

IPF PARTICIPATES IN THREE-DAY EDUCATIONAL EVENT "LES JOURNÉES DE LA TERRE" IN LUXEMBOURG



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Under the theme "La terre, notre unique foyer... si belle et si fragile" ("The Earth, our only home... so beautiful and so fragile"), the event brought together scientists and educators from across Europe to inspire young people to better understand and protect our planet.

The programme featured around 70 interactive activities covering a wide range of environmental and scientific topics, including bees and pollinators, biodiversity, evolution, sustainable food systems, waste management, energy consumption, air quality, climate action, geophysics, water purification, and the role of science in building a more sustainable future. One of the highlights was the presentation of the [Princess](#)

[Elisabeth Antarctica](#) (PEA), the world's first and only zero-emission polar research station.

Representing the IPF, Science Liaison Officer Henri Robert introduced approximately 100 students, aged between 10 and 15, to life and scientific research in Antarctica. Through four engaging sessions, students discovered the unique Antarctic environment, its extraordinary biodiversity, the importance of polar science, and the global environmental challenges facing our planet today.

The workshops combined presentations with hands-on learning activities. Students explored a scale model of the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica station and took part in an interactive exercise using a large 3D puzzle of the Antarctic continent and the Southern Ocean. These activities encouraged participants to better understand Antarctica's geography, the station's innovative zero-emission design, and the crucial role polar regions play in the Earth's climate system.

To extend the learning experience beyond the event, the IPF also distributed a selection of educational books on the Princess Elisabeth Antarctica, polar expeditions in Antarctica and the Arctic, and the long-standing relationship between Belgium and Antarctica. The Foundation was pleased to contribute to this inspiring event, helping to spark curiosity and encourage the next generation to explore science and become active stewards of our planet.