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The 15th International Biology Olympiad (IBO2004) Management Committee is indebted to many individuals, organisations and institutions for making the event such an outstanding success.

Firstly, we would like to thank the host organisations, for without their leadership and commitment the event would not have been possible at all. Our Partners and Sponsors each played a key role with financial, operational, promotional and in-kind support, as did each of our Supporters. We thank the Brisbane City Council, the Queensland Government and the Australian Government for their support and cooperation.

An outstanding feature of IBO2004 was the volunteer staff who gave freely of their time and energy as members of the Examinations Committee, as Team and Jury Guides, or involved in the many diverse aspects of conducting such an international event.

The focus of an International Biology Olympiad (IBO), "The Olympic Games for Biology" is, however, always the Competitors and their Team Leaders. Representatives from 47 nations participated in IBO2004, with a record number of 5 observing nations being admitted to the IBO Competition for future years.

To each of the 159 Competitors, from 40 nations, our warmest congratulations for having won the opportunity to represent your families, schools and nations so commendably in every way and for competing in a fair and spirited manner at the Olympiad.

During IB02004, our guests had the opportunity to experience what Brisbane, Queensland and Australia has to offer, from the splendour and wonder of our natural resources and unique plant and animal species through to the educational, scientific and tourist resources and facilities.

Whilst IB02004 was the first to be held in the southern hemisphere, it was also the first IB0 to have a number of associated and supporting events. The ENERGEX Biology Olympiad Online Competition involved nearly 7,000 Australian secondary school students. The Telstra IB02004 Public Lecture featuring Baroness Susan Greenfield attracted a near capacity crowd of 300 members of the public and substantial national awareness, whilst the Official Post-IB0 Tour had guests from 4 nations travel by chartered coach for 6 days from Brisbane to Cairns, stopping at key tourist attractions and sites of scientific interest.

Hosting IB02004 was an enormous challenge, and one for which the governing body of the IB0 commended the organizers and the people involved for setting a new benchmark and an impeccable standard. Again we thank all involved including the IB0 community for allowing us the privilege of being associated with such an important event for the world's young biologists and future scientific leaders.

1B02004 Management Committee



Official Ceremonies & Supporting Events

IB02004 featured a number of ceremonies and for the first time a series of support events and activities.

ENERGEX Biology Olympiad Online (E-BIOL)

Every secondary school in Australia was invited to nominate students in Years 9 and 10 and/or Years 11 and 12 to be involved in the first interactive online examination of its kind in Australia. Nearly 7,000 students competed with each of the winners being presented with a prize at the Opening Ceremony of IBO2004. The winners were: Senior Category, Nicola Steward, Toorak College in Victoria; Intermediate Category, Harry Yan, James Ruse Agricultural High School in New South Wales; School Participation Award, Clairvaux MacKillop College in Queensland; Chair's Award for Excellence, Perry Reiter, Scotch College in Victoria.

Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony was held at the UQ Centre at The University of Queensland. Associate Professor Mary Garson, Chair of IBO2004, welcomed the IBO community and representatives of the organisations supporting the event to Australia. Key representatives who participated in the Ceremony were Mr Michael Johnson, Federal Member for Ryan representing the Australian Government Minister for Education, Science and Training, and Ms Anna Bligh, Queensland Government Minister for Education and the Arts. The formal proceedings were followed by a theatrical performance that symbolised the development, culture and biodiversity of Australia following which Mr Johnson officially opened IBO2004.

Civic Reception

The Lord Mayor of Brisbane, the Honourable Campbell Newman and the Brisbane City Council hosted a reception for members of the IBO2004 Jury (Team Leaders) and representatives of the host, partner and supporting organisations. The Speakers were the Lord Mayor, Professor Alan Mackay-Sim, 2003 Queenslander of the year and 2002 Australian Biology Olympiad Team Member Ms Sarah Jones. Each speaker presented their perspective on the relevance and benefits of the IBO. Guests were then treated to drinks and light refreshments and were entertainment by local musicians.

