



INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT – COVID-19

Dear IGB Worlds Participants,

The International Academic Competitions (IAC) regrets to announce that we will be cancelling the 2020 International Geography Bee World Championships. This was not a decision we made lightly, but given the current state of the outbreak, its continuing spread, and the very small chance that it will be effectively contained within the next month or two, we feel that making this decision now is in the best interest of public health and gives everyone the maximum amount of time needed to make alternate plans. We are of course keenly disappointed in this but realize that the health and safety of our community must be the utmost priorities.

IAC will provide refunds in full for any event registration fees that have been paid for future events, though please note it may take up to a month or longer to process these especially if a wire transfer is needed. A decision on whether to hold the event in 2021 will be made after this summer.

IAC thanks you for your continued support at this difficult time and urges you all to be proactive in protecting yourselves, your students, and your children. We look forward to seeing you in the 2020-2021 academic year, and wish you all the best for the coming months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suopeng Gao", written in a cursive style.

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