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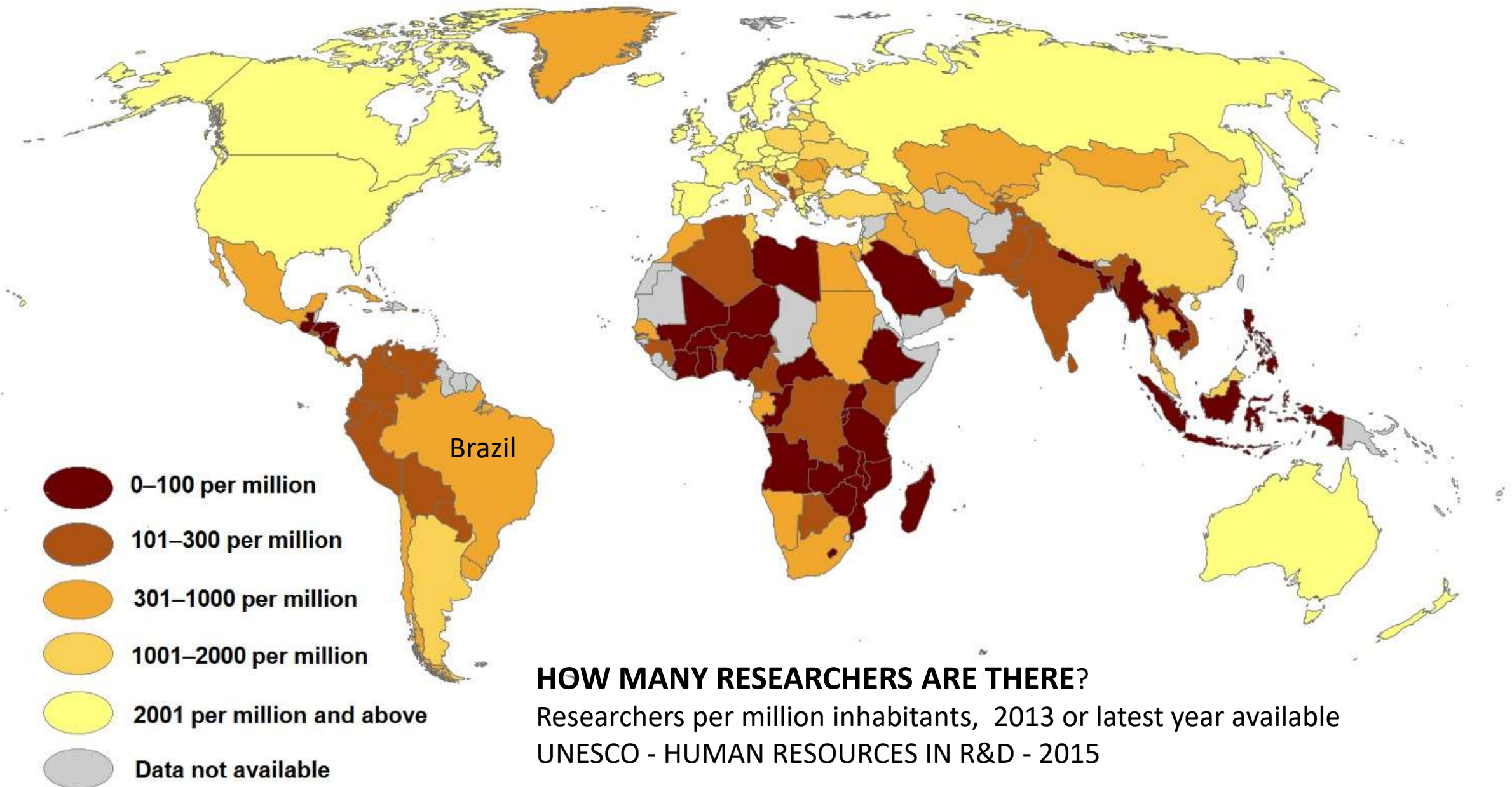
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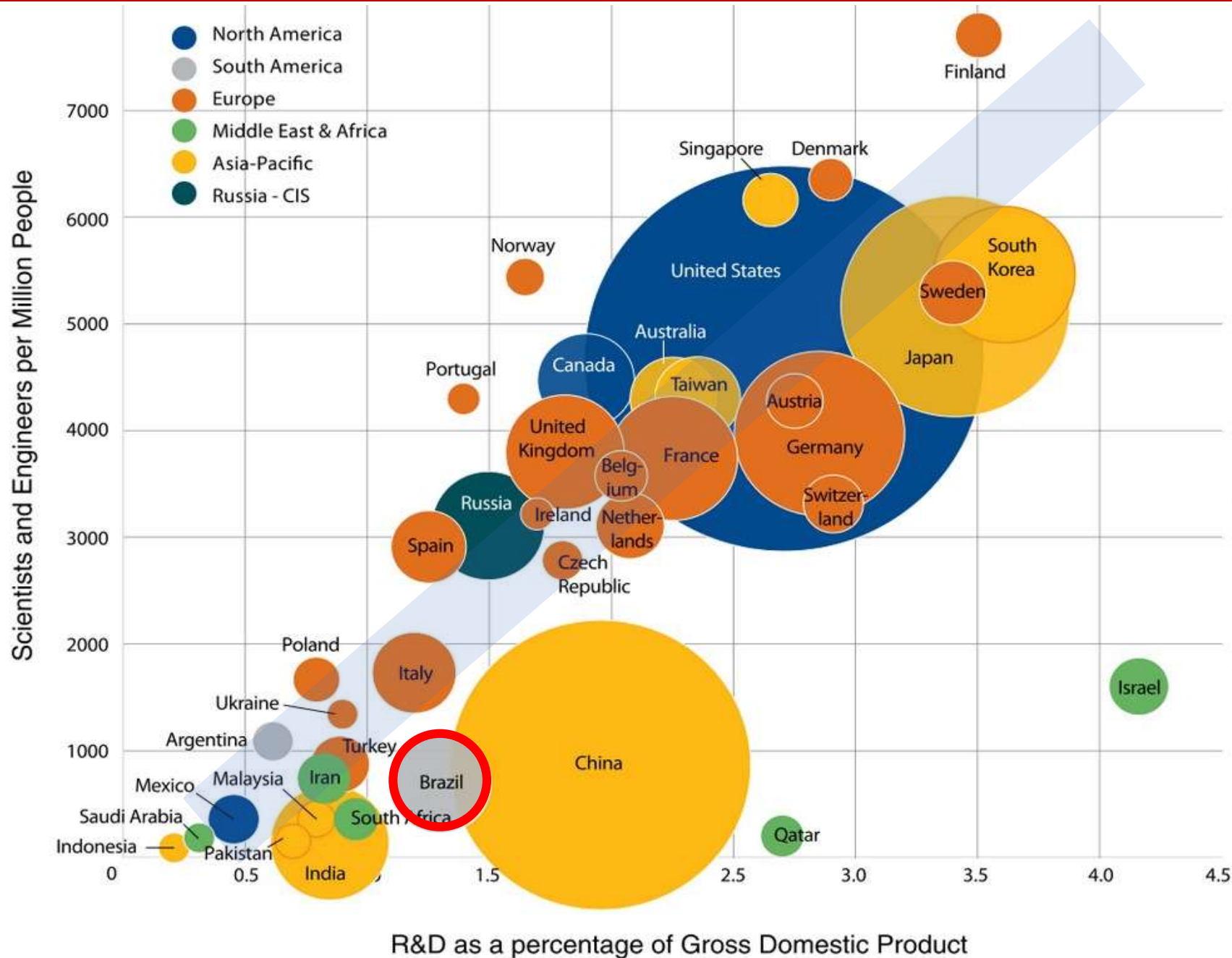
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Scarcity of Scientists/Researchers in Brazil



