#### RULES

# of the Call for Research Papers within the AI Journey 2024 Science Track (the Rules)

## 1. General Provisions

- 1.1. These rules govern the procedure for organizing and administering the call for research papers within the AI Journey Science track (hereinafter, the Call for Papers, or the Call), for the purposes set out in Para 1.8 of the Rules.
- 1.2. The Call Organizer is Sberbank (registered address: 117997, Moscow, Vavilova St., 19. INN 7707083893, KPP 773601001, OGRN 1027700132195, OKPO 00032537) (hereinafter, the Organizer).
- 1.3. The Organizer's Partner is V.P. Ivannikov Institute of System Programming of the Russian Academy of Sciences (registered address: 109004, Moscow, Aleksandra Solzhenitsyna St., 25. OKPO 34581057, OGRN 1037700067327, INN/KPP 7709006125/770901001) (hereinafter, the Partner).
- 1.4. Information support for the Call is provided on the <a href="https://ai-journey.ru/">https://ai-journey.ru/</a> website (hereinafter, the Website).
- 1.5. Any Call-related questions may be submitted to the Organizer via the official email box: <a href="mailto:AIJ\_Science@sberbank.ru">AIJ\_Science@sberbank.ru</a> (hereinafter, the Mailbox).
- 1.6. The Call will be administered in the Russian Federation and via the Website, in the manner described in these Rules.
- 1.7. The Organizer will provide information about the Call by posting advertising and information materials about it on the Website, or in any other manner at the Organizer's discretion, including via the Internet.
- 1.8. The purposes for which the Call is administered are as follows:
  - 1.8.1. to create a peer-reviewed journal of scientific papers describing advanced research in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) (hereinafter, the Publication) that will be published to support research in the areas of data science, artificial intelligence and machine learning, as well as exchange of opinions and practical experiences among scientists;
  - 1.8.2. to select the best paper from among those chosen for the Publication during the Call for Papers, and award a prize to the paper author(s) with the aim of supporting research in the field of artificial intelligence and machine learning.
- 1.9. The Publication will be printed (in limited amounts) and posted electronically on the web resources at the Organizer's discretion.
- 1.10. The best paper will be selected from among those chosen for the Publication in the manner set out in these Rules, and its authors will be named the winners of the Call for Papers (hereinafter, the Winner).
- 1.11. if for some reason the Winners withdraw from the Call or lose their entitlement to the prize, the Organizer may select another Winner from among the participants whose papers were chosen for the Publication.
- 1.12. As part of the Call for Papers administration process, the Organizer and the Partner may engage third parties (of any legal form) to provide support (in particular, in the form of charity or otherwise), or provide technical and other resources necessary for the administration of the Call for Papers and issuance of the Publication.
- 1.13. The Organizer reserves the right to unilaterally amend the Rules no later than fourteen (14) calendar days before the end of the Call application acceptance period (Stage One). If any amendments are made to the Rules, the Organizer will post such amendments on the

Website. If those participating in the Call disagree with any amendments to the Rules, they must withdraw from the Call for Papers process by sending an email with a notice of such withdrawal to <a href="Mailto:AIJ\_Science@sberbank.ru">AIJ\_Science@sberbank.ru</a>. If no notice is given as referred to in this paragraph, the amendments to the Rules will be deemed accepted by the participant. The participant takes the responsibility to monitor the Website for a new version of the Rules.

