

## 2015 ACTR Olympiada of Spoken Russian

<b>HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL</b>							
<b>STATE/REGION</b>	<b>SCHOOLS/ PROGRAMS</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>HONOR</b>	<b>NO AWARD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
ALASKA	11	54	21	28	16	34	153
DELAWARE VALLEY	5	57	16	0	0	11	84
ILLINOIS	4	19	22	17	14	7	79
INDIANA	2	5	5	1	0	1	12
MARYLAND	4	8	5	12	13	50	88
MINNESOTA	1	9	3	1	0	2	15
NEW JERSEY	5	63	29	2	0	28	122
NEW ENGLAND	2	9	7	8	3	0	27
NY /STATE	4	21	24	14	2	5	66
NYC/HERITAGE*		19	3	1	0	0	23
NORTH CAROLINA	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
OHIO	2	9	7	5	6	4	31
TEXAS	4	39	22	12	2	28	103
VIRGINIA	10	42	41	26	45	10	164
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>968</b>

\* Students from multiple, unidentified schools participated

<b>STATE/REGION</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
MARYLAND	1	92
ALASKA`	1	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>127</b>

<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	
<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
57+	1095*

\* 788 contestants received traditional Olympiada awards (medals and/or certificates)

### Notes:

1. In 2015 the rule that more than one school was needed in order to conduct an Olympiada continued to be relaxed on a trial basis. Thirteen traditional high school competitions took place (two of which incorporated middle school competitors), as well as two ad hoc competitions at elementary level, and an exclusively heritage competition also took place for a total of 16 competitions.

2. Participant numbers declined slightly in 2015 (16 fewer participants than in 2014), following two years of increases:

YEAR	PARTICIPANTS
2010	1291
2011	1136
2012	984
2013	1096
2014	1111
2015	1095

3. The states and regions with the highest number of participants (aggregated across all types of competitions) were Alaska (188), Maryland (180), and Virginia (164).

4. The lowest number of participants per traditional state/region was in North Carolina (1), followed by Indiana (12), and Minnesota (15).

5. Of recently active Olympiada regions (dating back to 2010) no competitions were held in the following regions: Oklahoma, Washington. The Illinois/Indiana regional Olympiada split into two separate competitions for each state; aggregate 91 participants (79 for Illinois, 12 for Indiana) surpassed the Illinois/Indiana figure for 2014 (75). An Olympiada took place in North Carolina for the first time (though only one student ended up participating) and a competition is being prepared in that state for 2016. In addition, it is expected that in 2016, an Olympiada will take place in Tennessee for the first time in many years.

6. Traditional Olympiada medals/certificates were awarded to students as follows: Gold (45%), Silver (26%), Bronze (16%), Honorable Mention (13%).

7. All states/regions employed the new version of Level One materials/procedures that had been developed in 2012 by a committee composed of Ruth Edelman, Lee Roby, Betsy Sandstrom, and Natasha Ushakova; piloted at selected competitions in 2013; and adjusted slightly (based on feedback from states/regions that piloted the materials) in summer of 2013. The committee continues to work on revisions to the materials and is currently addressing Level Two.

8. Top finalists in the regular and heritage categories are expected to receive a personal letter of congratulations from Dan Davidson. Regular top finalists will also receive a copy of *The Russian's World: Life and Language* by Genevra Gerhart with Eloise M. Boyle (4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Slavica: 2012), while heritage top finalists will receive a copy of *The Russian Context: The Culture Behind the Language*, edited by Genevra Gerhart and Eloise M. Boyle (Slavica: 2002). Both books are provided by Slavica at a substantial discount and paid for by SLAVA. (List of finalists will be provided later—a couple regions have yet to submit names).

9. The annual videoconference of Olympiada state/regional chairs was held on December 10 with seven chairs in attendance. Concerns were raised about attrition of high school Russian programs in Washington (where Olympiada will probably not take place in 2016) and Alaska.

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