



FEDERAL FORESTRY AGENCY

REGULATIONS XIIIth INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR FOREST CONTEST



**Saint-Petersburg, Peterhof
4th – 9th September 2016**



General provisions:

the XIIIth International Junior Forest Contest is organized and held by the Federal Forestry Agency (FFA) in pursuance of the decree of the Government of the Russian Federation from 20.09.2015 № 1837



Contest objective:



- to encourage cooperation among young people of different countries, to develop their environment-oriented awareness;
- to share knowledge in forest management, environment and practical experience;
- to address the world community attention to forest challenges;
- to encourage students' initiatives in knowledge extension and skills development in forestry, silviculture, forest protection and regeneration; to promote education in forestry and environmental studies as well as forest-related jobs.



Contest goals:

- to support students' initiatives in protection, conservation and regeneration of world forest resources at local and global levels;
- to encourage students' interests in research in forest stock record and monitoring, sustainable forest management, evaluation of anthropogenic impacts on forest resources and forest input in sustainable development of planet's biosphere, biological diversity conservation, efficient use of wood resources on the basis of current scientific methodology;
- to involve young people in activities aimed to promote sustainable forest use with communities;
- to identify and encourage students who have special environmental and forest expertise and skills.





Participants of the Contest

- Contestants are students of centers of general or specialized education, from different counties..
- Participants of the Contest are contestants (students) and people who accompany them.
- Contestant is a student aged 14-22 years old, officially nominated to take part in the Contest, who provided all the necessary information in due time. Contestant should speak one or both official languages of the Contest (Russian and English).
- One country may be represented by two contestants.
- An Accompanying person is a tutor, a representative of an educational center or any other adult who is officially nominated to accompany contestant(s). Accompanying person provides all the necessary information to ensure his/ her participation in the Contest.
- At the Contest, the Russian Federation is represented by the winners of 'Podrost' All-Russia Junior Forest Contest of the same year.
- All Participants of the Contest complete the registration form and send it to the Contest Organizing Committee so that it is received no later than 30 days before the Contest begins.



Competition procedure:



- International Junior Forest Contest is an annual event.
- Contest participants shall present their research work to the International Jury on the contest days 6-7 September, 2016, Peterhof and answer the questions from and answer questions from Jury. Contestant may use any necessary visual aids (slides, tables, schemes, posters, etc.).
- Time for presenting a research work is up to 10 minutes. 5 extra minutes are given to answer questions.



Research trends:



- **forest science and silviculture** (forest typology; forest regeneration and formation; impact of recreation, thinning, forest fires, etc.; reforestation and forest plantations, etc.);
- **wildlife ecology** (fauna, ecology and behavior of forest animals, including pests; bio-protection methods (including entomophages), etc.);
- **ecology of forest plants** (floristic and geobotanical studies of forest plant communities; ecological and biological features of forest flora, ecological routes in forests for educational purposes, etc.).



Guidelines for preparation the research works:

Russian and English are official languages of the Contest. The research work should be made and presented in one of the official languages. Text of research work shall be provided in both electronic and paper forms in due time.

- text shall be typed in Times New Roman, size 14, interval 1.5 with 2 cm margins. Text shall be paged;
- total text of research work (including annexes, pictures, schemes, etc.) is no larger than 20 pages of A4 format;

The research work should include:

- title page;
- short biography of the Contestant(s) ;
- summary of research work (not larger than 20 lines);
- table of contents;
- introduction;
- main part informs on the research methods ;
- results of research;
- conclusions;
- final part should present results of the research work and indicate recommendations and possible prospects. ;
- list of sources used,
- annex: graphics, schemes, photos.





The title list should include the following information:



full title of research work ;

name(s) of the project author(s);

title and address of the educational center,
year of studies

date of birth and sex of author(s);

surname and name of tutor;

year of preparation.





Evaluation of the research works:

- International Jury includes researchers and experts in forestry from Europe, Asia, CIS countries, Africa, North and South America, as well as the representatives of international organizations.
- International Jury evaluates the research works and chooses the winners of the Contest according to the criteria.
- Winners are the Contestants with maximum votes received from the Jury.
- Only one research work may take the first prize. Number of authors does not matter.
- Second and Third prizes may be taken by two research works. Number of authors does not matter.
- Audience Choice Award is given on the basis of secret voting by participants, honorable guests and International Jury members.
- International Jury takes its decision through the relevant protocol signed by each member of the International Jury.
- Information about the research works awarded by the First, Second and Third prizes is published.
- Information about the places taken by other research works, as well as the number of votes is not published.



Work evaluation criteria:

- relevancy of the topic;
- scope and depth of topic development and coverage;
- quality of presentation and answers;
- quality and clearness of visual materials;
- contestant's personal involvement in the research;
- practical value of findings and recommendations.





Awarding:



- All Contestants are awarded with memorabilia - diploma of participation and medals.
- Authors of the best research works (First, Second and Third Prizes) receive corresponding diploma and awards.
- Other Contestants may be awarded with special certificates and gifts.
- Special prizes from state and international bodies, non-governmental organizations, businesses and individuals may be established.