Scarcity of Researchers & Engineers & Funding in Brazil

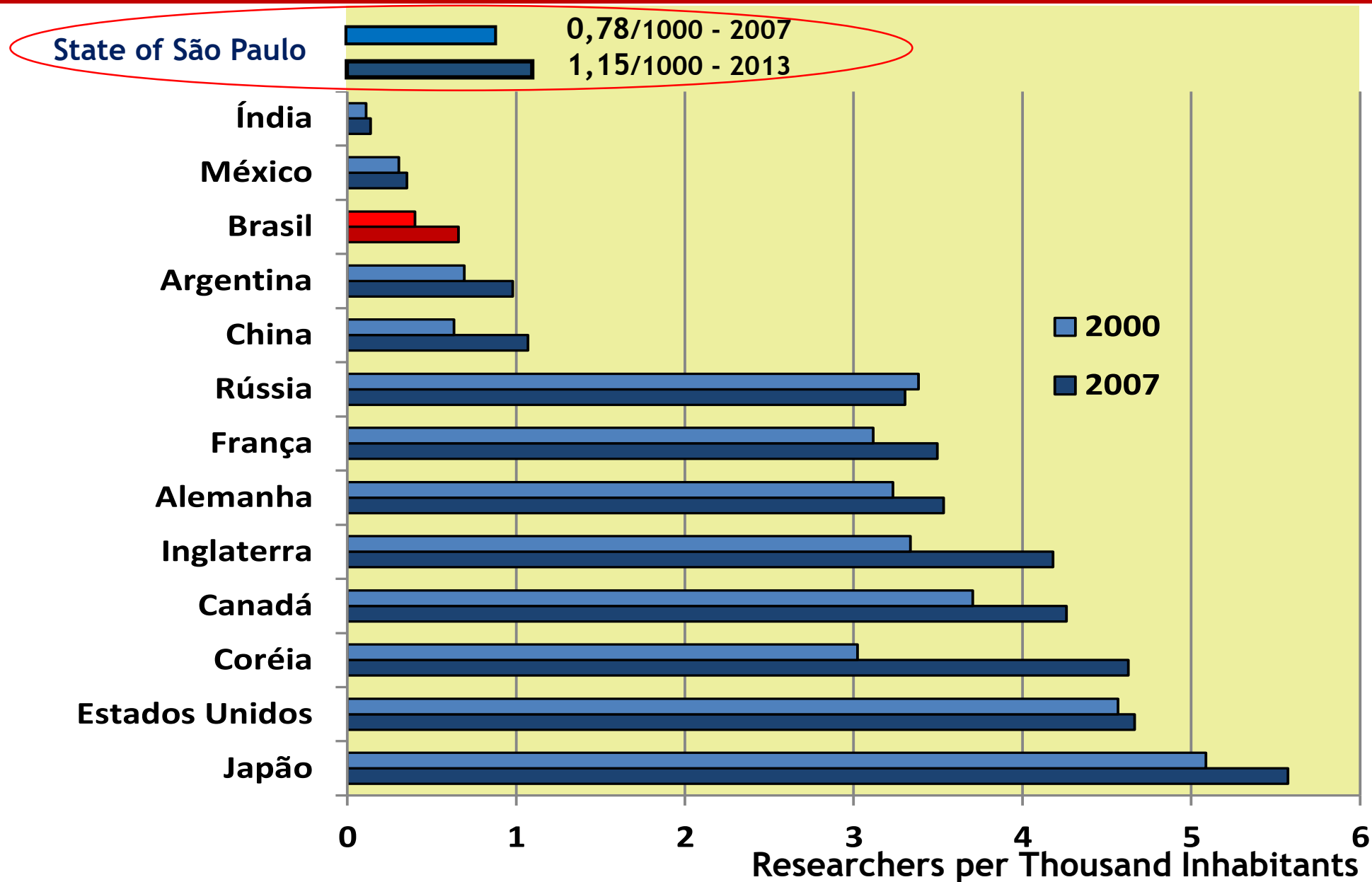


Source: Battelle, R&D Magazine, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, CIA Fact Book, OECD

Size of the circle:
relative amount of
annual R&D
spending

<http://www.rdmag.com/articles/2013/12/20/14-r-d-magazine-global-funding-forecast>
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Scarcity of Scientists in Brazil



2015 PISA TOP Scores (above OECD average) 540,000 15-year-old students

Math

Singapore	564
Hong Kong	548
Macao	544
Taiwan	542
Japan	532
China*	531
Korea	524
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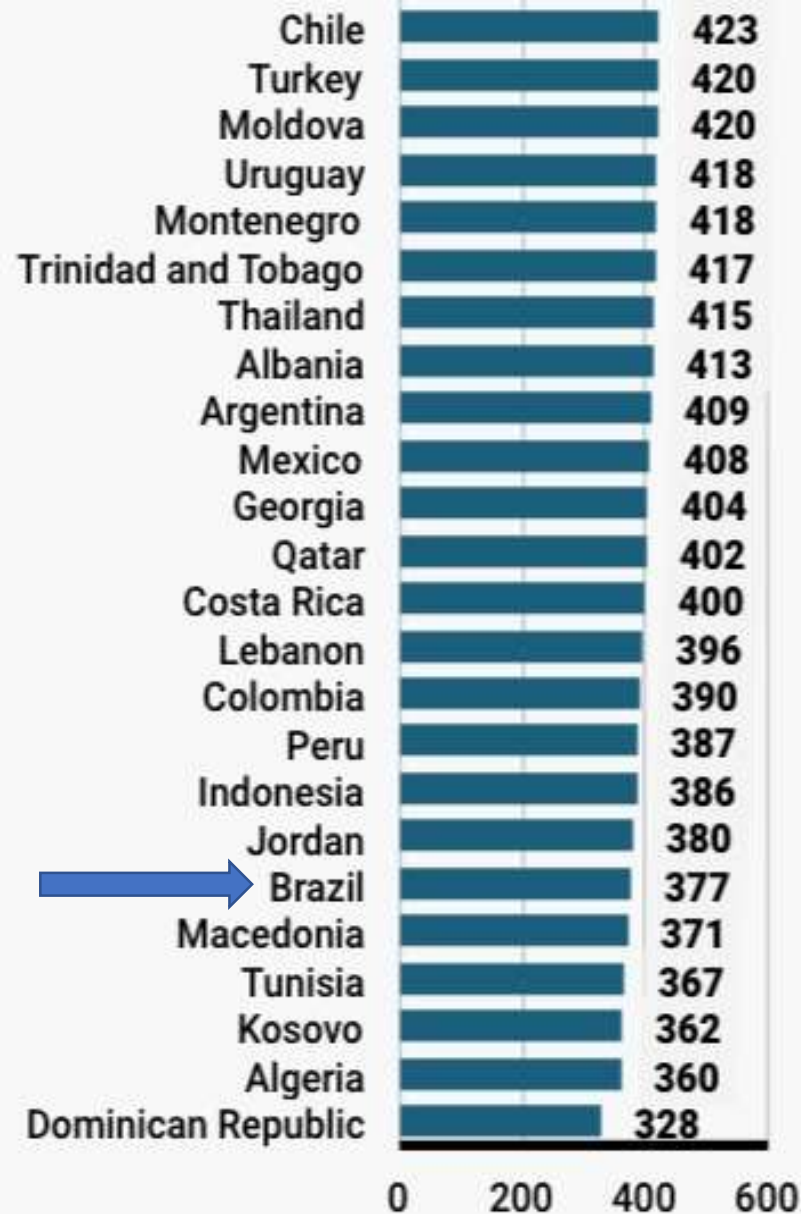
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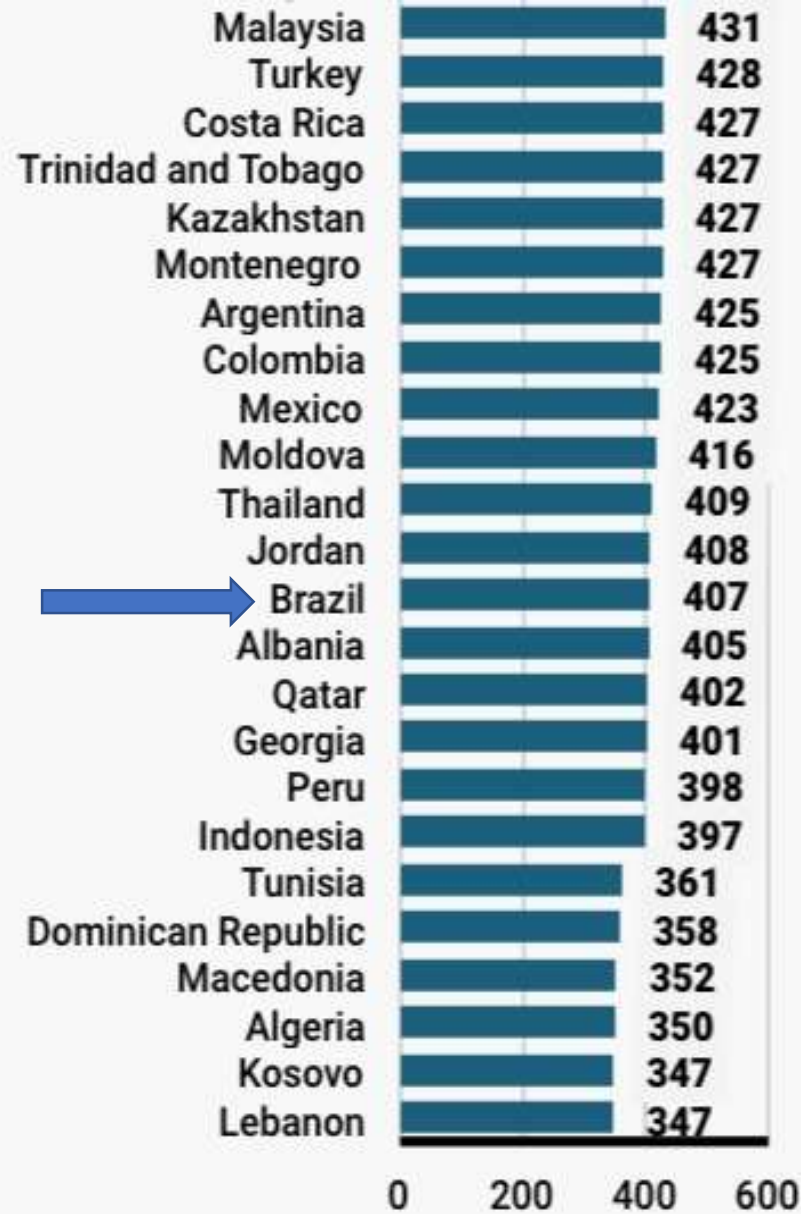
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2015 PISA Lowest Scores of 72 participating countries

