



Indian Ocean Naval symposium

ESSAY COMPETITION 2019

PART ONE: GENERAL

1. The IONS Essay Competition is conducted annually.
2. for member and observer countries to IONS that do not have a formally constituted 'Navy':
 - a. The term 'Navy' means the principal agency responsible for maritime security.
 - b. The term 'Chief of Navy' means the head of the designated principal agency responsible for maritime security.
3. **Eligibility.** The competition is open to all uniformed and civilian members of IONS member and observer navies, regardless of rank/seniority.
4. **Conducting Authority.** The Conducting Authority for the 2019 competition will be the chairman of IONS, Rear Admiral Hossein Khanzadi, the commander of Islamic Republic of Iran Navy.

Guidelines and Rules

5. **Security Classification.** The content of each essay is to be UNCLASSIFIED.
6. **Pseudonym.**
 - a. In order to preclude any apprehension of bias, the competitor's name, rank and nationality are **not** to appear on their essay; instead a specific code of the author's choice is to be used.
 - b. The essay is **not** to contain any reference or indication of the author's name, rank or nationality.
 - c. **Only** the pseudonym is to appear on the top of the first page of the essay.
7. **Author's Certificate.** A signed Author's Certificate is to be submitted with each essay (proforma enclosed).
8. **Language.** Essays are to be submitted in **ENGLISH**.
9. **Format/Length.** Each essay is to be prepared on A4 or letter sized paper with a line spacing of 1.5, using Microsoft Word in Time New Roman Font; and is to be between 6000 - 7000 words.
10. **Acknowledgements and References.** Entrants are to ensure that full acknowledgement to source material is provided by way of footnotes and a comprehensive bibliography, using accepted layout and referencing systems, which cite the author, title, publisher, location, date and page of any book, article or other text from which the material is derived.

Judging of Entries

11. **Judging Authorities.** I.R.Iran Navy IONS secretariat (scientific committee) reserves absolute authority in regards to the judgment of this essay competition. An independent panel consisting of scholars and professionals will be formed to assess the papers.

12. **Judging Criteria.** Essays will be judged the following criteria:

Creativity 30%

Originality 30%

Logical Structuring 20%

Grammar & linguistics 20%

Penalties

13. **Plagiarism.** Detection of any level of plagiarism will cause for immediate disqualification from the competition and will be advised to the appropriate authority.

14. **Length.** A penalty of 10% will apply to essays not conforming to the specified lengths.

Prizes

15. The IONS Secretariat reserves the right not to award prizes if essays are assessed as not being to a suitable standard. Of the papers received on the basis of the four themes, three top essays will be selected by the Scientific Committee and their prizes will be granted as follows:

Frist prize	second prize	third prize
500\$	300\$	150\$

Copyright

16. Once submitted, essay copyright will automatically transfer to the Conducting Authority.

17. **Prize-winning Essays.** The copyright of all prize-winning essays will remain with the IONS Secretariat.

18. **Non Prize-winning Essays.** After the Conducting Authority has announced/promulgated the list of prize-winning essays, the copyright of essays not selected for prizes will automatically transfer back to the respective authors.

Dissemination of Prize-winning Essays

19. Conducting Authority will circulate the prize-winning essays to all IONS members and observers, by hard copy and by posting them on the IONS website and IONSPHERE.

20. Any journal or magazine - other than those produced and/or published by the IONS Secretariat - that wishes to publish any given prize-winning essay is to seek written permission from the Judging Authority.

PART TWO: GUIDELINES SPECIFIC FOR IONS ESSAY COMPETITION 2019

Topics

21. The topics for the 2018 Essay Competition are:

- The advent of regional powers and how convergent practices work out
- Blue Economy: The opportunities and challenges ahead and how navies can operate around it
- Trainings and skills of cooperation in IONS
- IONS as the platform for regional security coalitions
- Future studies of the Indian Ocean security state
- Global sovereignty over the Ocean based on constant negotiations, cooperation, and divided merits

Submission of Essays

22. Entries to the 2019 competition along with the author's certificate should be submitted electronically and are to be emailed to iran.navy@aja.ir

You may contact IONS secretariat via:

E-mail: iran.navy@aja.ir

Website: www.ionsirannavy.ir

Telephone: +982177225873 (answering machine)

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Last Date for Submission

6 September 2019

Results

23. The winners will be notified by December 2019.

Author's testimony

I hereby testify:

- ✓ I have never used any confidential information and resources in the writing process
- ✓ I have studied the rules of the competitions and understood them; and I am well aware of them.
- ✓ I accept that the verdict of the IONS Secretariat and the Scientific Committee (judgement) should be considered as the final decision and there is no discussion in this regard.

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Author/authors' personal profile form

Author 1:

Name: surname: rank: degree:

Cell phone number: telephone:

E-mail:

Summary of the service records:

Author 2:

Name: surname: rank: degree:

Cell phone number: telephone:

E-mail:

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