

The International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI)

The [International Olympiad in Informatics](#) (IOI) is an international algorithmic and computer programming contest for high school students. This world-renowned contest is held every year in a different country of the world and currently hosts delegations of currently more than 90 countries around the world (at most 4 contestants per country). The IOI is one of seven international science Olympiads for students (the others are in mathematics, physics, biology, astronomy, chemistry, and geography). The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has participated regularly in the IOI since 1992. The official programming language of the IOI 2026 is exclusively C/C++. The winners of the IOI will be among the best programmers in the world.



The idea of initiating an international olympiad in informatics for school students was proposed to the 24th General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris by the Bulgarian delegate Professor Sendov in October 1987. In May 1989, UNESCO initiated and sponsored the first International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI), which took place in Pravetz (Bulgaria) with 13 participating countries.

Traditionally, the 4 winners of the annual Lëtzebuenger Informatiksolympiad (LIO) are automatically selected to participate in the IOI of the same year. In 2026, the 38th edition of this international contest will take place from August 9 to August 16 in Tashkent (Uzbekistan). Thus, the 4 selected contestants will be part of the official delegation (4 students and 2 accompanying adults) to represent the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg at this world-renowned contest.

The contestants of the IOI 2026 will receive appropriate training in algorithmics to be well prepared for the international event. All information about IOI 2026 can be found on the website ioi2026.uz



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