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INFORMATION LETTER

The 5th International English Language Competition for medical and pharmaceutical students “Medical English Challenge“ ONLINE (February 2025 – April 2025)

I.M. Sechenov First Moscow State Medical University (Sechenov University) and Prof. V.F. Voyno-Yasenetsky Krasnoyarsk State Medical University (KrasSMU) are announcing conduction of the **5th International English Language Competition “Medical English Challenge“ ONLINE for medical and pharmaceutical students (hereinafter – the Olympiad).**

The aim of the Olympiad is to identify talented young people among students of medical and pharmaceutical universities who are able to demonstrate a high level of proficiency in English for medical purposes, skills in solving non-standard creative problems in the professional sphere using English, developed communication skills, including in a foreign language, teamwork skills and project skills in creating a team creative product.

Students, master's students, residents and postgraduate students of Russian and foreign universities studying in educational programs in medical fields, specialties and specializations are invited to participate in the Olympiad.

The Olympiad is conducted in the form of contests for students in creative application of generic and professional competencies acquired in the course of learning the “Foreign Language” discipline (the English language).

I. Organization of the Olympiad General points

1. The Olympiad includes two contests: the **individual contest and the team contest. Students from the first to the fourth years of medical and pharmaceutical specialties studying in specialist and**

bachelor's degree programs, including foreign students who are citizens of countries where English is NOT the official language, are admitted to the individual contest.

2. Teams of up to six people from participating universities may take part **in the team contest. Teams may include students, master's students, residents, and postgraduates (regardless of their course of study), including foreign students who are citizens of countries where English is NOT the official language.**

3. The individual contest is run in three rounds. **Registration and three rounds** are held **online. The final (third round) of the Olympiad involves participation in an interuniversity team in completing a professionally oriented creative project in English via videoconference.**

4. The team contest is a separate competition; team members are not allowed to participate in the individual contest. Both the submission of works to the team competition and the announcement of the competition results are carried out virtually in **absentia online. The captains of the winning teams will be invited to participate in an inter-university team to complete a professionally oriented language project in the finals together with the finalists of the individual contest.**

5. Participation in the Olympiad is free.

II. Organization and registration procedure

1. To register as a participant of the individual contest, the student independently sends an electronic application to the organizing committee at lngcourses@staff.sechenov.ru **from 03.02.2025 till 20.02.2025** using the following form

| Application for participation in the individual contest of the Olympiad | |
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| University, city, country | |
| Photo (attach a .jpg file) | |
| Full name | |
| Specialty | |
| Educational programme (<i>bachelor's degree, specialist's degree</i>) | |
| Year of study and group | |
| Phone, e-mail | |
| Date of birth | |

2. The number of participants from one university is not limited.

3. Notification of receipt of the application is sent to the participant to the specified e-mail with instructions on how to register on the Olympiad website.

4. To register team contest participants, team captains send an electronic application to the organizing committee at lngcourses@staff.sechenov.ru **from February 3, till February 20, 2025** in the following form:

| Application for participation in the team contest of the Olympiad | | | |
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| University, city, country | | | |
| Team captain | Photo (attach a . jpg file) | | |
| | Full name | | |
| | Направление подготовки | | |
| | Educational programme (<i>Bachelor's, Specialist's, Master's degree, Postgraduate degree</i>) | | |
| | Year of study and group | | |
| | Phone, e-mail | | |
| | Date of birth | | |
| No | Full name of the participant | Specialty | Year of study and group, educational programme (<i>Bachelor's, Specialist's, Master's degree, Postgraduate degree</i>) |
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Teams of **no more than six people** (team captain and no more than five team members) may participate in the team contest. Information about the registered is sent to the team captain to the specified e-mail with instructions on how to register on the Olympiad website. Information about registered teams and the conditions for holding the team competition is posted on the Olympiad website.

5. By submitting applications for individual or team contest, participants agree to the privacy policy posted here <https://www.sechenov.ru/politika-konfidentsialnosti/> .

II. Organization and procedure for holding the first round of the Olympiad (Individual contest)

1. The first round of the personal contest of the Olympiad is held on the Olympiad website <https://lncourselms.sechenov.ru> online at a time convenient for the participants **within 24 hours on February 26, 2025 Moscow time.**

2. All **first- to fourth-year** students of medical and pharmaceutical universities in Russia and medical faculties of foreign universities who submitted applications within the established deadlines and registered on the Olympiad website **before February 25, 2025** are allowed to participate in the qualifying round.

