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## ROYAL ACADEMY OF OVERSEAS SCIENCES

### RULES FOR ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

#### *1. Aims, Conditions and Instructions*

1. In order to stimulate high-quality scientific research regarding problems inherent to overseas regions, the Royal Academy of Overseas Sciences (RAOS) organizes annual competitions.
2. The three Sections of the Academy, namely Section 1: Moral and Political Sciences, Section 2: Natural and Medical Sciences, and Section 3: Applied Sciences, put two questions forward on specific subjects. This gives a total of 6 topics open for competition.
3. Each award-winning work in the annual competition is granted a prize of 1,000 EUR.
4. The competition is open to all scientists worldwide without any age restriction. Members of the Academy are not allowed to participate in the annual competition.
5. The work submitted for the annual competition of the RAOS should be an original, recent and unpublished scientific manuscript, reaching at least the level of a PhD thesis.
6. The Academy will consider works written in Dutch, French, German, English or Spanish.
7. Structure, referencing and footnotes should be organized as standard for the corresponding discipline. There are no restrictions on the number of pages.
8. Five copies are required. The Academy only accepts hard copies (paper) for the body of the text, including the references. For annexes and illustrations digital versions (CD-ROM) are accepted.
9. The authors of works intended for the competition may remain anonymous. In this case, they should add to their submission a sealed envelope containing their name and address and bearing a distinctive sign or motto reproduced at the beginning of their work. This envelope is opened after awarding the prize.
10. The Academy reserves the right to publish award-winning works. In case of publication, the copyright is automatically transferred to the Academy.

## *2. Organization of the Competition*

### Selection of the questions

1. The Sections determine the topics. For each of these topics two members formulate the questions.
2. After consulting the Sections, the final text of the questions submitted is approved.

### Selection of the prize-winners

1. The Sections appoint three members in charge of making reports on the works presented for each question.
2. Ten days before the jury meets, reports are submitted to the secretariat of the Academy. All members may examine both reports and manuscripts.
3. The prizes are awarded by the Section involved in May or, exceptionally, at the following meeting, after reading and approving of the reports.
4. If a particular Section decides that the prize should not be granted, it may award an honourable mark. This distinction does not allow the holder to bear the title of prize-winner of the Academy.