

## Teacher Training Centre

### THE OFFICIAL RULES of the „IH SuperTeacher Challenge” Contest

International House Bucharest (IHB) is an educational institution whose mission is to improve communication in society through the best tailored and most professional language training programmes.

IHB is organising a contest called the “IH SuperTeacher Challenge”, whereby people who teach or want to teach English are encouraged to develop professionally by doing the CELTA (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) qualification course. Accredited by Cambridge University, the 5-week, fully online course is run regularly by IHB through its Teacher Training Centre. The trainees who complete the CELTA successfully and meet all the performance criteria receive an internationally recognised certificate proving their qualification as English-language teachers for adults.

The persons who enter the contest between 22 March and 21 May 2021, having filled in the form available at <https://celtaromania.ro/index.php/ihsuperteacherchallenge/> and having submitted a video clip which addresses the theme of the contest and complies with its Official Rules, can win a tuition-free place on the CELTA course held at IHB between 2 August and 3 September 2021 or a tuition discount for enrolment on subsequent CELTA courses at IHB.

The Official Rules of the “IH SuperTeacher Challenge” are drafted in English and will be made public according to the legislation in force in Romania, being binding to all the contest participants and having the content laid out hereinafter.

#### I. THE ORGANISER

The “IH SuperTeacher Challenge” (henceforth called “the Contest”) is organised by IHB Language Training Center SRL (henceforth called “the Organiser”), with its headquarters in Bucharest, no. 29 Constantin Rădulescu-Motru Street, block 33, entrance 3, apartment 105, district 4, enrolled in the Bucharest Commercial Register under no. J40/11822/2002, with the unique registration code RO 15026564, and having the following contact details: phone +4021 3354490; fax +4021 3358197; email [receptie@ih.ro](mailto:receptie@ih.ro).

#### II. WHERE THE CONTEST TAKES PLACE

The contest is organised on Romanian territory but it targets prospective contestants located anywhere in the world. The Contest is taking place online, through the website <https://celtaromania.ro/index.php/ihsuperteacherchallenge/>, the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/IHBucharestTeacherTrainingCentre](https://www.facebook.com/IHBucharestTeacherTrainingCentre) and the email address [marketing@ih.ro](mailto:marketing@ih.ro).

#### III. HOW LONG THE CONTEST RUNS

The contest runs from 22 March to 21 May 2021. Following assessment by a jury, three finalists will be shortlisted on 4 June 2021, out of whom one will be designated the winner on 18 June 2021.



#### **IV. WHO CAN ENTER THE CONTEST**

Any natural person who works or wants to work as an English teacher can enter the Contest, irrespective of their nationality, citizenship, sex, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, etc. – as long as the person meets the participation criteria as listed under point V below.

The Organiser's employees or collaborators and their first-degree relatives cannot enter the Contest. Neither can persons who collaborated with IHB for however long between 1 March 2019 and 1 March 2021. *Participation is also denied to people who have already registered for a CELTA course with IHB in 2021.*

#### **V. HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST**

To enter the Contest candidates have to:

- be teachers of English OR want to become teachers of English
- be at least 18 years old
- be advanced users of English (minimum level C1/CEFR\*)
- be educated to the standard required for entry into higher education
- be available and (medically, logistically, etc.) able to attend the 5-week CELTA course online

\* Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Participation in the contest includes the following steps:

1. on 22 March 2021 the Contest is officially launched, its Rules made public via the online channels mentioned under point II above
2. between 22 March and 21 May 2021 the candidates fill in the enrolment form available at <https://celtaromania.ro/index.php/ihsuperteacherchallenge/> and submit a video clip\* with a maximum length of 3 minutes, in *MP4 or avi format*, which addresses the theme of the Contest (see point VI below)
3. on 4 June 2021, following assessment and marking by a jury, three finalists are shortlisted and announced
4. between 4 and 11 June 2021, the finalists complete the standard application for admission to the CELTA course, which will be emailed to them. The completed application will be sent to [teodoramanole@ih.ro](mailto:teodoramanole@ih.ro) by 11 June 2021
5. on 18 June 2021, taking into consideration on the one hand the jury's mark and on the other whether the CELTA standard application has been successful, the winner of the Contest will be announced

\* The Organiser accepts entries with original, non-plagiarised content, in compliance with the rules of academic honesty and the legal provisions regarding copyright (see Law no. 8/1996).