## 2. General conditions of participation in the Call for Papers

- 2.1. To participate in the Call for Papers, applicants will need to fill out the registration form on the Website, agree to the Rules, attach the paper they propose for the Publication and send to the Organizer by clicking on the appropriate button (hereinafter, the Application).
- 2.2. A legally capable individual aged eighteen or older who is the author (co-author) of the paper in respect of which the Application is filed in accordance with Para. 2.1. of these Rules will be recognized as a participant (hereinafter, the Participant).
- 2.3. In its Application, the Participant must provide up-to-date and accurate data that should also correspond to that contained in the text of the paper. If outdated or inaccurate data is provided, the Organizer may bar such applicant from participation in the Call for Papers without explaining the reason therefor.
- 2.4. Papers will be accepted only if sent with an Application in accordance with Para. 2.1. of the Rules. A paper sent to the Organizer in any other manner may not be accepted for participation in the Call for Papers.
- 2.5. A paper co-authored by several persons will be accepted for participation in the Call for Papers within one Application only. A Participant that filed an Application with a paper co-authored by several persons will be deemed acting on behalf, and with the consent, of all the co-authors indicated in such paper. The Participant will warrant to the Organizer that they have obtained consents from all such co-authors for participation in the Call for Papers with the respective paper and in accordance with these Rules. The Participant should not file the Application until they have made all the co-authors aware of these Rules and have obtained their consent to participate in the Call for Papers. If so requested by the Organizer, the Participant undertakes to provide the Organizer with the evidence of their compliance with the above-mentioned duties, as and when indicated in such request. All co-authors of the paper will be recognized as Participants of the Call for Papers.
- 2.6. If a paper participating in the Call is authored by one person who is an affiliate of the Organizer, or the Partner, such paper may qualify for the Publication but will not qualify for the best paper award and, consequently, the author will not have any claim to the prize referred in Para. 5.13 of the Rules. Affiliates are understood as the employees (including those engaged on the basis of a civil-law contract) of the Organizer or the Partner and of any companies comprising one group of companies with the Organizer or with the Partner, as well as any other third parties involved in the organization of the Call for Papers.
- 2.7. If a paper participating in the Call is authored by a team comprised both of any affiliates of the Organizer, or the Partner, and of persons who are none of the above, such paper may qualify both for the Publication and for the best paper award, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - (1) none of the co-authors of the paper participated in the organization and administration of the Call for Papers;
  - (2) the prize will be divided strictly among those co-authors who are none of an affiliate of the Organizer, or the Partner, which must be evidenced by an appropriate written agreement among the co-authors.
- 2.8. All information relevant to the Call for Papers will be posted on the Website. The Organizer is not responsible for the relevance of any information posted on third-party resources.

2.9. A Participant may refuse to participate in the Call for Papers by sending a notice to that effect to the Mailbox. Such refusal will automatically result in the removal of the paper and all of its authors from the Call for Papers process and will render it impossible to receive the prize in case of winning.

# 3. Key stages and timeframes of the Call for Papers process

- 3.1. The Call for Papers will be administered from 15/04/2024 to 31/12/2024 and will include the following stages:
  - **Stage One**: receipt of the Applications in accordance with Para. 2.1. of the Rules; this stage will last from 00:00 (Moscow time) on 15/04/2024 to 23:59 (Moscow time) on 20/08/2024;
  - **Stage Two**: preliminary screening of papers in accordance with Para. 5.1. of the Rules; this stage will last until 23:59 (Moscow time) on 31/08/2024; the Participants who failed to pass to the next stage will be notified by the Organizer accordingly at their email addresses indicated in the Applications, not later than by 23:59 (Moscow time) on 31/08/2024;
  - **Stage Three**: peer review of papers in accordance with Para 5.4. of the Rules; this stage will last until 23:59 (Moscow time) on 30/09/2024;
  - **Stage Four**: compilation of the list of papers to be included in the Publication; this stage will last until 23:59 (Moscow time) on 31/10/2024;
  - **Stage Five**: notification of the Participants of the Call for Papers outcomes; this stage will last until 23:59 (Moscow time) on 10/11/2024;
  - **Stage Six**: determination and notification of the Winner; this stage will last until 23:59 (Moscow time) on 31/12/2024.
- 3.2. The cash prize will be paid to the Winner by 28/02/2025 (inclusive).