Telstra IBO2004 Public Lecture featuring Baroness Susan Greenfield

Baroness Susan Greenfield is a world renowned neuroscientist and author with a great commitment to promoting the study and teaching of biology. Baroness Greenfield was the International Ambassador for IB02004 and gave a public lecture on 'Minds of the Future' at Griffith University. The lecture was attended by a near capacity audience of 300 people from the general community along with members of the IB02004 Jury.

Closing Ceremony

Over 500 invited guests attended the closing ceremony which included the participation of key representatives from organisations supporting IB02004 and the Governor of Queensland, Ms Quentin Bryce AC. After some noteworthy speeches, the main activity of the closing ceremony was conducted – with 16 Gold, 32 Silver and 48 Bronze medals being awarded. Guests were treated to a cultural performance reflecting Australia and a video montage of the IB02004 highlights. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the IB0 Cup was presented by Associate Professor Mary Garson, Chair of IB02004 to Professor Jindong Zhao, Director of IB02005, to be hosted in Beijing, China.

Post-IB02004 Tour

The Official Post-IBO Tour travelled by chartered coach from Brisbane to Cairns over three days, stopping along the way to visit the many and varied tourist and biological attractions. The group then spent three days in Cairns undertaking local activities including scuba diving on the Barrier Reef and an excursion to Cape Tribulation. The tour had 20 guests from 4 nations, and prompted many other delegations to visit and explore other parts of Queensland and Australia on longer or shorter stays. It seems the success of the Tour has prompted future IBO hosts to consider a similar feature.



The primary activity of an IBO is the examinations. For the first time in the history of the IBO, two co-Chief Examiners were appointed to manage the complex and difficult tasks of writing, defending, conducting and marking examinations for the world's best biology students. The Chief Examiners were Professor John de Jersey and Associate Professor Peter O'Donoghue from the University of Queensland. They were joined by 13 other academics from the host organisations to form the IBO2004 Examinations Committee.

IBO Jury

The IBO Jury was hosted by Griffith University, an outstanding venue for the often intense and protracted debates that take place in setting such high level examinations. A total of 137 members of the IBO Jury represented the competing and observing nations.

Security and Exam Integrity

During the periods in which the IBO Jury were debating the content of the examinations, all members were requested to hand in any electronic devices that were capable of communication and all people leaving the room were escorted by an IBO2004 representative. There were no breaches of security or exam integrity.

Practical Examinations

For the first time at an IBO, the Practical Examinations were themed around the hierarchical structure of biology, determined by the Examinations Committee to be the most effective way to evaluate the knowledge and skill of the Competitors, and reflecting the way in which biology is typically studied and researched. The four practical examinations were:

- 1. Molecular Biology 2. Cellular Biology
- 3. Organismal Biology and 4. Ecology

The Practical Examinations were held in four different laboratories at the University of Queensland in the Schools of Molecular and Microbial Sciences and Integrative Biology. One Competitor from each nation attempted one of the four examinations before rotating to the next. Each examination was 90 minutes long, with two held in the morning of Tuesday 13 July and two in the afternoon. Competitors in each practical group wore a colour-coded laboratory coat specific to their group, thereby being immediately recognisable throughout the Examinations.

IB02004 used machine readable answer sheets for the Practical Examinations, requiring all Competitors to provide their answers in a consistent format and removing problems of interpretion associated with different languages and writing styles.

Theory Examinations

Two 2.5 hour examinations were sat by the Competitors at Queensland University of Technology on Thursday 15 July. Theory questions were clustered into groups of 4 or 5 questions using biological themes.

All participating countries were requested to provide theoretical questions for consideration by the IB02004 Examinations Committee, and we are pleased to report that most countries did so. Approximately 20% of the final content of the Theory Examinations was carefully selected from submitted questions, the remainder being authored by members of the Examinations Committee.

Results

A strong correlation was found between the score achieved in each of the four Practical Examinations with the total score achieved by candidates for the Practical Examinations. A similarly strong correlation was found between the score for each of the two Theoretical Examinations and the total theory score. Strong correlation was also found between the total marks achieved for the Practical Examinations and that of the Theoretical Examinations.

