# **Public Notice 01/2012 – Cultural Department**

# **IV International Essay Competition**

# The body of work of Lygia Fagundes Telles

Th MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF BRAZIL, through its Cultural Department, makes public, to whom it may concern, that it will be accepting applications for the IV International Essay Competition, dedicated to the body of work of writer Lygia Fagundes Telles, under the terms of § 4 and subsection IV of article 22 of Law 8.666, of 21 June 1993, and under the conditions described on this Public Notice. The five winning essays, chosen by the Judging Committee, established for this purpose, will be awarded the "Itamaraty Brazilian Literature Award" ("*Prêmio Itamaraty de Literatura Brasileira*") 2012.

# **CHAPTER I**

# Subject

Art. 1 - The Competition aims to promote Brazilian Literature abroad.

Art. 2 - The Competition costs will be covered by the budget entitled "Dissemination of the Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture Abroad", code 07.392.0682.2530.0001, expenditure item 339031, of the Cultural Department of the Ministry of External Relations.

Art. 3 - A Judging Committee will chose the five winning entries. The Judging Committee will be subject to a Public Notice issued by the Director of the Cultural Department of the Ministry of External Relations.

Art. 4 - The competition is open to Brazilian citizens as well as Foreign Citizens residing abroad and who are engaged in activities related to the study of Portuguese language and Brazilian culture, such as teaching, cultural journalism and other related activities.

- Art. 5 The following people are not eligible to enter the Competition:
- I Members of the Judging Committee, their relatives and anyone related to them, according to the Civil Law;
- II Ministry of External Relations Officials and Servants;
- III Participants of the Ministry of External Relations Lectureship Programme and the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (*Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior CAPES*).
- Art. 6 Each contestant may enter only one essay. The essay must have a minimum of thirty (30) pages and a maximum of fifty (50) pages, font 12 and 1.5 line space.
- Art. 7 The essay must not have been published before. If it is originally written in another language other than Portuguese, it must be translated into Portuguese. It is understood that an unpublished essay is an essay that has not been edited or published (in part or as a whole) in anthologies, collections, literary supplements, newspapers, magazines or any other means of communication.
- Art. 8 Essays with illustrations and/or photos will not be accepted.
- Art. 9 By submitting their registration, the candidates automatically agree to the Competition rules, including the transfer of copyright and publication rights to the Ministry of External Relations.

# **CHAPTER II**

# Registration

- Art. 10 The registration period is from 19th April to 31st October 2012.
- Art. 11 The registration form must be sent by post, to any Brazilian Consulate or Embassy located in the candidate's country of residence. The following must be written on the envelope: "IV Concurso Internacional de Monografias: a obra de Lygia Fagundes Telles". The postage date will be considered as the registration date.

Paragraph 1 - The registration form must follow the template, which is attached to this Public Notice.

Paragraph 2 - If there is no Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in the candidate's country of residence, the application may be sent to any Brazilian Embassy or Consulate.

Paragraph 3—After receiving the registration envelope, the Brazilian Consulate or Embassy will send an electronic message to the candidate, in order to confirm their registration for the IV International Essay Competition.

Art. 12 – Apart from the information requested on the registration form, the candidate must include proof of residency abroad.

Art. 13 – Registration forms submitted after the deadline set out in articles 10 and 11 will not be accepted.

Art. 14 – The Brazilian Consulates and Embassies abroad will be responsible for sending the essays by diplomatic post to the Cultural Department of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.

## **CHAPTER III**

## The Judging Committee

Art. 15 – The Judging Committee will be formed of up to nine members amongst those of acknowledged merit in the literary world, professors or literary critics. A Brazilian diplomat will also be part of the Judging Committee.

Art. 16 – Each member of the Judging Committee, with the exception of the Diplomat, will receive R\$ 3.000,00 (Three Thousand Reais) as payment for their work.

Art. 17 – The members of the Judging Committee, with the exception of the Brazilian Diplomat, will be appointed in accordance to the rules of Law n° 8.666/93, based on the expertise of each of its members, and will be published at "www.itamaraty.gov.br".

#### **CHAPTER IV**

# **Selection of Winning Essays**

Art. 18 – The Judging Committee will select the winning essays according to the following criteria:

I - Originality;

II - Creativity;

III – The candidate's knowledge of Lygia Fagundes Teles' body of work and of the criticism of her work.

IV – Literary quality of the essay

Sole Paragraph – Each member of the Judging Committee will allocate a mark to each essay according to the criteria listed above. The essay with the highest mark will be declared the winner.

Art. 19 – The Judging Committee will have a period of four months, from the 31th October 2012, to announce the final result.

Art. 20 – The members of the Judging Committee will meet in individual and public voting sessions to select the five winning essays. The dates of these sessions will be published in advance on the *Itamaraty*'s website. The result will be announced at a special event to be held in Brasília, Federal District, as well as on the Ministry of External Relations' website "www.itamaraty.gov.br". The marks assigned to each essay will also be made public.

Art. 21 – In the event of a case that is not described here, it will be dealt with by the Judging Committee.

Art. 22 – Appeals must be submitted to the Judging Commission within five working days from the publication date of the results. The decision, and its reasons, will be published on the Ministry of External Relations' web page within five days.

### **CHAPTER V**

# The prize

Art. 23 – The prizes will be US\$ 20.000,00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars), US\$ 15.000,00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars), US\$ 10.000,00 (Ten Thousand Dollars), US\$ 5.000,00 (Five Thousand Dollars) and US\$ 3.000,00 (Three Thousand Dollars), respectively for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth places, to be paid to the winners abroad by the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in the candidates' country of residence.

Sole Paragraph – The five winning essays will be published by the Ministry of External Relations as part of a book and distributed free of charge with the objective of promoting Brazilian culture.

Art. 24 – The five winners will receive accommodation and return tickets to Brazil, in economy class, to attend the awards ceremony and the academic activities scheduled by the competition organisers.

Art. 25 – In the event of a tie in any of the winning places after the voting by the Judging Commission, the Commission will convene in order to choose the winner among the tied authors, so the other author will be given the following place in the final result.

Art. 26 – The winning authors will transfer copyright for publication to the Ministry of External Relations, according to article 23, sole paragraph of this Public Notice.

Art. 27 – In case of the author's death in the year of the contest, the prize may be awarded posthumously. It will be given to the attorney legally appointed for this purpose from amongst the legal heirs of the winning author.

#### **CHAPTER VI**

#### **Final Provisions**

Art. 28 – Failure to comply with any of these rules the essay will be automatically

disqualified from the competition. As per art. 55 of Law 8666/93, the competition rules are fully laid out on this Public Notice.

Art. 29 – Participation implies full acceptance of the competition rules, and failure to comply with any of the rules will cause disqualification.

Art. 30 – The administrative authority responsible to resolve any matter of interpretation of this set of rules and to answer any clarification about this Public Notice is the *Itamaraty*'s Head of Press Release, available at divulg@itamaraty.gov.br.

Art. 31 – The Brasília/Federal District Forum is responsible to settle all issues arising out of this Public Notice.

Brasília, March 2012.

# IV INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION – THE BODY OF WORK OF LYGIA FAGUNDES TELLES

# ITAMARATY BRAZILIAN LITERATURE AWARD – 2012

Registration Form
Essay Title:
Author's Name:
Address:
City:
E-Mail:
Telephone:
Passport Number:
RG and CPF (Brazilian Nationals):
By submitting this registration form for the IV International Essay Competition organised by the

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