



International
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2nd International History Bee and Bowl of Benelux – 7 February 2026

at the International German School of Brussels

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History is being made in Brussels! Join us for the 2nd International History Bee and Bowl of Benelux, proudly hosted in the capital of Europe at the International German School of Brussels. Compete, learn, and celebrate history in a thrilling, buzzer-based tournament that showcases your knowledge and teamwork!

About International Academic Competitions

International Academic Competitions (IAC) organizes engaging and challenging tournaments for students worldwide in subjects like history, geography, and science. Founded in 2010 by *Jeopardy!* champion David Madden, IAC has grown from a single event in New York to competitions in over 50 countries, inspiring a love of learning, encouraging academic excellence, and connecting like-minded peers globally.

Learn more at IAC's [official website](#)

What is the History Bee and Bowl?

The International History Bee and Bowl consists of two game formats:

1. The History **Bee** is an individual quiz competition where participants answer history-related questions in a fast-paced, buzzer-based format.
2. The History **Bowl** is a competition where participants play in teams and answer history-related questions in a fast-paced, buzzer-based format.

This tournament is designed for students of all skill levels, from curious beginners to seasoned history buffs.



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Who can compete?

Any student from **any school** (not only in Benelux!) can compete if they haven't already participated in another tournament using the same question set in the 2025-2026 academic year.

The event is divided into the following age divisions (though students may play in a higher division if preferred):

- Varsity Division: Students born in or before August 2009 (not older than 19).
- Junior Varsity Division: Students born between September 2009 and August 2011.
- Middle School Division: Students born in September 2011 or later.
- Elementary Division: Students born in September 2013 or later.

Where does it lead?

The History Bee and Bowl of Benelux is part of a much larger competition circuit:

- Winners and top-performing students from this regional tournament will qualify for the [European Championships](#) (in 2026 this will take place in either Paris or Berlin, on the last weekend of May or the first weekend of June)
- From there, qualifying participants will have the chance to compete in the prestigious [International Geography Championships](#), taking place in Khao Lak, Thailand, 5-12 July 2026.

Why participate?

- Showcase your history knowledge and buzzer skills in a fun, academic environment.
- Gain a chance to qualify for the 2026 European Championships.
- Join a global movement of history enthusiasts.
- Connect with like-minded students from across Benelux and beyond.

When and where?

- Saturday, 7 February 2026 at the International German School of Brussels
- *Lange Eikstraat 71, Wezembeek-Oppem, Belgium*



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Preliminary timetable*:

08:50	Doors open
09:00-09:25	Registration (<i>please arrive before registration ends!</i>)
09:30	Opening meeting
10:00-13:15	First set of qualifiers (Bee & Bowl)
13:15-14:30	Lunch break
13:40	<i>Exams: International Science Bee / International Geography Bee**</i>
14:30-16:30	Second set of qualifiers (Bowl)
16:30	History Bee Finals
17:10	History Bowl Semi-finals
17:40	History Bowl Finals
18:00	Closing meeting

**Please note that this schedule is based on an ideal timeline and may need to be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances such as delays or late arrivals.*

*** Students can take the written Championships Qualifying Exam for the **International Science Bee (ISB)** and **International Geography Bee (IGB)**. Students who finish in the top half in their age division qualify for the ISB / IGB European Championships (same dates as the Championships in Paris). Also note that these exams are optional.*

Registration

Register at <https://www.ihbbeurope.com/register/regional-tournament-registration/> (Deadline 30 January 2026)

Learn more at [ihbbeurope.com](https://www.ihbbeurope.com)



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Additional information (links)

- [General overview](#)
- [Tournament pricing](#)
- [History Bee Overview](#)
- [History Bowl Overview](#)
- Rules
 - [Bee](#)
 - [Bowl](#)
- [Study guides and other useful information/resources](#)

Contact information

For more information about the event on 7 February 2026, please feel free to contact Benelux Tournament Director, Rob Varty, at the International German School of Brussels (iDSB) by sending an email to Rob.Varty@idsb.eu.

For all other inquiries, please contact IAC Europe Director [Nolwenn Madden](#) at nolwenn@iacompetitions.com.

We're excited to have you join us for an unforgettable experience of learning, competition, and camaraderie. Get ready to challenge yourself, meet like-minded peers, and showcase your knowledge. We look forward to seeing you there!

"History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul."

– Lord Acton