

# 2018 World Quizzing Championships Loom

*Supernerd to defend his national title*

The 16<sup>th</sup> [World Quizzing Championships](#) will take place on Saturday, 2nd June 2018.

More than 3,000 quizzers from all over the world will take part simultaneously with the Australian legs being hosted in Sydney and Perth by [Quizzing Australia](#).

Past winners include the stars of the BBC quiz show [Eggheads](#) Kevin Ashman ([six titles](#)) and Pat Gibson ([four](#)).

“Supernerd” Issa Schultz, star of [The Chase – Australia](#), is a [five-time winner](#) of the Australian round.

The WQC was first held in 2003 in England with about 50 participants but is now a genuinely worldwide event with 150 venues across some 45 countries.

Unlike the pub trivia many people are familiar with, the WQC is an individual, written quiz and the questions are not for the faint-hearted.

The event will also serve as a selection trial for the 2018 Asian Quizzing Championships to be held in December in Kuala Lumpur. Quizzing Australia will announce the Australian team in July.

## Sample Questions from 2017

1. Loosely inspired by the lives of painters Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener, which 2015 film earned Alicia Vikander the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress and Eddie Redmayne a nomination for Best Actor?
2. Although this country, when still a colony in 1893, was the first to give all women the vote, it was another 104 years before Jenny Shipley became its first female prime minister. Which country is this?
3. Which plant became a symbol of nuclear disarmament because it can absorb nuclear radiation?
4. Donna Summer’s 1977 hit ‘I Feel Love’ has been described as the start of electronic dance music. It is one of many Donna Summer songs produced by which Italian DJ and producer, winner of three Academy Awards and four Grammy awards?
5. Which legend of the art world is buried in a crypt under the stage in a Teatro Museo (“theatre and museum”) dedicated to him in Figueres, in Catalonia, Spain?
6. What was the name of Microsoft’s digital multimedia encyclopaedia that was in operation from 1993 to 2009, first on CD-ROM, later on DVD and even later as a website, that was the market leader in digital encyclopaedia for many years?
7. Lis Hartel, having contracted polio at age 23, was left permanently paralysed below her knees. Nowadays she would be eligible for the Paralympics but in 1952, she became one of the very first women to compete against men at the Olympics. Before 1952 it was open only to commissioned military officers, in which particular event did Hartel win individual Silver in 1952, and again in 1956?
8. As you might expect, which US state capital is twinned with the city of Genoa in Italy?

## Answers

1. The Danish Girl
2. New Zealand
3. Sunflower
4. Georgio Moroder
5. Salvador Dali
6. Encarta
7. Dressage
8. Columbus