

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



Dear students,

This year, the International Earth Science Olympiad – IESO 2011 – will be held in Italy. On behalf of the Italian Government, I would like to invite your country to participate in this important event.



It will be an honour to welcome you in the beautiful city of Modena from the 5th to the 14th of September 2011. Italy was the first European country to take part, with a full selected team, in the Taiwan games in 2009, and, now, it is the first to host the IESO in Europe.

Italy strongly believes in encouraging friendship among people from different countries, promoting international cooperation, exchanging ideas and materials on earth science and improving geoscience education in secondary schools.

IESO 2011 offers a unique opportunity to encourage students' interest in a topic which affects our lives and our presence in the world as human beings. Respecting nature and our planet is a value that we wish to inspire in all participants.

2011 also marks Italy's 150th unification anniversary. For this reason, the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia together with the Ministry of Education are all the more proud to have the opportunity to organize the Olympiad this year.

Your country's participation in this event would be highly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you in Modena where I am sure you will have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty, the culture and the traditions of our country.

Good luck!

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



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Registration for IESO 2011 deadline

In IESO 2011 website
<http://www.ieso2011.unimore.it>,
Registration section, one can also download and
fill out the Word file
[IESO 2011 Team Registration Form](#)
and the [Requirement for Italian Privacy law](#)
Registration fee for each team: 1.000,00 euro
Registration fee for each observer: 750,00 euro
Registration fee for each guest: 750,00euro

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...

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

6-10 July 2011 IESO 2011 Pre-conference

Final schedule:

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

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.

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



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IESO 2011 - schedule, 5 - 14 September 2011

day	Students	day	Mentors and observers
5 sept	Arrival & Registration, welcome dinner	5 sept	Arrival & Registration, welcome dinner
6 sept	Opening ceremony, Excursion: Salse di Nirano	6 sept	Opening ceremony, 1° Jury meeting, Written Test Review & Translation
7 sept	Excursion, Venice	7 sept	2° Jury meeting, Practical Test Review & Translation
8 sept	Written test, Excursion: Civil Protection Centre of Modena	8 sept	Excursion, Venice
9 sept	Practical test, Excursion, Villa Sorra	9 sept	Excursion: Salse di Nirano, Castello di Spezzano, Terramare di Montale
10 sept	Excursion, Valle d'Aosta International Field Trip Investigation	10 sept	Excursion, Valle d'Aosta International Field Trip Investigation
11 sept	Excursion, Valle d'Aosta International Field Trip Investigation	11 sept	Excursion, Valle d'Aosta International Field Trip Investigation
12 sept	Local school visit Plenary conference, Terramare di Montale	12 sept	Moderation, Local school visit Plenary conference, 3° Jury meeting
13 sept	Modena city centre Award ceremony and farewell party	13 sept	Modena city centre Award ceremony and farewell party
14 sept	Departure	14 sept	Departure