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Question of the day to... The Iron Ladies of IOI2004



All is well, that ends well?

Katerina Georgouli and Ifigeneia Founta were two of the most visible figures of IOI 2004. Co-chair of the Organizing Committee and chair of the Technical Committee, respectively, they were here, there and everywhere, at the same time! The tasks of the two TEI of Athens professors were of Herculean proportions and they were both exhausted but satisfied on Friday night, when the lights on the stage were finally switched off.

All is well, that ends well? was the question posed to them. Katerina Georgouli smiles – she is not a first timer, as she has been involved in IOIs since 1991, when Greece organized the 3rd IOI, as well as in every national contest in Informatics. She has been a deputy leader, then leader of the Greek team in every Olympiad since then, except this one, where she co-chaired the OC with Spyros Bakogiannis. In comparison with the previous Olympiads, she told us, we fared well. I think that all our guests left quite satisfied, having spent a wonderful week in Greece. Sure, there had been a few weak points, mainly due to restrictions in preparation time (because of the Athens Olympics, where it was used as one of the Olympic Press Villages, the venue was handed over to the IOI just a few days before the opening ceremony), but we managed to resolve the main problems. (continued on page 2)

IOI2004 is History!



The three first place winners (Tiancheng, Paul, Weidong)



Prof. Angelov receives distinguished service award



Mrs Marietta Yannakou, Minister of Education



IFIP youngest medalist award to Zviad Metrevelli



Athens hands IOI flag to Poland



Altec president, Thanasis Athanasoulis with Weidong

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The weather was fine, the excursions were very successful, volunteers did their best to help the national teams. What else would I wish? Just a little more time, so we could prepare better and the guides would spend more time with their teams...

Ifigeneia Founta was also relieved – the technical part of IOI flowed as smoothly as she could have wished. "We had studied carefully and planned everything in advance" she explained, before describing the various networks she and her team of 40 highly skilled engineers, technician and graduate students from TEI of Athens had put up and run: the contest network of 320 exactly the same PCs along with their server, the evaluation network of 20 more with their server as well, the translation network of 80 PCs, the Internet café network, the administration network...

Most of them had to run in a highly secure environment, with both Linux and Windows operational programs and applications running simultaneously. They had started from scratch and did wonders, including the reduction of the time needed to completely re-install the environment after each test from several hours to just a few minutes... All in all, it was a very demanding job, under great pressure, in which the TEI team excelled and was warmly congratulated upon completion.



Ifigeneia with some of her kids

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

TIMETABLES HAVE BEEN POSTED AROUND THE IOI VILLAGE. YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE FRONT DESK

Snapshots from the closing ceremony



Setting the stage



The Mexican delegation reserved their seats early



Christina Boulakaki, Hellenic Commission for UNESCO



The Music High School Of Pallini performs



Beautiful songs, beautiful faces



National pride



Colorful entertainment from the students of the 2nd and 4th Glyfada High Schools

Snapshots from the closing ceremony



Alexandra Zykova (Russia) the only female gold



Dr. Spyros Bakogiannis, Minister of Education Marietta Yannakou, and G.S. Andreas K



George "The Man" Pofantis pronounced 95% of the medallists' names correctly. Thankfully, he did not sing as he promised at the opening ceremony.



IntelCEO Dimitris Kyriacou accepts supporter award



Dr. Michalis Hatzopoulos, Chair Scientific committee



The only team that showed up in local costume



Tiancheng with George Philokyprou, chair of IOI1991



Mrs. Eva Ioannidou, from Intel Corp. gives out gold



Fatherly protection for contestant Shouq Al-Sharrah

THANK YOU FOR BEING GREAT GUESTS. WE HOPE YOU TAKE FOND MEMORIES BACK HOME.

GOOD LUCK POLAND FOR IOI2005 !



Have a safe trip home! Don't forget us! Send e-mails!