

## **International Mathematical Olympiad**

**Area:** Mathematics

**Style of Competition:** International Mathematical Olympiad is the most popular mathematical competition. Each participating country sends a team up to six students. Each country can propose up to six problems to be selected by the problem selection committee. Thus, so called short list is presented to the jury (consisting of team leaders). The jury then selects six problems which are given to the students in two consecutive days.

**Target Group:** The participants are students from grades 9 to 12 with serious interest in mathematics

**Age of Participants:** 14 - 19

**School level of Participants:** High schools

**Number of Participants:** 2007 – 93 countries and more than 500 participants.

**History of Competition:** The first International Mathematical Olympiad dates back in year 1959. Bulgaria is among the six countries (Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Romania and Union of Soviet Socialist Republic) that initiated the first edition of the Olympiad. The number of countries that take part in the IMO is growing steadily reaching the number of 93 in year 2007.

**Financial Basis of the competition:** The International Mathematical Olympiad is financed by the organizing country. The travel expenses are responsibility of each participating country.

**Competition Problems:** <http://www.imo-official.org/>

**Results Scored:** <http://www.imo-official.org/>

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