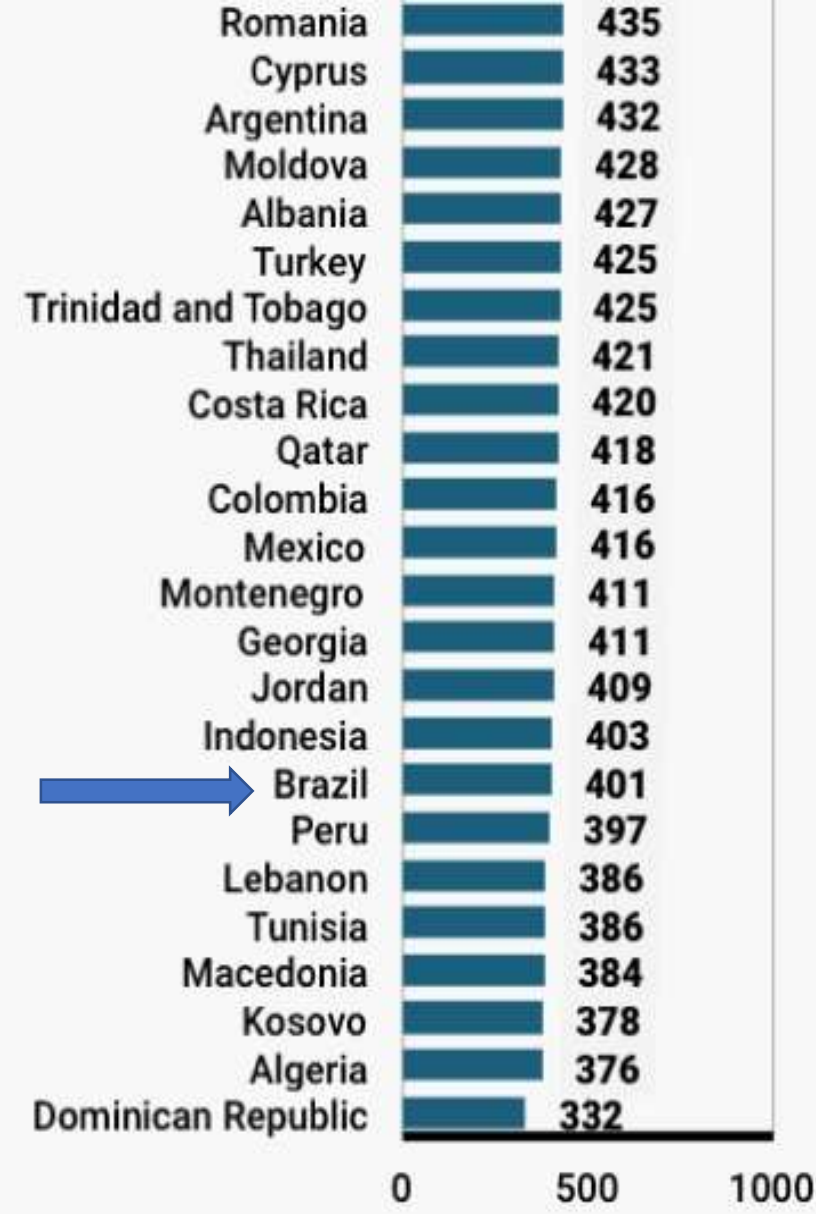
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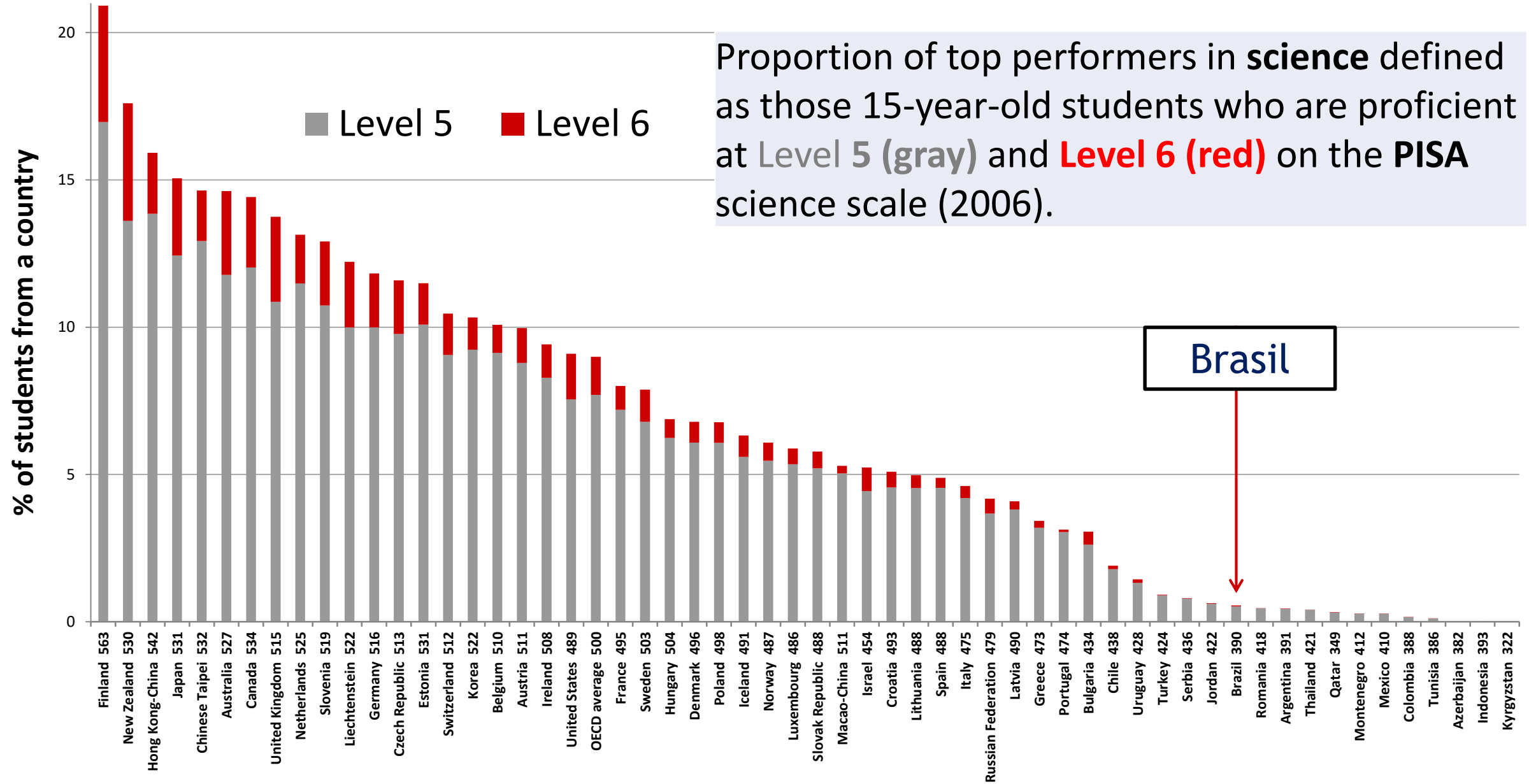
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Science



