

INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL SYMPOSIUM - ESSAY COMPETITION 2017

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 2017 competition will be the chairman of IONS, Admiral Nizamuddin Ahmed OSP, BCGM, ndc, psc.

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 pseudonym 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.** Bangladesh Navy IONS secretariat reserves absolute authority in regards to the judgment of this easy competition. An independent panel consisting of scholars and professionals will be formed to assess the papers.

12. **Judging Criteria.** Essays will be judged against 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 Conducting Authority reserves the right not to award prizes if essays are assessed as not being to a suitable standard. The following prizes will be awarded to the three best essays, provided there are at least five entries; otherwise the quantum of the prize will be reduced according to the following scale:

Number of Entries	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
1	US\$100	-	-
2	US\$200	US\$150	-
3	US\$300	US\$200	-
4	US\$400	US\$250	-
5 or more	US\$500	US\$350	US\$200

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 Conducting Authority.

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 2017

Topics

21. The topics for the 2017 Essay Competition are:
- a. Maritime future of IO-Need for a regional cooperative security architecture.
 - b. Indian Ocean vis-à-vis the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) - Regional Maritime Security Implications.
 - c. Reviving listless Initiative of IONS - Suggested areas to rejuvenate cooperative engagements.
 - d. Blue Economy Prospects and Prognosis of IOR.
 - e. Climate Change and IOR preparedness.
 - f. MDA Challenges and prospects of Information Sharing and Interoperability in IOR.
 - g. Effectiveness of MSAR through Regional and Sub-regional Cooperation IOR perspective.

Conducting Authority

22. The Conducting Authority for the 2017 competition is the Chief of Naval Staff of Bangladesh Navy; the competition will be managed on his behalf by the Secretary of IONS.

Submission of Essays

23. Entries to the 2017 competition along with the author's certificate should be submitted electronically and are to be emailed to [ions.bangladesh@navy.mil.bd/](mailto:ions.bangladesh@navy.mil.bd) ions.bangladesh@gmail.com Where entrants are unable to scan their signed author's certificate, the essay (in both hard copy and on CD), and certificate should be forwarded in a sealed envelop, clearly marked 'IONS Essay Competition 2016', and addressed to:

BN IONS Secretariat
Naval Headquarters
Banani, Dhaka-1213
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Phone: +880-02 8871450/+88-01769702120

Last Date for Submission

24. Essays must be dispatched in time to be **received** at the above mentioned address by no later than 30 November 2017.

Results

25. The winners will be notified by 01 Feb 2018.