

Report 2013/2014
15th Estonian EUSTORY History Competition
“Heritage is inheritance”



The winners and special prize receivers with their supervisors, photographed in the Ministry of Education and Research of Estonia on 2nd May 2014

Competition entries and main topics

The 15th Estonian EUSTORY Competition ended on the 2nd May 2014. 139 papers were written by 53 basic school and 86 high school students. The amount of research papers made the jury and the staff very happy and also helped to keep the theme of “The Year of Cultural Heritage” active. It was nice that teachers of many different subjects supervised the students’ researches. The students from South-Estonia and Saaremaa stood out very actively. The topic of heritage varied a lot and it was interpreted broadly: Besides traditional heritage objects like manors and barns, factories from the soviet times, collective farm life and today’s function of organic farming, folkdance and local medicine were considered. The most popular topic for this round’s research was a special person’s life, mostly parents’ and grandparents’ life was chosen. Besides personal stories some family stories and some deportation stories stood out. Some of the students plunged into heritage more narrowly researching farmsteads, while others set themselves the task to give a preview of cultural heritage of the whole area such as a village, a parish or a town. This kind of research let to good experiences and brought different generations closer to each other.

The jury

Research papers were judged by the following jury: Eero Medijainen (professor of History, Tartu University), Anu Järs (researcher, Estonian National Museum), Anu Raudsepp (lecturer, Tartu University) and Riin Alatalu (antiquity preserver, coordinator of “The Year of Cultural Heritage”).

Results and award ceremony

The award ceremony was held on 2nd May 2014 in the Hall of Ministry of Education and Research in Tartu.

The following students from basic school were awarded:

- **Merilin-Grete Kakko** (Basic school of Nõo, supervisor: Reet-Ingrid Haamer) with the paper: “Formation of a national city culture in Tartu in the beginning of the 20th century with the confluence of a home and personal example of Jaan Tõnisson”.
- **Marta Napa** (School of Mart Reinik, supervisor: Karolina Antons) with the paper: “Railroad and Tartu“
- **Jürgen Külm** (School of Võru City Center, supervisor: Tiiu Ojala) with the paper: “Heritage for life“

Best of high school students were:

- **Hanna Keir** (High school of Vastseliina, supervisor: Küllike Nagel) with the paper: “Production facilities on the territory of Vastseliina parish during the Soviet times“
- **Carina Aria** (High school of Põltsamaa, supervisor: Eve Oro) with the paper: “Consumption habits of eating bread among the 5th, 8th and 11th class students in High school of Põltsamaa“
- **Anneli Haljas** (Vastseliina High school, supervisor: Küllike Nagel) with the paper: “Health care in Misso on an example of the local hospital”

In addition to these winners special prizes were given out by “The Estonian National Museum“, “The Art Museum of Estonia“, “The Year of Cultural Heritage” and “The Estonian History Archive“.

The President of the Republic of Estonia, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, acknowledged the prize winners with financial prizes and every contestant with a thank you letter.

Tartu in May 2014, Evelin Tiiter