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## Enter the Canadian Poetry Contest in the second official language

## Dialogue on Canadian Diversity second-language Poetry Contest

Canadian secondary school students are invited to take part in a poetry contest based on the theme "Dialogue on Canadian Diversity". Participants are called upon to use their second language to create a work inspired by the richness of Canada's geological, biological and/or cultural heritage.

With the collaboration of the Department of Canadian Heritage, the "Dialogue on Canadian Diversity" poetry contest will allow thousands of young people to support Canada's participation in the next world's fair, in Aichi, Japan (www.expo2005canada.gc.ca), and to express themselves on about the following three themes:

1. Geosphere: soil, water, and air in Canada, including climate.
2. Biosphere: Canada's living nature, i.e. its micro-organisms, plants, animals and humans.
3. Ethnosphere: Canadians and their culture. Their relationship with nature and with other people.

**Competition Rules:**
Students are invited to present five poems, or a five-page poem on a theme about Canada. The *Haïku* style can be used if the student wishes. Poems must be written in the participants' second official language. Poems must be typed or neatly handwritten on 8.5" X 11" paper, double-spaced. Electronic submissions are encouraged.

**Prizes:**
The four poetry contest winners, two per official language, will take part in four significant literary events in Canada: the 21st *Festival International de la Poésie* (Trois-Rivières, Québec), the *Salon du Livre de Québec*, the *Winnipeg Words* and the Banff-Calgary *Writers' Festival* (Alberta). School events may also be organized in which contest winners may read their work.

**Selection committee:**
The selection committee will be composed of representatives from the *Festival International de la Poésie*, *The League of Canadian Poets* and the Department of Canadian Heritage. Winners will be announced at the official opening of the *Festival International de la Poésie*, September 30, 2005.

**Deadline:**
The deadline for receiving poems at the *Festival International de la Poésie* is **May 13, 2005**, as indicated by the postmark or the e-mail delivery date. Winners will be notified in the following weeks. The contest winners' tour will begin at the *Festival International de la Poésie*, September 30, 2005.

For more information on the competition, go to: **www.fiptr.com**

This poetry contest is organized by the *Festival International de la Poésie* in collaboration with *The League of Canadian Poets.*