## 4. Requirements to papers participating in the Call

- 4.1. Only original unpublished papers in the Russian and/or the English language may participate in the Call for Papers. Articles selected for the Publication must be translated into English or into Russian, respectively. Translation will be done by the Partner. The Partner will have the Russian translation of a paper agreed with the author (one of the coauthors).
- 4.2. All authors must be indicated in the text of the paper. Changes to the list of authors will not be allowed after submission of the Application or at any subsequent stages of the Call for Papers.
- 4.3. All communications between the Organizer and a Participant will be via email using the contact details indicated in the Application; the telephone number may, among other things, be used as an additional means of communication. Communication with the paper authors participating in the Call whose contact details were not indicated in the Application will be done by the Participant whose contact details were indicated in the Application. If the Application contains inaccurate contact details or if the Participant does not respond within three (3) business days after an inquiry is made by the Organizer, the latter may exclude the paper from the Call for Papers notifying the Participant by email one (1) business day before the paper is excluded from the Call.
- 4.4. Accepted for the Call for Papers will be research papers in the fields of artificial intelligence and machine learning with a description of the scientific research undertaken.
- 4.5. Main criteria applied to a paper participating in the Call:
  - a research paper in the AI/ML field;

- novelty of the research described in the paper;
- cognitive and/or practical importance of the paper;
- relevance of the research described;
- uniqueness of the research described;
- reasonableness of computations, if any, and of statements.
- 4.6. Papers will not be considered if not compliant in any of the following ways:
  - fabrication or falsification of data, i.e. forged or tampered data;
  - plagiarism and self-plagiarism<sup>1</sup> at least one sentence copied without proper citation from someone else's work or from own earlier published article or another work, as well as figures, tables and other items of intellectual property;
  - the paper contains information indicated in Para. 4.7 of the Rules;
  - the paper is inconsistent with the requirements set out in Para. 4.9. of the Rules.
- 4.7. Submitted papers may not contain:
  - commercial or other legally protected secret, classified information;
  - items of intellectual property of third parties incorporated in the article in a manner that violates the requirements of the Russian law on citation;
  - information and/or materials that violate the rights and valid interests of individuals and legal entitles, the requirements of the Russian law, or public morals.
- 4.8. The Participant will warrant to the Organizer that Paras. 4.6, 4.7, 4.9 of these Rules have been complied with.
- 4.9. General requirements to a paper:
  - the paper is to be uploaded together with the Application, via the registration form on the Website;
  - the total size of the paper should not exceed 5 MB;
  - the file containing the paper text must be in the pdf format;
  - the paper text should not exceed twenty-five thousand (25,000) characters without spaces (this figure includes the text, tables, and bibliographic references). Minor departures are acceptable;
  - the paper must not have been published;
  - only lawfully published works may be cited in the paper for academic, polemic, critical, or information purposes, or for the purpose of unlocking the author's creative intention, to the extent justified by the purpose of citation;
  - any references in the text to the works cited are to be presented in square brackets (e.g., [1]) and must contain an indication to the names of the authors of the work cited and the source of the citation;
  - the paper must contain a list of the works used and cited, with such works being included in such list in the order of citation;
  - self-citation (i.e. references to any other papers by the author(s)) is permitted to an extent not exceeding 30% of all references to citation sources;
  - all citations used in the paper must always be in the original language and must be accompanied by an appropriate reference;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> With the exception of any citations made in accordance with the Russian law or any use of materials published pursuant to an open-source license that permits such use, and with the exception of any instances where material was borrowed from other works pursuant to the rightsholder's permission a copy whereof is to be attached to the Application.

- it is prohibited to use others' works or parts thereof in the paper text for illustration purposes. Illustration is auxiliary material that enhances (improves) the reader's perception, or decorates the publication, often used as a design element, however, unlike a citation, its absence would not generally impact the work's information component (such material may be freely withdrawn without any loss of content of the publication/work so illustrated).
- 4.10. Requirements to the contents of a paper:
  - Paper title. The paper title must be consistent in meaning with the paper text.
  - Full names of all paper authors must be indicated in the paper.
  - Abstract. An abstract is a brief summary of a research paper and should be selfexplanatory without having to refer to the full paper text. Recommendations regarding the abstract:
    - o introductory remarks on the topic of the paper;
    - o purpose of the research described in the paper;
    - o a description of the academic and practical importance of the paper;
    - o a description of the research methodology;
    - o key findings and conclusions;
    - o value and practical relevance of the research.
  - The body text of the paper must be preceded by keywords. The keywords must:
    - o reflect the essential content of the paper;
    - o identify the field of research;
    - o be present in the main body text.
  - Body text. The body text of the paper may contain tables, images, and figures (hereinafter, the Figures). Figures must be clear and in a format that allows clear rendering of all details. Wherever abbreviations are used in the body text of the paper, they must be expanded.
  - List of bibliographic references. For books: the author's family name and initials, full book title, place of publication, publishing house, year of publication, volume or issue, and the total number of pages. References to any books translated into Russian must be accompanied by references to their original editions complete with the publication data. For periodicals: the author's family name and initials, article title, magazine title, year of publication, volume, number, and the first and the last page of the article. It is recommended to indicate the DOI index of any cited article. References to any unpublished or inappropriately published sources are not allowed.
- 4.11. Information about the style file and the template for paper formatting purposes will be posted by the Organizer on the Website and are recommended for paper formatting.

