

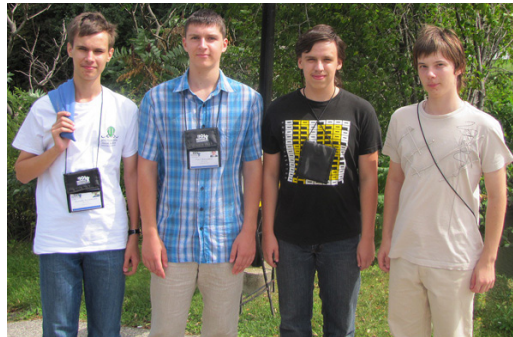


BELARUS COMPETITOR LEADING AFTER DAY 1

Fifteen-year-old Gennady Korotkevich of Belarus is very modest about leading IOI 2010. He believes that the second day of competition will ultimately decide the winner.

Gennady along with Pavel, Yauheni and Aliaksei were selected for Team Belarus after two rounds of national competitions. Hundreds of people wrote the initial examination, with the top ten being invited to attend a training camp this past May. At the end of the camp, the final four were selected to come to Waterloo.

For three of the contestants, this is their first year competing. Gennady, on the other hand, is in his fifth IOI competition, which means he's been competing since the age of 11. He has three gold medals and one silver medal to date. He won the competition last year in Bulgaria and is currently sitting atop of the scoreboard with 395 points. However, there are three other



Gennady, Pavel, Yauheni, and Aliaksei

contestants (from Canada, Georgia and Iran) all within five points of him, and he's well aware that there are a lot of good competitors this year.

When asked how he prepares, Gennady said "It takes a lot of practice over several months." It also helps that both his parents are programmers. In the morning, though, he just tries to clear his head and prepare for the day at hand.

WOMEN ROCK!

It is probably obvious by now that most of the IOI teams are male dominated. So it is refreshing to see a team made up of three women. Amna, Wafa, and Eyman, along with their male teammate, Masoud, are Libya's IOI 2010 team. With only nine girls in the entire competition, these three ladies make up a third of the female demographics. They are not just competitors, but role models for women around the world.

When asked what it feels like to be one of the select few females in the competition, Amna replied, "It's cool. It makes me happy that we can make it here." Her fellow teammate, Eyman, agrees and considers it "a beautiful thing." Both are not intimidated by the male competition because their goal this week is to bring home a medal. Masoud professes, "I want to do everything including experiencing the Canadian culture!" His impressions of Canada have been positive and he likes the people he has met.

Wafa has heard only a few details of Canada from friends who have previously visited Canada and she did not know what to expect. She admitted to being anxious and excited after stepping off the airplane. While her teammates already miss their families back home in Libya, Wafa is too happy to miss her family just yet.



OUR YOUNGEST COMPETITOR

Hayk, Aleksandr, Eduard and Armen are all here for one thing: to win. Oh, and to see Canada, too.

These four guys were selected from hundreds of students across Armenia after four months and six levels of national competition. Luckily three of them go to the same college and even Armen knew his teammates from past computing competitions such as the International Mathematical Olympiad. This allowed the team to spend more time training during their two-month summer camp, and this makes them confident about winning.

For Hayk and Aleksandr, both 17 years old, this is their second time in the IOI. This is the first time for 13-year-old Eduard and 16-year-old Armen. Team Armenia hopes that this competition will help them find a promising future in computer science.

This doesn't mean they're not going to enjoy their downtime. They are looking forward to visiting Niagara Falls on Thursday. Other than that, they just plan to relax while in Waterloo and who can blame them for that?



OUR BEST REWARD

Yesterday was competition day and Team Macedonia was ready to go. They have been preparing for close to a year so any competition jitters have disappeared. Asked what his strategy was for day one of competition, Hristijan said, "Go in and solve the problems." That sounds simple enough, but Predrag tells us that it is a challenge to finish in the top half of the competition with so many great competitors here this week.

He should know since he has competed in past IOI's as well as in the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). Predrag hopes he can bring home a medal and considers it the best reward the IOI organizers can give contestants. Just like any other senior high school student this fall, Predrag is thinking about university applications and he is wishing to go to a prestigious school for computer science. He believes a medal this week will secure him a direct ticket to any university of his choosing. His team members, Mladen, Hristijan and Jovan still have a few years of high school to go but that is not to say they won't be busy. Hristijan and Jovan are prospects for the next IMO and will be training for it this coming year.



OUR MASTERMIND



Jennifer Couture was the "mastermind" behind the logistics of IOI 2010. She organized visa letters, seating, buses, room arrangements, dietary restrictions, religious observations, swag bags and the Niagara Falls and Canada's Wonderland excursions. A lot of this work meant she got to know many of you before you arrived in Waterloo.

Over the course of several months, Jennifer has faced many challenges. These challenges were compounded by differences in language and time zones. Even on her "own turf" Jennifer faced problems. She spent hours sorting out the different times for the Maid of the Mist boat ride and the Journey Behind the Falls visit. She hopes everyone enjoys this excursion and the awe-inspiring sight that is Niagara Falls.

Jennifer is a bit disappointed that some countries are not able to attend IOI 2010 because of visa restrictions and a lack of money. With all the emails back and forth between her and many of you, she is most looking forward to meeting Syria. "It is simply because we spent the most time corresponding," said Jennifer. She would love to travel the world someday, but for right now, the world is coming to her.

RIDES, THRILLS AND SUN



IT WAS A HIT...



We couldn't have asked for a better day at Canada's Wonderland! The beautiful weather and good food made for a fun time all around. Many of our guests had some of their first experiences with amusement park rides such as Time Warp (a ride where you lay down), Skyrider and Nightmares (a ride where you stand up) and for some an amusement park itself. A good day of sun, spinning, screaming and soaring was definitely needed after the first day of tough competition. But the fun doesn't stop there, as the second day of competition is sure to be just as stressful for some. Thursday's excursion to Niagara Falls should be the perfect reward afterwards.

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Our Canadian Diet

Poutine (pronounced as "poo-teen") = A legendary Quebecois fast food of french fries topped with gravy and cheese curds.

Maple syrup = is a sweetener made from the sap of sugar maple or black maple trees. Quebec produces most of the world's supply of maple syrup.

Ice wine = A very sweet dessert wine made from frozen grapes. Canada has become the world's largest ice wine producer.

Pop/soda/soft drinks = Non-alcoholic beverages.

KD = Kraft Dinner of boxed macaroni and cheese – it's an institution.

Double/double = A coffee with two sugar and two cream.

Tim Bits = bit sized donut balls (try the honey-glazed ones).

Beavertail = fried dough pastries hand stretched to resemble a beaver's tail and topped with sugar or cinnamon.



WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18, 2010

TIME	EVENT		
	CONTESTANTS	LEADERS	GUESTS
07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast - Served starting at 06:00		
08:00 - 09:00	Competition Day 2 (PAC)	Clarification	Free Time
09:00 - 10:00		Requests	
10:00 - 11:00		IOI Conference (DC 1302)	Stratford Festival
11:00 - 12:00	Lunch 11:30 - 14:30		
12:00 - 13:00		Lunch 13:30 - 15:00	
13:00 - 14:00	Results and Analysis Mode		
14:00 - 15:00			
15:00 - 16:00			
16:00 - 17:00	GA Meeting		
17:00 - 18:00			
18:00 - 19:00	Dinner		
19:00 - 20:00	Evening Lectures: Exploring Computer Science		
20:00 - 21:00			
21:00 - 22:00	Free Time		
22:00 - 23:00			
23:00 - 24:00			

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