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## **The First Academic Writing and the Second Creative Writing Competitions**

**Founder and Chair: Dr. Nadia Ahouari-Idri, University of Bejaia**

**Date of the event: April, 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Celebration of Knowledge Day)**

As a scientific committee chair, a designer of syllabi at the BA and Master levels, a workshop designer and presenter, and as a teacher, the founder of this initiative decided in concert for such contests in the Department of English to create opportunities for learners use the language in another way; in a creative way and in an academic style.

Creative writing has always been a stimulating field for amateur writers whose intellectual abilities are felt to add new and fresh artistic and aesthetic beauty in its various forms. Incited and stimulated by a knack to write artistically through different endeavours, students at the Department of English, University of Bejaia have shown a great ability in trying their hands in poetry, plays, short stories as well as essay writing. Students, as noticed by teachers and through research study achieved by Dr Ahouari-Idri, have learnt a wide range of lexis and are seemingly influenced by their readings, music, art and plays to which they greatly wish to see implemented through a creative artistic contest.

As for research, students are encouraged to work in collaboration with their supervisors to transform their master research papers into scholarly papers. This is an endeavour to engage both teachers and learners work jointly and transform the fruit of this collaborative work into a product. We aim at finding a space to publish all the works in a scholarly journal.

In this, let us quote:

Publishing is the chief currency in this universe, the main source of validation of one's research, and often the key indicator of academic success. Promotion and tenure committees value peer-reviewed publications above all;... that is, regrettably, even above clinical performance or community service.' "Open access anxiety in the publish or perish world blogged by Jacalyn Clark"

As for creativity, many writers have written about creativity-that genius word that has long been pouring ink. Writers of diverse veins have issued suggestions about creativity as artefact. Here are some selected quotes. We cordially invite contributors to read them for ample inspiration.

- "Creativity is mind teasing, a prime idea that revolves in mind and incites its author to give it a fresh consistent shape." *Tayeb Bouazid*
- "Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts. And never hope more than you work" *Rita Mae Brown*
- "Creativity is thinking up new things. Innovation is doing new things" *Theodore Levitt*

- “Creativity comes from a conflict of ideas” Donatella Versace
- “There is a fountain of youth: It is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring in your life and the lives of people you love”. Sophia Loren

#### *Rules for the 2016 Creative Writing Competition*

- You must be a student of English.
- You can submit a short story, a play or a poem of not more than 50 lines (free topic)
- The story or poem must be written entirely in English (not more than 1,500 words ( free topic)
- Offending topics SHALL NOT be accepted.
- You may submit as many stories or poems as you like, but you can only win one prize

#### *Rules for the 2016 Academic Writing Competition*

- You need to submit a research article in areas related to English.
- Papers should be written by a teacher and a student(s) of English (a collaborative work).
- In addition:

Submissions should be sent to: nahouari@gmail.com.

Contributions should be written in Times new roman 12pts space 1.5 pts.

Submissions will be blind reviewed by 2 to 3 experts.

The Competitions starts on January, 15<sup>th</sup> , 2016, and ends on March, 1<sup>st</sup> , 2016.

During the day, a number of workshops and speeches will be organized related to creative writing and academic writing (Names of Presenters and economic partners will be displayed later).

**The Competition starts on January, 15<sup>th</sup> , 2016, and ends on March, 1<sup>st</sup> , 2016. The event will take place in Culture House (Maison de la Culture) of Bejaia on April, 16<sup>th</sup> , 2016. The winners of both competitions (Creative Writing and Academic Writing) will be announced the same day.**

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