### 5. Call for Papers procedure

- 5.1. Once received, the Applications will undergo preliminary screening for conformity with these Rules, in particular, whether the paper matches the remit of the Publication, i.e. artificial intelligence and machine learning (Stage Two).
- 5.2. Following such preliminary screening, the Organizer may disqualify a Participant from subsequent participation and inclusion of their paper into the Publication without explaining the reasons therefor.
- 5.3. All papers that passed the Stage Two preliminary screening will be assigned an ID to serve as the paper's unique identifier.

- 5.4. The papers that passed the Stage Two preliminary screening will be sent to the Partner to have the articles peer-reviewed by leading domestic and international expert reviewers (Stage Three). The Organizer may instruct the Participants, by notifying the Participants accordingly by email, to send their papers to the Partner on their own. In so doing, the Organizer will indicate the time frame for the sending of the papers, but not less than three (3) business days from the date on which the respective notice is given to the Participant. As a paper is sent to the Partner, it is unacceptable to change the paper topic and/or authors, including the list of such authors.
- 5.5. The reviewer will evaluate the papers based on, but not limited to, the following criteria:
  - consistency of the paper content with the topic of artificial intelligence and machine learning;
  - presence of an original finding in the research paper that has not been previously published elsewhere;
  - reliability of the research findings;
  - conformity with the paper presentation requirements set out in the Rules;
  - consistency of the paper content with the declared topic (paper title);
  - relevance and novelty of the research presented in the paper;
  - scientific, cognitive and/or practical importance of the research presented in the paper;
  - presence of practically relevant conclusions and recommendations in the paper.
- 5.6. The review text may be provided to the Participant only upon a written request<sup>2</sup> filed with the Partner. There are no other ways in which the Organizer or the Partner may provide the Participant with the reviews.
- 5.7. The list of the papers to be included in the Publication (Stage Four) will be compiled by a commission comprised of the representatives of the Organizer, the Partner, and other subject matter experts if the Organizer so decides (hereinafter, the Commission).
- 5.8. The final decision on the list of articles to be included in the Publication will be made by the Commission by a majority vote. The Organizer will record the Commission memberships in appropriate minutes. The Commission will meet<sup>3</sup> in a combined joint-presence and by-correspondence format allowing the Commission members to familiarize themselves with the text of the papers and the peer reviews thereof. A meeting will be deemed to have taken place, if more than fifty percent (50%) of all Commission members participated in the voting. The Organizer will keep minutes recording all meetings and decisions of the Commission.
- 5.9. The Partner will enter into a license agreement with those Participants whose articles are selected for inclusion in the Publication, including the electronic version, such agreement providing for the right to use the article by including it in the Publication. If a Participant refuses to enter into such license agreement they shall be deemed to have refused from having the paper included in the Publication and their subsequent participation in the Call for Papers, and if such Participant is announced the Winner, their win will be canceled and the Winner will lose their entitlement to the prize. With regard to a paper written by a team of Participants, the license agreement will be entered into in accordance with the rules envisaged by the Russian law and the agreement between the Participants (if any). If it is impossible to enter into the license agreement in a proper manner, in particular, where one or more authors refuse to enter into such an agreement, the article will be withdrawn from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The inquiry is to be sent to the Partner's email in a free form. The Partner's email address will be advised separately by the Organizer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Organizer will determine the number of meetings and the proceedings at such meetings at its discretion.

the Publication, and the Participants will be deemed to have refused to continue to participate in the Call for Papers, and if such Participants become Winners, their win will be canceled and the Winners will lose their entitlement to the prize.

