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Australian Team Named for 2016 Quiz Olympiad

[Quizzing Australia](#) is pleased to announce that the following teams will represent Australia in the inaugural [Quiz Olympiad](#) to be held from 3rd to 6th November in Athens, Greece.

A team

- Ross Evans - NSW (c)
- Yolanda Stopar - Vic
- Rick Bakker - Qld
- Gordon McGregor - NSW

B team

- Christian Kelly - Qld (c)
- David Regal - NSW
- Paul Bakker - Qld
- Michael Logue – ACT

Team selections were based on performances in the annual [World Quizzing Championships](#) which was first held in 2003. Both the WQC and Quiz Olympiad are run by the International Quizzing Association.

Ross Evans and David Regal are both past Australian champions (the reigning champion *Supernerd* Issa Schultz is unable to attend due to commitments with [The Chase – Australia](#)), while Yolanda Stopar won nearly one million dollars on the Channel Seven game show *Temptation* in 2006.

More than 500 quizzers from all over the world are expected to take part in the Quiz Olympiad. Confirmed attendees include:

- “The Governess” [Anne Hegerty](#), star of [The Chase – Australia](#).
- [Barry Simmons](#) from the BBC quiz show [Eggheads](#)
- [Ken Jennings](#) who won 74 consecutive episodes of the US game show [Jeopardy!](#)

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Sample questions

1. Based on a Sara Gruen novel of the same name, which 2011 movie starring Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon, tells the story of Berzini Brothers Circus employees Jacob and Marlena during the Great Depression?
2. Located in different cities but in the same state, what is the only name shared by a NHL (hockey) and an NBA (basketball) team?
3. 'People Committed to the Propagation of the Prophet's Teachings and Jihad' is an Islamist terrorist organisation based in northern Nigeria. They are better known by what two-word Hausa name roughly meaning 'Western education is sinful'?
4. Which mortal angered the goddess Athena by beating her in a weaving contest?
5. They may be the oldest collegiate a cappella group in the USA, but being established only in 1909 they are 200+ years younger than their alma mater. To which Ivy League institution do The Whiffenpoofs belong?

Answers

1. Water for Elephants
2. Kings
3. Boko Haram
4. Arachne
5. Yale University

Ends.