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Welcome to Argentina!



Weather report

Today, as usual in this time of the year in Mar del Plata, we will have a cold but pleasant day. It will be cloudy, with alternating intervals of sunshine. The expected temperature will range between 1 and 12 degrees Celsius (34°-54° F).

Did you know...

...this is the second time Argentina will be hosting the IMO? The first time, it was in 1997 here in Mar del Plata, just like this year.

The big day has come! After months of preparations, today, over 500 contestants of this edition of the International Mathematical Olympiad will arrive to Mar del Plata city, where they'll stay for the next 9 days. These young mathematicians from all over the world will be taking two exams on July 10th and July 11th to determine the winners of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, and Honourable Mentions. Each team has a guide who will accompany the delegation

throughout the Olympiad. You should tell them about any inconvenient you may have during your stay in Mar del Plata. Many of the guides (see picture) are former Olympiad contestants themselves, so it is very exciting for them to be able to attend an IMO whether they had already done so in the past or not. On behalf of all the organisers and volunteers working on this Olympiad, we hope that you can make the best of your time in Argentina, make new friends and have lots of fun.

Voices from the IMO

How did you become an IMO guide?



I've been part of the Argentinian team in the last three IMOs. This year, I entered college so I can't compete anymore. Luckily, I was invited to be a guide in the IMO. I'm very glad I'll be able to help in the organization. Now I can say that I've attended four consecutive IMOs!

Ariel Zylber (Romania guide)



Like many of the guides, I'm a Mathematics student at the University of Buenos Aires. So that's how I met several people from the IMO staff, and they offered me this unique opportunity. I'm very happy to be a part of this.

Luis Escudero (Serbia guide)



I'm a mechanical engineering student and I've been helping in the organization of the mathematics olympiads in my city for two years now. I was offered to be an IMO guide and of course I was extremely happy to join in and share this incredible experience with all of you!

Soledad Fioroni (Malaysia guide)

Happy Birthday!



- *Mostafa Adnane (MAR2)
- *Fredrik Nevjen (NOR5)
- *Raúl Opazo (CHI3)
- *Anthony Flores (ECU3)
- *Lucía Pedraza (Spain guide)

Come and sing the Happy Birthday song to them, tonight at 8 pm at Recreation Hall!

Picture of the Day



The IMO bags!
The guides arrived to Mar del Plata yesterday, and spent the day working hard to get everything ready to welcome the teams.

Your picture could be here! If you think one of your photos is good enough to be the Picture of the Day, please send it to imonews2012@gmail.com, or ask your guide to give it to us.

News from Recreation Hall

If you thought that coming to the IMO was already lots of fun, wait until you see what is waiting for you at the Recreation Hall!

In this hotel area (ground floor, past the dining hall) you will be able to play, think, paint, show your musical talents and much more. This was made possible by a group of former Olympiad contestants who have been working really hard the last few months so that you can find something to enjoy yourselves. Once the contest is over, several tournaments such as football,

table tennis and chess will take place. If you are interested in competing in any of these games, please ask your guide to tell us. You have time to do so until July 10th in the evening (the day of the first exam). We will publish the results of each tournament in this IMO NEWS section. Finally, on Saturday the 14th, there will be a special event called the *Mathematical Odyssey*, a team competition that is traditionally held in Argentina's National Olympiad. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming events

Today is the arrival day for contestants and deputy leaders. You will meet your guides and check in at NH Gran Hotel Provincial.

Tomorrow at 11 am, we will have the Opening Ceremony in the Radio City Theater. We will walk from the hotel. Everybody must be ready to leave at 9.30 am. We will meet at the Recreation Hall. Please, be there in time!

Do you speak...?

In this IMO, more than 50 languages will be spoken in only one place! Let's try to learn a little bit of each one.

Welcome to Argentina!

(English)

アルゼンチンへようこそ!

(Japanese)

¡Bienvenidos a Argentina!

(Spanish)

Dobrodošli u Argentinu!

(Croatian)