3. The task for the first round of the Olympiad includes a test of grammar and vocabulary, tasks on understanding the content of the text and listening. The tasks are checked automatically. The results of the selection round will be announced by 28.02.2025 and published on the Olympiad website. Participants who score the maximum number of points in the qualifying round (**no more than 60 people**) are allowed to participate in the second round.

III. Organization and procedure for holding the second round of the Olympiad (Individual contest)

1. The second round of the Olympiad will be held **from March 1, 2025 through March 31, 2025**.
2. Participants of the individual competition admitted to the second round are required to submit a video message in English lasting **1.5–3 minutes** on the topic to the organizing committee **no later than 24:00 (Moscow time) on March 16, 2025**. Instructions indicating the topic, rules for submitting video messages and requirements for them will be posted on the Olympiad website <https://lncourselms.sechenov.ru> of the organizing universities **no later than February 15, 2025**. Video messages from all participants in this round are posted in the public domain on the Olympiad website.
3. By sending video messages, participants agree to the conditions for posting the materials they have prepared in the public domain for the purpose of organizing and holding the Olympiad.
4. The evaluation of works submitted for the second round of the Olympiad is carried out by jury members according to the criteria approved by the organizing committee and posted on the websites of the organizing universities **no later than February 15, 2025**.
5. The results of the second round of the Olympiad will be summed up by the Olympiad jury with the invitation of foreign experts by **March 30, 2025** and posted on the Olympiad website by **March 31, 2025**. The winners of the second round (**9-12 people**) are invited to participate in the **third** round (final) of the Olympiad.

III. Organization and procedure for holding the third round of the Olympiad (Individual contest)

1. The third round of the Olympiad is held online at Sechenov University (Moscow) during the Medical Education Week **in April 2025** (the exact date will be announced later) and represent participation in an interuniversity profession-oriented creative language project. Requirements for the implementation of the project and the procedure for holding the third round of the individual contest will be provided to the final participants before the start of the third round at Sechenov University (Moscow).

V. Organization and procedure for holding the team contest of the Olympics

1. All registered teams from participating universities are admitted to the Olympics.
2. Participants in the team contest must submit to the organizing committee a video message in a foreign language on one of the specified topics, lasting 3-5 minutes, **from March 1, 2025 to March 16, 2025 no later than 24:00 Moscow time**. Instructions indicating the topic, rules for

submitting video messages and requirements for them will be posted on the Olympiad website <https://lngcoursems.sechenov.ru> of the organizing universities **no later than February 15, 2025**.

3. By sending video messages, participants agree to the conditions for posting the materials they have prepared in the public domain for the purpose of organizing and holding the Olympiad.

4. Assessment of works provided for the second round of the Olympiad is performed by the Jury according to parameters approved by the organizing committee and posted on the websites of the organizing universities **no later than February 15, 2025**.

5. Results of the team contest of the Olympiad are summarised by the Olympiad Jury with assistance of international experts-representatives **by March 30, 2025** and posted on the Olympiad website and posted on the Olympiad website **by March 31, 2025**.

The captains of the winning teams will be invited to participate in the inter-university team to complete a professionally oriented language project in the final (Sechenov University, Moscow) together with the finalists of the individual contest (see Section IV, paragraph 1).

VI. Procedure for summing up the results of the Olympiad

1. Participants (in the individual contest) or teams (in the team contest) who score the highest number of points based on the results of the contest (out of three rounds in the individual contest) of the Olympiad are considered the winners. When determining winners, the preference is given to works (performances) in which professional and generic competences formed in the course of English studies are manifested most fully.

2. Results of the individual contest are summarized after conclusion of the third round of the Olympiad in **April 2025**.

3. Results of the team contest of the Olympiad are summarized on **March 15, 2025**.

4. The winners of the third round of the Olympiad receive diplomas and awards determined by the organizing committee of the Olympiad.

5. The winners of the team contest receive diplomas and awards determined by the organizing committee of the Olympics.

6. The organizing committee of the Olympiad reserves the right to nominate students that have demonstrated high creative potential at performance of second round tasks in the individual and team contests for awards.

7. Awarding winners of the Olympiad is organized by the organizing committee and is done within 30 consecutive days after the end of the Olympiad.

8. The results of the Olympiad will be posted on the websites of the universities organizing the Olympiad **no later than March 30, 2020**.

For questions regarding participation in the Olympiad, please contact:
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