IBioC

Edition 2027

International Biology Competition

Information for Educators



Solve the puzzles of life.

An online biology competition in three rounds for school and university students worldwide.



1 Information for Educators

Teachers, lecturers and parents are warmly invited to present IBioC as an extracurricular challenge for students interested in biology. We provide resources that help educators bring the competition into their teaching and support their students.

IBioC develops analytical skills with problems built on real data: enzyme rates, bird-ringing records, genetic crosses and field counts. The problems are suitable as assignments or projects, and teachers and institutions can use IBioC material in biology clubs and workshops.

The problems are designed to be accessible to students with different backgrounds, from those with little experience beyond school biology to highly enthusiastic and knowledgeable learners. In this way, we want to motivate many students to explore biology while giving exceptional students the chance to test and deepen their understanding beyond the curriculum.

In the Qualification Round, students may work on the problems together and receive basic help, for example from their teacher, but every student submits their own solutions. The Semi-Final and Final Round are individual, supervised exams.

2 Awards for Teachers and Schools

Teachers and schools with many participants and strong results are eligible for special awards. These awards are honorary and not connected to cash prizes:

- **Teacher Award for Most Final Round Participants:** for the teacher who mentored the most Final Round participants.
- **Teacher of the Year:** for an outstanding teacher with exceptional dedication and proactive engagement.
- **Teaching Impact Award:** for teachers whose students achieved outstanding results.
- **School Award for Most Participants:** for the school with the most participants in the Qualification Round.
- **School Award for Most Finalists:** for the school with the most participants in the Final Round.
- **School Award for Excellence:** for schools with many outstanding students or particular support for their participants.

How do schools become eligible for these awards?

Schools take part automatically when students register with the school name. Please make sure that all students write the school name correctly and in the same way. We also encourage teachers to register with IBioC.

3 Teacher Account

Educators can register for a teacher account. It allows you to:

- See your students' results and documents.
- Cover Semi-Final Round registration costs for a group of students.
- Supervise the Semi-Final Round exam of your students.

Register here: https://ibioc.org/teacher-registration

4 Group Payment

Taking part in the Semi-Final Round comes with registration costs of 12 EUR per student. With the group payment option, educators and institutions can cover these costs for several students at once. The option becomes available in the teacher account after the Qualification Round results are announced (Monday, 16 August 2027).

If you would like to start an IBioC group at your institution or use IBioC problems in class or in project work, please contact us at teachers@ibioc.org. Further teaching material and printable posters are available on our website.