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# Inaugural History Bee and Bowl of Benelux – 29 March 2025

## at the International German School of Brussels

### presented by International Academic Competitions

History is being made in Brussels! This is the first time the International History Bee and Bowl is being hosted in a Benelux country, and we're proud to hold this milestone event 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!

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#### 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](#)

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#### 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 (and not only in Benelux!) can compete if they haven't already participated in another tournament using the same Beta question set in the 2024-2025 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 2008 (not older than 19).
- Junior Varsity Division: Students born between September 2008 and August 2010.
- Middle School Division: Students born in September 2010 or later.
- Elementary Division: Students born in September 2012 or later.

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## 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 Vienna, Austria, on May 31-June 2, 2025.
- From there, qualifying participants will have the chance to compete in the prestigious [International History Olympiad](#), taking place in Paris in July 2025.

The Olympiad is a global event, and, as of February 2025, 169 students from around the world are already registered to compete!

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## Why participate?

- Make history by competing in the first-ever Benelux edition of the History Bee and Bowl!
- Showcase your history knowledge and buzzer skills in a fun, academic environment.
- Gain a chance to qualify for the 2025 European Championships in Vienna and the 6<sup>th</sup> International History Olympiad in Paris.
- Join a global movement of history enthusiasts
- Connect with students from across Benelux and beyond.



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### When and where

Saturday, 29 March 2025

International German School of Brussels

Lange Eikstraat 71, Wezembeek-Oppem, Belgium

### 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 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 Vienna). Note that these exams are optional.*

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### Registration

Sign up and learn more at [ihbbeurope.com](http://ihbbeurope.com) (Registration deadline: 15 March 2025)



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### Additional information (links)

- [General overview](#)
- [Tournament pricing](#)
- [History Bee Overview](#)
- [History Bowl Overview](#)
- Rules
  - [Bee](#)
  - [Bowl](#)
- [Study guides](#)

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### Contact information

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*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