STATUTE

On International Ecology Prize **«EcoWorld»**

1. International Ecology Prize **«EcoWorld»**

**The International** Environmental Prize "EcoWorld" (hereinafter called the Prize) is a public award for outstanding achievements in the protection of the environment and ensuring environmental safety. It is also an award for achievements in other environmental activities, which have sustainable development in the 21stcentury as a top priority.

The Prize is aiming to contribute to: the development of environmental policy, the improvement of the environmental education and ecological culture of the population, the development of environmental science, the extensive use of environmentally friendly technologies, the improvement of public health and preservation of biodiversity.

1. The purpose and objectives of the Prize

The main purpose is to form public consciousness and to help people understand their role in preserving life on Earth.

Objectives: to unite and activate all classes of society in order to solve environmental problems; the development of civil society institutions, which are aimed to preserve natural environment as akey factor of sustainable development.

1. Nominations of the Prize

The International EcologyPrize "EcoWorld" is awarded in 6 nominations.

* 1. ***Environmental policy and the environment***

The development of draft legal and regulatory documents at the state and regional levels that determine the main provisions of environmental policy, the development and implementation of environmental programs, the organization of comprehensive monitoring of the state of the environment, and compliance with environmental measures.

* 1. ***Environmental Awareness, Education and Culture***

Creation of textbooks, study guides, pieces of art (in the field of literature, painting, architecture, music, cinema, theater), as well as the implementation of projects, programs and initiatives, which are supposed to increase the level of environmental education and ecological culture of the population.

* 1. ***Ecological development, resource-saving and zero waste technologies***

Implementation of environmental development projects, which have aim to preserve the environment. Creation of resource-saving and zero waste technologies, providing rational nature management and reduction or lack of negative impact on the environment.

* 1. ***Environmentally safe goods and food***

Creation of goods, that do not pollute the environment, and food products, that are safe for human health.

* 1. ***Ecology and human health***

Implementation of projects, programs and actions, which are aimed to a practical solution of the quality of the environment improvement(air, soil, water, drinking water, food) and the health of the populationimprovement.

* 1. ***Conservation of biodiversity and landscapes***

Implementation of projects, programs and actions aimed at the practical conservation and restoration of landscapes and biodiversity (conservation and restoration of rare biological species in aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems).

1. The proceedings of the contest

Applicants for the Prize might be the following: Russian and foreign enterprises and organizations, authors' collectives, representatives of government bodies, public figures and persons directly initiating and implementing projects, programs and initiatives aimed to preserve the environment and ensure environmental safety.

Selection of contest participants is carried out on the basis of submitted applications, and documents confirming the implementation of submitted projects, programs, initiatives.

The terms and conditions of the Prize contest are determined by the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences in conjunction with the Supervisory Board and are published in the media, as well as sent to interested Russian and foreign organizations and enterprises.

Applications for participation in the contest are submitted by enterprise collaborations, organizations and their subdivisions, sectors, laboratories, faculties, departments and other candidates (individuals, authorities and other interested persons) to the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences.

Applications for participation in the contest are compiled according to the approved form (Appendix 1), and should contain information about the applicant and specific achievements (implemented programs, projects, initiatives). The application should be accompanied by supporting documents.

The contest is held in two stages:

- at the first stage, the Prize Jury selects from received applications actually verified information on the compliance of the applicant's activities with the goals and objectives of the Award and forms a list of nominees for consideration and approval by the Jury.

- at the second stage laureates are determined for each nomination, according to the results of Jury voting by qualified majority (not less than 2/3 of the Jury).

1. Awards

All applicants who passed the first stage of the competition, the nominees of the Prize, are awarded with the Diploma of the International Environmental Award.

Prize winners in each nomination are awarded with the Diploma of the Prize laureate and the honorary silver medal of the Prize.

Upon agreement with the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the founders of the Prize provide an opportunity for individuals and legal entities to award participants with special prizes.

1. Award Ceremony

The award is presented in a triumphant atmosphere, in one of the largest cities of the Russian Federation or countries of the contest participants by leading public, scientific and political figures. Top officials of the state or sub-federal region of the Federation, famous scientists, public, political and religious figures of Russia and countries of the contest participants are invited to the ceremony.

1. Founder of the Prize

The founder of the Prize is the **public organization "Russian Academy of Natural Sciences"**. The Russian Academy of Natural Sciences (RANS) is an all-Russian public creative scientific organization that unites scientists of all fields - natural science specialists, creators of high technology and humanitarian scientists, driven by a common desire to promote the self-expression of the creative personality, the development of education, the expansion of fundamental and applied scientific research, the development of mutually beneficial international cooperation.

