



XXIV SETTIMANA DELLA LINGUA ITALIANA NEL MONDO

L'ITALIANO E IL LIBRO: IL MONDO TRA LE RIGHE

Introduction

“La settimana della lingua italiana nel mondo” (SLIM), scheduled for the week of October 14-20, 2024, will have as its title: “L’Italiano e il libro: il mondo tra le righe.” This contest proposal draws inspiration from the theme chosen for the SLIM, aiming to explore the contemporary connection between language and literature, while emphasizing the role of the book as a medium of Italian cultural heritage, values and identity.

Eligibility

The contest is open to all students within the Consular jurisdiction (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont) who are attending Italian classes. It is divided into four categories:

- Primary school (K-5)
- Middle school (grade 6-8)
- High school (grade 9-12)
- College or University

Contest

Participants (individually or in class/groups) will select a contemporary Italian literary text from the works of one of the following authors:

- BIANCA PITZORNO
- ROBERTO PIUMINI
- GIANNI RODARI
- FABIO GEDA

- ENRICO GALIANO
- ELISA CASTIGLIONI
- GIACOMO MAZZARIOL
- JUMPA LAHIRI
- MARCO MALVALDI
- ICIABA SCEGO
- PAOLO GIORDANO
- ALDA MERINI
- DARIO FO
- DACIA MARAINI

The chosen text could be a short story, one or more chapters of a novel, a poem or collection of poems or a play.

Contest for Elementary and Middle School (K-8)

In small groups or individually, create an original work that interprets, summarizes or reworks the chosen text. The students' works can be in different formats, such as drawings, comic strips, letters and artifacts (in this case accompanied by a selection of at least three keywords in Italian or by a commentary in Italian), etc.

Contest for High School and College/University

In small groups or individually, develop an original and creative transposition/adaptation inspired by the selected work, reciting it aloud or acting it out. Various options are possible: expressive reading, one narrator reading while others play the described scene, dialogue parts in which different interlocutors alternate, a theatrical performance, etc. The performance should be video-recorded for a minimum time of 2 minutes to 5 minutes maximum.

For the video production, please observe the following technical guidelines:

- Horizontal orientation, 1920x1080 resolution

Deadline and submission

Works must be sent to the Italian Consulate by **November 1st, 2024**.

Contestants should send their work to the email address ufficioscuole.boston@esteri.it, following the instructions below:

Subject: "CONCORSO SLIM 2024"

Attachment: name your file as shown below:

for SCHOOLS (K-12):

“Lastname/s_School_Grade_Linguistic Level
(Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced)_Title of the chosen text”

for UNIVERSITIES:

“Lastname/s_University_Year of course_Linguistic Level
(Beginning/Intermediate/Advanced)_Title of the chosen text”

Example:

Marroncelli_MedfordHigh_Gr10_La grammatica della fantasia

The [modulo di partecipazione](#) and, in case of underage pupils, the [modulo di liberatoria SLIM XXIV](#) should also be attached in the forwarding email.

The work must be authentic and exclusively the result of the students' imagination and language skills.

We assume that all work submitted by the students has been generated by the students themselves, working individually or in groups. Students must not entrust another person/entity to write any part of the work in Italian, which includes the use of artificial intelligence tools. Online dictionaries are admitted.

N.B. Any violation will result in disqualifications from the contest.

Evaluation criteria for Elementary and Middle School (K-8):

Works will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- originality of the submission
- linguistic competence
- communicative/expressive skills.

Evaluation criteria for High School and Universities:

The judging committee will select the winning performances based on the following criteria:

- comprehensibility of oral expression
- vocal expression
- originality in the adaptation and transposition of the literary text
- linguistic competence

Prizes

Winners will be awarded a book voucher worth 100,00 USD to be spent at “I AM Books” bookstore in Boston.

Waiver

Entries submitted to the contest will remain at the disposal of the Education Office of the Consulate General of Italy. Participants, by participating in the initiative with their proposed

entries, assign to the Education Office all exclusive rights and grant full, exclusive, irrevocable license to use said entries. The entries may be published, as well as used for the creation of exhibitions and other types of initiatives.

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