

Regulation on holding of a competition for medals for the best scientific works of the year by the V.A. Musin Center

The competition for medals for the best scientific works of the year (hereinafter referred to as the "competition") is held among postgraduate students and specialists of the fuel and energy complex by Autonomous Non-Commercial Organization V.A. Musin Research Center for the Development of Energy Law and Modern Legal Science (the "V.A. Musin Center").

The competition is organized by popular demand of postgraduate students and specialists of the fuel and energy complex who are 35 years old and older. The V.A. Musin Center welcomes good initiatives of postgraduate students and specialists of the fuel and energy complex. Young specialists can try their hand at the all-Russian competition of scientific publications of young specialists of the fuel and energy complex and young scientists.

The regulation on this competition sets forth that postgraduate students and specialists of the fuel and energy complex who are citizens of the Russian Federation and friendly states, 35 years old and older can take part in the competition.

Goal of the competition: search for and support of talented Russian and foreign postgraduate students, specialists of the fuel and energy complex, attraction of legal experts to the search for solution of relevant problems of legal support in the energy sphere, strengthening of ties between science, state and business for development of legal regulation in various energy branches taking into account current and strategic tasks.

Competition format: remote.

Priority publication topics:

1. Legal regulation of national, foreign, international energy markets;
2. Legal support of security of international infrastructural projects;
3. International energy dispute resolution procedure;

4. Legal support of corporate governance in energy companies with foreign investments;
5. Legal support of digitalization of corporate governance in energy companies including companies with foreign investments;
6. Legal support of production of energy resources;
7. Legal regulation of implementation of climate projects;
8. Contractual regulation in various energy sectors;
9. Legal support of protection of rights of energy market participants;
10. Legal support of state control (supervision) in the energy sphere;
11. Liability for violation of requirements of energy laws;
12. Insurance of facilities of the fuel and energy complex;
13. Insurance of liability of companies of the fuel and energy complex;
14. Modern insurance law.

Participants can also submit papers on other topics upon observance of requirements for publications.

Requirements for participants: postgraduate students and specialists of the fuel and energy complex who are citizens of the Russian Federation and friendly states, 36 years old and older can take part in the competition.

Level of education for specialists of the fuel and energy complex: master, specialist diploma.

For postgraduate students: document that confirms studies under a postgraduate program.

To take part in the competition: one has to fill out a questionnaire on the website <https://musinlc.ru/>

Requirements for layout of papers: a competition article has to be laid out in accordance with the rules set forth in the Energy Law Forum, Bulletin of the V.A. Musin Law Center journals published on the website <https://musinlc.ru/>

Criteria of assessment of competition publications:

1. Compliance with volume requirements.
2. Compliance with layout requirements.
3. Compliance with requirements for the share of original information.
4. Relevance of the manuscript submitted for publication.
5. Identified gaps, discrepancies of the topic under consideration, analysis of the exploration degree.
6. Proposals, conclusions of the participant on the topic under consideration, level of their scientific novelty and practical relevance.

Selection criteria are assessed in points: from 1 to 5.

If a submitted publication fails to comply with the requirements for papers, the paper is returned for follow-on revision, which is not an obstacle against re-submission of the paper.

The content of assessment sheets filled out by members of the competition committee is not disclosed.

If there is potential for review of an article for further publication, written recommendations are sent to the competition participant.

The competition committee is made up of representatives of the scientific community, energy companies, public organizations, state authorities, members of the Commission on Energy Law and Development of Laws in the Fuel and Energy Complex of the Association of Lawyers of Russia. The competition committee may be enlarged upon the suggestion of members of the competition committee.

The relevant composition of the competition committee is published on the website: <https://musinlc.ru/>

The competition has one stage and is held throughout one calendar year.

Terms for holding the competition and summing up the results in 2025:

Submission of papers: **from March 3 to November 1, 2025.**

The results are summed up by **November 30, 2025**.

Results of participation in the competition:

1. All competition participants receive Certificates of Participation.
2. A commemorative diploma and a commemorative medal of the V.A. Musin Center are awarded to the participant whose paper offers recommendations and proposals for development of legal regulation that deserve support for introduction into existing national and international legal regulation on the research topic, or for preparation of reviews of the pre-trial and judicial dispute resolution practice. The number of points has to be 30.
3. The competition commission reserves the right to grant a special award called Special Award for the Scientific Publication of the Year to the participant whose paper offers recommendations and proposals that deserve support for introduction into existing national and/or international legal regulation, or for preparation of reviews of the pre-trial and judicial dispute resolution practice after minor updates, specification of wordings. The number of points has to be at least 24. Every competition participant receives a commemorative diploma.
4. Competition winners that receive a commemorative medal get an opportunity to have their interview published in the Energy Law Forum journal (<https://mlcjournal.ru/>) or the Bulletin of the V.A. Musin Law Center journal (<https://mlcherald.ru/>).
5. Competition papers recommended for publication will be published in the Energy Law Forum journal (<https://mlcjournal.ru/>) or the Bulletin of the V.A. Musin Law Center journal (<https://mlcherald.ru/>).
6. All competition participants who receive 18 points and more get an opportunity to present their works at scientific and practical events of the V.A. Musin Center.
7. All competition participants who receive 18 points and more get gift vouchers for an online training course under the Modern Energy Law additional professional program of advanced training, where a standard certificate is issued (<https://musinlc.ru/sveden/progr-dpo/>).

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Any amendments introduced into this Regulation from time to time are published on the website: <https://musinlc.ru> and enter into effect from the date of publication.

A participant who continues to take part in the competition expresses consent with the amendments introduced in the Regulation.