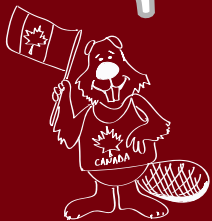


IOI DAILY



OUR FIRST VISITORS

Tajikistan:



After four contests to determine their competitors, one year of studying, and a fifteen-hour journey, Mikhail Panyavin and Latif Ibrogimov say that they are just happy that they could make it to Waterloo. Team Tajikistan was supposed to be six people strong; however three of the competitors couldn't get their visas. Otherwise their journey was smooth and they arrived on campus on August 12th. "We were just waiting here," said Latif who stayed with a friend who is in a PhD program here at the University of Waterloo. Mikhail enjoys practicing for the IOI, even though he says that a year of studying is not enough. He is most looking forward to seeing Niagara Falls and as much of this beautiful country as he can.

Russia:

One of our prouder teams, Russia was quick to ask for a photo in the cafeteria at Village 1 on Saturday. Their Leader, Vladimir Kiryukhin said that the first thing they noticed in Canada was the difference in weather here compared to the hot humid weather in Russia. They also noticed the difference between the many skyscrapers in Moscow and the smaller houses in Waterloo. After a special selection process, the four best



students were chosen to attend a summer camp where they could spend their holidays together while training. They are looking forward to seeing the new tasks in a new environment and to see how Canadians prepared with some of the top technology. Vladimir says that he hopes for the best results and hopefully some champions!

Korea:

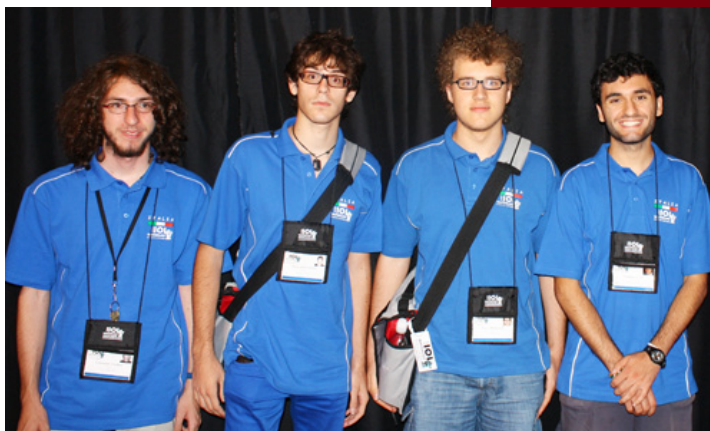
A thirteen-hour flight was nothing for four quite confident Korean competitors. They took part in their national competition where a group of people was chosen to train together and then the top four students were chosen. The Koreans noticed the amount of green space and how Canada is "more nature friendly".



They are looking forward to Splash Works, the water park at Canada's Wonderland, and they are excited to meet new international friends. With one teammate who previously competed in Bulgaria, their goal this year in Waterloo is to come in first place and beat their second place performance in Bulgaria. In doing so, they hope to beat team China who took the top spot at IOI 2009.

GIVING the COMPETITION A BOOT

Meet team Italy: Giovanni, Alessandro, Luca, and Massimo. The four members were chosen to represent the brightest, young minds of Italy the same way most contestants here this week were selected, with a national programming competition. We had a chance to sit down with them at the airport and ask them a few questions, like where in Italy they come from. Alessandro began to answer Piedmont but seeing the confusion on our faces, the guys decided to give us a quick geography lesson of Italy. Similar to how Canada is divided into 10 provinces and 3 territories, Italy is divided into 20 regions, Piedmont being one of them. Luca is from Bologna, the capital of the Emilia-Romagna region, Giovanni from Brescia and Massimo from Milan, which are both in the Lombardy region. Since they live in different cities, the four members do not know each other very well. Luckily, that was nothing a good three-day long “bonding session” couldn’t fix. All four members had initially arrived in Toronto three days ago with their team leader, but not to sightsee. They spent their time training for the IOI competition. Despite this, they looked to be getting along well and were excited to be here for IOI 2010. Asked what they are most looking forward to this week, Alessandro laughingly answers, “To win.” Even though they are some of the brightest young minds in computer science, they are still typical high school students, electing to play video games and musical instruments during their free time. Of course, if they want to make their expectations a reality, these activities will probably have to wait until the competition is over.



