

# “Integration: one people, many colors”

Organized by the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy in Ancona  
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## Competition rules

### Art. 1. Purpose

In a period of wars and strong immigration it is necessary to discuss issues that concern us all. And we decided to do it with poetry and narrative because the emotion of the word cancels spaces and allows man to be free.

There will be four words that will have to guide poets and writers in the preparation of their material:

**Culture - Democracy - Ethics - Integration**

Because these four words are the basis of civil coexistence and mutual respect. The objective of the competition is contained in the speech that Alexander the Great gave to explain to the faithful men of his guard the reason why he had enlisted men of different ethnic groups, but he went further, much further (we have only extracted the first paragraph): «Vi I hope, now that the wars are over, that you find happiness in peace. From now on all mortals must live as one people, united for the common good. Consider the whole world as your homeland, with common laws, where the best will rule, regardless of race.»

### Art. 2. Recipients

The International Competition is open to all women and men in the world as long as they are eighteen years of age for sections A and B. Section C is dedicated to minors and students of Italian schools (14-17 years).

### Art. 3. Summary of the prizes

- Three important prizes for each of the three sections (1st, 2nd and 3rd place).
- A Special Critics' Award for each section.
- Diplomas and medals from the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy for those ranked 4th to 10th.
- Publication of the texts (poems and stories) for sections A, B and C in the series of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy – Co-publisher with

Efesto Edizioni Roma. The Competition Jury will take care of the introduction.

- A free copy of the anthology of the works will be sent to all participants in the competition in sections A, B and C.

#### **Art. 4. Accepted texts**

**The works presented must be unpublished, i.e., never published by a publisher until the closing date of the competition.**

**4a) For unpublished poetry (section A)** participants must send from one to three unpublished poems, on the indicated theme, which must not exceed 30 verses/lines each, and which are not simultaneously registered in other competitions, by April 2nd, 2024.

**4b) For the Unpublished Fiction (section B)** participants must send up to 3 (three) stories (maximum 5 pages, 10,000 characters, 12 characters) that are not simultaneously registered in other competitions, by 2 April 2024.

**4c) For minor authors and for students (14-17 years old)** there is a special section C "School Poetry". Participants must send an unpublished poem, on the indicated theme, which must not exceed 30 verses/lines, and which is not simultaneously registered in other competitions, by 2 April 2024. Participants must also enter, in addition to their data, the wording "Section C - School Poetry" and if selected, they will be able to access the award ceremony only with the written consent of their parents. This section is valid only for students enrolled in Italian schools and/or minors. Participation is free for them.

**4d) Participation for sections A and B is open to everyone**, even foreign authors as long as they send their works in Italian.

#### **Art. 5. Participation fee – Method**

5a) A contribution of €30.00 is requested, to partially cover organizational expenses, for both section A Unpublished poetry and section B Unpublished story.

5b) For section C School Poetry, participation is free.

5c) For participants in both sections A and B the participation fee is €50.00.

5d) Participants in the competition from other continents, not resident in Europe, are exempt from paying the contribution.

5e) Payment of the fee for sections A and B takes place exclusively by bank transfer made out as follows:

**Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy**  
n. Iban: IT27G0303202600010000002846

**Bank: Credito Emiliano Spa, Bic: BACRIT21220, indicating in the reason for payment "participation in the IEDC International Poetry and Fiction Competition and the respective section/s".**

5f) The payment receipt (bank transfer made) must be inserted in a closed envelope in the package of works sent, paying particular attention to closing the package itself or it can be attached to the email together with the requested writings and personal data.

**Art.6. Poems and stories sent anonymously will not be considered valid.**  
The poems and stories sent must be unpublished.

### **Art.7. Awards:**

#### **A. Unpublished Poetry Section**

**1st place:** An author among those selected will be declared the overall winner of the competition and will be awarded the 1st prize which consists of a 5-day (4-night) stay in Greece for two people (seaside location). Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**2nd place:** The author who wins 2nd place will be awarded the 2nd prize which consists of a 3-day (2-night) stay in Greece for two people (c/o Hotel in Athens). Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**3rd place:** The author who wins 3rd place will be awarded the 3rd prize which consists of a voucher equal to 100.00 euros for the purchase of books at Italian bookshops. Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**From 4th to 10th place:** The authors who win 4th to 10th place will be awarded a golden medal from the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case and diploma.

#### **B. Unpublished Fiction Section**

**1st place:** An author among those selected will be declared the overall winner of the competition and will be awarded the 1st prize which consists of a 5-day (4-night) stay in Greece for two people (locality sea). Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**2nd place:** The author who wins 2nd place will be awarded the 2nd prize which consists of a 3-day (2-night) stay in Greece for two people (c/o Hotel in Athens). Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Diplomacy Culture and custody, with case, and diploma.

**3rd place:** The author who wins 3rd place will be awarded the 3rd prize which consists of a voucher equal to 100.00 euros for the purchase of books at Italian bookshops. Also golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**From 4th to 10th place:** The authors who win 4th to 10th place will be awarded a golden medal from the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case and diploma.

### **C. School Poetry Section**

**1st place:** An author among those selected will be declared the overall winner of the competition and will be awarded the 1st prize which consists of a voucher equal to 200.00 euros for the purchase of books from Italian bookstores. Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case and diploma.

