

# *Special Issue*

## The baccalauréat and its European equivalent .

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of the exams of the BACCALAUREAT. Plenty of young 18-year-old teenagers tried to take the three series of tests. There are : BAC general, technological and professional.

BAC general is separated into three series : literary, economics and social, scientific. There is also BAC technological with mostly math and physics. And there is BAC professional. 540,000 young men and women try to take the BAC.

In France in 1996 the BAC was passed by 61% of the students. 40 million copies were corrected by the teachers, one million oral exams were taken. Some cheaters were punished : they couldn't take any exam for 5 years.

In England the equivalent for the BAC is the advanced level or A level, that was born in 1951 and that was separated into two parts by the 2000 curriculum. The name of part one is advance subsidiary or A level and the name of the second part is A2 exams.

