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European Association of Language Teachers for Healthcare (EALTHY),
Institute of Educational Technologies for Medicine
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are happy to announce International Olympiad for medical HEI students

“ENGLISH FOR COMMUNICATION IN MEDICINE”

that will be held from March 10, 2020 till May 13, 2020 in the frame of the International Symposium “Communication in healthcare: language training and clinical interaction” in North-Western State Medical University named after I.I. Mechnikov (Saint Petersburg, Russia).

Objectives of the Olympiad are to improve students’ clinical interaction skills in the English language, to increase motivation for learning English as an international means of intercultural professional communication, as well as to develop students’ creativity.

REGULATIONS

I. General information

The Olympiad includes three stages:

- The first stage (virtual) – March 10, 2020
- The second stage (virtual) – March 17-18, 2020
- The third stage (in person, oral) – May 13, 2020 in North-Western State Medical University named after I.I. Mechnikov (Saint Petersburg, Russia).

The participation in the Olympiad is free of charge. The number of participants from single university is not limited. Medical students of the first cycle of education are allowed to participate. Working language of the Olympiad is English.

II. Registration process

To participate in the Olympiad you need to register no later than March 1, 2020 via Google forms using the link: <https://forms.gle/qnQRrkJpU4BW2uQw7>

III. Procedures and schedule of the first (virtual) stage of the Olympiad

The first (virtual) stage is held online on **March 10, 2020**. The access to the test will be granted for 24 hours. The test will include various types of exercises that check functional vocabulary in different communicative situations. Assessment will be done automatically. The test results will be sent within 5 days after the end of the first stage to participants’ email addresses. **30 participants** who get the highest scores will qualify for the second stage.

IV. Procedures and schedule of the second (virtual) stage of the Olympiad

The second (virtual) stage of the Olympiad is held over two days - **March 17, 18, 2020**. The participants will be asked to write an essay based on the video watched. The results of the second stage will be announced on **April 14, 2020** through email. **15 participants** will qualify for the third stage.

V. Procedures and schedule of the third (in person) stage of the Olympiad

The third (in person) stage of the Olympiad will be held on **May 13, 2020** in the North-Western State Medical University named after I.I. Mechnikov. The participants will be asked to act out a communicative scenario that simulates doctor-patient communication. International expert committee will evaluate students’ performance. The results of the third stage will be announced on the same day – **May 13, 2020**. International expert commission will award I, II и III prize diplomas to the participants with the highest scores.

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