

Competition for the best university student papers on maritime history held by the Estonian Maritime Museum [SA Eesti Meremuuseum]

Statute

1. Organizer of the competition

1.1 The competition shall be held by the Estonian Maritime Museum [SA Eesti Meremuuseum].

2. Goal of the competition

2.1 The goal of the competition lies in motivating university students to research Estonian maritime history and promoting the work on research and collection performed by the Estonian Maritime Museum.

3. Submission of the papers

3.1 Students of bachelor and master programmes of Estonian or foreign higher education institutions may participate in the competition provided that no more than two years have passed since their graduation papers were defended.

3.2 The paper for the competition must be submitted to the Estonian Maritime Museum by e-mail at info@meremuuseum.ee in the PDF file format and supplemented with the student's contact details as well as information about the university and the student's supervisor.

4. Requirements for the papers

4.1 Graduation papers which address various aspects of Estonian maritime history may be submitted.

4.2 Preference shall be given to the topics closely linked to the lines of research and collection policy of the Estonian Maritime Museum and using source materials from the museum's collections. The lines of research and collection policy of the Estonian Maritime Museum are available on the museum's web page.

4.3 Papers using other Estonian or foreign archives may also participate in the competition provided that they are connected to Estonian maritime history.

4.4 The supervisor's assessment in writing.

4.5 In case the graduation paper was written in a foreign language, the participant of the competition shall supplement the paper with a summary in Estonian.

5. Evaluation of the papers and selection of the best papers

5.1 A committee of five members convened by a member of the management board of the Estonian Maritime Museum upon the proposal of the Director of Research shall be formed for the evaluation of the papers.

5.2 Rotation of the committee members, who shall be selected among the researchers and the research council of the Estonian Maritime Museum, shall be implemented.

5.3 The committee may not include a person who is directly connected to a student taking part in the competition.

5.4 The criteria to be considered in the evaluation of the papers shall be their connection to Estonian maritime history, originality of the topic and the use of primary sources.

5.5 The voting shall be held on the basis of simple majority.

6. Prize fund for the competition

6.1 The prize fund for the competition for the best university student papers on maritime history held by the Estonian Maritime Museum shall constitute 2000 euros to be awarded in the form of two prizes: the best bachelor's thesis (500 euros) and the best master's thesis (1000 euros).

6.2 The committee shall have the right to award a special prize of up to 500 euros.

6.3 In case no research papers deemed to be of sufficient quality by the committee are submitted for the competition, the committee shall have the right not to award the prize.

7. Announcement of the winning entries

7.1 The winning entries shall be announced once a year on the anniversary of the Estonian Maritime Museum, 23 February.

7.2 The authors of the winning papers shall be provided with an opportunity to publish an article in the publications of the Estonian Maritime Museum