



"A working program is one that has only unobserved bugs."

Good luck to all the contestants!

It is my pleasure to address a few words to the greatest minds of Computer Science, reunited for the 11th edition of the Balkan Olympiad in Informatics. I had the honor to participate to the first edition of this contest organized in Romania 10 years ago. Now, after 10 years, we are back in Romania, where it all started; this time however, our host is the wonderful city of Iasi.

I can assure you that we have all worked very hard to prepare this contest, both from the scientific, as well as from the organizational point of view. However, since I am especially involved with the scientific part, I will talk more about this.

It all started 6 months ago, when prof. Emanuela Cerchez – the president of the scientific committee – requested several problems from the members of this committee – professors and students (former Olympics). Then there followed a tiring process of verification, testing and modification. The team brought to the final form a set of problems with their solutions and tests. Our main interest was for the problems to keep pace with the present level of difficulty

demanded by the International contests.

The scientific committee is formed by both the authors of the proposed problems as well as by professors with vast experience, who were the leaders of the Romanian teams in many International contests and are used to the rigors of such an event.

I conclude by saying that it is an honor for me to work with a team whose professionalism, creativity and work deserve admiration and respect.

Again, I wish to you all... Good Luck!

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Participant teams | Note

Cyprus

Probably the most funny and entertaining contestants come from Cyprus. After a friendly chat with them we realised that Avgoustinos, Kyriakos, Alexis and George love a lot of things besides "Computer-Land". They`ve got hobbies like seeing a movie, telling jokes and enjoying themselves while hooking up girls (... really?!). One thing they hate for sure is mineral sparkling water.



Macedonia



After a 36-hour trip, which Vladimir, Daniel, Petar, Eftim said they enjoyed (?!?), the Macedonian team has arrived to Iasi. They are pleased with the hosting, the organization, the guides (everybody loves them). They're among the few teams that really enjoyed sight-seeing yesterday. They've got hobbies like hanging out, drinking beer (not too much, we hope), mountain-biking and karate (so be nice to them).

Romania (team one)

Matei, Dan, Ionut and Tiberiu from the first Romanian team are, probably, the most inclined to partying of all contestants. Everything they talk about is having fun, partying and how they love going to discos. They said that everything they've got in mind is spending their nights and their money in clubs (we don't believe them).



Note!

We apologize for the inconvenience regarding the switch between the pictures and the names of the Moldavian and Turkish teams; we assure you that it was not intentional. Thank you for your understanding.

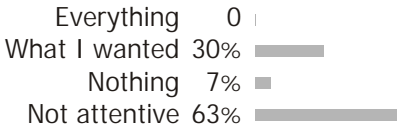


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Sight seeing day survey

On the field, yesterday, we were interested in your opinion about the sight-seeing. As we gathered the information we realized that many of you didn't pay any attention to the speeches. Here's a little chart.

What did you understand from what the teachers said?



Even thus the odd charts show that, you all sat quiet in your seats at the National Theater. How come... ?

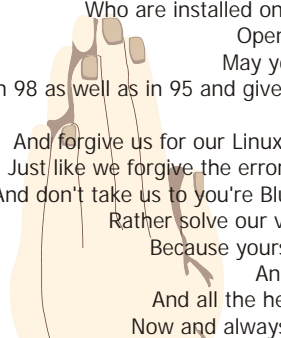
It seems like everybody enjoys Iasi. "I like it because it is a very green city.", said team leaders from the Greece, Macedonian and

Cyprus teams. "I like the fact that it is very clean" said Christos from Greece. The leaders of the Turkish team said "It looks like an university city, it is very green... And the people are either very young or very old. Where are the middle age people?" Well... they were probably working...

Some of the teams are eager to learn Romanian. The Greece team doesn't give up to the handy dialog dictionary they've got (which has the words in Romanian fonetically translated in Greece). Also, a contestant from Macedonia had a funny incident. While at drinking a beer, he wanted to say "Thanks" to the waitress. So he pulled out a sheet with romanian words and said "Multumesc". Reading lower, he continued "Vreau sa te sarut". Well, that means "I want to kiss you". We don't know how the



Training session



Oh, Holy Windows
 Who are installed on our hard-drive
 Open your windows
 May your crash come
 In 98 as well as in 95 and give us you're daily
 servicepacks
 And forgive us for our Linux ext2 partitions
 Just like we forgive the errors in the drivers
 And don't take us to you're Blue Screen Error
 Rather solve our version conflicts
 Because yours is all our RAM
 And our hard-disk
 And all the hertz of the CPU,
 Now and always, Alt-F4! Amin!

Luckly you will be using both Windows and Linux

Tomorrow night is a big night. It is the night after the first competition day, and you should relax. The organizers have prepared a show from 20.00 to 21.00 hours. That's when you can leave and go to a movie. A good movie. Cinema Republica plays "Final Destination 2" at that time. And along with it also plays an episode of "Animatrix".

Note: The movies are in English, and subtitled in Romanian.

Opening Ceremony Day






BOI by Net statistics

Tomorrow at 09.00 AM, along with the contestants that take part to the "real" contest there will also be participating another 449 contestants from a total of 56 countries. Still in the lead, with the most contestants registered is China with 90 participants, followed by Romania with 70 participants and Bulgaria with 28 participants. But there is a difference: the contestants participating online will have available 30 minutes over the 5 contest hours, time reserved for downloading the problems and sending the sources.

Best of luck to all the participants from all over the world!

Weather

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|  Wednesday
Thunderstorm. High: 23° C. |  Wednesday Night
Scattered Clouds. Low: 15° C. |
|  Thursday
Partly Cloudy. High: 27° C. |  Thursday Night
Chance of Rain. Low: 17° C. |