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The Organiser reserves the right to eliminate from the Contest any video submission which

- does not address the theme of the Contest
- contains insults
- contains any kind of violence or cruelty
- contains scenes in which harm is done to a person or an animal
- shows any kind of weapons
- shows law infringement or any law infringement method
- shows use of drugs, alcohol and/or cigarettes
- promotes racism, sexism, homophobia, discrimination on ethnic or any other grounds
- has an offensive, abusive, indecent, calumniating or obscene quality to it
- could cause prejudice to a person, a business or a company
- is protected by copyright which does not belong to the candidate
- shows celebrities or public persons without their express agreement
- contains material which is identical to that of another candidate's previously submitted video

A candidate can enter in the Contest only one video.

Entrance in the Contest implies familiarity with the Rules hereby presented and acceptance by the contestant of her/his responsibility to comply with the Rules.

The Organiser deems true and accurate the data provided by the contestants. In case inaccuracies are identified regarding the data, the Organiser will disqualify that entry.

### **VI. THE THEME OF THE CONTEST**

The video clip entered in the Contest must be in English. In it the contestant has to

- introduce herself/himself
- briefly present her/his teaching experience OR the reasons why they want to teach
- describe clearly two online groupwork activities designed to practice a language point (grammar/vocabulary). **NOTA BENE:** the activities have to be original and aimed at adult students.

### **VII. HOW THE FINALISTS AND WINNER ARE DESIGNATED**

Three video clips will be shortlisted as finalists based on assessment by a jury made up, by internal decision of the Organiser, of qualified trainers with at least 10 years' experience in teaching English as a foreign language.

After the three finalist contestants have submitted the standard application form for admission to the CELTA course, the jury will consider, on the one hand, the mark the finalists received and, on the other, whether their standard application for CELTA was successful, and will thereby determine the winner.



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The assessment and marking conducive to the designation of the finalists will take place between 21 May and 4 June 2021, while the winner will be determined between 11 and 18 June 2021.

Assessment by the jury will be carried out as follows:

- each video clip submitted will receive a mark, from 1 (the lowest) to 10 (the highest)
- the marking criteria are
  - the clip addresses the theme of the Contest (it is relevant)
  - the clip provides a full answer within the time limit (it is efficient)
  - it is made in advanced-level English
  - it shows good presentation skills
  - its has impressive quality form and content
  - it demonstrates creativity and originality
- the three videos which, following assessment by the jury, have received the top three highest marks will be designated as finalists
- the finalist contestant whose standard application for admission to the CELTA course has been successful *and* whose video clip entered in the Contest has received the highest mark out of the three finalists will be designated the winner

The Contest's finalists and winner will be notified directly by email and/or phone, and announced on the sites mentioned under point II above.

Given transparent publication of the Contest's theme, terms, rules, steps and deadlines, given assessment by a jury made up of CELTA/DELTA-qualified experts from both Romania and abroad, no appeal is allowed on this Contest's results, the designation of the finalists and the winner being final and binding.

If the persons designated Contest finalists and winner do not respond within maximum 3 working days since notification, or if they refuse the prize, a new assessment round will be organised to determine the next-ranked video clip, and its author will be designated the new finalist/winner according to the assessment procedure detailed above.

### **VIII. THE PRIZES**

This Contest includes one prize consisting of a tuition-free place on the CELTA course run online by the Organiser between 2 August and 3 September 2021, and two prizes consisting of 5% discount vouchers for any other CELTA course organised by IHB between August 2021 and August 2022. *NOTA BENE:* any other discounts *can* be cumulated to the 5% one.

The Contest winner's prize consists of a tuition-free place on the 5-week CELTA course run online in August 2021 by the IHB Teacher Training Centre.



