

Online IDO: The Internationale Deutscholympiade

Under the motto “DABEI SEIN! – Die IDO kommt zu dir” (BE THERE! The IDO is coming your way) the Internationale Deutscholympiade will be going online for the first time this year. From 3 to 7 August, over 120 young German language learners age 14 to 17 from over 60 countries will be taking part in this year’s online contest. The focus this year is on Dresden, the Saxon capital, under the patronage of the city’s mayor, Dirk Hilbert.

Online: 3–7 August 2020

Given the ongoing restrictions on travel and the social distancing requirements in many parts of the world, the Goethe-Institut has decided to move the Internationale Deutscholympiade (IDO) into the virtual realm for the first time, “which will enable young international language learners to exchange and network in German across all borders”, as Goethe-Institut Secretary General Johannes Ebert puts it.

Some 15 million students learning German in schools all over the world were invited to take part in their countries’ National German Olympics to qualify for the IDO, which will be held online from 3 to 7 August. The winners of all the national qualifying rounds have now been determined. And finalists’ profiles are now up on the IDO website under the motto “Wir sind dabei!”.

Enthusied by “Wanderlust” and “Würstchen”

“Wanderlust”, “Freiheit”, “sich verlieben”, “Würstchen” und “Tschüss” are some of the youngsters’ favourite German words. They’re into learning German “because it’s easy”, says N’dri Richard Kouassi from Côte d’Ivoire. Tu Beibei from China, on the other hand, likes the sound of German pronunciation and its “serious grammar”. Some of them also enjoy watching films in German on Netflix or learning the language through cartoons.

Many of the contestants would like to study, live or work in Germany in future. The IDO gives them an opportunity to exchange and network with other German learners worldwide, to make new friends – and virtually explore Dresden. The Saxon state capital, where the very first IDO was held in 2008, is the thematic focus of this year’s contest, with its arts and culture, its history and present-day life there.

All IDO events are held in German. This is a way for the contestants to consolidate their German language skills – as well as to learn more about everyday life for young people all over the world, about their interests, goals and dreams.

Teamwork and creativity

In addition to the official contest, contestants can look forward to daily live events, such as a participatory concert by the Munich band Supercrew, virtual meet-ups and presentations of the various participating countries in the form of online videos put together by the contestants themselves, in which they can include their friends, relatives and German teachers on location. The jury will evaluate not only their language skills, but also their intercultural competence, teamwork and creativity.

The IDO German language contest, which also serves as an international platform on which young German learners around the world can get to know one another, is



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held every other year at a different location. This year's online edition spans the whole globe.

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The Internationale Deutscholympiade is held by the Goethe-Institut in association with the International German Teachers' Association. This year's IDO is under the patronage of Dresden's mayor, Dirk Hilbert.