

THE CONCEPT OF THE AWARD

OF THE RUSSIAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF 2016

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1. The Award of the Russian Geographical Society (hereinafter called as the Award) represents an award of the All-Russian public organization «The Russian Geographical Society» (hereinafter called as the Society) in the field of the national geography, ecology, maintaining and popularization of natural, historical and natural heritage of Russia.

1.2. The Award is being held once in two years and has an international status.

1.3. The Award was established in order to promote activities of the Society and increasing interest in the projects in the field of national geography, ecology, maintaining natural, historical and natural heritage of Russia, and popularizers of geographical science and education support.

1.4. The decision to announce the contest for the Award is being published on the website of the Society www.rgo.ru (hereinafter called as the website of the Society).

1.5. The individuals and collectives, the works (projects) of which meet requirements of the present Concept.

1.6. Collection of applications is being made via the website of the Society.

1.7. The Award is being given on a competitive basis by the Jury of the Award (hereinafter called as the Jury), with the exception of «The public acceptance» nomination.

1.8. The President of the Society, being the Chairman of the Jury at the same time, approves the Jury and Co-chairs of the Expert Group.

1.9. The preliminary assessment of applications for the contest is being realized by the Expert Group, which is being formed by the Co-chairs of the Expert Group.

1.10. Conducting the Award and providing work of the Jury is being executed by the Working group, formed by the Executive Director of the Society.

1.11. Awarding in the «Public acceptance» nomination is being implemented according to the results of voting on the website of the Society.

1.12. The Award is being held at the following dates:

1.12.1. The 1st of July – 30th of September, 2016 - collection and processing of applications;

1.12.2. The 1st of October – 10th of October, 2016 - evaluation of received applications by the Expert Group;

1.12.3. The 11th of October – 30th of October – evaluation of the received applications by the Jury and internet voting conduct in the «Public acceptance» nomination;

1.12.4. In the period from the 25th of November to the 10th of December – the awarding ceremony of the laureates of the Award (jointly with the awarding ceremony of the winners of the IInd All-Russian photo contest of the Russian Geographical Society «The most beautiful country»).

2. THE NOMINATIONS OF THE AWARD

2.1. The Award is being handed in on a competition basis in the following nominations:

1. «Expeditions» (the results of the expedition research in the field of the geography and the allied sciences*);

2. «Scientific research» (the results of research projects in the field of the geography and the allied sciences*);

3. «Education and awareness» (ecogeographical* author educational programs, techniques and educational projects);

4. «Popularization of natural, historical and cultural heritage of Russia» (popular science and documentary film, TV, internet and radio projects, prints);

5. «Public acceptance» (for the best project of the following nominations: «Expeditions», «Scientific research», «Education and awareness», «Popularization of natural, historical and cultural heritage of Russia», determined by popular vote on the website of the Russian Geographical Society).

* submitting of applications is possible for directions, according to the goal, objective and the subject of activity of the Society, reflected in the Statute of the Society.

3. SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS

3.1. It is necessary to fill in the registration form for giving an application on the website of the Society.

3.2. Projects, presented for the Award, must be realized by the individuals and the entities.

3.3. Given application must contain the description of the project for the Award, including the following information:

3.4. Nomination;

3.5. The name of the project;

3.6. The author and/or the design team of the project (indicating the director of the project);

3.7. Contact information (address, e-mail, telephone number);

3.8. The goals and objectives of the project;

3.9. The timing of the project realization;

3.10. The geography of the project;

3.11. The partners of the project;

3.12. The description of the project;

3.13. The results of realization of the project;

3.14. Diplomas, certificates and other awards of the project previously received (if any);

3.15. The project presentation in ppt or pdf format);

3.16. Additional materials (photo-, video- and audio materials).

- 3.17. Giving an application for the Award, an applicant provide the Society the right for playback, copying, publication, public display, and informing the public communication by any means, including broadcast and cable, making available to the general information (including social networks) photo-, audio- and video materials, attached to the application.
- 3.18. Nomination for the Award of the projects, having won the awards of the Society earlier, is not allowed.

4. EVALUATION OF THE APPLICATIONS. FINDING OUT THE WINNERS OF THE AWARD

- 4.1. Evaluation of applications is being executed according to the following procedure:
 - 4.1.1. Technical selection of the applications by the moderator of the website (application form check for the correct filling);
 - 4.1.2. Evaluation of applications by the Expert Group.
 - 4.1.3. Evaluation of applications by the Jury.
- 4.2. The Expert Group according to the results of the conducted evaluation:
 - 4.2.1. Submits to the Jury selected applications;
 - 4.2.2. Selects the projects for participation in the online voting in the «Public acceptance».
- 4.3. The Jury of the Award determines the finalists of the Award – 3 projects in each nomination and the winner form the number of finalists in each nomination.
- 4.4. The decision to give the award is taken by the secret ballot of the Jury members.
- 4.5. All the finalists of the Award are being invited for the awarding ceremony: 3 projects in the following nominations: «Expeditions», «Scientific research», «Education and awareness», «Popularization of natural, historical and cultural heritage of Russia», and the winner in the «Public acceptance» nomination as well.
- 4.6. The names of the winners and the finalists are not announced till the time of the awarding ceremony.
- 4.7. The Award may be given in any nomination both: to the one nominee and to the design team as well.
- 4.8. The laureates of the Award are being handed in a diploma indicating the nomination, desktop composition and the cash prize.
- 4.9. The finalists of the Award are being handed in the honorary diploma.
- 4.10. The Society does not give written and oral explanations of the reasons of taken decisions on the review of applications.