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## UIA 31<sup>st</sup> World Forum of Mediation Centre “UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize” - RULES -

These Rules lay down the terms and conditions for participating to the **UIA World Forum of Mediation Centre contest** and be awarded the “**UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize**”.

### Article 1: Creation and Purpose of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize

The idea of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize emerged beginning 2020, when the then president of UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres was preparing the 28<sup>th</sup> UIA MEDIATION FORUM for September 2020 which should have taken place in Australia, Sydney, and was suspended because of the unexpected Covid-19 crisis. The Rules had been written but the contest was postponed until after the 30<sup>th</sup> birthday of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres.

The creation and organization of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize by the Presidency of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres (UIA MEDIATION FORUM) is directly related to the purpose of the UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres consisting in **raising awareness of the utility of mediation in any field not only amongst current users but also amongst young generation and students**, offering them the possibility to meet with professionals working in mediation, giving the opportunity to enhance practice, gathering different generations in the UIA MEDIATION FORUM.

The UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize is awarded to a student under 30 years of age in recognition of the **best report** presented and related to the attended UIA World Forum of Mediation Centres, on the basis of the quality of the personal report's content.

### Article 2: Procedure for awarding the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize

- 2-1. The UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize is awarded to a student under 30 years of age, who has submitted, within the deadline (*cf. infra*, article 5-4 of the Rules), in conformity with the Rules and notably the writing requirements (*cf. infra*, article 5-3 of the Rules), a written report to the UIA, following a jury deliberation.
- 2-2. The members of the jury are not allowed to personally participate in this UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize.
- 2-3. The award presentation ceremony takes place during the very next UIA MEDIATION FORUM held after the one for which the winner has presented the report.

- 2-4. (i) If the jury is of the opinion that the quality of reports submitted for a given FORUM does not merit a prize, the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize will not be awarded for that FORUM.
- (ii) On the contrary, if the jury is of the opinion that the quality of reports submitted for a given FORUM does merit more than one winner prize, the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize may be awarded to more than one winner, being indicated that, in this case, there will be not more than a 1<sup>st</sup>, a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a third place, as the case may be, in that order, with different prices awarded to each winner.
- 2-5. Any further reports submitted by a winner of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize will not be taken into account unless it is reported after following at least 2 successive UIA MEDIATION FORUM.
- 2-6. The report to be submitted by the participant shall not be just a summary of the attended UIA MEDIATION FORUM's sessions, but rather shall include personal thoughts and observations about mediation and development of alternative dispute relations.

In order to be authorized to deposit a report, the participant must have attended the whole related UIA MEDIATION FORUM and must have paid the reduced related student registration fee.

The theme of the report to be written shall be revealed at the beginning of the MEDIATION FORUM by the presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM. There may be more than 1 theme. In case of various proposed themes, participant shall have the choice to develop one or another theme. Only 1 report by participant is allowed. Only 1 theme must be selected by the participant.

### Article 3: Jury

- 3-1. The presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM will personally contact the jury members and propose them to accept this position. The jury members are occupying this function for one MEDIATION FORUM, and may be proposed the same function for any further MEDIATION FORUM.
- 3-2. The jury is formed by 4 to 8 members. The president of the jury is a member of the jury, and is the president/one of the co-presidents of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM.
- 3-3. The jury members will be representing the UIA's cultural diversity and will be active in the mediation field.
- 3-4. Members of the jury are not paid for their review work. This function is entirely voluntary. Jury members participating to the UIA MEDIATION FORUM must also pay the registration fee related to the UIA MEDIATION FORUM, just like all other participants.
- 3-5. The identity of the jury members is revealed at the end or during the related UIA MEDIATION FORUM by the Presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM.
- 3-6. When reviewing and reading the reports, members of the jury do not know the identity of the author. The corrected report is identified by its Personal Title (*cf. infra*, article 5-3 of the Rules). Only the Presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM knows the identity of the authors during correction and review of the reports.

#### Article 4: Review of reports by the jury and deliberation

- 4-1. The jury members will read, study and quote the reports, based upon identical criteria: respect of the Rules, form and quality, rationality and imagination of the author.
- 4-2. After reviewing the reports, the jury's decision will be taken on a majority vote of its members. The jury will deliberate in the adequate manner, by on-line conference or in writing. Their discussions during deliberation will remain totally secret. In case of equal votes, the vote of the president of the jury prevails.

Secrecy of the deliberation cannot and is not considered as being violated by comments of jury members inserted in the accompanying Introduction text referred to in articles 6-2 and 6-5 of the Rules.

- 4-3. The winner(s) will be personally informed in writing, by UIA, once the jury has deliberated, about 4 (four) months before the next UIA MEDIATION FORUM takes place. The winner must accept to participate to the very next UIA MEDIATION FORUM (with a free registration, cf. infra, article 6-1 of the Rules) in order to be awarded his/her prize. Otherwise, and unless force majeure or decision to the contrary adopted by the jury, the prize shall be awarded to a 2<sup>nd</sup> winner.

#### Article 5: Report contents and submission

- 5-1. The reports must be submitted in the respect of the specific given deadline, after which the reports will no longer be accepted for the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize.
- 5-2. Each entrant will send the report written in one of the working languages of the UIA (**French, English or Spanish**).

