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## Opening Ceremony

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Yesterday, April 24th, the 13th Baltic Olympiad in Informatics (BOI) started in the University of Applied Sciences Güstrow. Nine countries of the Baltic area are taking part in the competition. The participants of the Olympiad are from Estonia, Denmark, Poland, Lithuania, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Latvia, Germany and even a local team from Mecklenburg Western-Pomerania. Every country sent its best students in Informatics to Güstrow. They will have two competition rounds on Wednesday and Thursday. During each round they will write computer programs to solve three problems. The team which offers the best and the fastest software will win. The results will be published on Thursday afternoon.

Yesterday the Olympiad began at 6 pm with an Opening Ceremony in the hall of the University. The competition teams, their guides

(students from the Ernst-Barlach-Gymnasium), the main organizers and special guests took part in this event. The participants in the Olympiad were cordially welcomed by the Head of the University of Applied Sciences Güstrow Prof. Dr. Bodo Wiegand-Hoffmeister, the mayor of the city of Güstrow Arne Schuldt and representative of the Ernst-Barlach-Gymnasium Dr. Guntram Balla. All of them wished a lot of success during the competition and having a very good time in Güstrow.

The musical accompaniment by Anja Glaevke, Steffi Herholz and Jamila Al-Yousef pleased the audience and made the whole ceremony more interesting for the foreign guests. "It was nice getting such an introduction and the music was very



good", said Joakim Sindholt, one of the visitors. The international character was especially realized by the flags of the attending countries, fixed on the windows of the hall.

The atmosphere was really friendly and relaxed and it caused a lot of laughter

was finished, all the teams could relax while they were having dinner in the canteen. After dinner the students had the possibility to join a practice session.

Finally the involved persons were quite happy and satisfied with the start. "It was



among the audience, when Dr. Wolfgang Pohl changed his clothes.

When the ceremony

worth the stress", concludes Sybille Martens, one of the organizers. Enthusiasm and joy was in the air and in some way everybody seemed to be happy.



## Latest News Item

It's Hannes' from Sweden  
18th birthday today.

Happy Birthday!

## What do you expect of the Baltic Olympiad in Informatics?

**Jan Hartmann:** Local Organizer of the National Competition of Informatics

"Probably we have to distinguish between my expectations and the expectations of a participant. Firstly, this olympiad should concentrate

on school Informatics. We want to evaluate the achievement reached especially in Mecklenburg - Western - Pomerania during the last few years. Maybe we are able to motivate also the economy to give a bigger support for the schools in future. We

want to present some IT- companies to give the young people an impression how well they might work there later on in Mecklenburg-Western-Pomerania because especially here we were very successful in the last few years."

**Wolfgang Pohl:** responsible for the organisation of the BOI in Germany

"I hope that everything will work in an excellent way and that the participants won't have any problems. They should meet each other, ex-

change experiences and have some fun. For this region it would be fantastic to give the school education of Informatics more popularity."



## Schedule

- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 First Competition
- 13:30 Lunch
- 14:30 Sports, Relaxing, Sightseeing
- 18:30 Dinner
- 20:00 Free Time



**Marek Rogola** from Poland:

"I want to get better in Informatics and in competition by collecting some new experiences. We are going to

win!" (right side)

**Lukasz Wolochowski** added:

"And we want fun. I am here for pleasure!"

(blinking with his eyes, left side)



**Simon Ceder** from Sweden:

"I think that this is the occasion for learning something new and to meet people from other countries."



**Linas Petraskas** from Lithuania:

"I hope of course that we'll have some fun, make some new experiences and get to know Germany a little bit."

**Guntram Balla:** teacher at the Ernst-Barlach-Gymnasium

"We are glad to see that everything works out so fine and that our students are so engaged in supporting the project. I hope that the atmosphere will stay fine. For our school it is of course a good chance. We were asked by Jan Hartmann to support this olympiad. Güstrow has got very good conditions for this olympiad because of our nice environment and at our school the lessons in Informatics have a high standard."

