

Rules

of the Republic of Belarus student competition on the topic

“Explaining Bioethics”

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus and the National Bioethics Committee together with the Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe in accordance with the Council of Europe Action Plan for Belarus, with the support of the Council of Europe Information Point in Minsk holding a national student paper competition (the “Competition”) on the topic “Explaining Bioethics.” The aim is to raise awareness of and encourage the engagement of young students in the Republic of Belarus in matters of bioethics pertaining to human rights and biomedicine.

1.2 These rules set forth the procedure for organizing and holding the Competition, and the system for evaluating entries and selecting the winners and runners-up.

1.3 The key objectives of the Competition are to:

- motivate students and encourage a creative approach to considering, raising and addressing bioethical questions (a.i. how scientific and technological developments in such fields of biomedicine, as genetics and genomics, neuroscience, transplantation and biomedical research affect individual rights, and freedoms of people);
- improve the level and quality of knowledge related to human rights and biomedicine “in the light of the principles laid down in the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (the Oviedo Convention) and its Additional Protocols;
- build and develop the bioethical competencies that students need in today’s world;
- create an environment that will encourage students to develop an interest in bioethical matters contributing thereby to raising the awareness of the general public about human rights and biomedicine;
- engage young students in independent creative projects on socially important matters pertaining to bioethics (protection of human rights in the field of biomedicine).

1.4. The organisers of the competition form its Organising Committee for the period of the competition.

Decisions taken by the Organising Committee within its mandate is obligatory for the participants and all those, who are involved in the organisation of the competition.

The Organising Committee exercises the following functions:

- coordinates preparation and running of the competition;
- examines the applications and entries to be brought before the jury
- organises the award ceremony.

Students, who study outside of Minsk, could contact persons responsible for running of the competition in regions (thereafter Contact Points). List of the Contact Points will be published at the websites of the Meditsinskiy Vestnik (www.medvestnik.by), the Council of Europe (<http://www.coe.int/bioethics>) and the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk (www.coe.bsu.by).

2. PARTICIPANTS OF THE COMPETITION

2.1 The Competition is open to undergraduate students and students pursuing Master's degrees in higher education colleges and universities in the Republic of Belarus.

2.2 There is no maximum limit on the total number of competitors.

2.3 Competitors can participate individually or in teams (no more than 3 participants per team).

3. COMPETITION PROCEDURE AND RULES

3.1 The Competition will be held from 15 March 2018 to 1 July 2018. The entries will then be evaluated by the jury in September-October 2018. The winners will be announced following the evaluation.

3.2 The Competition has three categories:

- “Essay”: creative texts written by competitors. Entries must be submitted in typed form, contain no more than 8,000 characters (including spaces), font Times New Roman, font size 14, line spacing 1. The essay should focus on important bioethical issue(s) – issue(s) related to discussing and explaining of bioethical issues and questions related to protection of human rights in biomedicine, with particular relevance in Belarus. The competitors are invited to identify a topic (s); to conduct comprehensive coverage of the topic and range of bioethical problems connected to it; to provide clear and arguments and well-grounded conclusions (including references to the sources of information). The jury will also look at the overall logic, layout and language of the essay.
- “Video”: videos with sound, up to 5 minutes in length, format AVI, FLV should focus on important bioethical issue(s) related to human rights and biomedicine, including in Belarus. The competitors are invited to identify a topic; to conduct a comprehensive coverage of the topic and range of bioethical problems connected to it. The jury will also take into account the overall logic, technical level of presentation and sound (text and/or music). The video should be a concise and informative plot that remains coherent and unique.
- “Poster”: posters created with various visual art techniques focusing on important bioethical issue(s) related to human rights and biomedicine. The competitors are invited to identify a topic, to conduct the comprehensive coverage of the topic and range of problems connected to it, including in Belarus. The jury will also look at the level of presentation; quality as a work of art and visual art technique used by the competitor(s).

3.3 Each competitor (individual or team) can only submit one entry. There shall not be more than 3 members of the team.

The entries can be submitted in Belarusian, Russian or English.

3.4 By submitting their work to the Competition, the competitors shall be considered by the Competition's Organising Committee as having authorised their work for publication online and in the media, as well as for further reproduction and use in awareness-raising campaigns. The author will always be mentioned in such cases.

3.5 Competitors may not submit any material previously published in the media, academic and/or student journals, or on the internet.

3.6 Competitors prepare entries in the category they choose and submit them to the Competition's Organising Committee together with the registration form (APPENDIX 2):

- Meditsinskiy Vestnik Newspaper 77-4, Matusevitcha str., Minsk);
- Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk (9, Kavaleriyskaya str, Minsk, office 202);
- Contact Points in regions (for students, who study outside of Minsk) in accordance with the part 1.6 of the Rules.

3.7 Electronic form of entry should be submitted to the Organising Committee by email bioethicscompetition@gmail.com.

Videos might be either sent by email, or uploaded on the accessible platform (e.g. YouTube, or Google drive) and the link might be transmitted by the abovementioned email.