Based on the ranking of the total score achieved by each Competitor, a total of 16 Gold, 32 Silver and 48 Bronze medals were awarded in accordance with the rules of the IBO. All independent observers representing the IBO were satisfied with the examination process and supervision undertaken by the hosts of IBO2004.

Conclusion

All Competitors at IB02004 are to be congratulated for their conduct and the spirit they demonstrated throughout the event. They have each represented their nation to the highest level. Special congratulations are extended to all medal winners and to the overall winner Tse Yang Lim from Singapore.



Social & Cultural Activities

There is no doubt that the examinations are at the forefront of the minds of the Competitors and Jury Members during an IBO, but between the challenging schedule and demanding tasks of setting, sitting and marking the examinations, participants in IBO2004 enjoyed the opportunity to build friendships with colleagues from all around the world. The city of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia was privileged to extend warm hospitality to its guests by showing its unique and interesting natural resources and features, tourist attractions and scientific facilities. A schedule of social and cultural activities was organised for both the IBO Jury and Competitors, and each was a great success.

Brisbane River Cruise and City Sights Tour – Tuesday

After the Jury had worked through much of the previous night, they were given the opportunity to see the 'River City' on a lunch cruise on the Brisbane River followed by a guided bus tour of the city, including a trip to the summit of Mt Coot-tha for a spectacular panorama of the city.

Australiana Dinner – Tuesday

Following the sitting of the Practical Examinations, the Competitors and the Jury were given the opportunity to experience 'Australiana' at its best at the Australian Woolshed, a short distance from Brisbane. IB02004 guests were given a sheep shearing demonstration followed by a hearty Australian barbecue dinner. They were then entertained with classic Australian songs and bush dancing.

Australian Zoo - Wednesday

While the Jury worked through the day and night setting the Theory Examinations, the Competitors had the chance to get up close to Australia's unique flora and fauna at Australia Zoo.



Queensland Dinner – Thursday

Now that all of the exams had been set by the Jury and sat by the Competitors, it was time to really relax. IB02004 guests were given exclusive access to the Sea World theme park on Queensland's Gold Coast. A special entertainment program was prepared, which included an insight into the training and care given to dolphins at the theme park, along with a viewing of the sharks and other aquatic animals in residence. Guests were also given the opportunity to ride on the 'Corkscrew' rollercoaster and 'Bermuda Triangle' ride. The evening of entertainment was concluded with a ski show and pyrotechnics exhibition.

Green and Gold Tour - Friday

As the Jury checked the marking of the Practical and Theoretical Examinations, the Competitors experienced the rainforests of the Gold Coast hinterland (green) followed by a visit to the wide sandy beaches of the Gold Coast (gold). All participants had a great day experiencing the flora, fauna and geophysical features of this picturesque part of Australia.

Farewell Dinner – Saturday

After the excitement of the Closing Ceremony, participants in IBO2004 and representatives of supporting organisations, came together for a grand dinner at the Hilton Hotel in Brisbane City. It was a night to celebrate the formation of many wonderful friendships during which the dance floor was filled by young and old alike.



Moments of IB02004

Моменты Международной Олимпиады по Биологии 2004















World's best science students tackle zoo

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students head to Biology Olymp of the USA's top high school biology st een selected to represent the nation in ional Biology Olympiad July 12-18 in B lia. The team, including 2003 Olympia medalist Kay Aull of T Jefferson High School ence and Technology in andria, Va, was select four-tier process that with an exam taken by high school students ar ed with a two-week camp at George Mason sty in Fairfax, Va, for the students. This is the year the USA is sending to the Olympiad, which together the top high biology students for the School: Clinton Hansen, ents get set to take on the w

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Результаты Международной Олимпиады по Биологии 2004

