**REGULATIONS**

**ON INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE**

**“ACRA – THE ANTIQUE CITY OF BOSPORUS”** **EXPEDITION**

**1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1.1. The present document regulates the procedure of International competition for participation in the “Acra – the antique city of Bosporus” expedition (hereafter – the Competition).

1.2. The Competition is organized by the All-Russian Non-Government Organization “Russian Geographical Society” (hereafter – the Society).

1.3. Winners of the Competition will be able to participate in “Acra – the antique city of Bosporus” expedition (hereafter – the Expedition) free of charge. During the Expedition all costs for accommodation and food are covered by the Society. For Russian residents all travel costs are covered by the Society. For residents of other countries the Society bears travel costs from Moscow to expedition site and back, travel costs from place of residence to Moscow and back are paid by participants.

1.4. The terms of the Expedition are **July 1 – July 31, 2018**.

1.5. The Expedition site is Zavetnoye village, Leninsky District, Crimea.

1.6. The aim of the Expedition is to study the archaeological research of the underwater part of the ancient city of Acra, a part of the Bosporus Kingdom. Volunteers will be engaged in underwater archeology using special equipment. Requirements for the members of the squad are specified in Section 5 of the present Regulations.

1.7. Participation in the Competition implies the acceptance of the present Regulations published on the website of the Society ([www.rgo.ru](http://www.rgo.ru)) and on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

**2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

2.1. Main goals of the Competition are:

2.1.1. To give an opportunity for young people to take part in one of the unique

expeditions of the Society.

2.1.2. To excite the curiosity and to attract the attention of young people to studying and preserving natural and cultural heritage of our country.

2.1.3. To promote expeditionary and social activities of the Society.

2.2. The main tasks of the Competition are:

2.2.1. To involve young people into activities of the Society and in Expeditions with aim to build up a volunteers database for participation in socially important projects of the Society.

**3. FUNCTIONS AND REGULATIONS OF THE SELECTION**

**COMMITTEE**

3.1. Competition’s Selection Committee (hereafter – the Committee) comprises the Society’s representatives and is to be approved by the Executive Director of the Society.

3.2. Functions of the Committee are:

3.2.1. To receive Competition applications.

3.2.2. To create a database of the Competition participants.

3.2.3. To collect applicants’ documents according to the terms specified in Section 5 and 7 of the present Regulations.

3.2.4. To select volunteers to participate in the Expedition according to the terms specified in Section 5 and 7 of the present Regulations.

3.3. All the Committee’s decisions are to be taken collectively and recorded.

3.4. The Committee’s decisions are considered to be taken by a simple majority if more than a half of the Committee members attended the meeting.

**4. COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

4.1. The Competition is conducted from **April 4 to May 13, 2018**, and includes:

4.1.1. Announcement of the receipt for applications on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru> ).

4.1.2. Announcement of the Competition on the website of the Society ([www.rgo.ru](http://www.rgo.ru) ), mass media and partners’ information resources.

4.1.3. Application form publication on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru> ).

4.1.4. Participants registration for the Competition by filling in application forms on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru> ).

4.1.5. Submission of letters of recommendation (references) by chief of organization/chair/dean or research advisor describing specific achievements. The letter must be signed and the signature must be clarified (in electronic form on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society <http://mk.rgo.ru> ).

4.1.6. Submission of letters of recommendation (references) by regional office of the Russian geographical society. The letter of recommendation must be signed by the Head of the regional office of the Russian Geographical Society (in case the participant is a member of the Society or involved in its projects, in electronic form on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society <http://mk.rgo.ru> ).

4.1.7. Submission of letters of recommendation (references) by the Head of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (in case the participant is involved in the activity of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society, in electronic form on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society <http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.2. The Committee considers applications from **May 14 to May 20, 2018**. The results of the Competition (list of participants) will be published on the website of the Society ([www.rgo.ru](http://www.rgo.ru) ) and the website of the Competition (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

4.3. **From May 21 to May 27, 2018**, winners of the Competition must submit documents for consideration and a confirmation letter by e-mail expedition@rgo.ru (as specified in Section 5 of the Regulations).

**5. SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

5.1. ***Age***. Bottom age limit is the attainment of majority under the laws of applicant’s state (but not less than 18 years). The upper limit is not higher than 35 years old.

5.2. ***Education background***. Students, graduate students, secondary general education and specialized education. The studying programs of the participants should be history, geography, history and theory of culture, ethnology, etc. Public leaders in geography and related sciences are also welcome. Other specialists are welcome in case they have an evidently strong motivation (such as a professional interest in history, archeology, geography or experience in similar expeditions).

5.3. ***Health***. No health-related restrictions to participate in the Expedition (to be specified in the medical certificate).

5.4. ***Motivation***. The participant must have a strong interest in the subject of the Expedition and the reasoned motivation to participate in the Expedition (to be given in the application form).

5.5. ***The Competition to take part in the ‘Acra - the antique city of Bosporus’ Expedition is open to participants who have skills in underwater works. Diving certificate, insurance and special equipment (a diving suit, scuba mask, lasts and snorkel) are necessary.***

5.6. ***Personal qualities and skills are the following***:

5.6.1. The participants must be able to work in a team following rules and safety requirements.

5.6.2. The participants must be ready to live and work in the field conditions and have their own diving equipment for the Expedition.

5.6.3. The participants must adhere to:

− the Expedition diet;

− prohibition for the use of any alcoholic, narcotic and toxic substances during the Expedition.

5.7. ***Required documents***. Applicants must submit the following documents on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

5.7.1. An application form.

5.7.2. ***Diving certificate and insurance copies***.

