

Barbara Petchenik Competition

In April, 2008 Ukraine started the organization of the IV Ukrainian Barbara Petchenik Competition of children's map drawings related to the theme "Many lands, one world". The Executive Coordinator is Oksana Lubarets.

As a result of Competition 2006-2007 five exhibitions of children's map drawings were conducted.

The exhibition of children's map drawings is planned to be conducted on the frame of the III Ukrainian Cartographic Conference (25-26 of September 2008, Kiev).

The Competition for 2008-2009 is planned to be conducted in two rounds and in the three stages. Information about the competition was placed on the websites, in mass-media and children's magazines and newspapers. The Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine officially informed all schools and out-of-school establishments about this competition.

On the basis of the analysis of previous Competition 2006-2007 we would like to propose the following:

- to engage in this competition more children with developmental defects and children from rural settlement;
- to apply various materials and techniques for create the art works.

Proposal for a School Atlas Competition

I suggest conducting the School Atlas Competition on thematic groups and on age of children:

1. Atlases for the children 5-8 years old.
2. Atlases on Geography for general educational establishments (8-18 years old).
3. Atlases on History for general educational establishments (8-18 years old).
4. Atlases from the higher educational establishments (complex and reference atlases of the World and country) (more than 18 years old).
5. Thematic atlases from facultative Geography courses (for example, atlases for the study of foreign languages, Geography of Religions, Geography of Tourism).

In my opinion, atlases for general educational establishments are necessary to represent with short annotation, where age of pupils, basic thematic questions of courses are contained.