THEORY T-SCORE PRAC T-SCORE

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57.49 53.03 110.5

56.13 53.75 109.88

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51.01 57.28 108.29

54.21 53.82 108.04

51.89 54.67 106.50

51.70 54.57 106.2

52.16 54.07 106.23

50.01 56.15 106.10

51.11 54.94 106.04

51.01 54.94 105.9

56.94 48.82 105.70

47.50 58.22 105.7

51.32 54.20 105.52

48.40 57.04 105.44

49.81 55.34 105.15 51.66 52.82 104.48

48.09 56.37 104.4

43.55 60.48 104.03

48.21 55.54 103.7

46.64 57.03 103.60

48.64 54.68 103.3

53.07 49.03 102.10

50.46 51.61 102.0

49.93 51.92 101.8

47.78 54.03 101.8

54.76 45.64 100.40

52.49 47.84 100.34

54.52 45.33 99.85 55.07 44.67 99.75

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COUNTRY

Indonesia

Ukraine

Germany

Sweden

Moldova

Argentina

Russia

Slovenia

Mexico

Australia

Argentina

Russia

Latvia

India

Iran Turkey

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Turkey

Bulgaria

Ukraine

Finland

Romania

Belarus

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Slovakia

Belgium Latvia

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GOLD MEDAL BRONZE MEDAL									
1	Tse Yang	Lim	Singapore	72.86	65.75	138.61	49	Budi	Christanto
2	Yuh-Yah	Liu	Chinese Taipei	75.25	62.48	137.73	50	Stanislav	Dobrovolskiy
3	Katherine	Aull	USA	71.62	65.56	137.17	51	David	Haselbach
4	Kwee Boon, Brandon	Seah	Singapore	73.31	63.47	136.78	52	Gabriel	Lundberg
5	Bradford	Hargreaves	USA	73.27	63.45	136.71	53	Olga	Subernetcaia
6	James	Attwater	United Kingdom	68.82	64.37	133.19	54	Manuel Ignacio	Saralegui
7	Clinton	Hansen	USA	68.25	62.75	131.00	55	Ilya	Moskvin
8	Volodymyr	Boldovsky	Ukraine	67.77	61.52	129.29	56	Aljaz	Majer
9	Worawan	Limpitikul	Thailand	64.64	63.16	127.80	57	Rafael Esaid	Lazo Gomez
10	Gregory	Dickens	United Kingdom	72.02	53.81	125.83	58	Gabrielle	Josling
11	Hyuk Dal	Jung	Korea	61.36	63.69	125.05	59	Filip	Kolá
12	Zhou	Teng	China	60.21	64.05	124.26	60	Juan Miguel	Royan
13	Yang	Luhan	China	61.48	62.67	124.15	61	Jaroslav	Nunvá
14	Jan	Petasch	Germany	64.28	58.53	122.81	62	Ekaterina	Pogodina
15	ZeNan	Chang	USA	59.33	63.17	122.50	63	Edgars	Fecs
16	Yu Jing	Wang	Canada	63.49	58.56	122.04	64	Suman	Saurabh
							65	Masa	Kusar
SILV	ER MEDAL						66		Mulyono
17	Anna	Wang	Australia	63.13	58.42	121.55	67	Zden k	Janovský
18	Warakorn	Kulalert	Thailand	59.93	61.30	121.23	68	Seyedeh Nina	Masoom
19	Michael	Carratt	United Kingdom	59.83	61.14	120.97	69	Erkan	Yüce
20	Evgeny	Mymrikov	Russia	61.55	59.35	120.90	70	Ioan Valentin	Matei
21	Niranjan Shiwaji	Khaire	India	63.97	56.92	120.89	71	Erdem	Akkaya
22	Li-Hsiang	Yen	Chinese Taipei	58.88	61.44	120.32	72	Kaloyan Mihaylov	Tsanov
23	Hyun Seok	An	Korea	55.07	64.75	119.82	73	Alina	Zamoshnikova
24	Shu-Wei	Chou	Chinese Taipei	59.64	59.69	119.33	74	Marko	Rintanen
25	Patricia	Illing	Australia	62.84	56.20	119.04	75	Irina	Bercan
26	Vera	Dietterle	Germany	60.19	56.69	116.88	76	Elchin	Asgarov
27	Shih-Lung	Chao	Chinese Taipei	58.35	58.35	116.70	77	Aliaksandr	Nikitski
28	Jitchai	Kayankarnnavee	Thailand	57.56		116.41	78	Laura	Lehtovirta
29	Li	Jingjing	China	55.98		116.32	79	Vojtech	Baláž
30	Richard	Rosch	Germany	61.70		116.30	80	Petr	Synek
31	Koen	Reijnders	Netherlands	59.21		115.82	81	Eric Jean	De Bast
32	Weixin	Huang	Singapore	57.03		115.72	82	Irena	Junda
33	Zhang	Hongkang	China	53.35		114.68	83	Lukasz	Banasiak
34	Victoria	Male	United Kingdom	58.78		114.21	84	Arefeh	Ghodsizadeh
35	Georgi Kolev	Marinov	Bulgaria	59.90		113.80	85	Domen	Zafred
36	Mohammad Hossein	Amiri	Iran	57.66		113.77	86	Hanneke	Vlaming
37	You-Jin	Lee	Korea			113.64	87	Güzin	Cakmak
38	Raghav	Bansal	India	55.19		113.41	88	Aksana	Miarkulava
39	S Mahavir	Agarwal	India	55.98		113.02	89	Joanna	Curry
40	Jon	Reijneveld	Netherlands	59.69		112.73	90	Katarzyna	Machowica
41	Seo Ki	Kim	Korea	50.70		112.56	91	Aliaksei	Pinchuk
42	Wichsinee	Wibulpolprasert	Thailand	51.03		111.92	92	Ida	Istinic
43	Denis	Reshetov	Russia	57.68		111.83	93	Nurlanbek	Duyshoev
44	Jose	Rovella	Argentina	53.83		111.63	94	Marguerite	Carter
45	Dan	Filipescu	Romania	55.62		111.42	95	Darmiastini	
46	Vishvajit	Singh	Canada	52.30		111.19	96	Mykola	Rudnev
47	Alisa	Sedghifar	Australia			111.18			
48	Tianyi	Zhang	Singapore	55.96	55.04	111.00			

