

Sunday, 3rd July

The 19<sup>th</sup> Balkan Olympiad in Informatics  
and  
The 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Balkan Olympiad in Informatics

## NEWSLETTER No. 0

### A welcome from the BOI and JBOI chairman

Dear guests,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Bistrița on the occasion of two important events: the 19<sup>th</sup> Balkan Olympiad in Informatics and the 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Balkan Olympiad in Informatics.

On behalf of the BOI and JBOI Organizing Committee, I would like to give my best regards to you and I hope you will enjoy your time in Romania. We have prepared a range of activities which are meant to offer you memorable moments. I am confident that the sightseeing tour and the beautiful trips will help you feel the pleasant atmosphere of our medieval town and you will take advantage of the opportunity to make new friends.

In the end, I would like to wish *Good luck* to all the contestants and I hope the week you spend here will be an enjoyable experience.

Constantin Gălățan

### A little history lesson

The initiative for the establishment of the Balkan Olympiad in Informatics (BOI) came from the host country of the 1st BOI - Romania (Constanța).

Dr. Stelian Niculescu, Dr. Horia Georgescu, Dr. Clara Ionescu were, among others, the driving force of this first unforgettable event.

Following the success of the 1st BOI, other countries continued the tradition.

Junior Balkan Olympiad in Informatics appeared as a whole new competition in July 2007 in Belgrade, Serbia and now it has reached its fifth edition. The primary motive and goal of this

competition is identifying computing talent among young students.

The competition is open for students aged 15.5 and younger, residents of Balkan countries.

### Invitation

All participants, officials and hosts are kindly invited to attend the official opening ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> Balkan Olympiad in Informatics and the 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Balkan Olympiad in Informatics on Monday, July 04, 2011, at 5 p.m. at the local Cultural Center (location 4 on the map).

### Quote of the day

“Informatics is the intersection of people, information and technologies.”

David Penniman

## Weather forecast



partially cloudy

Max Temperature: 21° C

Min Temperature: 12° C

Humidity: 49%

### Important faces



**Constantin  
Gălățan**

- Chairman of BOI and JBOI
- Member in the Scientific Committee of National Olympiad in Informatics
- Head coach of the Romanian Informatics team
- Teacher at “Liviu Rebreanu” National College, Bistrița
- Publications: “C++ Secrets”, “Introduction to Standard Template Library”, “C# for high-school”

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Since this newspaper is about you, we would be glad to collaborate. So you can send your documents, photos, or anything interesting you would like to see in the newspaper at [cipri\\_tom1@yahoo.com](mailto:cipri_tom1@yahoo.com)

## Day 0 – Arrival and accommodation

The first team to arrive was Cyprus, on Saturday around 1 a.m. after a long journey taken by plane and bus.



On Sunday, at the first hour in the morning the Romanian teams arrived by train. Although they were excited about the city and the warm welcoming, the 8 hours spent travelling sent them directly to bed, without even having breakfast. During the rest of the day the other teams representing the Republic of Moldova, Albania, the Republic

of Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Montenegro, Serbia and Greece arrived and checked in. They were welcomed by the tour guides and organizers of the Olympiad and they received their backpacks consisting of useful and representative items for the contest.



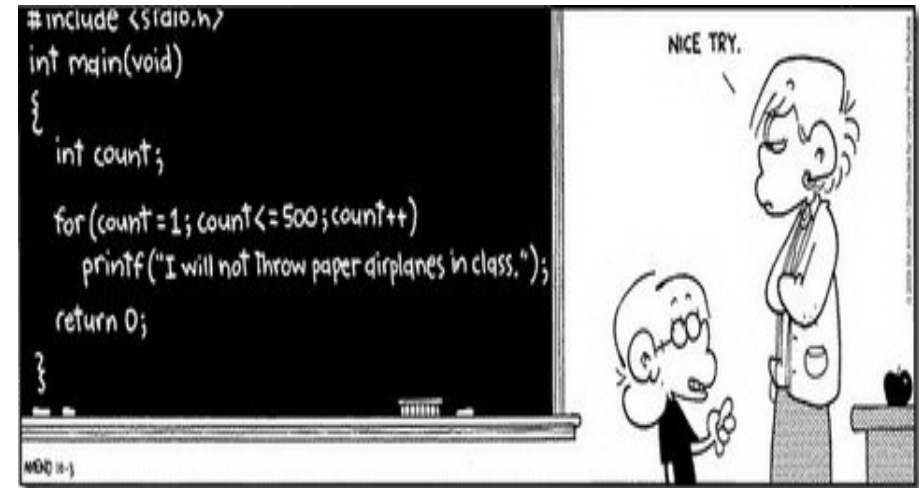
After an eventful journey the Swiss team finally got to the destination, late at night.

All in all, the contest is about to begin, so we would like to wish "Good luck" to all the contestants and may the best code win.

Editor's Office

## A few things to bring a :)

One day, a pupil was punished after throwing paper airplanes in the classroom:



## Romanian Outlines:

Each day, in this section of the newsletter you will find useful "stuff" regarding the Romanian language. Try not to break your tongue in the pronunciation process and use your imagination. For today, the basics:

Hello – Salut;  
Excuse me – Scuzaj-mă  
My name is... – Mă numesc...;  
I am lost – M-am pierdut;  
Where can I find ... ? - Unde este ... ?  
Good bye – La revedere;