

PRESS RELEASE

5th international contest of simultaneous interpreters COSINES Pi V

COSINES Pi V, Russia's principal contest of simultaneous interpreters, opens on the 24th of June. The contest will last for 7 months and culminate in a final held on Tatiana's Day, a celebration for youths and students alike.

As per tradition, the final stage of the COSINES Pi contest will be held at the Faculty of Economics of the Lomonosov Moscow State University, with the participation of deans and representatives of embassies and international organisations. The final will last 4 days and will be broadcast live on the contest's platform cosines-pi.ru.

The platform www.cosines-pi.ru was developed with the specific purpose of symbolically bringing together beginners and experienced interpreters alike as part of a single community. The platform was designed so as to provide an organic workspace for interpreters. The contestants are recorded live, which gives as clear a picture as possible of how they cope with stress and intellectually demanding work.

The experts adjudging the contestants have developed uniform assessment criteria that allow for a high degree of objectivity. Three experts assess each contestant against five differently weighted criteria – translation accuracy, logic, communicative purpose, translation techniques and presentation. This makes the final score as objective and unbiased as possible.

Roughly three thousand interpreters from over thirty countries have participated in the COSINES Pi contest since its inception five years ago. We have done our utmost to avail the platform to the widest possible range of translators worldwide and our success in doing so is undoubtedly a worthy achievement for the interpreting community as a whole.

The prestige of the contest is confirmed by the professionalism of the interpreters who make up the COSINES Pi Board of Independent Experts, headed by the outstanding translator Pavel Ruslanovich Palazhchenko. COSINES Pi experts are the best interpreters of our era, many of them with more than a quarter of a century of experience in leading international organisations. The Board includes 11 AIIC members and professors from leading international universities specialised in training professional interpreters. The COSINES Pi Jury is headed by Professor Dmitry Ivanovich Yermolovich, an outstanding interpreter and scholar, Doctor of Philological Science and author of many books and textbooks on the theory and practice of translation.

The eight language pairs represented at the COSINES Pi contest are a true rite of passage into the profession, more so given the participation of distinguished masters and leading educational schools. Russian, English, Spanish, French, Italian, German, Chinese and Arabic encompass a huge area of human communication and open the doors for those budding talents and future masters who can demonstrate their highest professional and ethical qualities at the contest. COSINES Pi is held in two categories – simultaneous and consecutive interpreting – and consists of four stages.

During the first stage, contestants are invited to translate video material lasting up to eight minutes on the following topics: economics and politics, business and management, law, IT technology, banking and finance, and medicine.

54 contestants are then selected for the quarterfinals. Contestants will be virtually paired against one another and 27 of the best simultaneous and consecutive interpreters will then progress to the semifinal. This stage is conducted online, and the pairs are selected at random. Users registered on the official website will be able to follow the competition there.

As per tradition, the COSINES Pi contest is supported by leading educational institutions and schools specialised in training interpreters, such as the Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow State Linguistic University (Maurice Thorez Moscow State Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages), the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation and a number of international organisations, each of which will personally address the participants on our platform.

The educational program prepared for the contestants includes specialists with international experience – interpreters, teachers of interpretation and members of international organisations. The finalists will receive prizes and gifts from the organisers, as well as job offers from COSINES Pi media partners.

Contestants who have been successful in the early stages will have the opportunity to complete a week-long educational programme under the guidance of our best specialists during the quarters and semifinals. COSINES Pi partner universities will award diplomas to participants who wish to conclude additional professional education agreements as part of the contest.

Nine finalists are then chosen by the contest's experts to participate in the final, in-person stage, during which the contestants will have to translate specialised texts in front of a jury. The participants will be able to fully demonstrate their skillset and highlight their knowledge of professional vocabulary in areas such as macroeconomics, politics, innovation, ecological and universal issues, medicine and health.

COSINES Pi has become a tremendous opportunity for young professionals as it allows to find one's place in this world, assert yourself and your abilities, receive feedback from the best professionals in the industry, and establish yourself as one of the winners of an international professional competition. It is an opportunity to shine and showcase the most graceful of all human talents – linguistic intelligence.

All questions concerning participation, partnerships and publicity can be addressed to Elena Ishmuratova, COSINES Pi Contest Operational Director, at e.ishmuratova@cosines-pi.ru

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