

The IOI-KIDS 2008 Competitions

Win fabulous prizes & get published online!



The IOI-Malta Operational Centre of the University of Malta is launching two great new competitions for Primary and Secondary School children and youngsters under the age of 16. Fabulous prizes are being awarded to the winners and a number of participants will have the opportunity to see their work published on the IOI-Kids website (www.ioikids.net) and viewed both locally and overseas.

All projects must be the original work of the participant.

“The IOI-Kids Young Journalist Award” is open to young reporters aged 5 to 15 years. Individuals or teams of students can participate and will need to prepare an article in the form of a news item. The contribution must consist of all the following attributes:

- an original news item or report based on true facts;
- focus on a theme related to the sea and/or the coast;
- relate an issue or event that occurred in or relates to a locality of the Maltese Islands, the Maltese Islands in general or the Mediterranean region; and
- combine with related images, drawings, audio or video clips.



“The IOI-Kids Best 2008 Project” is open to individuals or teams of students aged 5 to 15 years. The contributions are expected to consist of an instructive project that can be presented in several forms and with the following attributes:

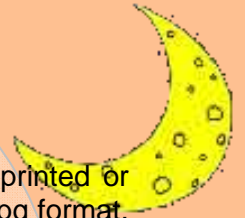
- a write-up in the form of a lesson, an essay, poem or story, a web page, a database or collection that can be shared online, a set of notes on a selected topic, a PowerPoint presentation;.
- focus on a theme that relates to the sea and/or the coast; and
- complemented with images (in the form of photos or drawings) and/or audio or video clips.



Topics

News items/reports and projects can cover any of the following topics: past or future events; interesting and/or unusual incidents; recent scientific or other discoveries; conservation issues; species of plants or animals; ecosystems or places of interest; people whose work is connected to the sea, etc.





Submissions

Projects and news items can be submitted electronically as Word documents or in printed or written format. Web pages must be in HTML. Any accompanying images must be in .jpg format, audio clips in wav/mp3 format and video clips in avi format .

The deadline for submissions of both competitions is the 16th May 2008.

All works should be addressed to the attention of:

Ms. Maria Muscat, IOI-Malta Operational Centre, 43/1, Valley Rd., Birkirkara BKR 9015. or emailed to ioi-kids@capemalta.net.

Submissions should be accompanied by the registration form which can be downloaded from the IOI-Kids website <http://www.ioikids.net/ioikids/news/comp2008/> or obtained directly from IOI-MOC by emailing ioi-kids@capemalta.net or calling on 21 440972.

Selection

For each competition, the participants shall be divided into two separate age groups (*Age Group 1*: 5 to 10 years; *Age Group 2*: 11 to 15 years), for which separate prizes shall apply. All entries will be evaluated on the basis of:

- a. online voting that will allow the direct involvement of children, youngsters and the general public in evaluating the submissions; and
- b. peer review and judging by a Selection Panel.

The decisions taken by the Selection Panel will be final.

What is IOI-KIDS?

IOI-Kids (www.ioikids.net) is a website dedicated to the sea for primary and secondary school children and youngsters. It offers a virtual and interactive learning experience, where students can increase their knowledge about the marine and coastal environment through the use of interactive games, fora, surveys, lessons, informative articles and audiovisual media. IOI-Kids also provides a space for virtual dialogue to encourage children as well as youth, community groups and teachers to exchange ideas, projects and experiences with others across the world.

The project forms part of and is supported by the Women, Youth & the Sea Programme of the International Ocean Institute (IOI). IOI is a non-governmental, non-profit international organisation dedicated to the sustainable development of the oceans. Its Headquarters are in Malta and it has Operational Centres located in 25 countries around the world.

IOI-Malta Operational Centre



This is a Centre established at the University of Malta undertaking research and studies related to the sea, promoting education, training and public awareness. It also provides services mainly in physical oceanography with a focus on the sustainable use of ocean space and resources, their management and regulation as well as the promotion and conservation of the marine environment. IOI-MOC seeks to sustain the interaction between local institutions that have marine-related responsibilities, and promotes an inter-sector approach in marine affairs and research at national level. More information on the programme of activities of the IOI-Malta Operational Centre can be viewed on www.capemalta.net.