YOU'RE IN GOOD HANDS

JEN NISSEN:

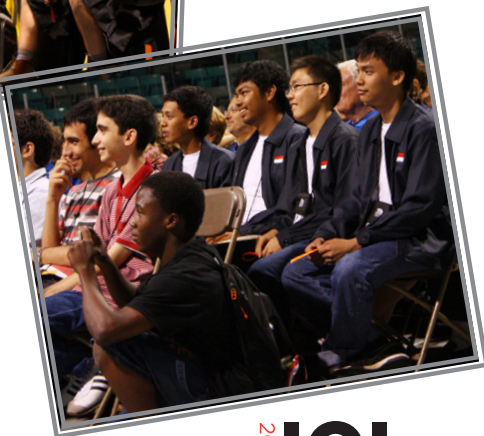
All the activities taking place this week couldn't happen without the support of our wonderful volunteers. There are approximately one hundred and thirty volunteers here on campus, which includes everyone from the team guides to PAC security to the airport pick-up crew. In charge of recruiting these individuals and hence, supplying IOI 2010 with the manpower needed to help make it a success is Jen Nissen. The best part about being the volunteer coordinator Jen says is being able to meet so many people and hearing about their personal connections to a certain country. This was especially



Jen is standing on the far left with some of her volunteers

true when she was interviewing team guides for each competing country, as the guides needed to be fluent in that country's official language. Asked which countries she had the most difficult time finding guides for, she mentioned the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Turkmenistan, Georgia and Mongolia. On the contrary, it comes as no surprise that China was the easiest to find team guides for given the unique student demographics of the University of Waterloo's Math Faculty. Despite these little difficulties, Jen has done an amazing job of ensuring every aspect of the IOI has ample support. She can't wait for you to see how great Canada and Waterloo are during your time here this week.

IOI 2010 OFFICIALLY BEGINS



SETTING UP THE PAC...



What Canadian Words Will Help You Get By?

Eh (pronounced "ay") = A multi-purpose word used at the end of a sentence to ask a question or seek agreement. "How's it going, eh?" "Warm, eh?" "Enjoying your visit to Waterloo, eh?"

Ride = Lift. "Ride" has no sexual connotations in Canada, nor is it used to describe an attractive person. If someone offers you a "ride", they are offering you a lift in their car. No need to giggle or get excited.

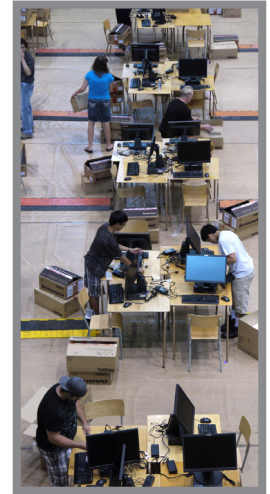
Gorgeous = A very attractive person. A meal would not be described as gorgeous in Canada ("delicious" will suffice).

Loonie = Dollar (named after the duck on the coin, the loon).

Give 'er = Means to work hard. If someone is talking about how much work they have to do to prepare for IOI, you might hear a Canadian team member respond with, "Just give 'er!"

Washroom = Toilet, bathroom, restroom or the loo.

Mounties = Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or RCMP (federal police force on horses with bright red uniforms).



MONDAY AUGUST 16, 2010

TIME	EVENT		
	CONTESTANTS	LEADERS	GUESTS
07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast - Served starting at 06:00		
08:00 - 09:00	Competition Day 1 (PAC)	Clarification Requests	Free Time
09:00 - 10:00		IOI Conference (DC 1302)	Grand River Cruise
10:00 - 11:00			
11:00 - 12:00		Lunch 13:30 - 15:00	
12:00 - 13:00	Results and Analysis Mode		
13:00 - 14:00	GA Meeting		
14:00 - 15:00	Dinner		
15:00 - 16:00	Evening Lectures: Exploring Computer Science		
16:00 - 17:00	Free Time		
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