



## 17th International Geography Olympiad Istanbul, Turkey

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the 2020 iGeo Organizing Committee, we are pleased to invite your country/place to send a team to the 17th International Geography Olympiad being held in Istanbul, Turkey, **from 11 to 17 August 2020**, under the auspices of the International Geography Union. The ENKA Schools and İstanbul Technical University will hold the 2020 iGeo, in cooperation with the Turkish Geographical Society (organizer). All teams should arrive on August 11th and the closing ceremony will be held in the late afternoon of August 16th, The gold medal ceremony will be at the opening ceremony of the International Geography Congress ( IGC2020Istanbul <https://www.igc2020.org/>) on August 17th.

Post - iGeo excursion will depart on August 17th and last about 6 days.

( <http://www.igeo2020.org/program&activity/post-iggeo-excursion-draft-programme> )

Please complete the online application form and submit it by **February 29th, 2020**. Please see our website for further information and online application form: <http://www.igeo2020.org/registration/team-registration>

As you know, the iGeo is an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the geographical knowledge and skills of the best students representing your country, to reward the most prominent young geographers of the world, and to promote professional contacts within the worldwide geographical education community. Each team will be composed of four students that have been selected through a national geography competition and are aged between 16 and 19 years old inclusively on August 7th, 2020. It should be noted that students may not participate more than twice. They will be accompanied by two adult team leaders who are involved in geographical education in their country, and who can write and speak English. One of the team leaders must be fluent in English and experienced in the evaluation of assignments to mark students' written answers to the tests. For more details, please see the Statutes at [www.geoolympiad.org](http://www.geoolympiad.org)

Teams are responsible for their own travel, visas and insurance. The **tentative registration fee is 345 € EURO per person**. The fee covers transport between Istanbul International Airport and the University campus, accommodation (min. a twin-bed room shared with another participant in our university hostel, from the night of 11 August to the night of 16 August), meals, local transport for excursions, printing for poster session.

17th International Geography Olympiad Istanbul, Turkey iGeo 2020 consists of three academic challenges over the course of a week: a written response test, a fieldwork exercise, and a multimedia test. Since English is the official language of the iGeo, all tasks and related materials are presented in English, and students will be required to write their responses in English. Accommodation will be made for students who are not schooled in English (i.e., additional time allotment for the tests and use of approved bilingual dictionaries). For more information about the tests, please see the Guidelines for Tests at [www.geolympiad.org](http://www.geolympiad.org)

In addition to the above-mentioned tests, the iGeo program includes a poster presentation session and a local cultural function. During the iGeo we will also offer excursions to places of great interest – Historical Peninsula and Bosphorus (subject to weather conditions and scheduling). A draft outline of the program is available in the iGeo2020 website and more details will be sent to participating teams in due course.

Following the iGeo, two options of post-iGeo excursions are being planned. One is a 6-day tour. For more details please visit <http://www.igeo2020.org/program&activity/post-iggeo-excursion-draft-programme>

Another one is a 5-day long trip. More information on post-iGeo trips options will be available online at a later date.

A formal written invitation to the Olympiad (to facilitate the visa application process) will be provided to participating countries/places upon request. Please check the visa requirements and deadlines for your specific country/place to Republic Turkey <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

The maximum number of participating countries is limited to 55 countries. The order of application will be considered. Decisions on the acceptance of other teams will be made by February 29, 2019. Queries about the 2020 iGeo should be emailed to [info@igeo2020.org](mailto:info@igeo2020.org) [info@tck.org.tr](mailto:info@tck.org.tr)

General queries about eligibility should be sent to the Task Force Co-Chair, Sue Lomas at [sueguides@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sueguides@hotmail.co.uk) If you are no longer involved with the organization of your country's/place's iGeo, please forward this message to the appropriate individual and inform Su-Min Shen ([smshen@ntnu.edu.tw](mailto:smshen@ntnu.edu.tw)) in regard to the change of contact information. For more details on the iGeo please also refer to the official website at: [www.geolympiad.org](http://www.geolympiad.org).

Please complete the online application form and submit it by **February 29, 2020**. Please see our website for further information and application forms: <http://www.igeo2020.org/home/>

The deadline for the fee payment is **May, 22nd 2020**. Details on making the payment will be given to teams after their applications have been approved.

We look forward to welcoming you to Istanbul / Turkey in 2020.

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