If English, Spanish or French is not the native language of the author, this must be indicated by the author, and before submitting the article for publication he/she must commit to have it revised by a person whose native language is English, Spanish or French. The name/surname and profession of the reviewer must be clearly indicated. This reviewer cannot be a co-author of the report and will not be considered so.

The report must:

- respect the format described in article 5-3 of the Rules below.
  - be accompanied with a **picture** of the participant, confirmation of name/surname, current full postal address and email, date and place (town and country) of birth, justification of being a student.
  - be accompanied with a separate letter inserting only **two short handwriting sentences** summarizing, in one of the working languages of the UIA (**French, English or Spanish**), the reason(s) why the participant has decided to attend the UIA MEDIATION FORUM and to participate in the UIA contest organized by the Rules. This separate letter, dated and signed by the author, will be scanned and sent with the report by email, as indicated in article 5-4 of the Rules, below.
  - Indicate which is the **native language** of the author.
- 5-3. Writing requirements of the report:
- Format/Font/size of the characters: Calibri 12

- Size of the articles 15,000 – 20,000 characters (spaces and punctuation included)
  - Endnotes Maximum 20 endnotes (not counted in the characters)
  - Title: Each report must have a personal title of not more than 10 words (the “**Personal Title**”), connected to proposed UIA theme.
  - Space between the lines: single
  - Indentation: do not indent paragraphs
  - Illustrations: not allowed, except if the illustration is personal with guarantee by the author of no copyright infringements (in this case, only one illustration)
- 5-4. Reports and documents/information indicated in articles 5-1 to 5-3 of the Rules above must reach the UIA by e-mail at [uiacentre@uianet.org](mailto:uiacentre@uianet.org), no later than 1 month (date to date) following the related MEDIATION FORUM.
- For the counting of the month:
- each day is counted (Saturday and Sunday and any public holiday).
  - the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 1-month period is the Monday following the last day of the concerned MEDIATION FORUM (*e.g. if the UIA MEDIATION FORUM ends on a Friday 4 September, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 1-month period is Monday 7 September, the last day to submit the report is 7 October, midnight Paris time*)
- 5-5. The UIA will acknowledge receipt of the applications by e-mail.
- 5-6. The report cannot be co-authored. The report must have been written by its entrant author who, by signing the report, confirms that he/she is the author.

#### Article 6: UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize

- 6-1. The UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize itself consists of:
- One (1) free registration for the winner at the very next UIA MEDIATION FORUM.
  - Free membership of the UIA for one calendar year following the award presentation ceremony and actual awarding of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize.
  - Publication of the report with an Introduction text, as referred to in articles 6-2 and 6-5 of the Rules.
- 6-2. By accepting the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize, the winner authorises the UIA to reproduce and disseminate the winning text for the sole purposes of the UIA, once or several times, on paper, electronically or by any other means, including the winner’s name and contact details, without any remuneration for the winner, together with an introduction text written and signed by the presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM and, as the case may, by any or all of the other members of the jury who would be willing to comment the report. (“**Introduction text**”)
- 6-3. The contents of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize will be awarded specifically to the winner and cannot be transferred to a third party.
- 6-4. In case of multiple prizes, in conformity with article 2-4 (ii) of the Rules, the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize referred to in article 6-1 above will still be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> winner. Other (or similar) prizes will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> winners.
- 6-5. By accepting the UIA MEDIATION FORUM Prize, any winner authorizes the President of the jury to organize, with the help of the other jury members, the publication of the winning report, without any remuneration for the winner, in one or more any related professional and/or University review or books with which any jury members may be connected with or may be

coordinate to. These publications shall be accompanied by an Introduction text signed and co-authored by the Presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM and any of the jury members willing to comment the report. Such a publication is not an obligation and will depend upon possibilities offered to the Presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM.

#### **Article 7: UIA general publication**

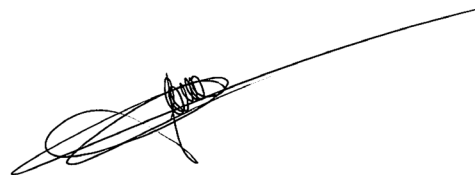
- 7-1. By participating to this competition organised by UIA MEDIATION FORUM, and even if not a winner, each participant authorizes UIA, without any remuneration, to publish a paper or an article, in whichever support UIA may consider sufficiently connected to the UIA MEDIATION FORUM, signed by the Presidency of the UIA MEDIATION FORUM, indicating name/surname of the participant, native country, together with his/her picture and reproduction of the two short handwriting sentences referred to in article 5-2 of the Rules, above.

The purpose of such general UIA publication is to annually comment the UIA MEDIATION FORUM contest and its development within the young generation of students, reminding not only the winner but also all the participants of each MEDIATION FORUM, and giving thanks to the jury members who have given their time for reviewing and quoting the reports.

The very 1<sup>st</sup> UIA MEDIATION FORUM organising the UIA MEDIATION FORUM contest is the 31<sup>st</sup> World Forum of Mediation Centres of June 2022 in Germany, Frankfurt.

#### **Article 8: Governing law – Dispute clause**

- 8-1. The relationship between the UIA and entrants is governed by French law, excluding any other law. Solely the Meaux tribunals shall have jurisdiction (and Paris Court of Appeal). In case of violation or indication of violation of the Rules, a mediation must first take place before any judicial procedure.



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