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The prize corresponds to the CELTA course tuition fee, it equates to £1,300, it is non-negotiable and cannot be converted into cash or other objects. Also, it is not allowed to give or transfer the prize won to other persons.

The Contest finalists' prize consists of a voucher of 5% discount off the tuition fee on enrolment on any CELTA course run by IHB between August 2021 and August 2022. The discount equates to £65 and it can be cumulated to any other discounts offered by IHB. The 5% discount voucher won as a Contest prize is non-negotiable, non-transferrable and cannot be converted into cash or other objects.

The prizes are handed out only after the necessary steps have been completed:

- the winner has been admitted to the CELTA course in August 2021 following submission and approval of their standard application
- the winner and finalists have sent the Organiser, using the email address mentioned under point II above, a copy of their ID (identity card in the case of Romanian citizens, passport in the case of foreign citizens)

The prizes will be handed to the finalists and winner under condition that they are not disqualified as a consequence of not complying with the Rules hereby presented.

NOTA BENE: The Organiser is not responsible for covering any other expenses besides the course tuition fee (in the case of the winner), and the 5% discount off the course fee, respectively (in the case of the finalists). Hence the winner and finalists have to pay themselves for the expenses related to their electronic devices, Internet connection, headset, etc. needed to complete the 5-week online CELTA course provided by IHB.

### **IX. POSTPONING/SUSPENDING THE CONTEST**

The Contest can be postponed or suspended in case of force majeure or by decision of the Organiser, but not before the public is duly notified via the channels mentioned under point II above.

### **X. COPYRIGHT**

Contestants take full responsibility regarding the copyright over the video clips they enter into the Contest, as well as the texts used in them.

The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify any contestant who attempts to make use of any images or texts which do not belong to them or for the use of which they do not have the copyright holder's approval.

Entrance in the Contest implies the candidates' permission for the Organiser to make reasonable use of the video clips entered in order to promote the CELTA course and/or IHB, as long as the author's name is duly mentioned.



## **IX. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL DATA**

It is not the Organiser's intention to collect and use personal data as part of this Contest.

By entering the Contest, each candidate agrees expressly and unequivocally that the Organiser can collect and process information regarding mainly (but not solely) the contestants' name/surname, age, phone number, email address, home town or country, etc., and that such data can be sent to the Organiser with a view to handing out of the prizes mentioned in the Rules hereby presented.

The Organiser will keep the winner's and finalists' personal data confidential and will only make use of them for the purposes laid out in the Rules hereby presented.

The contestants have at any moment the right to oppose the processing of personal data on justified grounds and in relation to their personal circumstances.

The contestants have, according to Law no. 677/2001 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data and the free circulation of such data (with the subsequent modifications and completions), the right to be informed, the right to access data, the right to contest and the right to intervene on data, the right not to be subject to an individual decision, as well as the right to sue.

## **XII. ARBITRATION & CHOICE OF LAW**

Any and all disputes arising between the Organiser and the Contest candidates shall be resolved amicably.

The Organiser does not take responsibility for third parties' or any institutions' claims regarding the prize won by the contestants.

The Organiser does not take responsibility for any malfunctioning of the telephone or Internet networks.

The Organiser does not take responsibility for any misinformation or wrong data communicated to it.

The Organiser cannot be held accountable for any malfunction in the Contest proceedings caused by the action of third parties such as electric power distributors, operators, owners or administrators of telecommunication networks, courier service providers or others alike.

## **XIII. THE CONTEST RULES**

The Contest Rules and description are available on this website:  
<https://celtaromania.ro/index.php/ihsuperteacherchallenge/>.



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Entering the contest implies unconditional and irrevocable acceptance of the provisions of the Rules hereby presented, and mandatory compliance with them.

The Organiser reserves the right to change at any time the provisions of these Rules, insofar as such changes are of essence, on condition that they are announced via the channels mentioned under point II above. Any modification brought to the Rules enters force only after its publication online.

The Rules of the Contest are drafted up in compliance with Romanian laws.

### **XIV. CONTACT**

For more information on the Contest, the contact address is [marketing@ih.ro](mailto:marketing@ih.ro).