3.8 By filling out the registration form, the competitor(s) agree(s) with the requirements set forth by the Rules and provides the

Entries are to be submitted with the information about the competitor(s): surname, name and farther-name, age, sex, place of study (faculty, specialty, specialization, and the year of study should be indicated), email and mobile number.

If a team participated in the competition, all requested information about the participants shall be provided in one registration form.

3.9. All information about the Competition and the Rules are available on the websites of Meditsinskiy Vestnik (www.medvestnik.by) and the Council of Europe (<http://www.coe.int/bioethics>).

For any enquiries, competitor(s) can contact the Competition's Organising Committee

- by phone numbers:
+33 3 90 21 60 49;
+375 17 259-70-76;
+375 17 385 93 40

The numbers are also indicated in the resolution, on competition posters, and on the websites of Meditsinskiy Vestnik (www.medvestnik.by), the Council of Europe (<http://www.coe.int/bioethics>) and the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk (www.coe.bsu.by).

- by email: bioethicscompetition@gmail.com

4. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ENTRIES

4.1 Entries are evaluated separately in each category.

4.2 In evaluating the entries, the jury uses the criteria set forth in Appendix 1.

4.3 Entries that fail to meet the criteria of these Rules are not accepted.

5. COMPETITION RESULTS AND WINNERS

5.1 The Organisation committee forms a jury to evaluate the entries and determine the winners of the competition. The composition of the jury is reflected in the Decree of the Ministry of health of the Republic of Belarus.

5.2 The Competition jury includes representatives of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus, the National Bioethics Committee, the Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe and the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk and leading experts on bioethics.

5.3 The jury evaluates the entries submitted in each category within and determine the winners of the competition within the period of time set forth by the Rules. Winners are selected for each category.

5.4 Competition results are recorded in the Jury Minutes, with the names of the winners, and the titles of their entries.

5.5 The results are published on the websites of Meditsinskiy Vestnik (www.medvestnik.by) and the Council of Europe (<http://www.coe.int/bioethics>) and the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk (www.coe.bsu.by), as well as in the media. They are also communicated to the colleges and universities of the competitor(s).

5.6 An award ceremony for the winners and runners-up will be held in Minsk in the winter semester 2018. The exact date of the event will be communicated at the later stage

5.7. Winners will be invited for a study visit to the headquarters of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France), including the Bioethics Unit. The competition organisers will cover the travel, visa and accommodation expenses. The winners will be also awarded diplomas by the Organisers.

6. CONTACTS

6.1 These Rules are available online on the official websites of Meditsinskiy Vestnik (www.medvestnik.by), the Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe (<http://www.coe.int/bioethics>) and the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk (www.coe.bsu.by).

6.2 Information is also available from representatives of the Organising Committee and regional coordinators of the Competition. Their phone numbers can be found in information leaflets and on the websites of Meditsinskiy Vestnik (www.medvestnik.by), Bioethics Unit of the Council of Europe (<http://www.coe.int/bioethics>) and the Information Point of the Council of Europe in Minsk (www.coe.bsu.by).

APPENDIX 1

Criteria for Evaluating Entries

Essay evaluation criteria:

- focus on a topic relevant to the field of biomedicine raising important bioethical issue(s) related to human rights;
- comprehensive coverage of the topic and range of bioethical problems connected to it;
- clear substantiated arguments, taking also into account the principles laid down in the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (the Oviedo Convention) and its Additional Protocols;
- well-grounded conclusions;
- references to the sources of information;
- overall logic;
- layout;
- good language.

Video evaluation criteria:

- conformity of the entry with the selected topic and the subject matter of the competition;
- comprehensive coverage of the topic and range of bioethical problems connected to it, taking also into account the principles laid down in the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (the Oviedo Convention) and its Additional Protocols;
- focus on a topic relevant to the field of biomedicine raising important bioethical issue(s) related to human rights, including in Belarus;
- concise and informative plot that remains coherent and unique;
- technical level of presentation;
- sound (text and/or music);
- conformity with the technical requirements (format AVI, FLV).

Poster evaluation criteria:

- conformity of the entry with the selected topic and the subject matter of the competition;
- focus on a topic relevant to the field of biomedicine raising important bioethical issue(s) related to human rights, including in Belarus;
- comprehensive coverage of the topic and range of bioethical problems connected to it, taking also into account the principles laid down in the Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine (the Oviedo Convention) and its Additional Protocols;
- concise and informative plot that remains coherent and unique;
- level of presentation;
- visual art technique used by the competitor(s).

APPENDIX 2

The registration form of the Republic of Belarus student competition “Explaining Bioethics”

Heading	Example
Surname, name and father-name	1. Ivanov Ivan Ivanovitch 2. Petrov Viktor Sergueyevitch
Age	1. 20 years old 2. 20 years old
Sex	1. male 2. female
Place of study (faculty, speciality and specialization should be indicated)	1. Belarusian State University 2. Belarusian State medical university
Faculty	1. faculty of journalism 2. medical faculty
Status	student
Year of study	1. 4 year 2. 3 year
Category of the competition	poster
email	<u>ivanov@mail.ru</u>
Phone number	1. +375 29 505 78 69 2.+375443561789