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The heads were spinning the second time

After strengthening for the day at breakfast at 7:00 am, the participants were well prepared for the second competition of the Baltic Olympiad in Informatics (BOI). The heads were spinning the second time. The competition to get the important points for solving the three new problems started again. The Germans were of the opinion that being there is more important than winning.

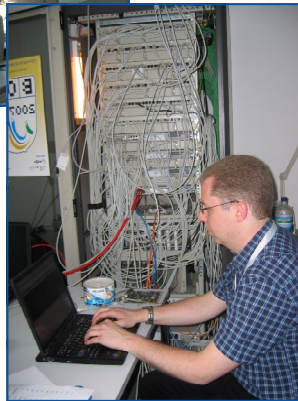


Their aim was to get more than zero points at least. But they said this with a smile on their faces. Secretly there is a little rivalry among

the Germans themselves. When the results were published, the participants compared their results with each other. The best student was allowed to rub the others' noses in his results. But who thinks the heads were only spinning because of programming is wrong. Some energies were wasted with playing solitaire. If



they didn't know how to go on or helplessness appeared, they diverted their attention through thinking of or doing other, funnier things. All participants had enough energy, although they were partying and visiting a little pub the evening before. While playing billiard and soccer, the thoughts of writing programs were almost forgotten.



Picnic in sunshine

At 4:00 pm the groups and their guides met on a big green meadow near the Nature and Environment Park in Güstrow. One after the other the teams appeared. The blankets were spread out. The guitar was taken to play. The day was discussed. Incidentally some tables were put up and some drinks were



given out. And last but not least there was enough cake for everyone. Everybody enjoyed the rays of sunshine. Without any wind everybody relaxed and had fun. Especially the German group was pleased with the tasty cake. Before the picnic the Polish group and one of their guides, Johanna Fredrich, visited the city, for example the church and the castle. It was a great trip for everyone. Because of the hot weather the group had cold ice cream. The Polish students were enthusiastic about the German ice cream. The other groups cooled down with ice cream, too. The formation of groups was noticeable.



The prospective computer scientists were more together with the ones of their own country. Some of them already knew each other because of preparation camps, which

took place before BOI. So some of the participants are of the opinion that Güstrow is a small and boring city, in which they can't visit anything anymore.



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We could get out some pieces of information regarding to the winners of BOI of Dr. Wolfgang Pohl. He wasn't allowed to do it, but he told us that the best student is a German and Lithuania was successful, too. The overall winner is Julian Fischer from Coburg and one of the second prizes was reached by Christian Koch from the regional German team.

IT-Night

After the picnic the participants of BOI get on their way to the Nature and Environment Park (NUP). There the IT-evening started. At first an IT-presentation took place. A lot of different companies from Meck-



lenburg-Vorpommern were represented. We got to know what exactly they do and what they produce. Fitting video clips were shown, to reach a very good vivid graphic and to amuse the students. The IT-presentation was an successful event for the organizers. There were also standing ovations. Armin Köhler, director of the IT-Initiative MV, was very pleased with the applause for the presentation. Guide Grit Rummelshagen liked it very



much because it was very informative. Some of the students were of a completely different opinion. It was only partially interesting. A boy from Sweden felt asleep a few times. But, maybe, that was because of the stressful day...

Schedule

8:00	Breakfast
9:30	Wellness and Swimming
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Closing and Awarding Ceremonie
16:00	Freetime
18:00	Dinner
19:00	Bowling

To be present is everything!

Rainer Schätz as a connection and helping hand for the 'Ernst-Barlach-Gymnasium' and the MV team. It seems that the guides and the participants apply for a relaxed and friendly relationship. If you ask the members of the MV team what they like most about this Olympiad the first and of course very spontaneous answer is 'the very very nice guides', like Alexander Vowinkel (a member of the MV team) underlines. The target of the MV team is that they 'don't



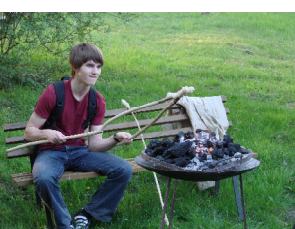
A Relaxing evening in the NUP



After the IT-presentation the participants went to watch the bear- and wolf feeding. During the wolf feeding, the bridge, which crosses the enclosure, was full of visitors. Very interested they watched the wolfs eating. It was a very great experience to see these animals in that close proximity. The applause at the end of the feeding reflected the enthusiasm. The 17-years old David

Wind from Denmark was impressed by the nature in the NUP and by the environs. The wolf feeding was something new for him.

The barbecue and a campfire put a relaxing end to the day.



Rostock, Pasewalk and the metropolis Schwerin are only some hometowns of the members of the Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania team. It consists of six participants and Martin who is responsible for the welfare of the team. These boys got to know each other during three previous meetings in Güstrow that were supported by BILSE (Institute for Education and Research GmbH). Moreover it prepared the MV team for the contests and it also plays a major role in organizing the Olympiad. BILSE provided for example some of the technical equipment and its trainees prepared food for the hard-working people. Furthermore the guides from the 'Ernst-Barlach-Gymnasium' take care of the teams. For the MV team the guides are Annelie Lux and Lissy Hoppe. Their essential task is to beautify the freetime of their charges. The co-operation of this grammar school and BILSE is and was very good and active. In regard to the organization and professional engagement they both worked very hard. In addition to that you can see BILSE and especially the manager

want to lose the competition and their motto is: to be present is everything!', says Marcel Holle and all the other members of the team agree to his statement. This should also be the essential idea for all the other teams. Although for example the MV team doesn't expect to be one of the winners it is more important for them to meet other people from different countries with different cultures. So all in all the MV team is a very likeable and humorous one with a nice and well-balanced attitude.