

International Earth Science Olympiad, founded by the International Geoscience Education (IGEO), is an annual Earth Science competition world wide. IESO has been performed since 2007. Italy as one of the countries which actively participated in IESO is cordially elected as the hosting country of 5th IESO 2011.

Italy holds the 5th IESO in 2011

<http://www.ieso2011.unimore.it>

The IESO 2011 Organizing Committee would like to express deepest sympathy to our friends in Japan about the recent natural serious disaster due to March 11th earthquake, tsunami, nuclear power plant crisis and following nuclear radiation pollution. Hopefully, the recovery process can be done quickly.

IESO 2012, previously planned to be hosted in Japan, will be organized in another country. One of the candidates is Argentina.

The IESO organizing committee invites all the countries interested in promoting Earth Science education to participate in IESO 2011.

Following the successful IESO in Korea (2007), Philippine (2008), Taiwan (2009) and Indonesia (2010), Italy will be the hosting country in 2011.

Students winning the respective national competitions are invited to participate in this significant event. The event will be held from September 5th to 14th, 2011 at Modena and Reggio Emilia University in Modena, Italy.

All the main areas of earth sciences, including geology, geophysics, meteorology, oceanography, astronomy, and environmental sciences, are considered as selecting topics for the competition.

The competition for each participant consists of theoretical and practical examinations as well as field work test. Beside that, an International Team Field Investigation (ITFI) will be arranged. Each team will consist of some students from different countries. Participants should work together during experimental and/or field tasks and will be graded together as a group.



*Earth Science Renaissance, science, environment and art
Modena, 5-14 September 2011*



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Registration for IESO 2011 deadline 11 June 2011

In IESO 2011 website
<http://www.ieso2011.unimore.it>,
'How to join IESO' section, one can also download
and fill out the Word file
[IESO 2011 Team Registration Form](#).

The deadline to send the Registration Form is
11 June 2011.

Please send it as soon as possible, so we can send
you the invitation letter useful to ask for VISA.
VISA procedure could take long time, so please
register soon and begin the process.

From editor's desk

The IESO 2011 Newsletter is coming

Dear IESO friends,
We are very glad that the second issue of IESO 2011 Newsletter. This newsletter is a way to share any information related to IESO in general and especially to the 5th IESO edition. Therefore I encourage you to actively participate by submitting articles that might be useful for all of us segreteria.ieso2011@gmail.com
Thank you and enjoy...



What you have to know to attend IESO 2011:

The location is Modena, Italy 5-14 September 2011

First of all we invite all of you to join IESO 2011 website:
<http://www.ieso2011.unimore.it>

In the "documents" section you can download the basic documents: Status and Syllabus.

In the same section you can find the written and practical tests of past IESO editions.

Important dates are:

- Opening of the call for application: **February 2011**
- End of the call for application: **11 June 2011**

In the "How to join the IESO" section you can download the IESO 2011 Team Registration Form

For more info: segreteria.ieso2011@gmail.com

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About the IESO score

The IESO is made up of written and practical tests.
The value of each test is:
written test 70%
practical test 30%

The ratio concerning the different subjects is as follows:
Geosphere - 45% including Geography, Geology, Geophysics,
Fluid sphere - 35% including Atmosphere, Oceanography
Astronomy - 20% including Space science and Astronomy.

This ratio was accepted at the Jury Meeting just after the 1st IESO in October 2007 and confirmed in the final Report of the 1st IESO. This ratio has been respected since the 2nd IESO, 2008.

Do you have any questions?

As tradition, the Local Scientific Committee asks for proposal questions for 5th IESO from all over the world. If you have questions to propose for the IESO tests, or even simply suggestions, don't hesitate to send your proposal to roberto.greco@unimore.it

6-10 July 2011 IESO 2011 Pre-conference

Tentative schedule:

July 6 arrival day, welcome dinner
July 7 morning meeting;
afternoon meeting in the Earth Science Department of Modena and Reggio Emilia University
July 8 field trip in the Modena Apennines mountains
July 9 morning final meeting, discussion about the host country for IESO 2012; afternoon International Symposium in Earth Science Education
July 10 departure day

The aim of the Pre-conference is analyze the preparation of the competition, to share organizing experience and to get an overview of the location of the IESO.

A bit(e) of Modena!

Gnocco fritto is a kind of bread but really special! Take some flour, water, salt, grease (or olive oil) mix together and then make it flat and cut in piece and then...fry it!

And voilà: fried dumplings, or us we call in Modena 'Gnocco fritto'!

Then, still warm, you could eat them with cheese, ham or whatever you wish. Please take care, it is so tasty that you could become addicted.

Here you find picture gallery if you would like to try to do it at home:

<http://ricette.giallozafferano.it/Gnocco-fritto.html>



http://www.roccamalatina.com/gnocco_fritto.htm