



# DAILY NEWS



news from the 24<sup>th</sup> International Olympiad in Informatics

GRUPPO EDITORIALE L'ESPRESSO



# ciao italia!





# Closing Cerimony

**Location:**  
**Centro Congressi**  
**Sirmione**

## Medals

- 1-26 = gold medals
- 27-78= silver medals
- 78-155 = bronze medals

The IOI has come to an end and the contestants have received their medals. The closing ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at the Centro Congressi in Sirmione where the students were each called on stage to receive their hard earned prizes. Overall, 155 medals were handed out, 26 of which were gold, 51 silver and 77 bronze. The conference was opened with a general introduction by Matteo Campese and followed by a short speech by the Mayor of Sirmione, Alessandro Matinzoli. Other speakers were Mr Aristide Peli (Education Assessor of Brescia Province), Mr. Giulio Occhini (AICA director), Mr. Richard Forster (current IOI president), Mr. Giuseppe Colosio (Chair of IOI 2012) and Mr. Peter Taylor (future Chair of IOI 2013). Unfortunately, the opening and closing ceremonies were cursed with bad weather, but the days between showed the visitors and contestants the true wonders of Italy. All the representatives agreed on the success of the event in spite of the difficult weather. Hopefully, all those who participated will be able to take with them a suitcase of memories, new friendships and cultural richness. The ceremony terminated with a flag handover from Italy to Australia, a rite of passage from the end of IOI 2012 to the beginning of IOI 2013.



# Backstage

Behind the scenes at IOI2012 there is a very active organization.

Perhaps the most familiar figure at the Garda Village is Monica Gati, whizzing around on her bicycle and performing the nearly impossible task of coordinating and keeping the various parts of IOI together.

Maria Chiara Pardi is a figure who helps guides and volunteers to ensure that the delegations and visitors have a relaxing and fulfilling week and to iron out any problems which arise in a friendly manner. An efficient group of teachers (tutors) supports her in making everything run smoothly.

Our communication staff, coordinated by Daniela Rovina, is divided into several sections: in apartment 21 the video team is active day and night to produce videos and photos of the competition and life at the Garda Village. Thirty videos – 100 minutes filmed and subtitled - and two live streams are the result of this hard work.

The Daily news you are reading is produced in apartment 22, our newsroom. Martina and Nicoletta, our interviewers, are the people you probably recognize best, and possibly avoid, but our team also includes two mother tongue translators Paul and Rita, one graphic designer Antonio, one journalist Silvia, one web editor Alberto and the editor Giuseppe.

Our Press Officers Roberto and Raffaele help us to keep in touch with local and national media and to update IOI's Facebook page and Twitter account. We don't know if during this intense week Cupid's arrows have pierced anyone's heart, but love is certainly in the air: our rabbit mascots Alt and Shift have dug a love burrow right outside our offices!



# feedback

It's difficult to summarize our week at the Garda Village. IOI is an intense experience in which every part of the adventure deserves to be mentioned. First of all, praise to our host the Garda Village, with its beautiful grounds, lakeside and varied restaurant. Although sometimes the power went off – like the competitors' drop in energy! – the Village offered a warm welcome and moments to relax.

The IOI 2012 competition was paperless. This idea with the decision not to print the newsletter saved the organization 50% on paper.

Social networks were a very useful way of keeping in touch during this IOI. Facebook, Twitter and Youtube IOI accounts were the best place for feedback by contestants and volunteers.

- IOI's Youtube channel reached 15.870 views, and our most watched video got 3001 visits.
- Our hashtag #IOI2012 appeared 509 times on Twitter!
- It's not easy to calculate how many people used our Facebook account to interact: data is updated every week and theoretically there are more than 50.000 contacts and our

audience – likers and likers' friends – reached 415.500 people.

- The official IOI website ([www.ioi2012.org](http://www.ioi2012.org)) during the competition days (Tuesday and Thursday) had almost 36.000 views with a total of 140.000 people for the whole week.
- Our Daily News was downloaded 4200 times, with a positive trend.

## up ↑

- Food
- Volunteers' concert
- Saved 50% of paper thanks to paperless tasks and newsletter
- Trip to Sirmione voucher and boats to the city

## down ↓

- Chaotic Venice
- Too much authority
- Opening ceremony
  - a bit self-congratulatory
  - not enough modern music
- Poor internet connection

# happy birthday



30 September

Alibek Taalaibek Uulu (Kyrgyzstan)  
Dario de la Fuente (Spain)



## Pizza Margherita

Water  
Flour  
Yeast  
Salt  
Olive Oil  
Tomato sauce  
Mozzarella cheese.

# snack

Pizza is the best known Italian dish. Born in Naples, the original pizza is cooked in wood brick oven and served with different toppings like mushrooms, salami or grilled vegetables. Pizza dough can be made in different thicknesses but the real Napoletana Pizza is about 2-3 centimeters high.

## byte



## Leonardo da Vinci

Study without desire spoils the memory, and it retains nothing that it takes in.

### Game solution issue 7

Secret meeting  
The time of the secret meeting is 6:55

The bus  
If Silvia arrives in the 5 minutes following the transit of a number 7 bus, she will catch n. 3; on the other hand if she arrives between the 5th and the 15th minute after the transit of a n. 7 bus she will catch the next n. 7.  
Thus she catches the n. 7 bus with a frequency which is on average double that for the n. 3 bus.

games  
MATEMATICA SENZA FRONTIERE  
ITALIAN TEAM

It doesn't end here...  
YOU CAN SEE  
ALL OUR PHOTOS  
in the gallery in the  
IOI 2012 site!