



Sir Arthur C Clarke Memorial Science Fiction Short Story Competition 2009

International Year of Astronomy 2009

Under the International Year of Astronomy 2009 programs, the Sri Lanka Astronomical Association organized a science fiction short story competition in memory of late Sir Arthur C Clarke.



Medium

Sinhala and English

Categories

Junior – Grades 8 - 10

Senior – Grades 11 – 13

Background and Objective

Science fiction differs from fantasy in that, within the context of the story, its imaginary elements are largely possible within scientifically established or scientifically postulated laws of nature (though some elements in a story might still be pure imaginative speculation). Exploring the consequences of such differences is the traditional purpose of science fiction, making it a "literature of ideas". Science fiction is largely based on writing entertainingly and rationally about alternate possibilities in settings that are contrary to known reality.

These may include:

A setting in the future, in alternative time lines, or in a historical past that contradicts known facts of history or the archeological record.

A setting in outer space, on other worlds, or involving aliens.

Stories that involve technology or scientific principles that contradict known laws of nature.

Stories that involve discovery or application of new scientific principles, such as time travel or psionics, or new technology, such as nanotechnology, faster-than-light travel or robots, or of new and different political or social systems.

<http://aalk.lakdiva.net/sfcompetition2009>

Review of Entries

Entries should be forwarded with an application form as shown below to reach the Secretary by **28th February, 2009**.

Selected winning entries will be awarded the following cash prizes and certificates and selected stories will appear on Newspapers.

Prizes and distribution

1st place 3000/=

2nd place 2000/=

3rd place 1000/=

All prize money is given as gift certificates.

Selected stories will be published in newspapers.

Rules and regulation

Words

Junior – not exceeding 1000 words

Senior – 1200 – 1500

All entries must be signed from the school principal.

Must follow the description of Science Fiction

The entries will not be return.

Only one entry per person

Should be originals

Send in your entries to:

Thilina Heenatigala

No:27,

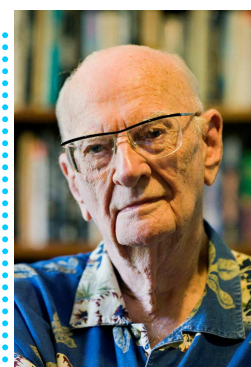
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Please mark as

"SF Competition 2009" in the left top corner of your envelop.



Sir Arthur C Clarke Memorial Science Fiction Short Story Competition 2009 Specimen Application Form

01) Full Name:

02) School:

03) Date of Birth:

04) Category:

05) Grade:

06) Address:

07) Telephone:

08) E-mail:

Date:

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Signature of the Principal & official seal