Wiki Loves E-textbooks

http://wikiepodreczniki.pl/

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Why?

In Poland there is an obligation to buy a textbooks for schoolchildren.

The textbooks are printed by several commercial publishers and the right to choose textbook belongs to teachers/schools

Costs of purchase is taken by parents and partially by government

The textbooks market is 1.5 B PLN (400 M EUR) a year of which 1.35 B is paid by parents and 150 M. by government

Average cost per child/year - 500 PLN (150 EUR). Average salary in Poland: 650 EUR.

What ?

„E-podręczniki” – governmental program to write and publish free textbooks – available under CC-BY license in electronic form that anyone can print and deliver.

Coordinator: Education Development Centre (a subsidiary of Ministry of Education)
Creators: Poznan Supercomputing Centre (a host), “Grupa Edukacyjna S.A.” (publisher), Wrocław University, Technical Univeristy of Lodz (writers/expert groups)

Cost: 15 M PLN (5 M EUR)

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The idea of contest

The writers/experts are having problems with free media (pictures, sounds, animations etc.)

There is a pool of free media (Commons, Flickr etc.) - but they are not always suitable and hard to find and select.

So the idea is to use Wikimedia (and general public) volunteer manpower to do the job, both by searching and creating the needed free media and then upload them to Commons to be ready to use for E-textbooks.

Budget: 40 000 PLN (15 000 EUR)

Partners:

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The rules of the game

Authors/experts create a wish-list, which is published in Wikipedia [1]

The participants upload files to Commons. Their own works, modified works and also ready to use works from any sources. The works must be released under CC-BY-SA, CC-BY or be in public domain.

Technical requirements: Photos: minimum 2880 px. by shorter box, graphs/hand-made pictures: „clean W3C svg”.

The commission selects the best works and score points: 10 for original work, 5 for derivative work, 2.5 for just found.

The winner is the user with highest score.

Wishlists:

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Natural Sciences (121)

Polish literature (418)

History (139)

Primary education (65)

Computer Science (38)

Prizes

In each edition:

I place: 2500 PLN
II place: 1400 PLN
III place 500 PLN

Editions:

I: ends 6th May
II: ends 6 June
III: ends 6 July
IV: ends 31 August

Participation:

Create account on Commons

Select topic on whishlist

Klick on “photo” icon

Dedicated campaign upload wizard

results

- 575 original files uploaded
- 945 modified files uploaded
- 1417 found
- After selection it was accepted 843 files
- From 786 entries from the wish-list only 42 are still missing.
- The most problematic wish-list entries were pictures with “scenes with humans” such as “a child watching inappropriate content in Internet” and book-covers/other copyrighted stuff.

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