PISA Top Performer in Science

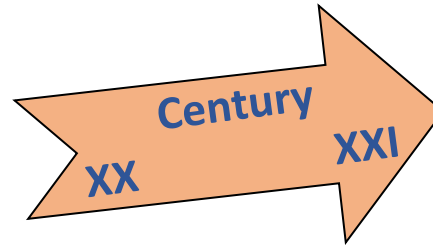


Search for Talents in Hard Sciences



Albert Einstein

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Albert Zweisteine

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Objectives of OQSP

- i) Promote interest for Chemistry and its interrelations with other sciences and the society;
- ii) Attract talented students for studies and carriers in the industry and academy dedicated to Chemistry (and Chemical Engineering, Biochemistry, Pharmacy, Environmental Sciences, Material Sciences, etc.);
- iii) Select and award medals to 50 students yearly, entitling them to represent São Paulo in the Brazilian Chemistry Olympiad;
- iv) Improve the society's perception of the contributions of Chemistry to quality of live and sustainability.

Annual topics of OQSP - examples

Aiming to catch the attention and interest of more students than just those willing to take conventional examinations of Science Olympiads, in the First Phase of the OQSP they are asked to write a four-page essay on a context-oriented annual topic.

OLIMPIÁDA DE QUÍMICA SP-2011



1ª Fase - Redação sobre o tema: Do marca-passo ao carro elétrico: **O MUNDO DAS BATERIAS**

Autoria da Redação: individual ou em equipe de até 5 estudantes de ensino médio de 1ª ou 2ª série.
Extensão: até 4 páginas, incluindo bibliografia.
Profs. de Química da Escola receberão as redações e escolherão as 2 melhores de cada série.

Inscrição de 4 redações por Escola na ABQ-SP: até 29/nov/2010.

Seleção dos finalistas pela ABQ-SP: até 31/mar/2011.

- a) 100 melhores redações – autor principal;
- b) ~40 melhores “treineiros” da FUVEST-2011 (Exatas e Biológicas, nota da 2ª fase)

Fase Final - Prova de Conhecimento e Raciocínio
04/jun/2011, Instituto de Química da USP, São Paulo.
400 Diplomas de Mérito para finalistas, co-autores e professores.
Prêmio Prof. Geraldo Vicentini + 5 prêmios e 40 medalhas.
40 inscrições na Olimpíada Brasileira de Química,
via de acesso à Olimpíada Internacional de Química.

Informações: <http://olichemq.usp.br> e abqsp@iq.usp.br



OLIMPIÁDA DE QUÍMICA SP-2013



1ª Fase - Redação sobre o tema: **QUÍMICA: MAIS COR EM NOSSAS VIDAS**

Autoria da Redação: individual ou em equipe de até 5 estudantes de ensino médio de 1ª ou 2ª série.

Extensão: até 2 mil palavras (~4 páginas), incluindo bibliografia.

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- c) 40 inscrições na Olimpíada Brasileira de Química, via de acesso à Olimpíada Internacional de Química.

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Examples of Themes of Chemistry Olympiad of the State of São Paulo

OLIMPÍADA DE QUÍMICA SP-2014

1ª Fase - Redação sobre o tema:
Laboratórios Químicos Espaciais: como funcionam e para que servem?

Autoria da Redação: individual ou em grupo de até 5 estudantes de ensino médio de 17 ou 22 anos.
Extensão: até 2 mil palavras (1-4 págs.). Inclindo bibliografia.
Prêmio de Química da Escola: recebida no município e encaminhada às 2 melhores de cada série.
Inscrição de 4 redações por Escola na AQ-SP: até 25/10/2014.
Divulgação dos finalistas para AQ-SP: até 31/10/2014. No endereço:
• 100 melhores redações – autor principal;
• ~40 melhores “bombrões” da FUVEST 2014 (Exatas e Biológicas, nota na 2ª fase);
• 8 vencedores do IVQ/IG UNICAMP;
• 4 vencedores da OQ/IFCLIP-USP.

Pase Final - Prova de Conhecimento e Habilidade: 07/jun/2014.
Local: Instituto de Química da USP, São Paulo.
• ~400 Certificados de Participação para os finalistas e seus co-autores e professores;
• 50 medalhas;
• Prêmio Talentos (Braskem, R\$ 3 mil);
• Prêmio Prof. G. Vicentini (IQ-USP, R\$ 1 mil);
• 4 prêmios OQ/IG;
• 50 inscrições na Olimpíada Brasileira de Química, 1ª de acesso à Olimpíada Internacional de Química.

Informações:
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Abiclor **Braskem** **Mackenzie**
Dow **BASF**

Nine thousand printed banners and folders are posted to three thousand schools (end of August). Complete information about the OQSP is published on the website allchemistry.iq.usp.br, as well as the 20 best Essays of the year, chosen by a team of 60 PhDs in Chemistry.

Olimpíadas de Química SP 2017

QUÍMICA NAS OLIMPÍADAS
Fase Final e Premiação

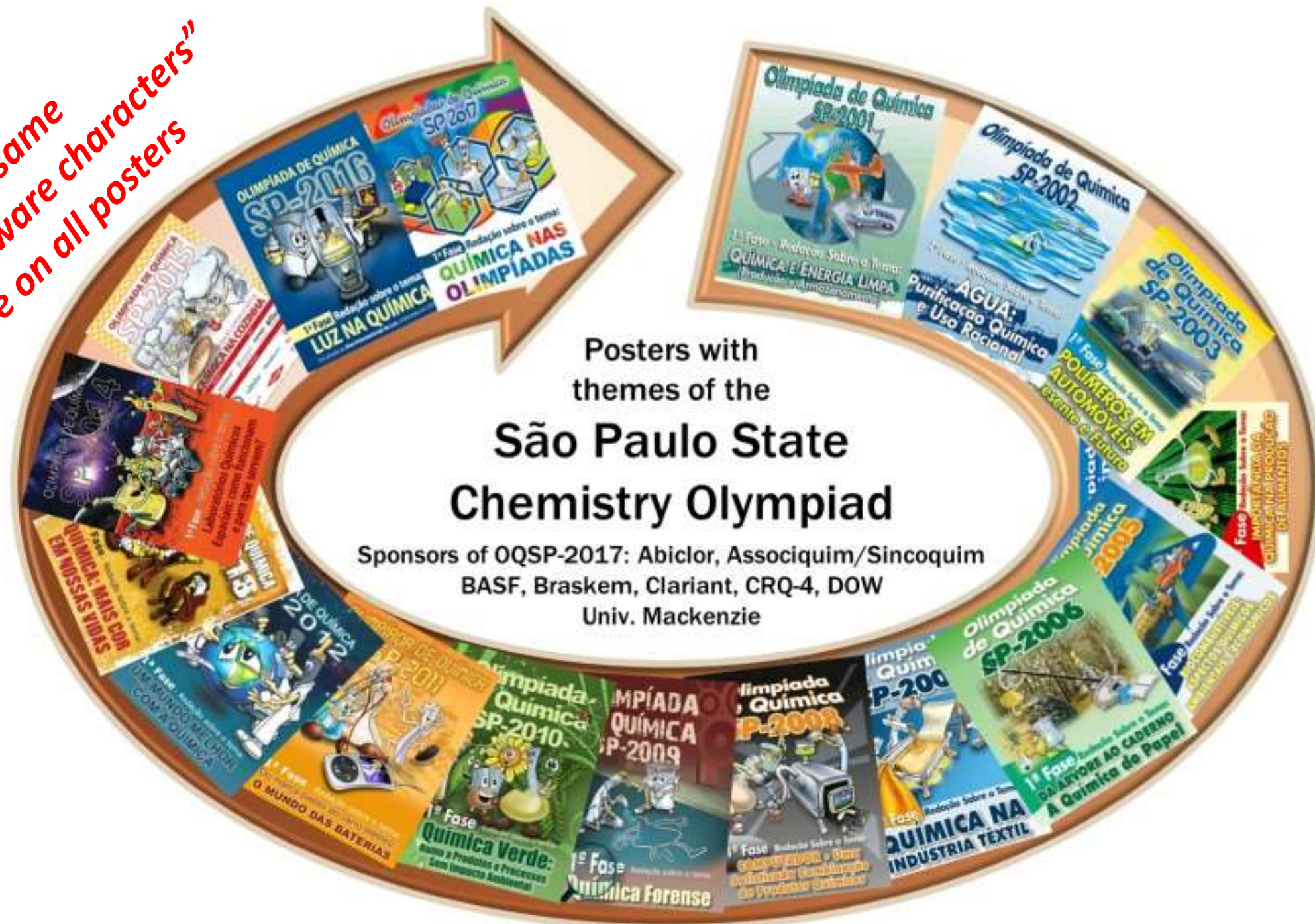
10 de junho de 2017
Instituto de Química - USP

