

Results of the Latvian History Competition 2007/2008

My local place in the history of the state

The topic of the competition was „My local place in the history of the state”. There were 194 participants with 155 contributions. The participation has increased in comparison with last year (when 112 entries were handed in). The reasons might be first the successful choice of the topic and second our management during the preparation of the competition which included publications in newspapers as well as information in different history teacher’s workshops.

The topic was flexible, it was possible to think of different subtopics. The most popular were school history, family history, local historical events, famous people and their donation.

I think that all experience I obtained in this competition round was very useful for me. I successfully cooperated with Danute Dura . With support from The Board of Latvian history teachers association we established good contacts with chancery of the state president. Our main success- our president agreed to become the patron of competition and took part in award ceremony. Many history teachers called and wrote me about this competition, I tried to help with advance. The award ceremony was organized emotionally, without any serious problems.

Apropos problems – they are in every process – so sometimes we did not get answers on our emails from participants on time, some sponsors did not arrive to the award ceremony. The detailed analyze of the competition round will be ready in the end of July when the annual history teachers summer days will be held. In the summer days we will discuss all actual issues , as the new topic of the next competition round.

In conclusion I would like to say that I’m satisfied with my first year as coordinator and I am looking forward to further success.

Best regards, Inese