

**APPENDIX V**

Form for NBO description and IBO team selection procedure

1. Country	THAILAND
2. Name	THAI Biology Olympiad
3. Established	1991
4. Logo	
5. Posters	Posters and leaflets are sent to schools every year. This is paid for and distributed by IPST. The posters and leaflets stimulate schools and students to participate in the NBO.
6. Website URL	<a href="http://tbo.ipst.ac.th">http://tbo.ipst.ac.th</a>
7. Olympiad promotion (among schools, teachers, press, ...)	IPST web site, Various organization and schools usually promote Biology Olympiad. Press regularly covers the news of all Science Olympiad Competitions.
8. Organization structure, categories and rounds	Round 1 : POSN set up Science Competition in April to select 60-70 students. Round 2 : examination is given to the 60–70 students selected from the first round to select 4 Thai representatives.
9. Tests	IPST set up a committee to administer the test. Test questions come from the working group set up by the committee.
10. Student training	Approximately 60-70 students participating in round 2 selection processes get one training camp during mid April – May (3 weeks). The final 4 Thai representatives then get 2 weeks of training in June, before coming to the IBO in July.
11. Study materials	IPST biology books, POSN biology books, And Campbell's biology text books.
12. Awarding of students, prizes	In the first round, top 5 percents of students get gold medals, the next top 10 percents get silver medals, and the next top 15 percents get bronze medals.
13. Media coverage	Media mainly covers the receptions for Thai representatives when they leave for competition and when they arrive after the competition, especially at the airport. Some may invite Thai representatives for the interviews in a special TV program and the newspaper media.

14. Financial support / resources	Thai government provides support for the selection process. The Thai IBO team gets support from the government to come to the competition.	
15. Support of Ministry of Education	All budget comes through the Ministry of Education.	
16. National Competition Rules	The students who would like to compete in Thai NBO must have these qualifications: - are studying in Thai school at secondary level, - are not over 18 years old of the current school year, - are Thai citizen.	
17. Selection procedure for IBO competition	See 8.	
18. National committee (presidents by periods)	The Board Director of IPST set up the committee every year. Normally, the chairperson of the Biology section of Science Society of Thailand chairs the national committee that consists of biology teachers from various organizations and some of Thai IBO team members.	
19. Working groups	Biology department, IPST.	
20. Participating in IBO, observer, participant, organizer	The Thai IBO team consists of 4 biology teachers from various organizations covering different disciplines of biology and one manager from IPST. The team is appointed by the national committee every year.	
21. IBO coordinator (name address, email)	Dr.Poonpipope Kasemsap (c/o Dr. Wanida Tanaprayothesak)  Dr. Wanida Tanaprayothesak Department of Biology, IPST 924 Sukhumvit Rd., Klongtoei Bangkok 10110 email : <a href="mailto:wtana@ipst.ac.th">wtana@ipst.ac.th</a>	
22. Statistics over the years	Number of participants in NBO: 2013: 24,480 2012: 27,595 2011: 23,285 2010: 27,680 2009: 14,625 2008: 11,745 2007: 10,952 2006: 9,751	
23. Standard school year	From mid-May	To mid-March
24. Biology hours/week (common for students going for the NBO)	Minimum (hours) 3 hours/week	Maximum (hours) 4 hours/week

25. References	Please refer to our website <a href="http://tbo.ipst.ac.th">http://tbo.ipst.ac.th</a>
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