→ Prêmio Talentos
→ Prêmio Prof. G. Vicentini + 4 Prêmios e 50 Medalhas
→ 50 Inscrições na Olimpíada Brasileira de Química
→ ~ 400 Certificados de Participação (finalistas, co-autores e profs.)

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*The same
“lab glassware characters”
are on all posters*



OQSP-2017 - Essays Evaluation Commission (Jan /Feb summer vacations)

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Olimpiadas de Química



46th World Chemistry Congress
IUPAC 2017
40ª Reunião Anual da Sociedade Brasileira de Química
Sustentabilidade & Química (Green Chemistry)
July 9 to 14, 2017 - São Paulo - Brazil
IUPAC World Chemistry Congress
+ 40ª Reunião Anual da SBQ
9-14/julho/2017 - São Paulo - SP

Olimpiada de Química do Estado de São Paulo OQSP-2017 - Química nas Olimpíadas

Publicação completa das redações
sobre o tema: "Química nas Olimpíadas"
selecionadas entre as 100 redações finalistas

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Olimpíadas: A Química por trás do Espetáculo

Enquanto festejávamos com cada uma das medalhas de ouro, prata e bronze que o Brasil ganhava na Rio 2016, nem nos demos conta de quanta química fora usada para tal. A verdade é que há muita ciência nas estruturas, nas instalações, nos equipamentos esportivos, na alimentação e vestimenta dos atletas, na identificação do uso de substâncias ilícitas, etc.

São Paulo State Chemistry Olympiad – Selection of Finalists

Circa **150 students** are selected for the **Finals** of the OQSP, always in June

1st Authors of best ranked Essays on the Annual Theme

50 + 50 finalists of OQSP from approximately 4 Thousand participants

40 Best “trainees” of the FUVEST (Exact and Biological Sciences)

~20 + ~20 finalists of OQSP from approximately 8 Thousand participants

Winners from São Paulo of the Virtual Chemistry Tournament
(IQ-UNICAMP)

4 + 4 finalists of OQSP

Winners of the Regional Chemistry Olympiad (DQ-USP Ribeirão Preto)

2 + 2 finalists of OQSP

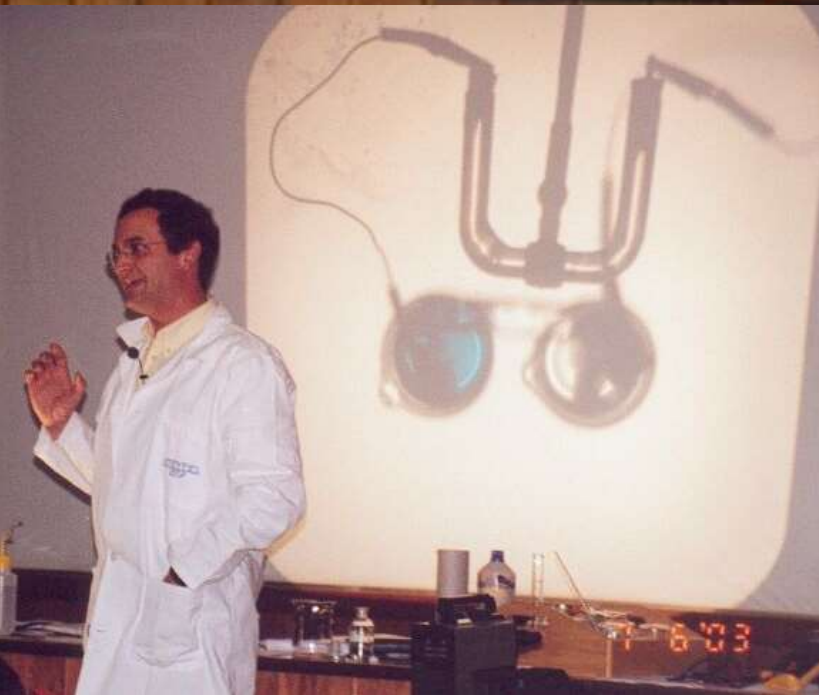
OQSP-2017 – Live Experiments Related to the Exam



