



## **OLCLO/NACLO-Canada Press Release**

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# **Announcing the 2017 Canadian Teams for the International Linguistics Olympiad**

The 2017 International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL) is the first to which Canada will send two teams, one from Anglophone Canada and one from Francophone Canada, which have been accredited separately by the International Board due to their linguistic divergence. The Francophone team was selected by the Olympiade linguistique canadienne (OLCLO), which consisted of a single-round, three-hour contest held on January 26, 2017 at CÉGEP André-Grasset, at Polyvalente Sainte-Thérèse secondary school, and at the Université du Québec à Montréal. In this inaugural contest, 26 students participated, and the four highest-scoring of these have been selected to form the Francophone-Canadian team, with the next two students selected as alternates (who will be invited to the IOL if a team member is unable to go). As in previous years, the Anglophone team was selected by the two rounds of the North American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO). There were 138 Canadian students who competed in the Open Round (held January 26), and the 15 highest-scoring were invited to compete in the Invitational Round (held March 9). Based on scores from the Invitational Round the top four students were selected as Anglophone team members, and the next two as alternates. OLCLO and NACLO competitors solved problems written originally in English or French by Canadian, American, and international contributors, which tested students' logical and linguistic problem-solving abilities. Languages featured included Māori, Choctaw, Proto-Algonquian, Japanese (OLCLO only), and Bulgarian, and computational problems focused on string-processing technologies and context-based semantic inference. Grading for both contests has now been completed, and the organizing committees are pleased to announce the two Canadian teams.

### **Team Anglophone-Canada**

The 2017 Anglophone-Canadian team will consist of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Score (NACLO Invitational Round)</b>
James Hogan	ON	56.73
Kevin Liang	BC	54.64
Gabriel Kammer	NY*	47.38
Jane Li	BC	45.03

The students selected as Anglophone-Canadian alternates are:

Airuo Zhang	BC	43.55
Andrew Lin	BC	42.41

\*Gabriel is a Canadian citizen currently residing in New York.

## **Team Francophone-Canada**

The 2017 Francophone-Canadian Team will consist of:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Score (OLCLO)</b>
Georges Awaad	73.92
Corinne Soucy	69.08
Samuel Ouvrard	64.08
Antonin Benoit	62.50

The Francophone-Canadian alternates are:

Béatrice Naud	51.00
Jade Racine	50.83

All Francophone-Canadian team members and alternates are from Québec.

## **International Linguistics Olympiad**

The Canadian team members are invited to the fourteenth International Linguistics Olympiad (IOL), to be held in Dublin, Ireland from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The IOL consists of a six-hour, five-problem individual contest, and a team contest, in which each team works together to solve a difficult, large-scale language problem. The IOL has grown from six countries in its founding year (2003) to 30 countries in 2016, when the contest was held in Mysore, India. Canada has been sending an Anglophone team to the IOL since 2011. NACLO and OLCLO are currently raising funds for the trip and will contact team members and their parents about travel arrangements.

For more information on NACLO and OLCLO, please visit [www.nacloweb.org](http://www.nacloweb.org) and [www.olclo.org](http://www.olclo.org). For more information on the IOL in general, including past contests, please visit [www.ioling.org](http://www.ioling.org), and for information on the 2017 contest in Dublin please visit <http://www.iol2017.ie>. The contact for this press release is [ling.olymp.canada@gmail.com](mailto:ling.olymp.canada@gmail.com).