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** ISF Students Sweep Top Spots in Spelling Bee **

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Three students in Grade 6 at **ISF Internationale Schule Frankfurt-Rhein-Main** (ISF) in Germany swept first, second, and third place at **The American Library in Karlsruhe Spelling Bee** in April 2014. Competing against students in grades 4 to 9 from German grammar schools and international schools across Germany, as well as a school in France, the winners brought home the top awards in the "E-Bee" category.

Twelve (12) ISF students secured a spot in the final round following a preliminary, written round that was held at ISF. The ISF students were among 38 finalists in the final round competition which is divided into two categories: the "E-Bee" category, which includes students in schools where the language of instruction is English, and the "Non-E Bee" category, which is designated for students in schools where the language of instruction is a language other than English.

It took eleven rounds to finalize the E-Bee winners. ISF student Lorenzo Bonara fought hard for third place with the word, "stethoscope." In second place was ISF 6th grader Dhanush Jagarlamudi with "persuadable," and first place went to Samir Rajesh with the winning word, "distinguish."



Winners of The American Library in Karlsruhe Spelling Bee

"We are very proud of our spelling bee winners," said Mr. Angus Slesser, ISF School Director. *"They worked very hard with the SLO® Academic Department and their teachers in order to hone their spelling skills."*

What is particularly impressive about the ISF victory is the fact that English is not the mother tongue of any of the ISF students who won. Their spelling prowess was developed at ISF through the SABIS[®] Educational System, which uses English as the language of instruction.

"This is a great testimony to the strength of the SABIS[®] Educational System," stated Slesser. "Students at ISF achieve fluency in English within a short period of time, regardless of their native language," said Mr. Slesser.

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