

RESTAURANT ASSOCIATIONS OF LATVIA
STUDENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WORKS COMPETITION
REGULATIONS

The student scientific research competition (hereinafter - the Competition) is organized by the Latvian Restaurant Association (hereinafter - LRA) and its purpose is to promote the development of sustainable gastronomic tourism of Latvia by researching and analyzing important issues affecting the sustainable development of the catering industry, as well as to promote student scientific research activities in the field of tourism.

The Competition Regulations (hereinafter – the Regulations) and information about the Competition are available on the LRA website (www.lrb.lv).

1. Process and participants of the Competition

1.1. A scientific research work developed in any form (master's thesis, bachelor's thesis, diploma thesis, study thesis, annual project or other research of a similar nature) developed and defended in one of the higher education institutions accredited by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia, Aachen University of Applied Sciences (Germany) or the Lapland University of Applied Sciences (Finland) (hereinafter – higher education institution) can be submitted to the competition, in Latvian or English. Works must be defended in an educational institution in the period from January 2, 2021 to October 15, 2023 (hereinafter - Work). The submitted competition work must be presented at the "Sustainability in action" Conference on 31.10.2023.

1.2. Competition participants are the authors of Works who have submitted their work for participation in the Competition in accordance with the procedure set forth in Chapter 2 of the Regulations.

2. Application for the Competition

2.1. To apply for the Competition, the participant submits his/ her research Work (in Latvian or English) to LRA.

2.2. The work can be submitted until October 15, 2023, at 17:00, by sending it electronically to the e-mail address info@lrb.lv. When sending the application electronically, the participant indicates that it has been submitted to the "Student scientific research competition".

2.3. In the e-mail, the participant adds the Work (in word or pdf format) and an application written in a free form, in which the Participant confirms his desire and readiness to participate in the competition.

2.4. If the Application is received after the specified Application submission deadline, the Work will not be evaluated.

2.5. By submitting the Works, the participant agrees to present (on-site or on-line) the research results at the "Sustainability in action" Conference on October 31, 2023.

2.6. By submitting the Work to the Competition, the author of the Work confirms that he has developed the Work independently and assumes responsibility for respecting the copyrights of third parties.

3. Prizes of the Competition

3.1. Winners of the prize-winning places (first, second and third places) of the competition receive the following prizes:

- for the winner of the first place - a cash prize for the Author of the Work in the value of 300 EUR;

- for the winner of the second place - a cash prize for the Author of the Work in the amount of 200 EUR;

- for the winner of the third place - a cash prize worth 150 EUR to the author of the work.

3.2. Based on the evaluation of the Works, the Competition Commission has the right not to award awarded places or to reduce their number.

4. Work evaluation criteria

4.1. Relevance and novelty of the researched question in the tourism industry;

4.2. Coherence of the goal, research question, work tasks, compliance of information sources with the work goal;

4.3. Compliance of the applied research methods with the purpose of the work, their justification. Reasoning and relevance of the data obtained;

4.4. Analysis, interpretation of results, validity of conclusions and innovativeness of proposals;

4.5. Visual presentation of work and means of expression;

4.6. Practical applicability of work results.

5. Evaluation process

5.1. Works are evaluated by a commission established by the LRA, which includes representatives from the food service industry and academic staff;

5.2. Works are evaluated individually by the Competition Commission according to the criteria defined in the regulations;

5.3. Each criterion is evaluated on a scale from 1 to 10, where the rating "1" is the lowest, and "10" is the highest;

5.4. The overall rating of each member of the Commission is summed up with the rating of the other members of the Commission, obtaining the overall rating of the Commission;

5.5. The assessment of the competition commission is joint and the opinion of each individual member of the commission cannot be disclosed.

6. Announcing the results of the Contest and awarding the Contest participants

6.1. Winners of the prize-winning places of the competition are announced by providing information on the LRA Facebook account and during the "Sustainability in action" conference.

7. Closing questions

7.1. As part of the competition, the personal data submitted by the Participants is processed in accordance with the current regulatory framework

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