

Report of the Competition 2006, Russia - The MEMORIAL Society Moscow:
“Man in history. Russia in the 20th century”

How many participants did the last competition round attract? If the number of participants changed significantly, what might be the reason?

In comparison to the previous competition round in 2004/2005, the number of papers (3229) and participants (3842) in the competition 2005/2006 slightly decreased. We suppose that the main reason for the high number of papers (3520) and participants (4671) in 2004/2005 was the 60th anniversary of the victory in the Great Patriotic War.

Which subtopics did the students choose for their contributions?

There was no special subtopic suggested by the organizers in our competition last year. So the majority of papers were devoted to the subtopics “The History of a Family”, “Man and War” and also “Local history” and “Man and Power”.

Which good experiences did you make with the last competition round? Which experiences were not so good?

Which conclusions for the future competition round did you draw from this last round?

Unfortunately last year we couldn't conduct a summer school for the participants of our competition.

Another weak point of our competition is a lack of internal presentation of papers. To improve this situation we approved two innovations in the last year competition:

1. Telephone interview with finalists before the selection of winners
2. Written questionnaire for winners in Moscow before the Awarding ceremony.

We hope this experience could help us to develop the model of internal presentation.