

A New Prize Proposal: *PAGES OF STARS*

“Pages of Stars” prize is a very simple proposal with the goal of building a collection of short audio registrations (maximum 3- 5 minutes each) that can easily be shared among planetarians using mp3 files. The IPS Mobile Planetarium Committee will select the best audio registration(s) from the proposals of the applicants.



Planetarian colleagues from around the world are invited to prepare a short text, in English, that can be read under a planetarium dome. The text can be:

- an astronomical and scientific commentary, or
- a classical Greek (or another culture’s) sky story, or
- an original story or poem (any kind of topic) with some astronomical details or with an event that happens under the night sky (including the name of some stars or constellations or other sky objects visible with the naked eye).

The author (or a collaborator of the author) must read the text aloud (in English) and record this story as an mp3 file (max. 3-5 minutes in length).

A committee, elected by the IPS Portable Planetarium Committee in collaboration with the Astronomical Observatory Serafino Zani, will select the proposals presented to the secretary of the prize. The text of the best proposal will be published in the “Mobile News Network” column of the *Planetarian* magazine, while the three best works will be made available on the IPS Free Media Webpage. (<http://www.ips-planetarium.org/?page=voice>)

The winner will receive a memory plaque on the occasion of the “Day of Planetaria” which occurs in March.

Participants must send, before December 31st, an application that includes:

1. the written text of the commentary, story or poem,
2. the audio registration as an mp3 file (without music) and
3. a participation form of the author (full name, complete address, year of birth and your short curriculum vitae) and the name(s) of any collaborator(s).

All entrants must agree to release their work under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License (To view a copy of this license, visit <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>) or choose to make their work public domain. (Information about what this means can be found at: <http://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/>)

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