**9th INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

**‘BEST PUBLICATIONS ON MOUNTAINS’**

**CRACOW (Poland) 2024**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. **The organizers of the 9th INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION ‘BEST PUBLICATIONS ON MOUNTAINS’, here-in-after referred to as the "Competition" are:**

- Central Mountain Tourism Centre (COTG PTTK) in Cracow,

- Trade Fair Ltd. In Cracow

- Publishing House ‘Karpaty’- Andrzej Łączyński in Cracow.

2. The purpose of the Competition is to promote Polish and foreign language publications about the Polish mountains and the world and about topics related to mountains, according to the rules specified in the Regulations.

3. **Participation in the Competition is free of charge for the applicant publishing house and does not involve payment of a registration fee.**

4. **The Jury of the Competition** consists of representatives of:

- COTG PTTK in Cracow,

- Trade Fair Ltd. In Cracow

- Publishing House ‘Karpaty’’-Andrzej Łączyński in Cracow,

- Commission of Mountain Tourism of the PTTK Main Board.

Organizers of the Competition allow the possibility of expanding the Jury of the Competition to include authors and publishers of publications on this subject or representatives of companies and organizations related to mountains.

5. **Patronage of the Competition** is assumed by:

- President of the Board of the Polish Tourist and Sightseeing Society (PTTK),

- President of the Board of the Trade Fair Ltd. in Cracow

- President of the Malopolska Tourist Organization in Cracow,

- Editor-in-Chief of the Publishing House ‘Karpaty’-Andrzej Łączyński in Cracow.

6. The competition is linked every year to the International Book Fairin Krakow® and the official meeting with the participants of the ninth edition of the Coompetition will take place during **the** **27th International Book Fair in** **Krakow**®, **which will be held from 24th to 27th of October 2024** in the EXPO Hall in Galicyjska 9.

7. The publications submitted to the 9th Competition will be presented in an exhibition during the 27th International Book Fair in Cracow®, in a separate part of the stand of COTG PTTK and ‘Karpaty’ Publisher- Andrzej Łączyński.

8. Publications whose authors, editors, reviewers or representatives of the publisher are members of the Competition Jury may not take part in the evaluation of the Competition category for which the publication was entered.

**II. COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

1.The subject of assessment in the Competition are submitted book publications with a volume equivalent to a minimum bound sheet of print in A2 or B2 format (e.g. 16 pages A5 or 16 pages B5). This requirement does not apply to maps submitted to the Competition.

2.**The Competition is open to** publishers, commissioners or distributors who have in their offer tourist, sightseeing, popular science and other publications about mountains or on the subject of mountains.

Registration of a publication for the Competition may be made by:

- the publisher,

- a Polish representative of a foreign publisher,

- the person commissioning the publication,

- author(s),

- creative association,

- national or landscape park,

- self-government

- social organisation or association,

- distributor of tourist publications,

- other unnamed institutions and organisations with prior agreement of COTG PTTK in Cracow.

**Only the publisher of the publication can become a winner or an honourable mention in the Competition.**

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3. Each Applicant may submit to the Competition any number of publication titles with a **printed publication date from 2020 (inclusive)**. The same editions of publications (or subsequent editions without substantial changes) that have participated in previous editions of the Competition may not be submitted**. In the case of multi-volume publications (encyclopedias and others), titles in their entirety whose first volumes may have been published before 2020 and whose last volumes may have been published from 2020 onwards are eligible for the Competition.**

4**. Publications on mountain topics submitted to the Competition**, regardless of the language of publication, will be evaluated by the Jury in the following categories:

I. albums

II. guidebooks

III. popular science and monographs

IV. literary prose and poetry

V. periodicals

VI. maps

VII. atlases, encyclopaedias or dictionaries (naming, locations,

objects, nature and others).

