

WRITING CONTEST



Olympic Truce

Write a children's short story / novelette in English and enter the International Olympic Truce Centre's writing contest.

It is open to all residents in the countries of S.E. Europe and the Mediterranean.

Subject: The Olympic Truce

First Prize: 1,500 Euro

Second Prize: 1,000 Euro

Third Prize: 500 Euro

Submission deadline: 15th October 2007

The subject of the contest is "The Olympic Truce and the principles and ideals promoted through it" – a subject that allows the participants to give free rein to their imagination and to interpret, develop and modify it to fit their personal writing style, bearing in mind that the story is addressed to children and adolescents.

Each story should not exceed 5,000 words and it will be judged according to its literary merit, the originality and creativity of its plot and its overall writing quality. The three best entries will receive prizes – 1,500 Euro the winner, 1,000 Euro the first runner-up, and 500 Euro the second runner-up. The winners will receive their prizes at a special ceremony in Athens. The five best stories will be published in an illustrated volume, with the aim to be distributed to the pupils of the Greek schools. This volume will also be presented at the Greek House in Beijing during the 2008 Olympic Games as one of the projects of the International Olympic Truce Centre.

Participants in the contest should submit one entry each and should be residents in one of the following countries:

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, F.Y.R.O.M., Greece, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Palestine, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.

Entries should be written in English and should not exceed 5,000 words.

Entries should be submitted in electronic format, accompanied by a printout of the story. The covering letter should include the author's full name, age, address, telephone number and e-mail address, should contain the phrase,

"The work under the title is entirely my creation in which I hold all rights and I herewith agree to transfer all these rights (including intellectual property rights) to the International Olympic Truce Centre, which is hereby entitled to reproduce the abovementioned work in any form, printed, electronic or other."

and should be signed by the author.

Entries should be mailed to: **PO BOX 75024 Kallithea, Athens, Greece**

The envelope should bear the inscription: **"Short story on the Olympic Truce"**.

Entries should be postmarked not later than **October 15, 2007**.