Call For Papers

AILACT: Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking AILACT ESSAY PRIZE 2006

The Association for Informal Logic and Critical Thinking invites applications for its third annual AILACT Essay Prize.

The winner receives US\$500. The prize may, in extraordinary circumstances, be divided among entries judged to be of about equal merit. Additionally, AILACT intends to publish a volume with this winning essay, together with the winning essays of the last two years and the best essays of all three contests.

Essays related to the teaching or theory of informal logic or critical thinking will be considered. An essay may be unpublished, forthcoming or previously published, but published papers must have appeared on or after 1 January 2006. There are no restrictions on authorship. Essays should be 3500-5000 words.

The criteria are, in no particular order, originality, scholarship if applicable (papers should not ignore the relevant literature), argument cogency, style (lucid, delightful-to-read papers will tend to rise to the top), and importance to the field (measured by how high they register on the "Everyone should read this paper-and soon!" scale).

The jury, approved by the AILACT Board of Directors, are Tony Blair (chair), Merrilee Salmon and Michael Scriven. The verdict of the jury is final.

To submit a paper, attach an electronic file to an e-mail with AILACT ESSAY ENTRY on the "Subject" line, or mail three paper copies, to the appropriate address below. Send the paper ready for blind-reviewing (the author not identified on the paper or file containing the paper, and self-identifying references removed from the text, notes and References).

The deadline is 1 September 2006.

Address email entries to: *philos@uwindsor.ca* and put in the Subject line: AILACT ESSAY PRIZE ENTRY. Address paper copy entries to: AILACT ESSAY PRIZE ENTRY, Department of Philosophy, University of Windsor, Windsor, ON, Canada N9B 3P4. Be sure to include your name, e-mail address and a mailing address in your covering note.

The winner will be announced by 1 December 2006. AILACT will publicize the name of the winner.

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