

**Rules of the international competition of the *Archives of Criminology* for outstanding
academic articles in the field of criminology**

§ 1

1. The organiser of the international competition for academic articles in the field of criminology (hereinafter referred to as: the Competition) is the Editorial Board of *The Archives of Criminology*, a journal published by the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, hereinafter referred to as the Organiser.
2. The competition is being held as part of the “Support for academic journals” programme financed by the Minister of Science and Higher Education.

§ 2

1. The goal of the Competition is to select the three best scholarly articles in the field of criminology.
2. The Organiser reserves the right not to award one of the prizes or to distribute them differently among the winners. Any change in this respect will be based on the Evaluation Committee’s recommendation.

§ 3

1. The Authors of articles submitted to the Competition must be young researchers from Central and Eastern European countries dealing with scientific research in the field of criminology or criminal policy.
2. The term “young researcher” denotes a person who is under 40 years of age, does not have a doctoral degree or who obtained it no earlier than in 2015. The Organiser may ask the author to provide evidence to confirm these facts.
3. For the purposes of this Competition the term “Central and Eastern European countries” includes authors who are affiliated with an academic institution based in one of the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, the Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia or Ukraine.

§ 4

Employees of the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences may not participate in the Competition.

§ 5

1. An article submitted for the Competition must be edited in accordance with the “Guidelines for Authors,” as specified by the Editorial Board of the *Archives of Criminology* and available at <http://ak.inp.pan.pl/index.php/ak/authors> and <http://ak.inp.pan.pl/index.php/ak/zapis>.
2. The submitted article must also comply with the “Editorial Ethics of the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences” (<http://ak.inp.pan.pl/index.php/ak/etyka>).
3. Any article which is incomplete or incompatible with the requirements for authors publishing in the *Archives of Criminology* will not be considered.

§ 6

1. All submitted articles must be in English.
2. Submitted papers may not exceed 6,500 words (including the references and the footnotes).
3. Articles for the Competition should be sent via the official form on this webpage: <http://ankietyinppan.pl/index.php/592888?lang=en>
4. The papers must be submitted no later than midnight on 31 January 2020.

§ 7

Only original articles which have not been published or submitted for publication in any publishing house may be submitted to the Competition. Submitted articles may not duplicate any previously published texts.

§ 8

1. Articles submitted for the Competition must be written by the author himself or herself.
2. Submissions of co-authored articles will not be accepted.

§ 9

1. Articles submitted to the Competition should demonstrate a high degree of research merit.
2. In evaluating submissions, the members of the Evaluation Committee will take into account the impact of the paper on the development of criminology, the methodology of the research conducted, the novelty of the research topic, the quality and clarity of the scientific argument and the demonstrated knowledge of the subject literature.

§ 10

1. The Organiser will appoint an international Evaluation Committee to assess the submissions, which will be chaired by Prof. Irena Rzeplińska, the editor-in-chief of the *Archives of Criminology*.
2. In the event of a conflict of interest, that member of the Evaluation Committee shall not participate in decisions regarding the article in question.
3. If a member of the Evaluation Committee was previously an academic advisor or supervisor or is/was a direct superior or a close associate of the author of a paper submitted to the Competition, this situation shall constitute a conflict of interest.

§ 11

1. Each submitted paper will be pre-evaluated by the Secretary of the Competition in terms of compliance with the requirements of the Competition. Non-compliant submissions will be rejected at this stage. Decisions in this regard will be made by the Secretary of the Competition in consultation with the Chair of the Evaluation Committee.
2. Each of the articles evaluated will be subject to review by at least two members of the Evaluation Committee.
3. The review procedure will be conducted in confidence.
4. The Evaluation Committee will be responsible for selecting the three best articles.

§ 12

1. The Organiser will award the authors of the best articles three cash prizes in the following gross¹ amounts: 1st prize – €1,100; 2nd prize – €700; and 3rd prize – €300.
2. The Evaluation Committee may additionally award distinctions to other submitted works which will not involve the award of monetary funds.

§ 13

1. The winning articles will be published in the *Archives of Criminology* with open access. Their authors will be required to sign a licence agreement (a free, non-exclusive licence) granting permission to publish their work in paper and electronic

¹ Pursuant to Art. 21 Para. 1 Point 68 of the Personal Income Tax Act (Journal of Laws 2018, Item 1509, as amended), cash prizes in amounts higher than 2,000 PLN are subject to taxation. The tax will be paid by the Competition Organiser and the reduced prize amount will be paid to the laureate; this taxation only applies to Polish tax residents.

form to the Editorial Board of the *Archives of Criminology* with sub-licencing rights for the editors.

2. The Editorial Board of the journal also reserves the first print rights of other articles submitted to the Competition after signing a licence agreement with the author.

§ 14

The results of the Competition will be published on the Organiser's website by 31 July 2020 at the latest.