Students' teachers watching a projection of the experiments



OQSP-2004 – Live Experiments Related to the Exam



OQSP – Live Experiments Related to the Exam



OQSP-2017 – Live Experiments Related to the Exam



Lucas Rodrigues
OQSP 2002 – Gold Medal



Lucas Rodrigues
OQSP 2017 - PhD

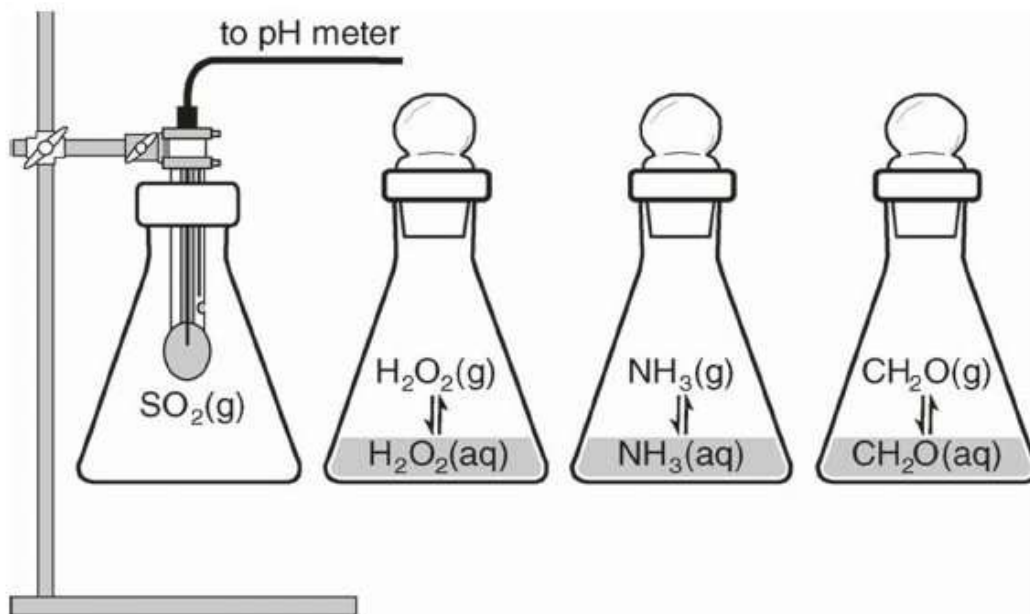
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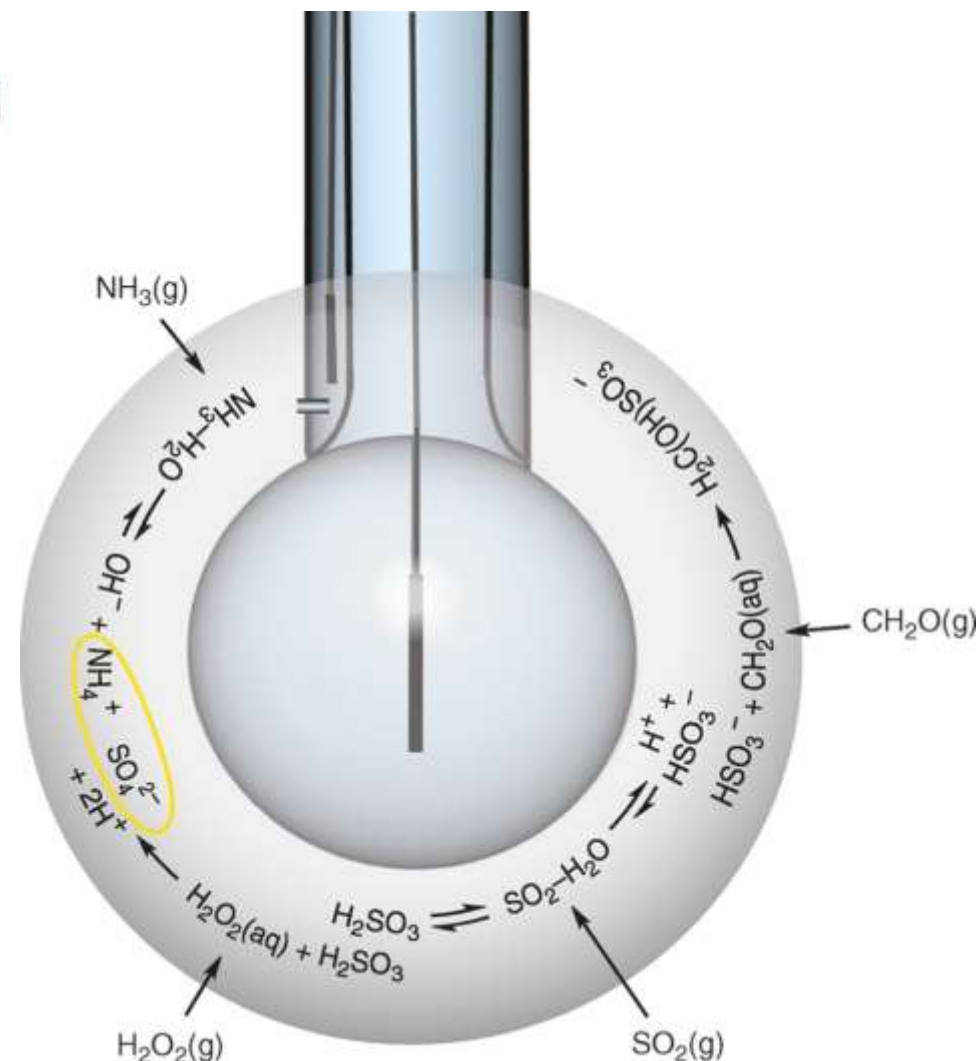
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UM EXPERIMENTO-CHARADA USANDO DATA-SHOW E RESINAS DE TROCA IÔNICA

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A QUIZ-EXPERIMENT USING DATA-SHOW AND ION EXCHANGE RESINS. A demonstrative experiment was proposed in order to verify students' habilities in recognizing the presence and nature of ions in solutions, before and after their passage through ion-exchange columns. The students have no previous contact with ion-exchange resins, so they must deduce how they work and explain the experimental facts. The performance of classes, at different stages of learning, is compared and discussed.

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OQSP-2013 – Immediate correction of finalists' exams



Double-blind evaluation and classification of the written exams of the participants by a team of circa 20 PhDs in Chemistry (from postdocs to full professors), on Saturday afternoon, while students have lunch

OQSP-2017 – Final Exam Correction of finalists' exams



OQSP – Lunch Time



OQSP – Visits to Undergraduate Chemistry Laboratories



OQSP – Visits to Undergraduate Chemistry Laboratories



OQSP-2017 Exposition + VR Presentation by the Chemical Industry



Chemistry in Action – Theater Group of Undergraduates at IQ-USP



OQSP – 2012 – Gold Medal Winners



OQSP – 2017 – Gold Medal Winners

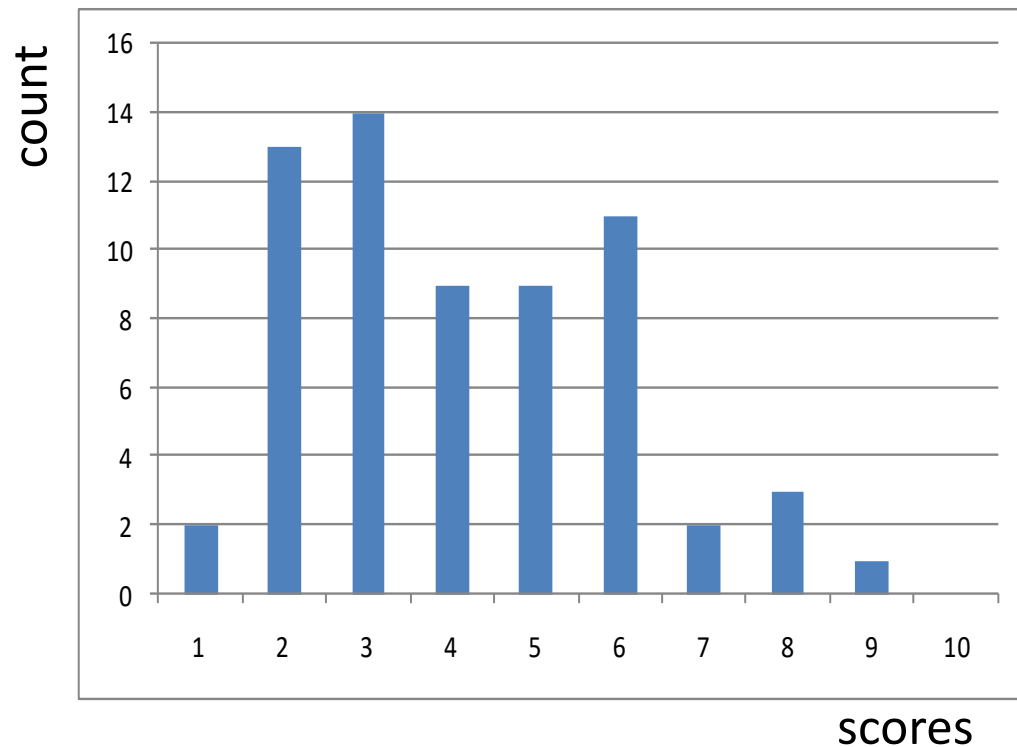


Histograms of Students Scores in OQSP Final Exam

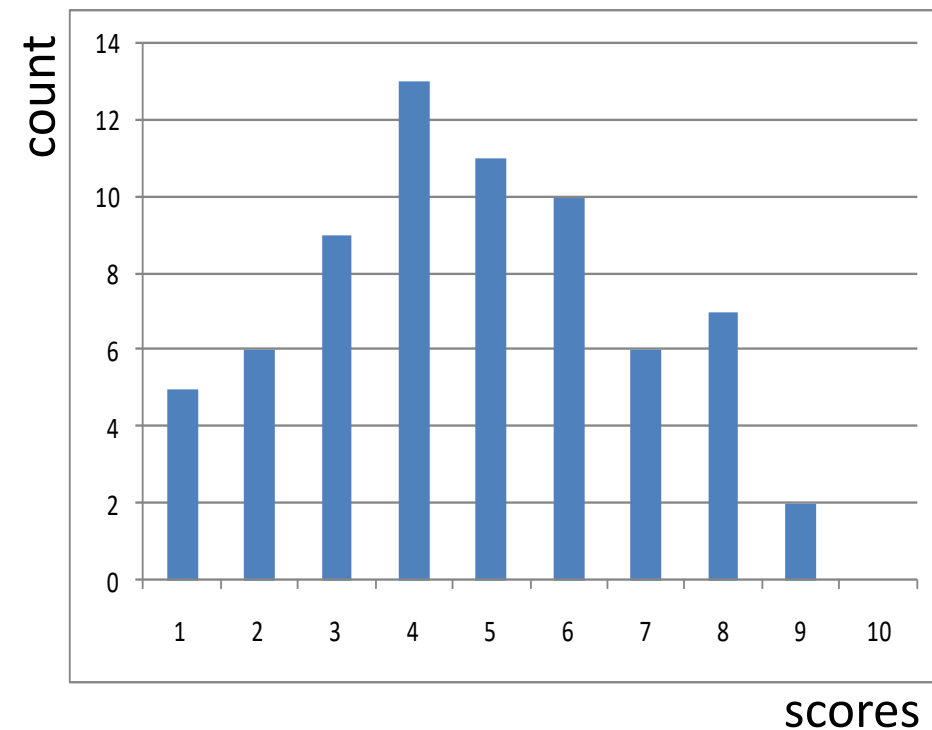
Histograms of grades of the Final Written Examination of the OQSP-2013