- 5.10. Notification of the Participants (Stage Five)) of the outcomes of the Call for Papers stages will be made to the email address indicated in the Application.
- 5.11. The best paper will be selected from the list of papers selected for the Publication by a vote of the Commission (Stage Six). The best paper will be determined by a majority of the Commission votes. The proceedings of the meeting and the result of the vote will be reflected in the Commission minutes. The authors of the best paper will be announced the Winners.
- 5.12. The Commission may, at its discretion, select another paper from the list of those selected for the Publication, by way of acknowledging its special contribution to the development of science which warrants introduction of an additional nomination and a cash prize. The amount of such prize will be determined by the Organizer at its own discretion but may not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand rubles (RUB 250,000) (this amount is before the withholding of the individual income tax).
- 5.13. The prize fund of the Call for Papers will be financed by the Organizer.
- 5.14. The exact date of the Winner announcement will be separately posted by the Organizer on the Website.
- 5.15. The Winner will receive the prize<sup>4</sup> of one million rubles (RUB 1,000,000) (this amount is before the withholding of the individual income tax).
- 5.16. If several authors of one paper are named the Winner, the Organizer must be provided with a scanned copy of an agreement signed by all Participants (authors) describing the arrangements achieved among the authors, with a distribution of the prize amount among the Participants (authors), for the Organizer to use as the basis for the payment of the cash prize.
- 5.17. If so requested by the Organizer, the Participant that was named the Winner must provide the following contact details in respect of all authors: email address, telephone number.
- 5.18. At the Organizer's request, all Winners must provide the following details/copies of documents within three (3) business days from the date on which the Organizer sends such a request by email:
  - an identity document (passport);
  - the certificate of registration of an individual with a tax authority at the place of residence (INN) (if available);
  - bank account details for the payment of the prize (the prize amount in rubles to the Winners' accounts with Russian banks or with foreign banks with ruble-denominated LORO accounts with a Russian bank);
  - the prize sharing agreement signed by all authors (for articles with two or more authors);
  - a confirmation of (non-)tax residency<sup>5</sup>.

If the details/documents are not provided within the time frame specified,<sup>6</sup> the Call for Papers winner will forfeit their entitlement to the prize.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In accordance with the Russian tax law, the Organizer acts as the tax agent for the calculation, withholding and payment to the government of the individual income tax. This paragraph indicates the prize amount before the withholding of the individual income tax at the rate according to the Russian law.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Pursuant to Para. 2 Article 207 of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation, tax residents are individuals who effectively reside in the Russian Federation at least 183 calendar days during any 12 consecutive months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Subject to the Organizer's consent, this period may be extended if valid reasons exist for which the Winner cannot provide the documents requested in a timely fashion.

5.19. The Organizer will award the prize to the Winner by a cashless transfer of the funds to the bank account details provided by the Winner, within the time frames indicated in Para. 3 of the Rules provided that Paras. 5.16 - 5.18 of the Rules have been complied with by that time.