5.7.3. A letter of recommendation (reference) by chief of the organization/chair/dean or research advisor describing specific achievements. The letter must be signed. The signature must be clarified.

5.7.4. A letter of recommendation (reference) by regional office of the Russian geographical society. The letter must be signed by head of the regional office of the Russian Geographical Society (in case the participant is a member of the Society or involved in its projects).

5.7.5. A letter of recommendation (reference) by the Head of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (in case the participant is involved in the activity of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society)

5.8. Documents to confirm participation in the Expedition (for the Competition winners) must be submitted to the Committee by e-mail expedition@rgo.ru (participant’s first name and last name must be indicated in the letter’s subject). ***The following documents must be scanned***:

5.8.1. A photograph (800\*600).

5.8.2. Passport copy (all active pages).

5.8.3. Place of study (work) reference (signed and stamped) or student card (if there are any).

5.8.4. Medical certificates about absence of chronic diseases and restrictions for the participation in the Expedition and life in field conditions.

5.8.5. Medical insurance certificate active at the territory of the Russian Federation.

5.9. The Society offers no explanations as to the decision of the Committee and the Competition results.

5.10. The Expedition leaders reserve the right to dismiss the participants during the Expedition in case they violate safety requirements and rules of stay specified in Section 5.6.3 of the present Regulations.

5.11. The Committee reserves the right not to take into consideration applications without documents specified in paragraphs 5.7. –5.8. of the present Regulations.

**6. SELECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN CITIZENS**

6.1. The Competition is conducted in terms from **April 4 to May 13, 2018** and includes:

6.1.1. The beginning of the Competition is announced on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>)

6.1.2. The Competition is announced on the website of the Society ([www.rgo.ru](http://www.rgo.ru/)), mass media and partners’ information resources.

6.1.3. Application form and information about the Competition is published on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society ([http://mk.rgo.ru](http://mk.rgo.ru/)).

6.1.4. Participants must fill application forms on the website of Youth Clubs of the Russian Geographical Society ([http://mk.rgo.ru](http://mk.rgo.ru/)).

6.1.5. Letters of recommendation (references) by chief of organization/chair/dean or research advisor describing specific achievements are submitted. The letter must be signed and the signature shall be clarified (in electronic form on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society <http://mk.rgo.ru>).

6.2. The Commission's work is conducted from **May 14 to May 20, 2018** and concludes with publishing of the Expedition participants list on the website of the Society ([www.rgo.ru](http://www.rgo.ru)), on the website of the Competition (<http://mk.rgo.ru>).

6.3. From **May 21 to May 27, 2018** winners of the Competition must submit documents for consideration of the Selection Committee and a confirmation letter by e-mail expedition@rgo.ru (as specified in Section 5 of the Regulations).

**7. SELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

7.1. ***Age***. Participants must attain the age of majority under the laws of participants’ state and be not less than 18 years old but not older than 35 years.

7.2. ***Education background***. Students, graduate students, secondary general education and specialized education. Studying programs of the participants must be history, geography, history and theory of culture, ethnology, etc. Public leaders in geography and related sciences are also welcome. Other specialists are welcome in case they have an evidently strong motivation (such as a professional interest in history, archeology, geography, experience of participation in similar expeditions).

7.3. ***Health***. No health-related restrictions to participate in the Expedition (to be specified in the medical certificate).

7.4. ***Motivation***. Strong interest in the Expedition subject, reasoned motivation to participate in the Expedition (is to be given in the application form).

7.5. ***The Competition to take part in the ‘Acra - the antique city of Bosporus’ Expedition is open to participants who have skills in underwater works. Diving certificate, insurance and special equipment (a diving suit, scuba mask, lasts and snorkel) are necessary.***

7.6. ***Personal qualities and skills are the following:***

7.6.1. The participants must be able to work in a team following rules and safety requirements.

7.6.2. The participants must be ready to live and work in the field conditions and have their own diving equipment for the Expedition.

7.6.3. The participants must adhere to:

− the Expedition diet;

− the prohibition for the use any alcoholic, narcotic and toxic substances during the Expedition.

7.7. ***Required documents***. Applicants must submit the following documents on the website of the Youth Club of the Russian Geographical Society (<http://mk.rgo.ru>):

7.7.1. An application form.

7.7.2. **Diving certificate and insurance copies**.

7.7.3. ***In addition***. Language certificates and documents confirming experience in archaeological expeditions may also be submitted.

7.7.4. A letter of recommendation (reference) by regional office of the Russian geographical society. The letter must be signed by the Head of the regional office of the Russian Geographical Society (in case the participant is a member of the Society or involved in its projects).

7.8. ***Documents to confirm participation in the Expedition (for the Competition winners)*** must be submitted to the Committee by e-mail expedition@rgo.ru (participant’s first name and last name must be indicated in the letter’s subject). ***The following documents must be scanned***:

7.8.1. A photograph (800\*600).

7.8.2. Passport copy (all active pages).

7.8.3. Place of study (work) reference (signed and stamped) or student card (if there are any).

7.8.4. Medical certificates confirming the absence of chronic diseases and health-related restrictions to participate in the Expedition and life in field conditions.

7.8.5. Medical insurance certificate active at the territory of the Russian Federation.

7.9. ***Visa***: all the documents required for Russian visa, air tickets and registration on the territory of the Russian Federation. The Society provides visa support.

7.10. The Society offers no explanations as to the decision of the Committee and the Competition results.

7.11. The Expedition leaders reserve the right to dismiss the participants during the Expedition in case they violate safety requirements and rules of stay specified in Section 7.6.3 of the present Regulations.

7.12. The Committee reserves the right not to take into consideration applications without documents specified in paragraphs 7.7. –7.8. of the present Regulations.