The OQSP exam is the same for all students (11th and 12th graders)

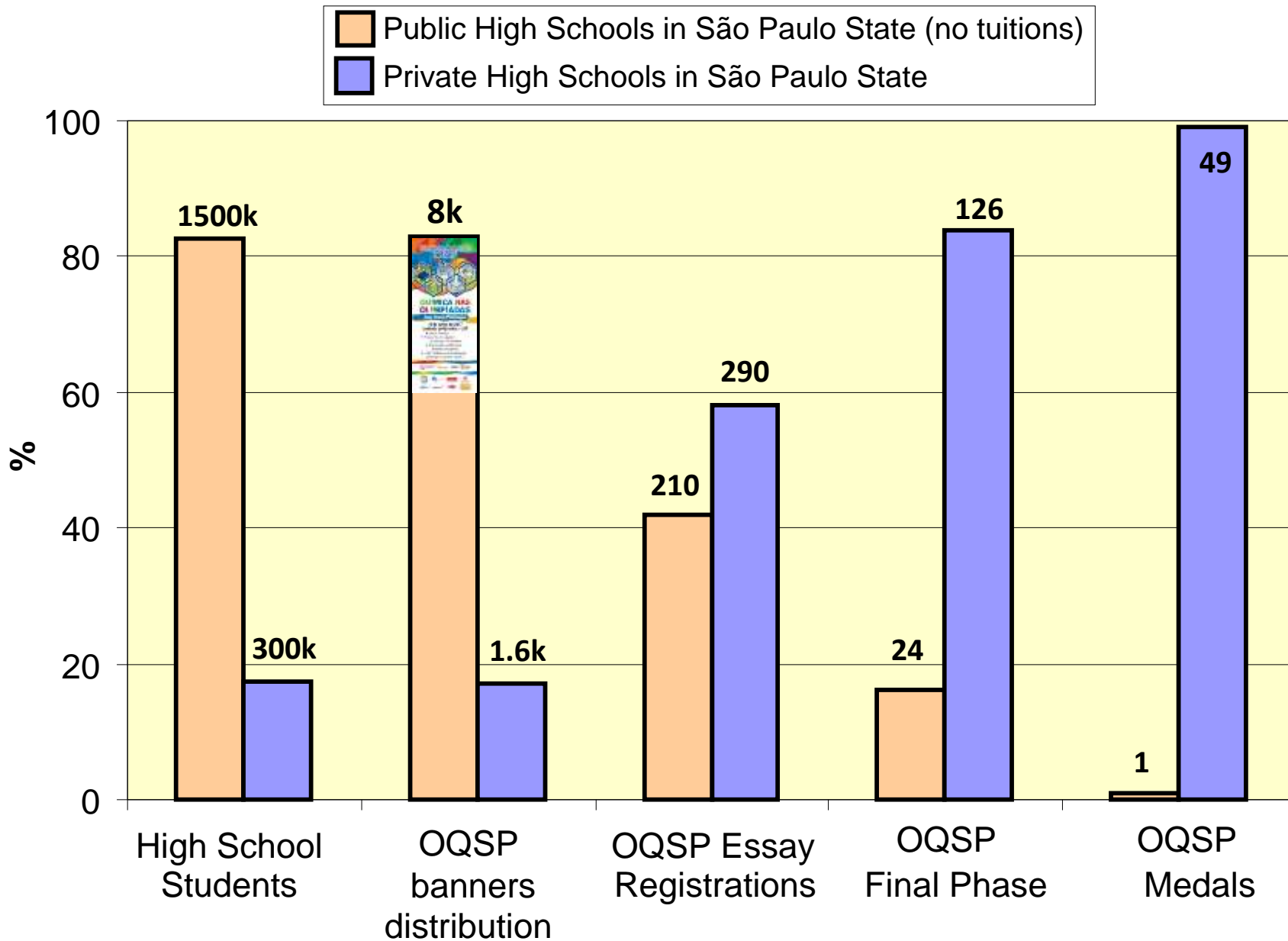
2nd Year (11th grade) Finalists



3rd Year (12th grade) Finalists



Origin of QQSP Participants - State of São Paulo



High (Secondary) School
Students (10th -12th grades)
State of São Paulo: ~1.8 million;
Public schools: ~3800
Private schools: ~1900
Output: ~440 thousand/year
~83% from public schools
(0,79% are admitted at USP)
~17% from private schools
(8,6% are admitted at USP)
(Reinach, F., OESP 08/Jul/2017, A17)

Olympic School of Chemistry – IQ-USP



Every month of July (since 2011) there is a one week (66 hours) intensive winter course of preparation of OQSP winners for the National Examinations of the Brazilian Chemistry Olympiad, that take place at the end of August.

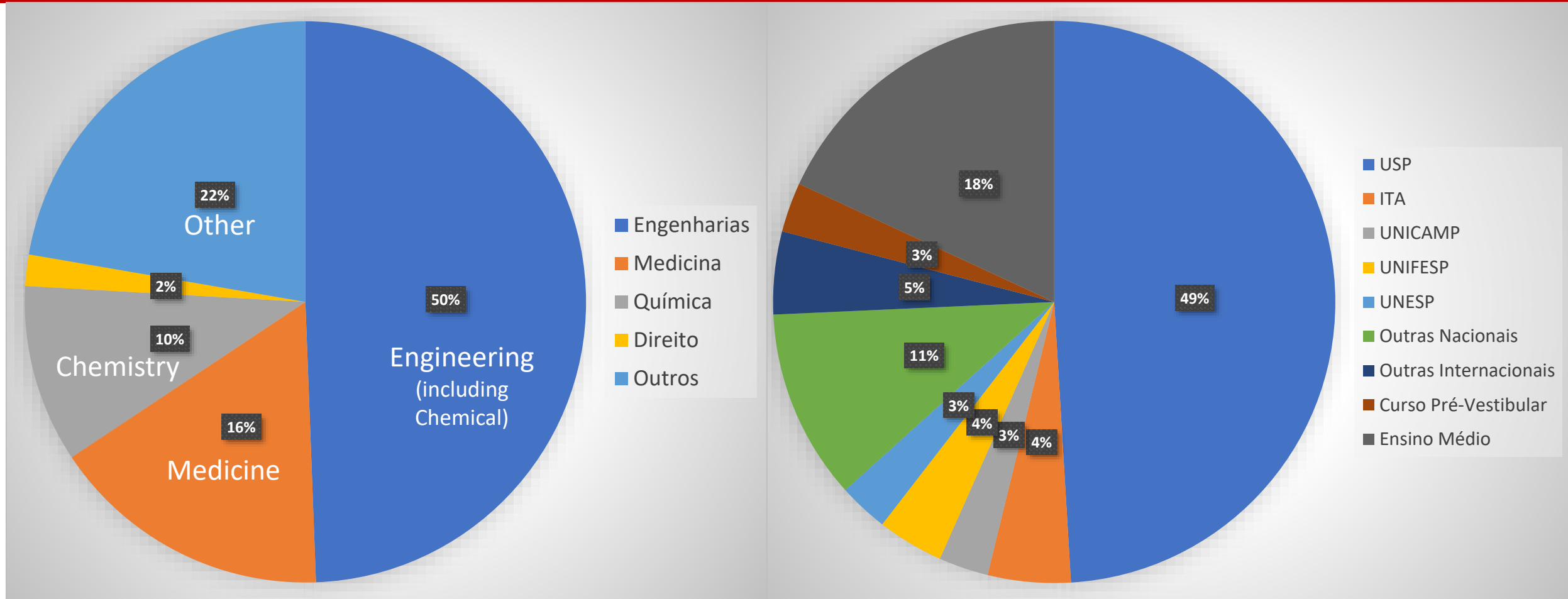
Veterans of the Chemistry Olympiads serve as instructors of the course.