## 6. Undertakings and warranties by Participants

- 6.1. The Participants undertake to:
  - 6.1.1. Use the Website in accordance with its intended purpose and exclusively for the purposes of participating in the Call for Papers.
  - 6.1.2. When writing the papers, not use any results of intellectual activity, or materials and information not protected as results of intellectual activity if such use will result in an infringement (risk of infringement) of the rights and valid interests of third parties and/or create any restrictions on the disposal of the rights to the results of intellectual activity in accordance with Para. 5.9 of the Rules.
  - 6.1.3. Refrain from using any software that is disruptive to the operation of the Website or any other automated systems and that makes it possible to tamper with the results of the Call for Papers.
  - 6.1.4. Not use any data, materials, and information posted on the Website by reproduction, processing, or otherwise for any purpose without the Organizer's prior written consent.
  - 6.1.5. Not submit papers for participation in the Call on behalf of any person other than the Participant.
  - 6.1.6. Not act on behalf of any person whose interests the Participant is not authorized to represent.
  - 6.1.7. Not do anything that may result in damage to the Organizer.
  - 6.1.8. Not use for any private or commercial purpose, nor disseminate, nor disclose to any third parties any data and information received from the Organizer without the Organizer's prior consent.
- 6.2. if the Participant is in breach of any undertakings pursuant to this paragraph of the Rules, the Participant will be liable in accordance with the applicable Russian law and these Rules, and may be disqualified from the Call for Papers if the Organizer so decides.
- 6.3. The Participants represent to the Organizer (by operation of Art. 431.2 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation) that the following holds true in respect of the results of intellectual activity expressed or contained in the paper submitted for the Call for Papers ((hereinafter, RIA):
  - 6.3.1.at the time of participation in the Call for Papers and of entering into the license agreement in accordance with Para. 5.9 of the Rules, the Participant is the holder of the exclusive right to RIA;
  - 6.3.2. the submission of the paper for participation in the Call and the entering into license agreement in accordance with Para. 5.9 of the Rules does not infringe any copyright, auxiliary, or any other rights of third parties;
  - 6.3.3.at the time of participation in the Call for Papers and of entering into the license agreement in accordance with Para. 5.9 of the Rules, the exclusive right to RIA is not divested, or pledged, or encumbered by any third-party claims, nor challenged in court or in any other lawful manner;
  - 6.3.4. at the time of participation in the Call for Papers and of entering into the license agreement in accordance with Para. 5.9 of the Rules, the right to use RIA has not been granted to any third parties on the basis of a license or otherwise;

6.3.5. no copyright, auxiliary, or any other rights and valid interests of third parties were infringed in the course of creation of the RIA.

## 7. Undertakings of the Organizer

- 7.1. The Organizer undertakes to:
  - 7.1.1. Administer the Call for Papers in the manner prescribed by the Rules.
  - 7.1.2. Jointly with the Partner, arrange for issuance of the Publication in printed form (in limited amounts) and post it electronically on an Internet resource(s).
  - 7.1.3. Award the prize to the Call for Papers Winner as and when prescribed by the Rules.

## 8. Limitation of liability

- 8.1. The Participant uses the Website "as is". The Organizer assumes no responsibility, among other things, for the Website being fit for the purposes and expectations of the Participants.
- 8.2. The Organizer will not be in any way liable to the Participants or any third parties for any breaches of these Rules by any Participants and/or any third parties.
- 8.3. The Participant accepts and agrees that the Organizer bears no liability for any losses incurred by any Participant as a result of using the Website or any information posted on this Website, or as the result of their participation in the Call for Papers.

## 9. Processing of personal data

- 9.1. From the moment of registration for participation in the Call for Papers and of acknowledging consent to the terms and conditions of these Rules in accordance with Federal Law dated 27/07/2006 No. 152-FZ( $\Phi$ 3) "On Personal Data", the Organizer will process the following scope of the Participant's personal data (to be provided in the registration form):
  - 9.1.1. for the purposes of organizing and administering the Call for Papers, preparing and issuing the Publication: family name, first name, patronymic, telephone number, email address, place of employment, place of studies, position, country, city of residence, the text of the research papers with auxiliary materials;
  - 9.1.2. for the purposes of paying the prize to the Winners: the details of the identity document (passport), the certificate of the individual's registration with the tax authority at the place of residence (INN) (if any), bank account details for the payment of the prize, the details of the prize sharing agreement with signatures of all authors (in respect of papers authored by two or more persons), the details of any documents evidencing the tax residency.
- 9.2. Personal data will be processed with or without means of automation by performing the following actions with personal data: collecting, recording, systemizing, accumulating, storing, making current (updating, or modifying), retrieving, using, deleting, destroying, transferring (providing, or granting access to). For the purposes of organizing and administering the Call for Papers, preparing and issuing the Publication, the Organizer may transfer the personal data of the Participants to the Partner to the extent necessary for the accomplishment of such goals.
- 9.3. Personal data processing will continue throughout the period of time necessary for administering the Call for Papers and performing all of the Organizer's duties related to the administration of the Call for Papers. The Organizer guarantees that personal data processing will be limited to the purposes set forth in these Rules and that no personal data processing that is incompatible with the purposes of personal data collection will take place.

