice.

6.3. The presence of elements of practical novelty of the study (from 8 to 10 points): the work contains a new understanding of the known approaches to the study of the problem posed (from 0 to 5 points); The work contains fundamentally new practical generalizations (from 0 to 5 points).

6.5. Consistency and coherence of the work (from 0 to 10 points): the author develops his thoughts in the study reasonably and consistently (from 0 to 5 points), the conclusions of the work correspond to the tasks (from 0 to 5 points).

6.6. Practical significance (from 0 to 20 points): in the study, the author relies not only on the information indicated in the sources and literature, but also on the data of interviews with experts in the issues he examines (from 0 to 5 points), the work contains original practically applicable conclusions (from 0 to 15 points).

6.7. The level of completeness and evidence of scientific research (from 0 to 10 points): the work uses an extensive list of sources and literature of both Russian and foreign authors (from 0 to 5 points), the author's arguments have an objective evidence base and are sufficient to formulate the conclusions of the work (from 0 to 5 points).

6.8. Samples of the volume, structure and design of the works submitted to the contest can be found among the already published works of the *Evstafiev* series in the *Security Index* section in Russian language: <https://pircenter.org/security-index/> ; and in the *Security Index* section in English: <https://pircenter.org/en/security-index/>

Examples of articles by the winner of contests of previous years:

1. Strategic Offensive Arms Control: Military-Technical Aspects / Semenov Sergey. M.: PIR Press, 2021. – 28 p. – (Security Index Occasional Paper Series): <https://pircenter.org/media/content/files/14/16330025180.pdf>
2. Strategic Offensive Arms Control in Russia-U.S. Relations: Lessons Learned / Semenov Sergey. M.: PIR Press, 2021. – 43 p. – (Security Index Occasional Paper Series): <https://pircenter.org/media/content/files/14/16304134820.pdf>