


Form for NBO description and IBO team selection procedure

1. Country	Cyprus
2. Name	The Biological Society of Cyprus organizes two national exams, one in March and the other in May on the results of which the students to represent Cyprus at the IBO are chosen.
3. Established	1978
4. Logo	
5. Posters	None
6. Website URL	<a href="http://www.cyprusbio.org">www.cyprusbio.org</a>
7. Olympiad promotion (among schools, teachers, press, ...)	Very little. The Ministry of Education sends a circular to all schools informing them on the dates of the exams and students are asked to participate.
8. Organization structure, categories and rounds	Governed by a 7-man council. Elections are held every two years.
9. Tests	Two exams are held and both are multiple choice exams of 100 questions each, based on the curriculum of 6 <sup>th</sup> form of Lyceum which covers about 30% of the IBO syllabus. After the first exam the top 30 students are selected and they are called to participate in another exam to select the first four.
10. Student training	Very little. In fact no training takes place mainly because the students are extremely busy during this period trying to make it to university. Sometimes, individual teachers may assist them with a topic or two but this is completely inadequate and practically they participate in IBO without really being ready for such a testing time.

11. Study materials	School text book	
12. Awarding of students, prizes	Diplomas to winners of national Olympiad,.	
13. Media coverage	Absolutely nothing	
14. Financial support / resources	Ministry of Education and private sponsors	
15. Support of Min. of Education	Only provides the expenses	
16. National Competition Rules	Final year students are eligible to compete, along with soldiers that are doing their military service and are not yet 20 years of age.	
17. Selection procedure for IBO competition	1 <sup>st</sup> test in February, where the best 30 are selected. 2 <sup>nd</sup> test in April where four are selected.	
18. National committee (presidents by periods)	-	
19. Working groups	The inspector for biology at the Ministry of Education usually assigns a teacher to prepare the exams. That is all!	
20. Participating in IBO, observer, participant, organizer	Observed in Brussels 2001 and participated in every IBO there after	
21. IBO coordinator (name, address, email)	Mikis Hadjingophytou 3 Thali Str 2020 Strovolos Nicosia (Cyprus) <a href="mailto:mikis@cablenet.com.cy">mikis@cablenet.com.cy</a>	
22. Statistics over the years	Always participate with 4 students and 2 jury	
23. Standard school year	From (month): Sept	To (month): May
24. Biology hours/week at school	Minimum (common for students going for the NBO): 4 periods per week	Maximum (common for students going for the NBO): 4 periods per week
25. References		