- 9.4. If the Participant discloses personal data of any third parties (including other authors of the paper) to the Organizer for the purposes of participating in the Call for Papers, the Participant undertakes to first obtain consents from such third parties to the transfer of their personal data to, and processing by, the Organizer in accordance with the Rules.
- 9.5. Following the Call for Papers, the Partner will publish the selected papers on its own. The Partner will make sure that legal grounds exist for the processing of the Participants' personal data for the purposes of publishing the papers and including such papers in the Publication, and will process such data in accordance with the Partner's local policies and regulations acting in the capacity of an independent personal data operator within the meaning of Federal Law dated 27/07/2006 No. 152-FZ(Φ3) "On Personal Data". The Organizer will not process, and will not be held liable for the processing of, the Participants' personal data for the purposes set out in this paragraph.
- 9.6. Herewith, the Participant grants their consent to the Organizer and the Partner in accordance with Art. 152.1 of the Civil Code of the Russian Federation for the use of the Participant's image in any photo- and video materials produced at the Winner award ceremony in any lawful manner, including their posting on the Internet. The Participant may refuse to grant such consent to the use of the image by sending an appropriate notice to the Mailbox. Such refusal will not affect participation in the Call for Papers but may result in restrictions on the participation in the award ceremony. The award ceremony will take place within the framework of the AI Journey Conference. The Winner's refusal to grant the above-mentioned consent and the restrictions imposed on the distribution of personal data will render it impossible to publish information on the Winner.
- 9.7. If the Organizer receives inquiries related to the participation in the Call for Papers or to personal data processing, the Organizer may ask the Participant to provide additional information necessary to confirm the Participant's identity and the authenticity of such an inquiry.
- 9.8. The Organizer guarantees that personal data will be processed and that any personal data so processed will be kept confidential and protected, in accordance with the requirements of Federal Law dated 27/07/2006 No. 152-FZ(Φ3) "On Personal Data". In the course of personal data processing, the Call for Papers Organizer undertakes to take the necessary legal, organizational and technical action to protect personal data against unlawful or accidental access, destruction, modification, blocking, copying, disclosure, dissemination, or any other illegitimate action. The Organizer will perform personal data processing in accordance with the Personal Data Processing Policy and with the data protection and information security standards adopted by the Organizer. For more information on personal data processing by the Organizer, https://www.sberbank.ru/en/individualclients/privacy\_policy. The Website will process personal data in accordance with the documents and forms posted on the Website. The Partner will process personal data in accordance with their own policies and other documents.
- 9.9. The Participant agrees that the Organizer may use email to request additional materials, notify them of any amendments to the Rules, of the Call for Papers outcomes, and to administer surveys in connection with the Call for Papers.

## 10. Final provisions

- 10.1. All relations arising from the Rules and/or associated with the participation in the Call for Papers, preparation and issuance of the Publication, are regulated by the law and legislation of the Russian Federation.
- 10.2. The information about the Winner will be published on the basis of their consent to the processing of the personal data permitted by the personal data subject for distribution. The

- scope of personal data to be so processed and published is determined by such consent. The Call for Papers Winner's refusal to grant the above-mentioned consent and the restrictions imposed on the distribution of personal data will render it impossible to publish information on the Winner.
- 10.3. By submitting the Application referred to in Para. 2.1 of the Rules, the Participant expresses their unconditional acceptance of all terms and conditions of the Call for Papers and these Rules.
- 10.4. The Organizer may initiate circulation of notices of amendment to the terms and conditions of the Rules to each of the Participants. Any amendments to the Rules made by the Organizer will come into force from the time they are posted on the Website.
- 10.5. If for any reason one or more provisions of the Rules are found to be invalid or unenforceable, this will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provisions of the Rules.
- 10.6. Any Participant who believes that their rights or interests have been violated by anything done by the Organizer may send a complaint to the email address indicated on the Website. The complaint will be reviewed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date on which the complaint is received. If any disputes are not settled on an out-of-court basis, the dispute will be brought before the Commercial Court for the City of Moscow in accordance with the Russian law.