


France hosts the International Physics Olympiad for the first time in 2025

Paris, June 2025 – After the Olympic and Paralympic Games in the summer of 2024, France is once again hosting the world for the 55th International Physics Olympiad (IPhO), which **will take place in the Île-de-France region from the 18th to 24th of July 2025**. This is the **most prestigious international physics competition** for young people under the age of twenty.

France, which is hosting this major event for the first time, will be bringing together **nearly 90 participating countries, bringing together a thousand people** over the course of a week. France's performances have regularly won international recognition: 5 gold, 39 silver and 21 bronze medals over the last 15 editions.

>> **An exceptional Honorary Committee**

The Honorary Committee, made up of the French winners of the Nobel Prize in Physics, embodies both scientific excellence and the desire to pass on knowledge. Its members affirm their confidence in young people and their support for those who will shape the science of tomorrow.



Anne L'Huillier – Nobel Prize in Physics 2023
Pierre Agostini – Nobel Prize in Physics 2023
Alain Aspect – Nobel Prize in Physics 2022
Gérard Mourou – Nobel Prize in Physics 2018
Serge Haroche – Nobel Prize in Physics 2012
Albert Fert – Nobel Prize in Physics 2007

>> **Open and shared science**

Under the high patronage of French President Emmanuel Macron and organised by the French Physical Society, this first French edition is supported by the Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research and numerous partners.

The International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) brings together the brightest **young minds from around the world**, united by a shared passion for understanding the world, a taste for challenge, and intellectual curiosity. More than just a competition, the IPhO is a forum for **meeting, dialogue, sharing and cooperation around physics**, at its most fundamental: a **common language** for thinking, questioning and building together.

"The International Physics Olympiads, IPhO, are a great opportunity to share both human and scientific experiences, both for the candidates and for the team leaders and other members of the delegations. Beyond borders, science and physics bring people together because scientists from all over the world talk to each other, exchange ideas, and bring their ideas forward". **Sophie Rémy, PhD in physics, senior lecturer in physics and member of the IPhO France 2025 Organising Committee.**

>> **The competition consists of two very high-level individual events:**

- **Experimental test** (19 July): experimentation using laboratory equipment to carry out measurements on a concrete physical phenomenon.
- **Theoretical test** (21 July): study of complex phenomena and their mathematical modelling, in 5 hours.

These tests will be held at the École polytechnique in Palaiseau (Île-de-France). The papers will be marked by an international jury and the best performances will be rewarded at a **prestigious final ceremony** (24 July).

A week packed with scientific and cultural highlights

Alongside the competitions, the delegations will take part in a series of cultural and scientific activities:

- Visit to the Château de Versailles
- Discovery of the Orsay Museum
- Cruise on the Seine
- Lectures at Sorbonne University
- Meetings with researchers in cutting-edge laboratories in the parisian region

Opening ceremony: 18 July – Cité des sciences et de l'industrie (Paris)

Closing ceremony: 24 July – CentraleSupélec (Gif-sur-Yvette)

For more information: www.ipho2025.fr/programme-candidats

IPhO 2025 in numbers



1,000 participants
in one week



90+ countries represented
(record)



50 languages
different



440 candidates

Practical information

- **Dates:** from 18 to 24 July 2025
- **Main venue:** École polytechnique (Palaiseau), Île-de-France
- **Participants:** 1,000 people expected, 440 candidates, +90 countries represented
- **Tests:** 19 July (experimental) and 21 July (theoretical) – École polytechnique

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