



Pilecki Book Award

REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION FOR THE WITOLD PILECKI INTERNATIONAL BOOK AWARD

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The regulations (hereinafter referred to as “the Regulations”) of the Competition for the Witold Pilecki International Book Award (hereinafter referred to as “the Competition”), these specifying the rules of organization of the Competition, and in particular the rules for submitting entries and selecting the winning publications and authors in the Competition, are hereby established.
2. The Witold Pilecki International Book Award (hereinafter referred to as “the Award”) shall be conferred annually upon books published in the year preceding a given edition of the Competition. The present edition of the Competition is the first, and shall recognize publications issued in 2020.
3. The organizer of the Competition is the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor with its seat at 17 Foksal Street, 00-372 Warsaw, a research institute entered in the Register of Entrepreneurs of the National Court Register kept by the Regional Court for the Capital City of Warsaw in Warsaw, XIIth Economic Affairs Division of the National Court Register, under KRS number 0000713483, holder of NIP tax identification number 5252735962 and of REGON statistical identification number 369236544, hereinafter referred to as “the Institute” or “the Organizer”.
4. The Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum shall act as a Partner of the Competition.
5. Publications issued in Polish or in English may be entered in the Competition. Neither the nationality of the authors nor the seats of the respective publishers shall be applied as criteria in the assessment of entries.
6. The Award shall be given to the author or co-authors of a book in each Competition category. In the event that the Award referred to in Point 9 of the Regulations shall be given to co-authors, it shall be divided accordingly.

7. The publishers and authors of the winning books shall be entitled to use the logo-type of the Award and mark their publications with information concerning bestowal of the Award, the wording, method of affixation and form of which shall be agreed with the Institute.
8. The Award shall be presented in three categories:
 - a) Academic history book – the best monograph or synthesis concerning the Polish experience of the confrontation with two 20th-century totalitarian regimes. The most appreciated in this category will be well-researched books comprising an original interpretation and written in an appealing way.
 - b) Historical reportage – a captivating depiction of the Polish experience of two 20th-century totalitarianisms. In addition to classic historical reportages, entries in this category may include biographies, collections of accounts, memoirs and correspondence of witnesses to history. The most appreciated in this category will be a respectful approach to historical sources, well-organized composition and unbiased narrative.
 - c) The special award for war correspondents – awarded for books which provide reliable information concerning ongoing military conflicts or places where human dignity is particularly endangered. In the face of the current crisis of traditional media, we support authors who take risks to disseminate knowledge, appeal to a conscience, and issue warnings for the future. The award will go to the author who displays investigative intuition, determination in uncovering the truth and a broad perspective.
9. The Award for the author of the winning publication in each Competition category shall be the sum of 75,000 Polish zlotys and an occasional statuette.
10. The Director of the Institute shall appoint a Chapter of the Award Committee, the role of which shall be to select 5 nominated books in each category (15 nominations in total) and determine the winner in each Competition category (3 Awards in total).
11. The numerical and personal composition of the Chapter of the Award Committee shall be announced on the website dedicated to the Competition.

II. DETAILED RULES AND MODE OF CONFERRING THE AWARDING

1. The Competition shall comprise two stages.
 - a) During the first stage, a shortlist of 5 books submitted for the contest will be selected, and the nominations will be publicly announced on the contest's website.
 - b) The second stage shall be concerned with determining the Competition prize-winners in each category (the author or co-authors) from amongst the selected nominations, and thereafter with presenting the Awards thereto at an official

gala. The prizewinners shall be determined by the Chapter of the Award Committee. The public announcement of prizewinners in the Competition shall be effected on the date of the official gala during which the Award shall be bestowed, which has been planned for November 2021.

2. The Competition and the exact dates of its stages, as well as the date of the official Award presentation gala, shall be publicly announced on the website dedicated to the Competition.
3. Entries for the Competition may be submitted by authors, publishers, private persons/natural persons, legal persons, or organizational entities devoid of legal personality, this by sending the electronic edition of a book (in PDF format) to the e-mail address: nagroda@instytutpileckiego.pl, or three hard copies thereof to the address: Instytut Pileckiego, ul. Sienna 82, 00-815 Warszawa, with the annotation "Pilecki Book Award". Please indicate the category of the submission. Deadline for submitting applications: 30 June 2021.
4. Publications authored, co-authored or edited by persons who are representatives or employees of the Organizer or Partner, or members of the Chapter of the Award Committee, cannot be entered in the Competition, and shall be excluded if so entered.
5. Participation in the Competition is voluntary and gratuitous.
6. Publications that have been entered may be withdrawn until nominations are selected, however no replacement publications may be entered in their stead. Authors entered in the Competition shall be entitled to withdraw from participation therein until the Competition has run its course.
7. The Competition may be participated in by natural persons – authors (co-authors) who satisfy the requirements set forward in the Regulations and who possess full legal capacity. The Award shall be conferred upon living authors.
8. The deadline for the submission of entries shall elapse on 30 June 2021 (the date of delivery shall be decisive).
9. The Award shall be presented to the winners of a given edition of the Competition at a date determined and announced by the Organizer.
10. The monetary part of the Award shall be transferred to the bank accounts of individual prizewinners. Failure on the part of a prizewinner to provide a bank account number to which the monetary part of the Award is to be transferred, this in spite of being called upon by the Organizer twice to provide said number, shall, following the ineffective expiry of the stipulated deadline, result in the lapse of the right to receive said Award.
11. The Award shall not be given (paid out) to a prizewinner in the event that their entry/participation is withdrawn, they shall refuse to accept the Award, or if payment

thereof by the Organizer shall be rendered impossible due to the non-provision of a bank account number in keeping with the deadline set forward by the Organizer – in spite of the Organizer calling upon the prizewinner twice to collect the Award and indicate a bank account number for payment thereof in accordance with the provisions of Point 10 of the Regulations.

12. No prizewinner may transfer the rights accruing thereto in connection with the bestowal of the Award.
13. The place and date (and also method) of presentation of the Award shall be publicly announced, and also notified to the authors/co-authors and their submitters.

III. FINAL PROVISIONS

1. The Regulations, and also the Competition announcement and the entirety of information concerning the Competition shall be published on the website dedicated to the Competition, which shall be kept by the Institute (website of the Institute).
2. The Organizer reserves the right to modify the Regulations. Any modifications of the Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their publication on the website dedicated to the Competition, duly kept by the Organizer.
3. The GDPR information clause is set out as Appendix 1 to the Regulations.
4. The submission of an entry (entering the Competition) shall be tantamount to the submitter/participant declaring that they have familiarized themselves with the present Regulations.
5. The relevant provisions of the Civil Code shall be applicable in all matters not regulated by the present Regulations.

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