

Dear Contestants and Colleagues,



Prof. Krassimir Manev
President of the European Junior Olympiad in Informatics (eJOI)

I'm using the kind opportunity given to me from the Organizing Committee of IOI 2019 to send my warmest greetings to you and to wish you a very successful competition and pleasant moments in the amazing city Baku. Even though I am no longer a part of the IOI, the Olympiad will stay forever in my heart. I hope you will feel my spiritual presence through the contestants that started their careers in my new "baby," the European Junior Olympiad in Informatics and now are among you participating in IOI 2019.

Good luck to all of you!

About Professor Krassimir Manev

Prof. Krassimir Manev, a Bulgarian mathematician and computer scientist, professor at Sofia University and the New Bulgarian University, has a special place in the history of the IOI. He has been involved with the International Olympiad in Informatics since the very beginning when it started in 1989 in Bulgaria.

Prof. Manev started as a Leader in the 1st IOI, served for 6 years as elected member of IC of IOI and 5 years as an IC member representing the Host country of IOI 2009; in 2014 he was elected the IOI President. Recently, Prof. Manev initiated the eJOI, European Junior Olympiad in Informatics. eJOI's 3rd edition will be held this year in Slovenia on 23-29 August.

Prof. Manev visited Baku in 2016 to support IOI 2019 preparations. We had an honor of inviting him to the Olympiad; sadly he could not make it, but kindly agreed to send the message above.



Photo of the Day

The IOI Clock is Ticking

The countdown at the National Gymnastics Arena, the main contest venue, reminds the IOI 2019 contestants that there are three of the total five hours left before they could submit answers to the tasks on the 1st contest day of the Olympiad.



And so, It Began!

Ticking, clicking, clacking, rattling, and clattering of keyboards was all you could hear at the National Gymnastics Arena on 6 August 2019. These noises signaled about the beginning of the 1st day of contest within the 31st International Olympiad in Informatics.

The contestants had five hours to work on three tasks – mascots were by their owners' side for good luck.



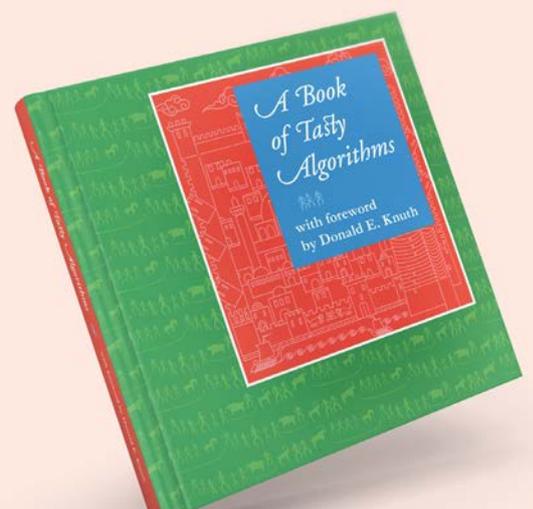
Heydar Aliyev Center



While contestants were tackling the tasks, IOI guests visited Heydar Aliyev Center, a must-visit place in Baku. The construction of this award-winning building by famous Zaha Hadid was covered by Discovery and Science channels' programs dedicated to the most courageous engineering projects of modernity and architectural masterpieces of the world.

Did You Know?

A special edition of the book about Azerbaijani cuisine was published within the IOI 2019 as a gift to all participants. This special edition entitled "A Book of Tasty Algorithms" comes with a foreword by Professor Donald Ervin Knuth, a computer scientist, mathematician, and professor emeritus at the Stanford University. A special puzzle by Prof. Knuth will sure add some spice to your reading of the book.





Carpet Museum

Shaped as a rolled-up carpet, this museum stores a rich collection of artifacts and carpets and operates as a site for comprehensive research of traditional carpet weaving art and its popularization within world culture.

IOI participants had a unique opportunity to see three rare exhibits from the world-known Louvre Museum's (France) permanent exhibition currently exhibited at the Carpet Museum.

8/8
Thu
Day 5

Schedule

NGA: National Gymnastics Arena
AVL: Athletes' Village
BVH: Boulevard Hotel

BCC: Baku Convention Center
HAC: Heydar Aliyev Center
Excursion

Time	Contestants	Leaders	Guests
06:00-08:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
08:00-08:30	Walk to NGA		
08.30-09:00	Entering Contest Hall	Free Time	Transfer to HAC
09:00-11:30	Contest	Group Discussions (Taghiyev Room 1)	Guided tour of Heydar Aliyev Center exhibitions (3 exhibitions x 3 groups of 25 people)
11:30-12:00			Transfer to BVH
12:00-13:00			Free Time
13:00-14:00			Lunch (Taghiyev Room 2)
14:00-14:30		Transfer to NGA	Transfer to YARAT
14:30-15:30	Lunch box	Lunch box	Guided tour of YARAT Contemporary Art Space and exhibitions
15:30-16:00	Day2 Results and Appeals	Transfer to BVH	Activity Time at YARAT Contemporary Art Space
16:00-16:30	Day2 Results and Appeals (continued)		
16:30-17:00			Walk to dinner
17:00-17:30	Walk to AVL	Transfer to BVH	Dinner (Expo Cafe)
17:30-18:00	Activity Time	GA Meeting 6: Review of Appeals (Taghiyev Room 1)	Transfer to Gobustan Settlement
18:00-18:30			
18:30-19:00		Dinner (Taghiyev Room 2)	Guided tour of Gobustan National Park and Museum, Observation of planets and stars
19:00-20:30	Dinner		
20:30-21:00	Free Time	GA Meeting 6: Review of Appeals (Taghiyev Room 1)	
21:00-22:00			Transfer to BVH

Words of Wisdom

You must live so that you do not die even after you die – that is the goal of life

in original language (Azerbaijani):
Elə yaşamalısın ki, öləndən sonra da ölməyəsən - həyatın məqsədi məhz budur

Jalil Mammadguluzadeh (1869 – 1932), an Azerbaijani satirist and writer, the founder and the main editor of "Molla Nasraddin." The "Molla Nasraddin" periodical, founded in 1906, was at the time the only satirical magazine in the whole Muslim world and the Near East. The periodical has satirically depicted the immaturity and backward lifestyle of society, has promoted and advocated women's rights and inclusion into western civilization.

