

What is IOI-KIDS ?

IOI-Kids (www.ioikids.net) is a website dedicated to the sea for primary and secondary school children and youngsters. The IOI-Kids concept was originated and is coordinated by Aldo Drago, Director of IOI-Malta. 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 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

The Centre is 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.



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The IOI-KIDS 2010 Best Project Competition

*Knowing the Sea
The Opportunity to Go Local and Global*

Are you ?



*This is your opportunity to share your talent,
compete internationally, get published online
and win fabulous prizes*



The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) promotes international cooperation and coordinates programmes in research, services and capacity building, to improve our understanding about the nature and resources of the ocean and coastal areas, and to apply this knowledge for the effective management, sustainable development and protection of the marine environment and the decision-making process of its Member States.

The IOI-Kids Best 2010 Project Competition

Primary and secondary school children are challenged to combine their artistic and computer talents to prepare attractive and informative electronic contributions in the form of projects on topics related to the sea. The competition is open to individuals or teams of Maltese children and youngsters in two separate age groups: (Age 5-10) and (Age 11-16). The selected original works and projects from young authors will participate in an international competition, and be shared with other kids in Malta and worldwide through the publishing on the IOI-KIDS website dedicated pages.



The submitted works are expected to consist of an instructive project prepared as an electronic file that can take the shape of several forms and have the following attributes:

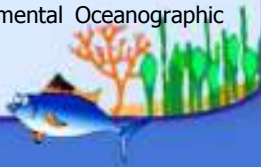
- a write-up in the form of a lesson, an essay, poem or story, a web page, a database or collection that can be shared online, a set of notes on a selected topic, a PowerPoint presentation;
- focus on a theme that relates to the sea and/or the coast; and
- complemented with images (in the form of photos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



Topics

The accepted works can cover any topic related to the sea and the coast, and can take the shape of: interesting articles, compilations, events or notes; 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, and many other imaginative contributions.

Works dealing with the endeavours of the UNESCO/Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission are highly recommended.



Submissions

Projects should be submitted electronically as Word documents, PowerPoint presentations or other easily supported format. Web pages must be in HTML. Any accompanying images must be in .jpg format, audio clips in wav/mp3 format, animations and video clips in flv or avi format.

**PROJECTS MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE PARTICIPANT
MATERIAL FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES MUST BE DULY REFERENCED
THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 30TH JUNE 2010**

All works should be addressed to the attention of:

Ms. Alicia Said, IOI-Malta Operational Centre,
Room 315, Chemistry Building University of Malta,
Msida MSD2080 or emailed to ioi-moc@um.edu.mt

Submissions should be accompanied by a registration form which can be downloaded from the IOI-Kids website: <http://www.ioikids.net/2010>, or obtained directly from IOI-MOC by emailing to: ioi-moc@um.edu.mt
The contact telephone of IOI-MOC is 21 440972



Selection

Prizes shall apply for each age group. All entries will be evaluated on the basis of peer review and judged by a Selection Panel. The decisions taken by the Selection Panel will be final.

Winners will be further engaged in the IOI-KIDS Best Project International competition, where the shortlisted works will be judged by an online voting that will allow the direct involvement of children, youngsters and the general public in evaluating the submissions in addition to peer review by a Selection Panel.

