

Tuesday, July 5th

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

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First challenge

Today, after a consistent breakfast, the IT contestants set off for the competition venue, INFOEL technical college where they received the three tasks. These were to be solved in four hours by the junior competitors and in five hours by the senior ones.

General opinions about tasks in JBOI:

When asked how they found the tasks, some of the contestants said they were good, but a bit harder than expected. Others felt the tasks were interesting, some easier, some harder, but all of them enjoyed looking for solutions, saying that they were "nice" tasks.

Anyway, there will be another competition day during which the contestants will have the opportunity to prove their

talent one more time. Hopefully, the juniors won't be so secretive about those tasks.

Predrag Gruevski talking about BOI tasks

Senior – Macedonia

Can you tell me something about today, about your tasks?

Well the tasks were easy to get ideas about, but not so easy to implement. I'm hoping for something less than 200 points, I think it is well, but I could have done better, given more time.

So the problem was the lack of time?

Yes, imagine that five hours was not enough for the tasks. That was the only kind of problems. I had all the right ideas, but unfortunately I haven't had the time to implement them.

Do you have one particular favourite problem?

Yes, the third one was exceptionally beautiful. It was

very easy, if you had the right idea to begin, but very difficult if you didn't. I've talked with some people about it. It took me about half an hour to solve and other spent more than three hours finding a solution.

Oh, I'm sure you did very well!

You, personally, or you as a team, have something in mind to do about this afternoon?

Well, we're looking forward for the sport activities if the rain stops. If there's some basketball or football... we'll be there.

How do you feel about the excursion of tomorrow?

We are very curious because we have never been to the mines before.

Quote of the day

"Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic."

Arthur C. Clarke

Weather forecast
for tomorrow



Sky: cloudy

Light chances of rain

Max Temperature: 21° C

Min Temperature: 13° C

Humidity: 62%

Important faces



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After the contest ...

The participants had the chance to see their sources and compare results with one another. There were no lists shown, they could only see their own results.



In order to loosen up from the stress the contest caused them they had the chance to do some sporting activities like playing basketball, football and table tennis.

They seemed like they all enjoyed the opportunity to do something else besides informatics. It's obvious that these kinds of activities are important to maintain their physical and mental capacity.



Later in the afternoon the teams went to have a good time and dance at a nearby club. At first they were a bit shy and just sat at the tables but, after a while they started to loosen up and begin to enjoy the music. The partying continued until midnight when they eventually went to the hotel to get some rest for the next, busy, day.



Romanian Outlines

- Please say that again
- *Mai spune odată;*
Please speak more slowly
- *Vorbește mai rar;*
Please forgive me
- *Iartă-mă;*
Please leave me alone
- *Lasă-mă în pace!*

"Bugs mysteriously appear when you say, "Watch this!" "

Murphy