

Monday, July 4th

The 19th Balkan Olympiad in Informatics
and
The 5th Junior Balkan Olympiad in Informatics

NEWSLETTER No. 1

The opening ceremony

Today, July 4th 2011 all participants to the BOI and JBOI were invited to attend the opening ceremony of the two contests. The ceremony began with the presentation of the committees and of the officials involved in the organization of the Olympiads. Mr. Constantin Gălăţan, chairman of BOI and JBOI was first introduced, who welcomed all the participants and invited Mrs. Nuşa Lupan-Dumitriu to have a welcome message for the contestants. Ovidiu Creţu, mayor of Bistriţa also gave a speech in which he emphasized the fact that the population of Bistriţa have always manifested a keen interest in education, therefore an Olympiad in Informatics is more than welcome. Other speakers during the festivity were Vasile Marc, general

inspector of the Bistriţa-Năsăud Inspectorate and Mrs. Clara Ionescu, one of the founders of the BOI who also reminded the contestants that the tasks in the competition might seem easy at first sight but they should pay a lot of attention to details. In fact, she ended her speech by wishing them "the most beautiful and performing algorithms!"



The ceremony then continued with *Cununa de pe Someş*, a group of dancers who performed traditional Romanian dances, specific to Bistriţa-Năsăud county and other artistic moments combined with the presentation of the teams.



Towards the end of the ceremony Mr. Constantin Gălăţan declared the two Olympiads open, after which we were all invited to watch the performance of other dancers and singers. The evening then continued with a cocktail. In the end everybody had a great time and left the Cultural Center with the desire to give the best of themselves on the first day of the competition!

Quote of the day

"Winning isn't everything, but wanting to win is."

Vince Lombardi

Weather forecast
for tomorrow



Sky: cloudy

Max Temperature: 21° C

Min Temperature: 12° C

Humidity: 68%

Important faces



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Practice Session

Today the contestants also had the opportunity to attend a practice session at INFOEL Technical College, where they got used to the contest environment. This session is meant to help them become familiar with the type of tasks they will receive in the competition while the organizers could solve potential technical problems in the contest. Our reporters were there to find out their opinions.

Aleksa Stankovic

Senior – Serbia

How did you find the practice session?

The tasks were very easy, it helped us get used to the competition and the environment.

How did you find the hotel?

It was great, I don't have any complaints.

Did you manage to get some rest for today?

Yes, we arrived in Bistrita yesterday around 11 o'clock, we rested and now we're fresh and ready to work.

Filip Bujaroski

Junior – Republic of Macedonia

How did you find the city?

It's a great place.

Where are you from?

I'm from Republic of Macedonia.

Did you get any rest for today?

Yes, the whole day was just for resting.

How did you find the practice session?

Well, we had some technical problems but it was ok.

Were the computers to your likings?

Yes, just fine.

Nikolaos Tzanos and Kyriakos Axiotis
Senior – Greece

How did you find the city?

Very beautiful, it's a bit rainy now.

Where are you from?

I'm from Greece. The weather there is very hot, but it's ok here.

Did you pack for this weather?

Yes, we're excited for the competition, it's not our first time and it's nice to compete with other people.

How did you find the practice session?

It wasn't very difficult.

Were the computers all right?

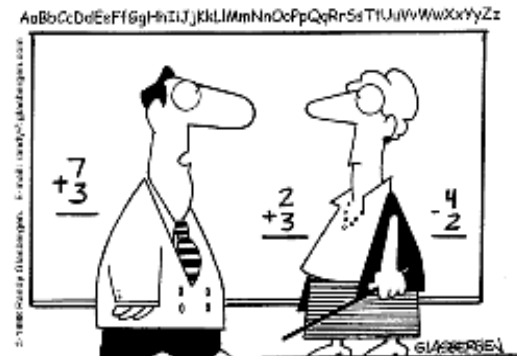
Yes they were and we're excited to come tomorrow to the competition.

"The only program that runs perfectly every time is a virus".

Murphy



Even the practice session was too much for some...



"My computer is going to die on 21.12.2012.

Can you teach me how to add and spell again?"

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Summing up the first day

A moment with a girl

(the only one in the contest)

Ioanna Mousikou

Senior – Cyprus

Hello and welcome to Romania!

Thank you!

How do you feel about the first day here?

It was very cool. I hope we will have a good time.

Did you like the opening ceremony?

It was very good, yeah. I love your dancing and very good singing.

And, how do you feel about being the only girl in the entire contest?

I am very proud of representing females during this contest (laughs).

Peter Müller

Senior - Switzerland

How do you feel about the first day here in Bistrița?

It was really nice, not like yesterday because we had a few complications. The town is really nice, as well as the lunch.

Ok, so you enjoy Romanian traditional food. How do you feel about the opening ceremony?

It was really special, the dance, in particular, it's very different from the dance in our country.

Do you have any great expectations for tomorrow?

No. (laughs)

Something you wish?

I hope the tasks are not too difficult.

Vlad-Andrei Tărniceru

Junior – Romania

Hello, you are from Romania, one of our teams. Could you tell me how you spent your first day here?

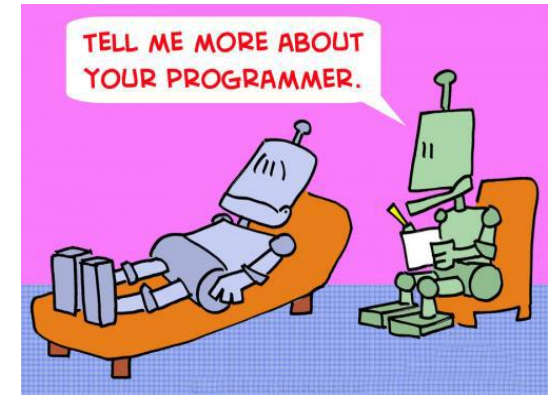
We woke up in the morning, we ate and then went to test the computers for tomorrow. After that we played for a couple of hours (laughs) and we came to see the opening ceremony.

And how do you feel about the opening ceremony?

It was nice... It was really good.

Do you think there will be any problems with the computers or you are confident that you solved them all today?

Well I really hope there won't be any problems! (laughs, a little worried)



At the shrink...

Romanian outlines

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Yes – Da;

No – Nu;

I don't understand – Nu înțeleg;

I don't know – Nu știu;

I don't want to – Nu vreau;

This gentleman will pay the check – Domnul acesta va plăti nota;

It's raining cats and dogs – Toarnă cu găleata;

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