Team Canada announced for the International Geography Olympiad

Ottawa, May 2, 2018 — After months of grueling skill-testing questions and fieldwork, the Canadian Geographic Olympiad has yielded its top four senior geography students, who will represent Canada on the world stage at the celebrated International Geography Olympiad (iGeo). The Royal Canadian Geographical Society (RCGS) is proud to announce Team Canada:

Zhongtian Wang, 18 years old, in Grade 12 at London Central Secondary School, London, Ont.


Malhaar Moharir, 17 years old, in Grade 11 at University of Toronto Schools, Toronto, Ont.

Jack Cheng, 17 years old, in Grade 12 at Western Canada High School, Calgary, Alta.

Canada has a proud tradition of having students who shine when their geography skills are put to the test. Canada has a good reputation internationally for geography and there is the expectation that Team Canada will demonstrate the kind of leadership strong geography curriculum can produce.

With the support of the GeoConnections program of Natural Resources Canada, this is the first time Canada is participating in iGeo, which is geared towards students from 16 to 19 years of age. The Canadian Geographic Olympiad, a national qualifying round for the international competition, started in October 2017 and attracted many students from across Canada. The test and fieldwork components were designed by experienced geography teachers and RCGS Fellows. The top four competitors are moving on to the iGeo four-day competition, which will be held in Québec City from July 31 to August 6, 2018. Currently, 50 countries have registered to compete.

Most Canadian contenders are veterans of junior-level geography and are excited for this opportunity to put their skills to the test for the first time at an international level. These teens are eager and ready to represent our country proudly, hoping to win a medal for Canada.

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