



PSDian Earns Recognition at International Biology Olympiad 2026

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PSDian **Ethan Nepomuceno** represents the Qatar National Team and secures a bronze medal at the **37th International Biology Olympiad 2026**, held from *July 12-19* at *Vilnius University in Lithuania*, as part of the international lineup that includes student representatives from 78 countries.

Nepomuceno went through different phases throughout the event, beginning with his arrival to the opening ceremony wherein they showcase each competitor and the countries they represent. The following day, an orientation game and ice-breaking activities took place throughout *Vilnius Old Town*. His academic phase commenced the day after with the practical examination which was followed by a mid-week cultural trip in Trakai.

Nepomuceno then returned to the testing facilities to complete the theoretical examination which concluded with a reunion party. The next phase shifted his focus to scientific networking featuring a visit to the *Vilnius University Botanical Garden* alongside discussions with Lithuanian

life sciences start-ups. The schedule concludes with free time in Vilnius and the closing ceremony with a farewell party followed by departures of competitors on the next day.

Throughout the weeklong competition, Nepomuceno tackled both theoretical and practical examinations that tested his skills across multiple complex fields including molecular biology, plant and animal anatomy, and ecology, while also featuring educational excursions and the opportunity to engage with local scientific innovators.

The International Biology Olympiad is an annual global competition for secondary school students. The Olympiad aims to act as a platform for young scientific talent that helps students develop skills while encouraging participants to pursue long-term careers in the sciences.