Professors of IQ-USP present seminars and organize laboratory experiments.

7th Olympic School of Chemistry – IQ-USP – 3-8 July 2017



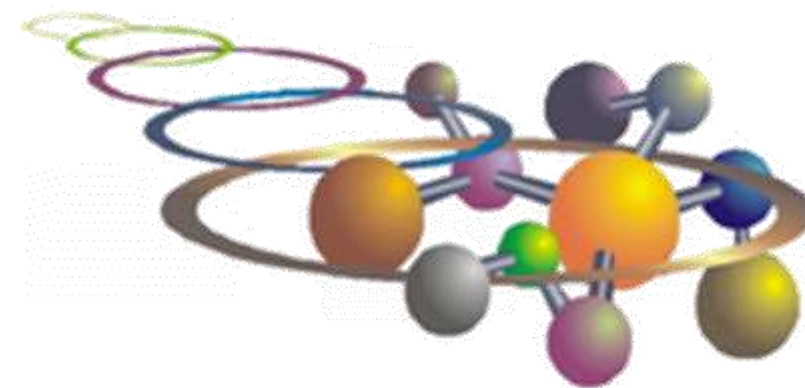
Courses and Universities chosen by former participants of EOQ



The former participants of EOQ are, for the most part, medal winners of the OQSP thus the graphics reflect also the courses chosen by top participants of the OQSP

Figures with data of the 2011-2016 period provided by the EOQ coordinators:
Gabriel Berlingieri Polho, Pedro Luis Furlam, Bruno Alan Miyamoto and Andre Silva Franco

Chemistry Olympiads Flow Chart



CHEMISTRY OLYMPIADS NATIONAL PROGRAM

Coordinator: Prof. Sérgio Melo (UFC)

Main sponsor: **CNPq**

High School Students (10-12th year)

Brazil: 8,5 milhões; São Paulo: 1,8 milhões

Olimpíadas de Química Estaduais

Organized in all 27 States (Ex.: OQSP)

Olimpíada Brasileira de Química

(OBQ) - 50 winners from each State

**Olimpíada Ibero-americana de
Química (OIAQ) - 17 countries**

4 students per delegation

**International Chemistry Olympiad
(IChO) - 80 countries**

4 students per delegation

41st IChO Practical Exam (Cambridge University, 2009, photo: Nathan Pitt)



OQSP winner's first IChO Medals - 2010 - 2012



The OQSP started in 1997; the first IChO medals were conquered in 2010



42nd International Chemistry Olympiad - July 2010
Tokyo - Japan
SP: 2 x Bronze



43th International Chemistry Olympiad - July 2011
Ankara - Turkey
SP: 1 x Bronze
CE: 1 x Silver + 1 x Bronze



44th International Chemistry Olympiad - July 2012
Washington - EUA
SP: 1 x Silver
CE: 2 x Bronze

2016 - Brazil's best IChO results so far



46th International Chemistry Olympiad - July 2014
Hanoi - Vietnam
SP: 2 x Bronze



47th International Chemistry Olympiad - July 2015
Baku - Azerbaijan
SP: 1 x Silver + 1 x Bronze
CE: 1 x Bronze



48th International Chemistry Olympiad - July 2016
Tbilisi - Georgia
SP: 2 x Silver
CE: 2 x Bronze

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Conclusion

The OQSP model has been approved and praised by high school students and teachers for the last two decades mainly because:

- During the essay preparation, the theme motivates discussion and study of chemistry subjects in classroom and at home;
- The final exam, largely based on the demonstrated experiments, fosters the observation and interpretation capacity;
- Participants come to a University Campus, visit a Chemistry Institute and interact with professors and undergraduates;
- Six prizes and 50 medals are awarded on the same day of the exam;

However the model is laborious and requires a large and qualified team.



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**Chemistry Olympiads – 20 Years of the São Paulo Model
where Authors of the Best Thematic Essays Qualify for a
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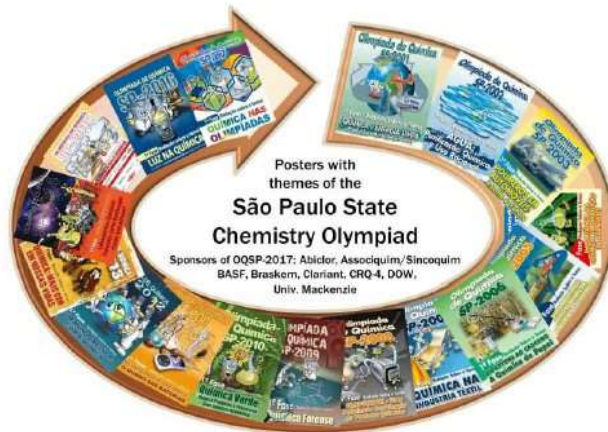
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The International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) has a successful history of nearly half a century of stimulation of activities of secondary (high) school students interested in chemistry and promotion of international contacts, cooperation and international understanding among the delegations from, presently, 80 countries. Brazilian students participate regularly since 1999 and were awarded several bronze and silver medals. This achievements contrast with the low overall scores in science, mathematics and reading of Brazilian fifteen-years-old students in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA–OECD). The four students sent to IChO yearly are selected by the Brazilian Chemistry Olympiad, which has as participants the 50 best ranked students in each of the 27 Chemistry Olympiads carried out in all states of Brazil. In São Paulo – the most populous state of the country with 1.9 million secondary students mostly enrolled in public schools – the olympiad know by the initials **OQSP** follows an original model devised and successfully applied since 1996 by the São Paulo chapter of the Brazilian Association of Chemistry, as will be presented.

Aiming to catch the attention and interest of more students than just those willing to take conventional examinations of science olympiads, in the First Phase of the OQSP they are asked to write a four page essay on a context-oriented annual topic, e.g. Chemistry in the Olympic Games, Light in Chemistry, Chemistry in the Kitchen, Chemistry Labs in Space, etc. Printed banners and folders are posted to three thousand schools while complete information about the OQSP is published on the website allchemistry.iq.usp.br.



It is up to the school teachers to select and submit to the OQSP the four best essays from their school. A team of some sixty PhDs in chemistry reads and grades the essays during the summer vacation and unveils a list of one hundred authors that are invited to the Final Phase of the OQSP together with 50 students selected by three minor access routes based on exams. Since 1997, twenty preferred essays are added yearly to those already published on AllChem.

During the full day Final Phase the 150 students first attend a session of demonstrations of chemistry experiments in a lecture hall of the Institute of Chemistry – USP, in São Paulo, SP. They take notes of their observations on a printed guide and can use them during the 90 min written exam that follows. The grading of the exams by a team of fifteen PhDs (mostly associates and professors) starts short after. Meanwhile the students have lunch, visit laboratories and attend to a talk or a chemistry show played by undergraduates. At the end of the day, the results are announced along with the distribution of medals and prizes that are awarded by the sponsors' representatives. The fifty highest ranked students are entitled to represent the São Paulo state in the Brazilian Chemistry Olympiad (funded by the CNPq) and may attend a one week Olympic School of Chemistry. Many original experiments devised for the OQSP demonstrations have been published in journals of education in chemistry.

The adopted model, although laborious and requiring a large qualified team, has been approved and praised by high school students and teachers for two decades because the competition motivates discussion and study of chemistry subjects in classroom and at home during the essay preparation. Additionally, it fosters the observation and interpretation capacity during the final exam, largely based on the demonstrated experiments and previously studied concepts.



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