**2nd place:** The author who wins 2nd place will be awarded the 2nd prize which consists of a voucher equal to 100.00 euros for the purchase of books at Italian bookshops. Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**3rd place:** The author who wins 3rd place will be awarded the 3rd prize which consists of a voucher equal to 50.00 euros for the purchase of books at Italian bookshops. Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

**From 4th to 10th place:** The authors who win 4th to 10th place will be awarded a golden medal from the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case and diploma.

### **Special Critics' Award for each section.**

Among all the authors, a single critics' award will be awarded for each section, consisting of a voucher equal to 100.00 euros for the purchase of books at Italian bookshops. Also, golden medal of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, with case, and diploma.

### **Art. 8. Awards ceremony:**

8a) The awards ceremony for each section of the 3 first places and the subsequent ones (from 4th to 10th place), as well as the special critics' prizes, will be held on Saturday 25 May 2024 in the city of Osimo (An), during a public event in the presence of the Mayor and/or the councillor for culture, the Authorities, the President and Vice President of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, the President of the Jury and its members.

8b) The names of the winners will be communicated to interested parties by telephone, e-mail or letter at least one month in advance, with the indication of the place of award ceremony. The prizes must be collected personally by the author, or by delegated persons, under penalty of non-awarding of the prize.

### **Art.9. Publication of the volume of unpublished poems and stories**

9a) The Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy as co-publisher, in collaboration with Efestò Edizioni of Rome, will create the anthological volume with the poems and stories of all the authors of the competition, of sections A and B and the first three classified in section C.

9b) A copy of the volume will be distributed and/or sent free of charge to the authors of sections A and B and C while further copies may be requested subsequently by anyone for an amount equal to the production cost of the aforementioned volume.

9c) The inclusion of the works in the anthology volume "Integration: a single people, many colors" is independent of the results of the ranking.

**Art.10.**

The Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, as co-publisher in collaboration with Efestò Edizioni of Rome, however, reserves the right to select poems that are not suitable for publication in the anthology volume.

**Art. 11.**

It is important, together with the writings, to also send the attached form relating to the authorization for the publication of one's works, which must be filled in by the author and sent to the editorial office according to the instructions.

**Art. 12.**

The Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy, as co-publisher in collaboration with Efestò Edizioni of Rome, reserves the possibility of choosing among the members (poets and writers) worthy of being included in future monographic editions.

**Art. 13.**

The works will not be returned, the rights to the poems and stories relating to sections A and B always remain the property of the authors.

**Art.14.**

The works must be sent by 02 April 2024 exclusively by email to the Competition Secretariat, at the email address: [info@iedc-ancona.com](mailto:info@iedc-ancona.com)

Please send your participation via e-mail to be sure of our response. While waiting for the competition to take place, the participant will be included in the exclusive newsletter of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy which will update them on all new cultural initiatives.

**Art.15.**

The author must indicate name, surname, address, e-mail and telephone number and include the following sentence: "I authorize the use of my personal data pursuant to art. 13 DL 196/2003 and subsequent amendments, in compliance with the GDPR EU regulation 679 of 2016".

The Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy and the Efestò Publishing House of Rome will use the data only and exclusively for sending cultural information and undertakes to never pass it on to third parties.

The editorial team will always confirm receipt of the email.

**Art.16.**

It is important that participation in the competition takes place using one shipping method (e-mail or traditional post) and that the material is sent only once.

**Art.17.**

Please note that participation in the competition is individual, therefore the contact details provided must also be personal. The registration of more than one person in the competition who participates by indicating the same e-mail address and/or the same telephone number is not permitted.

**Art.18.**

Authors who register via postal mail are also obliged to indicate an email address to facilitate communication with the jury.

**Art.19.**

The organizers reserve the right to exclude any authors who engage in behaviour that is not in keeping with the spirit of the competition.

**Art.10.**

The jury, made up of professors, poets, writers, scholars, and literary critics, will be announced later.

**Art.21.**

The jury's decision is unquestionable and cannot be modified.

**Art.22. Privacy**

In accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation – EU Regulation 2016/679 and subsequent amendments on the protection of personal data, we inform you that the addresses of the prize participants are used only for communications regarding the International Poetry and Fiction Prize competition.

**Art.23.**

Participants assume responsibility for the originality of the works and their content. Participation in the Competition implies tacit authorization to process personal data for the sole purposes of the Competition itself and future editions, as well as acceptance of the disclosure of one's name and the prize obtained in newspapers and cultural magazines, including in digital form.

**Art.24**

The jury report will be disseminated through the official page of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy [www.iedc-ancona.com](http://www.iedc-ancona.com) and inserted on the Institute's social channels.

**Art.25.**

For any information: please contact the Presidency of the Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy: **3403477226 - 3484062202.**

**Art.26. Hotel information**

The Hotel La Fonte, located in: Osimo, Via Fonte Magna, 33 Cap 60026, will offer a possible package for the weekend stay upon reservation (Tel. 071-714767 site: [www.hotellafonte.it](http://www.hotellafonte.it)).

**Art.27. Rules for acceptance of the competition rules.**

Participation in the Competition entails total acceptance of this regulation in every part. Participation in the selection implies acceptance of all the conditions set out in this announcement and tacit authorization to disclose your name (or pseudonym).

Best Regards,  
Harris Koudounas  
President of HICD-ANCONA