Eesti
Meremuuseum
Estonian
Maritime Museum

Award for best theses in the field of maritime history presented by the Estonian Maritime Museum Foundation [SA Eesti Meremuuseum]

Statute

1. Organizer of the competition

1.1 The award is presented by the Estonian Maritime Museum Foundation [SA Eesti Meremuuseum].

2. Goal of the competition

2.1 The goal of the award is to motivate university students to research maritime history of Estonia and/or Baltic Sea Region.

3. Submission of the theses

3.1 Bachelor's or master's theses completed within the last two years at Estonian or foreign higher education institutions may participate in the competition.

3.2 The recipients of the Estonian Maritime Museum scholarship cannot participate.

3.3 The thesis for the competition must be submitted in PDF file format and supplemented with the student's contact details, the supervisor's written assessment and contact details, the information about the graduation and the university.

4. Requirements for the theses

4.1 Theses which address various aspects of Estonian and/or Baltic Sea Region maritime history may be submitted.

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

4.3 Theses using other Estonian or foreign archives are also welcome to participate in the competition if they are connected to maritime history of Estonia and/or Baltic Sea Region.

5. Evaluation and selection of the best papers

5.1 A committee for the evaluation of the papers shall be formed upon a proposal by museum researchers.

5.2 Rotation of the committee members, who shall be selected among the researchers, the management board, 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 theses shall be their connection to Estonian/Baltic Sea Region maritime history, originality of the topic and the use of primary sources.

5.5 The voting is based on simple majority.

5.6 In case no theses 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.

6. Prize fund for the competition

6.1 The prize fund for the competition constitutes 2,000 euros to be awarded in the form of two prizes: the best bachelor's thesis (500 euros) and the best master's thesis (1,000 euros). The committee has a right to award a special prize of up to 500 euros.

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 awards will be presented at an open event organized by the Estonian Maritime Museum Foundation, where the authors of the winning entries will introduce their works.

7.3 The authors of the winning theses shall be provided with an opportunity to publish an article in the pre-reviewed proceedings of the Estonian Maritime Museum.