1. Bodies of the Prize
* **Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences**

The Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences is the highest governing body of the Award, which is formed from the members of the Academy: the President of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, the First Vice-President-Chief Scientific Secretary, Vice-Presidents, Section Heads, Departments, and members of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. The Presidium of the RANS is convened as necessary, but at least once a quarter.

* **Supervisory Board**

To increase the prestige and status of the International Ecology Prize "EcoWorld" among outstanding scientists and public figures, which are widely known in Russia and oversees, sharing and supporting the goals and objectives of the Prize, the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences forms a trustee body - the Supervisory Board of the Prize.

* **Organizing Committee**

To improve the quality of the events held within the framework of the Award, to improve interaction between government bodies and institutions, other organizations, and to increase public awareness of the “EcoWorld” International Ecology Prize, the RANS Presidium forms a public body - the Organizing Committee.

* **The Jury**

To host the Prize contest, by the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences an independent collegiate body is formed - the Prize Jury.The Prize Jury is appointed annually by the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences,and is represented by highly qualified and authoritative scientists, public figures and specialists in the field of environmental safety and sustainable development.

1. Final Statute

After the completion of the Prize contest proceduresfor the current year, a joint meeting of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and the Prize authorities is held. During the meeting the results of the Prize activities of the last year,as well as the next year's plansare discussed and considered.

    When discussing the results of the past year’s Prize:

- reports of all bodies of the Prize are presented;

- suggestions on improvementof the activities of the Prize bodies are discussed;

- comments on the nominations of the Prize and the criteria of the competition are discussed;

- the execution of activities carried out within the framework of the Prize are approved.

When considering the plans of the Prize for the following year:

- the suggestions of the Prize Organizing Committee for the program of events for the next year are presented;

- ideas for changing and supplementing the program of activities are discussed;

- suggestions on changing the composition of nominations and awards of the Prize are discussed;

- the criteria for the next competitive selection are discussed;

- the plan and costof the next year's Prize are approved.

**Appendix 1**

**Information forI nternational Ecology Prize «EcoWorld 2017» applicants**

*The applications for the* **2017EcoWorld Prize** *should be submitted via the electronic form at* ***www.raen.info*** *web-site. Please collect all the required material and have it at hand before You begin the submission process. The application for the* **2017EcoWorld Prize** *should include the following details:*

***Applicant details:***

***For legal entities:***

1. Full name of the organization

2. Organizational and legal form

3. Abbreviated name of the organization

4. International name of the organization

5. The head of the organization (Last name, first name, patronymic (if any), position)

6.The territory of the organization’s activity

7. The superior body

8. The legal address of the organization (ZIP code, region, locality, street, house, etc.)

9. Mailing address of the organization (ZIP code, region, locality, street, house, etc.)

10. Telephone and fax number (including the city / region code)

11. E-mail address

12. Electronic information resources of the organization (web-site URL and brief description)

13. The details from the organization's charter (main activities, goals and objectives of the organization)

14. Information on the organization's previous activities in the field of ecology (should be briefly covered in the application, and in more detail - in the annexes)

15. Additional information about the organization

***For individuals:***

1. The applicant’s Last name, first name, patronymic (if any), brief information.

2. The applicant’s mailing address (ZIP code, region, locality, street, house, etc.).

3. Telephone and fax number (including the city / region code).

4. E-mail address.

5. Electronic information resources (web-site URL and brief description)

6. Information on the applicant's previous activities in the field of ecology (must be briefly covered in the application, and in more detail - in the annexes).

7. Additional information about the applicant (should be briefly covered in the application, and in more detail - in the annexes).

***Description of the program/project/event***

1. Nomination (applicant’s opinion).
2. Name of the program/project/ initiative (specify, whether it’s a program, project or initiative).
3. The head of the program / project / /initiative (Last name, first name, patronymic (if any), brief information).
4. The list of executors of the program / project / /initiative(Last Name First Name, brief information).
5. The goal of the program / project / /initiative.
6. The tasks of the program / project / /initiative.
7. The subject of the program / project / /initiative.
8. Methods of the implementation of the program / project / /initiative(should be briefly covered in the application, and in more detail - in the annexes).
9. The results obtained (should be briefly covered in the application, and in more detail - in the annexes).
10. Publishedmaterials (the list of thebooks, albums, manuals and other material, included in the list of results and declared in any of the nominations for the Prize).
11. Timing (schedule).
12. Total cost of the program / project / initiative.
13. Funding sources.
14. Electronic information resources relevant to the program / project / initiative.
15. Additional information about the program / project / initiative (a detailed list of supplementary material,both electronic and hardcopy: - photos and videos, logos, publications in the media, etc).

***Contact details:***

1. Last name, first name,patronymic (if any) and position of contact person.
2. The mailing address (ZIP code, region, locality, street, house, etc.).
3. Telephone and fax number (including the city / region code).
4. E-mail address.