

**Life Force Group announces a Contest of young researchers on evaluation of humic products potential for soil application in agriculture and environmental technologies on the principles of organic, conventional and intensive farming.**

**Aims and objectives:**

- to mobilize the intellectual potential of the promising experts from different countries of the world in order to develop strategies and solve urgent problems of soil dehumification, imbalance of humus buildup, soil erosion and fertility decrease;
- to popularize the Contest issues in Russia and other countries and systematize the best research works, projects and developments in these scientific areas;
- to involve young scientists and specialists in agronomy, biology, agricultural chemistry, soil science and other related spheres in the process of intellectual search for new models of development of organic, conventional and intensive farming technologies.

**The mission of Life Force Group** is to encourage the scientists to conduct multidimensional studies on evaluation of the potential of humic products from lignite and sub-bituminous coals in the aspects of soil properties improvement, fertility increase, enhancement of productivity and quality of agricultural products and ornamental plants.

**THE TOTAL PRIZE FUND OF 16 000 USD**

is divided in several nominations:

**"Nomination of 2500 USD" – 2 (two) works** will be selected on this nomination.

The **Grand Prix** winner will be chosen between two winners of the First nomination.

**"Nomination of 1500 USD" – 4 (four) works** will be selected on this nomination.

**"Nomination of 500 USD" – 10 (ten) works** will be selected on this nomination.

**CONTEST REQUIREMENTS**

1. Students, graduate students and researchers of the Russian and foreign universities and research institutes under the age of 35 years are welcomed to participate in the Contest.
2. The research paper should be a complete scientific and practical research designed in the format of a scientific article of no less than 5 pages and no more than 15 pages.

Experimental research on these topics carried out in small or microfield experiments and in laboratory experiments are accepted to the Contest.

Life Force Group will provide humic products for participants in required quantities free of charge and the products delivery to the participant's address will be at the expense of Life Force Group.

All works related to Contest criteria will be published in the Collection of research papers and also in electronic format. The works of the winners in three nominations (16 research works) will be published in the scientific journal "Agrochemical Herald" in December 2017. The Grand Prix winner will also have an opportunity to make a publication of his research work in

one of the international WoS-indexed journals at the expense of Life Force Group (but not more than \$500).

We are confident that in tandem with researchers and innovators in these areas, we will contribute to the dynamic and sustainable development of agriculture, increase the actualization of facing problems and come closer to solving them.

The deadline of submitting the applications for participants is April 24, 2017.

The announcement of results is October 02, 2017.

The Contest winners will have to present their results in the frame work of the The Young Researchers Conference LIFE FORCE-2017, which will take place on October 19, 2017, simultaneously with the closing ceremony of the HIT-2017 aboard the ship "Vatel" on the Moscow River. The details can be found at <http://lifeforce.pro/en/science/>

Life Force Group will pay the participant registration fee (equal to 25 USD) for the winners, who wish to participate in the HIT-2017 conference (you could find more information and register as a participant if you follow the link: <http://www.humus.ru/hit-2017/en>

The form of the application for participation can be completed below on this web-page or you can download the form and send it to the contacts indicated below.

Detailed terms and conditions of the Contest you can find in a booklet available for download at the following link: <http://lifeforce.pro/en/science/>

Fill out the application form for participation in the Contest you can find here: [http://www.lifeforce.pro/en/application\\_form\\_for\\_participation\\_in\\_the\\_competition/](http://www.lifeforce.pro/en/application_form_for_participation_in_the_competition/)

For more details and any questions you can contact us by phone: +7 (8452) 44-40-40 or +7(8452)45-95-74 or by e-mail [science@lifeforce.pro](mailto:science@lifeforce.pro). The technical project coordinators are: Anastasia Arkhipova (extension 124).

**We wish you good luck!**