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PART	ICIPATION					
97	Zuzana	Strazovocá	Slovakia	46.66	48.16	94.82
98	Pavel	Hrynkevich	Belarus	45.32	49.21	94.53
99	Zane	Paunina	Latvia	50.65	43.71	94.36
100	Piotr	Tymoszuk	Poland	46.16	48.10	94.26
101	Quynh Mai	Trinh	Vietnam	45.97	48.27	94.24
102	Thi Huong Tra	Tran	Vietnam	45.18	49.04	94.21
103	Salla	Vartia	Finland	45.87	48.03	93.90
104	Tomas	Augustin	Slovakia	56.10	37.38	93.48
105	Van Phi	Nguyen	Vietnam	43.03	50.41	93.43
106	Krista	Takkis	Estonia	50.22	42.88	93.10
107	Atanas	Todorov	Switzerland	51.75	41.30	93.05
108	Bektur	Chynaliev	Kyrgyzstan	47.33	45.66	92.99
109	Wan	Kam	Sweden	46.40	45.85	92.24
110	Olivier	Filleul	Belgium	46.11	45.91	92.02
111	Paulina	Jancikova	Slovakia	46.97	44.66	91.63
112	Yara Elena	Sanchez Corrales	Mexico	46.13	45.08	91.22
113	Veronica Laura	Lozano	Argentina	41.61	49.50	91.11
114	Нао	Zhang	Canada	37.34	53.74	91.08
115	Rahel	Sibler	Switzerland	49.05	41.85	90.90
116	Julian	Gonggrijp	Netherlands	45.58	45.14	90.72
117	Vincent	Moeneclaey	Belgium	52.73	37.00	89.73
118	Ihsan Tria	Pramanda	Indonesia	44.36	44.45	88.82
119	Orkhan	Allahverdiyev	Azerbaijan	36.26	52.46	88.72
120	Ben	Cools	Belgium	50.29	38.32	88.61
121	Mustafa	Tosur	Turkey	35.35		88.59
122	William	Ffrench-0'Carroll	3	46.95		88.37
123	Florian	Aeschimann	Switzerland	48.60		88.27
124	Triin	Tekko	Estonia	40.99		88.24
125	Alan	Kershaw	Ireland	48.36	39.79	88.14
126	Ott	Luuk	Estonia	44.67	42.80	87.47
120	Mihkel	Pajusalu	Estonia	48.02	39.34	87.36
128	Vesela Lyubomorova	Lilova	Bulgaria	41.45	45.19	86.64
	Nurlan	Mirzamatov		41.64		86.41
129 130	Altay	Badirov	Kyrgyzstan Azerbaijan	36.48		86.20
130	Tatiana	Chiriac	Moldova	47.59	38.08	85.67
131	Elshad	Hasanov	Azerbaijan	41.02		85.38
	Paul-Cristian		Romania			85.38
133		Bálánescu		37.12		
134	Muhametnazar	Hudaynazarov	Turkmenistan	47.02	38.32	85.33
135	Mika	Mäntysaari	Finland	41.95	43.13	85.08
136	Ali	Zandieh	Iran	37.62	46.68	84.30
137	Nikola Zlatkov	Kolev	Bulgaria	37.14		84.15
138	Aleksandra	Goluba	Latvia	45.77	38.22	84.00
139	Barbara	Buechel	Switzerland	47.38	34.95	82.32
140	Yunus	Annayev	Turkmenistan	33.56	47.32	80.88
141	Ciro Alberto	Cubillas Ramirez	Mexico	37.22	43.58	80.80
142	Pawel	Hermanowicz	Poland	25.88	52.87	78.76
143	Berdimyrat	Yazhanov	Turkmenistan	39.18	38.02	77.20
144	Hedvig Emelie	Olander	Sweden	42.02	33.75	75.78
145	Quang Huy	Nguyen	Vietnam	34.97	39.70	74.67

