FIT Prize for Translation of Russian Literature

Celebrate Year of Literature

The toughest hurdle for a budding literary translator is visibility. The same holds true for writers.

In celebration of the 2015 Year of Literature in Russia, FIT presents the 2015 FIT Translation of Russian Literature Competition and Prize to help young translators jump this hurdle.

In collaboration with FIT member and associate members in Russia

1. Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU)
2. Union of Translators of Russia (UTR)
3. Moscow State Linguistic University

FIT President Dr Henry Liu launched the Competition at a ceremony in the M.I.Rudomino All-Russia State Library for Foreign Literature on 29 May.

10 works of different genres from contemporary Russian authors not previously translated and therefore unknown to non-Russian speaking readership are to be selected by a 5-member jury composed of local and international experts of Russian literature.

Selected passages of up to 5000 words will be posted on dedicated website and made available to contestants and rights will be secured for the extracts.

Contestants must be members or student members of a FIT member organisation or those studying at FIT associate member institutions.

Translation of the extracts can be into any official language.
The translated extracts are to be posted on a dedicated blog with a short description of issues faced by the contestant (no more than 1000 words).

All translations will be assessed by a 5-member jury panel nominated by competition partners. In the case where the languages involved are beyond the scope of the jury, the jury must consult external advisor(s).

Online voting by the general public will be opened.

Winners will be selected based on a 50-50 combined score from the professional jury and online public voting.

A ceremony will be held in Russia in December 2015 announcing the winners.

Key dates:

15 July  
Announcement of the 10 original Russian contemporary works of literature and the selected extracts

15 July  
Announcement of the Members of the Jury

1 August  
Posting of translation & online voting begins

31 October  
Closing date

December  
Announcement of winner and presentation of FIT Prize for Translation of Russian Literature

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