

'Fersmaniada-2008'

Competition for the best scientific work by the young geologists and mineralogists, within the International conference 'Fersmanovskie chteniya' dedicated to the 125th anniversary of academician Alexander E. Fersman

On the 10–12th November 2008 Fersman Mineralogical Museum RAS will organize the International Scientific Conference 'Fersmanovskie chteniya'. The conference will emphasise modern state-of-the-art scientific ideas by Alexander E. Fersman, their development and also topics regarding historical aspects of the life and work of the academician. The museum invites Russian and foreign scientists to give talks on related topics. The preliminary programme is available at the museum's Internet-site www.fmm.ru.

In collaboration with the Russian Geological Society (www.georos.ru) the youth session 'Fesmaniada' is being planned within the conference. At this session the best works of young naturalists, geologists and mineralogists will be presented. The works will be selected through a two-stage competition, and the best will be presented as talks and presentations in the museum.

The general aims of the competition are to promote national heritage, to develop scientific and art skills and to give the opportunity to experience and participate in scientific events.

General guidelines

The competition will be held in two tours: correspondence and on-site.

Schoolchildren from Russia and abroad can take part in the competition, regardless of age. The works presented can be individual or collective.

Correspondence tour. The works devoted to the Alexander E. Fersman's activity should be sent to the Organizing Committee before 10th October 2008. The topics are the following:

1. Mineralogy of pegmatites
2. Mineralogy of alkaline rocks
3. Mineral deposits investigated by Alexander E. Fersman: past – present – future
4. Alexander E. Fersman and geological museums
5. Field-trips 'By Fersman's steps'
6. Alexander E. Fersman and youth geological organisations
7. Alexander E. Fersman – the legendary person

The works can be submitted as a referative description, photo gallery, video or mineral and rock collection. The materials regarding the work should be made according to the Full General Guidelines available at www.fersman.ru. Abstracts will be published in the abstract book of the conference. The winners of the correspondence tour will take part in the on-site tour in Moscow.

The on-site tour will be held in Moscow, at the Fersman Mineralogical Museum RAS within the International scientific conference 'Fersmanovskie chteniya'. The works are to be presented at a talk or video-show, or presentation of photo-gallery or mineral&rock collection. The best works will be temporarily exhibited in the museum. The full guidelines for scientific works, photo and video-galleries, collections and abstracts are available at www.fersman.ru.

Preliminary Programme:

15 April – 10 October

Works submission (correspondence tour)

11 – 12 November

Talks, photo and video-presentations, collections show (on-site tour)

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