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PARTICIPATION									
146	Jacob	Eriksson	Sweden	40.78	33.64	74.42			
147	Andrei	Tárus	Moldova	32.70	39.23	71.93			
148	Maria	Andreou	Cyprus	36.04	34.19	70.24			
149	Christina	Kyprianou	Cyprus	38.77	31.11	69.88			
150	Cristina	Chicu	Moldova	34.92	34.52	69.44			
151	Nelson Alexander	Arreaga Tovar	Mexico	35.61	32.83	68.44			
152	Saltanat	Mambetova	Kyrgyzstan	37.22	29.55	66.77			
153	Mariam	Aljumaie	Kuwait	32.84	31.33	64.18			
154	Anwar	Alsayegh	Kuwait	34.63	22.82	57.45			
155	Farah	Behbehani	Kuwait	32.60	23.14	55.74			
156	Giorgos	Loizides	Cyprus	34.56	20.67	55.24			
157	Yiolanda	Herodotou	Cyprus	24.90	28.73	53.63			
158	Shatha	Alkaram	Kuwait	29.02	22.01	51.03			
159	Shirmyrat	Kichiyev	Turkmenistan	24.55	18.40	42.94			



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Moments of IBO2004

Олимпиады по Биологии 2004

















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Taking part in the International Biology Olympiad are, from left, Anna Wang, 16, Wan Kam, 19, 17, Alisa Sedghifar, 16, and Patricia Illing 17.

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AUSTRALIA'S top four biology stu-dents were awarded three silver medals and a bronze medal at the International Biology Olympiad in Brisbane on Saturday. The so-called Olympics of the Mind was staged over a week, with a total of 16 gold medals, 32 silver and 48 bronze awarded to some of the 163 students from 42 countries in the event.

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medals were awarded to the next 20 per cent of students and bronze medals are awarded to the next 30 per ant of students. Event chairwoman Mary Garson said he tournament showcased future lite scientists, with Australia



