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REGULATIONS OF THE COMPETITION FOR A BOOKPLATE OF
THE SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY OF THE PAAS AND THE PAS IN CRACOW

I. Introduction

1. *The Competition for a Bookplate of the Scientific Library of the PAAS and the PAS in Cracow* (hereinafter: the Competition) is held by the Scientific Library of the PAAS and the PAS in Cracow (hereinafter: The Library or the Organiser).
2. The subject matter of the Competition is a graphic (hereinafter also referred to as: “competition work”).
3. The Competition is aimed at all the interested persons who produce graphics, both artists and amateur graphic designers.
4. Objectives of the Competition:
 - a) celebration of the 170th anniversary of the establishment of the Library,
 - b) promotion of the Library collections and activity,
 - c) promotion of the art and culture of bookplate,
 - d) promotion of the authors of bookplates,
 - e) supplying the Library collection of bookplates which consists of more than 14,000 loose graphics with modern signs,
 - f) organisation of a post-event exhibition,
 - g) issuing a post-event publication.

II. Competition Rules

1. Only persons over 18 years of age having full capacity to perform legal acts may participate in the Competition.
2. Competition works – guidelines:
 - a) inscription *ex libris*, *ekslibris*, *ex biblioteka*, *księgozbiór*, *z księgozbioru* etc. and the name of the Library (e.g. Biblioteka Naukowa PAU i PAN, Bibl. Nauk. PAU i PAN),



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- b) reference to the Library history and collections (see: website, publications on the institution),
 - c) use of traditional techniques, digital works and works created using Artificial Intelligence will not be accepted,
 - d) dimensions (of paper and print) should not exceed A5 size (148 x 210 mm),
 - E) one participant is allowed to submit maximum of 3 different works produced no earlier than in the year of the anniversary (2026),
 - f) each work should be submitted in two copies together with the application form (appendix 1),
 - g) work description:
 - recto: copy number, author's signature, other marks added by the author (optionally),
 - verso: name and surname, dimensions of the copy, technique, year of production.
3. Submission of the Competition Application Form indicates acceptance of the Information Clause of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences (LINK).

III. Submission

Completed Application Form (download here: LINK) shall be submitted together with works within a deadline set in article IV point 2 to the following address:

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Works submitted after the deadline set in article IV point 2 or works failing to meet the conditions set in article II shall be rejected.

IV. Calendar

1. July 2026 - call for proposals.
2. 15 October 2026 - end of submission.
3. 20-22 October 2026 - Jury session (the Jury may define different time of the session).
4. To 27 October 2026 - announcement of the results (the Library website, social media, e-mail notification of the authors).



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V. Jury session

1. Jury session will be held in the Scientific Library of the PAAS and the PAS in Cracow at Sławkowska 17.
2. The Jury shall be appointed by the Library Director.
3. Evaluation criteria:
 - a) Technical aspects - dimensions, technique, compliance with the competition subject,
 - b) Aesthetic aspects - appropriate choice of lettering, symbols, composition, uniqueness.
4. Awards and distinctions shall be decided by the Jury by a majority of votes.
5. Decisions of the Competition Jury are final and no subject to appeal.
6. The report of a session shall be published on the day of the announcement of the Competition results on the organiser's website and in social media.

VI. Awards

The Organiser shall provide the following main awards:

First prize – 3000 PLN or c. 700 €¹,

Second prize – 2000 PLN or c. 460 €²,

Third prize – 1000 PLN or c. 234 €³.

The Jury may decide not to award any of the prizes as well as to award special prizes.

Additionally, works will be presented during a special exhibition and (selected ones) in a post-event catalogue. Each of the participants shall receive a special participation diploma.

VII. Copyrights

1. Submission of the Application Form is equal to declaring that the author owns full, unlimited copyright to the submitted works.
2. Submitted works cannot in any way infringe law or their content be illegal or disrespectful to the generally accepted good manners.
3. Works submitted to the Competition will not be returned to the author and at the moment of their submission they shall become the property of the Library and will be included

¹ Depending on the currency rate on the day of announcement of the Competition results.

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in the collection of bookplates, thus a participant gratuitously transfers the copyrights to the Organiser allowing them to free of charge use of the works within the scope of the Organiser's activity and in accordance with art. 50 of the Act on Copyrights and Related Rights (OJ 2022, item 2509 as amended):

- a) Regarding recording and reproduction of a work – producing copies of a work using defined technique including printing, reprography, magnetic recording and digital technique;
 - b) Regarding trading the original work or its copies – introduction on the market, lending or leasing the original work or its copies;
 - c) Regarding distribution of a work differently than specified under point 2 – public performance, presentation, display, reproduction, broadcasting and re-emission as well as making a work publicly available in such a way that everyone can access it in chosen time and place.
4. Simultaneously, the Author retains the right to use and reproduce their works as part of their artistic achievement.

In case of any questions regarding the Competition, please contact us via the following e-mail address: biblioteka@pau.krakow.pl.

Bibliography of works on the Library (selection)

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