

DIASPORIC LITERATURE SPOT
2011 COMPETITION
“Our Forests, our lives”



The year 2011 was declared the
“International Year of Forests”
by the **United Nations**
to raise awareness and strengthen
the **sustainable forest management,**
conservation and development
of all types of forests
for the benefit of current and future generations.

The above information you will find in Wikipedia, [at this address](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Year_of_Forests)

United Nations internet addresses on the issue are:

<http://www.un.org/esa/forests/index.html>

<http://www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/>



Forests are of extreme importance to this planet and hence their existence. Humans have not been very kind to forests over the past five to seven decades and during this period deforestation has become a real threat for survival of the next generations.

Diasporic Literature Spot, by the decision of its Committee will include in the first issue of the DLS literary periodical a tribute to the forests in the hope that we raise awareness of what we're doing today to the next generations. This

tribute will call for works to be entered into a competition titled “**Our Forests, our lives - 2011**”.

All works (whether in poetry, prose or essay) that receive merit awards will be published in this inaugural issue of the Diasporic Literature periodical for 2011 in the especially large section set aside for this topic.



Conditions of entry to the competition are –

1. All writers (members of Diasporic Literature Spot or not) are eligible to enter the competition, one entry per writer. Members of the competition evaluation committees cannot take part.
2. Three types of literature are considered acceptable for this competition, poetry, short story or essay. The works must be original and belong to the writer who submits them. Works in prose must not exceed the **1500 words** limit, submitted as an attachment in Times New Roman font 12 point and single line spacing. Works in poetry must not exceed the length of an A4 page in 12 point character size, single line spacing.
3. Works must be in any of these three languages: **Greek, English or Spanish.**
4. Closing date for entries is **31st March 2011**. No consideration will be given to works after this date.
5. Evaluation Committees for each language will be announced after the expiration date.
6. All awarded works will appear in the 2011 issue of Diasporic Literary Spot's periodical alongside member's other pre-selected works in a special tribute that will be promoted in this first issue.
7. Awarded works will also receive a Certificate of Merit in electronic format after the periodical is published.
8. Email address to send the works to:
literature@diasporic.org
or to this mailing address :
P.O. Box 2343, Caulfield Junction, Vic 3161, Australia
9. Works emailed should arrive with an “**Entry ID**” obtained from this page (http://diasporic.org/?page_id=6814) after a writer's name, email and agreement to the conditions of entry is submitted. The “Entry ID” serves the same purpose as a pseudonym.

Works submitted to the competition via the Post office box, do not need an “**Entry ID**” but they must include the writer’s full name in a separate and sealed envelope as well as a assumed name with the entry.

10. The decision of the Evaluation Committees to be appointed by Diasporic Literature Spot is final.



Diasporic Committee
Diasporic Literature Spot
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Organizations supporting and/or endorsing the Literary Competition “**Our Forests, our Lives - 2011**”:

- ❖ **Diasporic Literature Spot** - Australia
<http://www.diasporic.org/>
- ❖ **United Nations International Year of Forests 2011** - New York
<http://www.un.org/en/events/iyof2011/>
- ❖ **Cultural Helénica Nostos** - Argentina
<http://www.nostosonline.gr/>
- ❖ **Parks Victoria** - Healthy Parks, Healthy People - Victoria
<http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/>
- ❖ **Greek-Australian Cultural League** - Melbourne
<http://www.gacl.com.au/>