**Each publication can be submitted only to one selected category in the Competition**.

5. The condition to participate in the Competition is:

- send or deliver **the application form by 20 September 2024 (inclusive). The entry form should be completed separately for each title submitted. Together with the form, one copy of each title submitted for the Competition should be sent** or delivered to:

**Centralny Ośrodek Turystyki Górskiej PTTK, ul. Jagiellońska 6, 31-010 Kraków, Poland**, with a note **‘The Best Publications on Mountains Competition’ (Konkurs „Najlepsze wydawnictwa o górach”);**

- **20th September of the year in which the Competition is organised is the deadline by which the application forms and copies of the submitted publications must be at the above address**.

6. The Competition entry form (in Polish and English) is available on the following websites: https://cotg.pttk.pl/konkursy/najlepsze-wydawnictwa-o-gorach/ and www.ksiazka.krakow.pl.

7. Applicants shall send the publications to the Competition at their own expense and risk, in packaging adequately protecting the parcel from damage.

8. The organisers reserve the right to change the statutory category for which a publication has been entered if it results from an error in the qualification of the title for a given category by the applicant.

9.The Organisers reserve the right to exclude publications from the Competition the publications which do not have the features of literature related tothe subject matter of the mountains or do not meet the terms of the Competition Regulations. Such publications will not be returned to their senders and will be donated to social purposes.

10. The Jury of the Competition will evaluate the submitted publications. The Jury of the Competition will evaluate the content of the publications, their interesting or little-known subject matter, their usefulness, the form of presentation of the values of the described area or subject matter, and the editorial level.

11. **The Competition will be awarded four cups**:

- The President of the Board of the PTTK;

- The President of the Management Board of Trade Fair Ltd. in Cracow

- The President of the Malopolska Tourist Organisation;

- Editor-in-Chief of the Publishing House ‘Karpaty’- Andrzej Łą-czyński in Cracow.

12. **Other winners of the Competition will receive honorary diplomas and statuettes awarded for first, second and third place in individual statutory categories** and, alternatively, an award for the best publication in Polish, if not ranked first through third in a given category, or, alternatively, an award for the best publication in a foreign language, if not ranked first through third in a given category. The Jury of the Competition has the right not to award all the statutory places to the prize-winners in the respective categories.

13. In addition to the prizewinners' places, **distinctions may be awarded by the Organisers and Patrons of the Competition.**

14. Publishers who have received cups, laureates or honourable mentions in the Competition, in subsequent editions, in materials advertising them or on stickers for these publications, may have information about the cup, place taken or honourable mentions in the Competition placed together with reproduction of the electronic version of the Competition logo received from the Organisers.

15. **The list of cups awarded, winners and honorable mentions in the Competition will be announced no later than Tuesday of the week in which the International Book Fair in Cracow® begins (in 2024 it will be 22 October)** on the following websites:

https://cotg.pttk.pl/konkursy/najlepsze-wydawnictwa-o-gorach/ and www.ksiazka.krakow.pl, as well as sent to the electronic addresses of participants.

16.**The ceremony of awarding cups, honorary statuettes and diplomas to the winners of the Competition**, as well as the distinctions awarded, will take place on the third day of the 27th International Book Fair in Krakow® **on Saturday, 26 October 2024 at 1 p.m.** (room "Lv - B"). Participants of the Competition who will not be able to come to the above ceremony will receive their trophies or diplomas by post.

17. These Rules of the Competition are available on the websites https://cotg.pttk.pl/konkursy/najlepsze-wydawnictwa-o-gorach/ and www.ksiazka.krakow.pl, where all current announcements concerning the Competition will also be published.

**III. FINAL PROVISIONS**

1. The Organisers reserve the right to promote the Competition in the media with free use of publications.

2. **The publications submitted** after the end of the Competition will not be returned to the Entrants and **will be transferred free of charge to the collection of the PTTK Central Mountain Library, which is the second largest library of its kind in Europe**, located in Krakow, ul. Jagiellońska 6, where they will be made available to readers on generally accepted principles.

3. Members of the Competition Jury and its Organisers do not receive remuneration for their work on the Competition.

4. The meetings of the Competition Jury are minuted.

These Rules are effective as of 20th July 2016, as amended until 1st January 2024.