

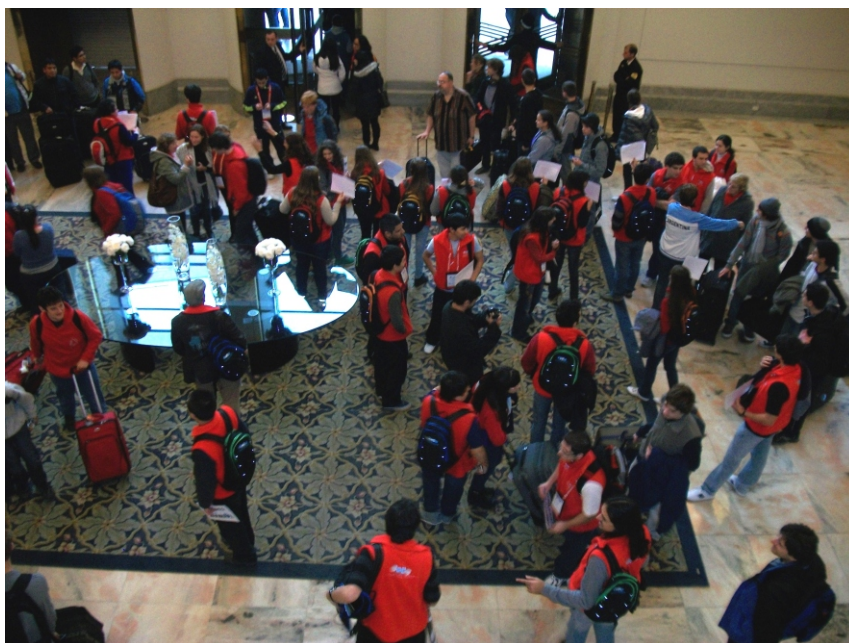
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Let's get it started!



Guides waiting to welcome their teams

Weather report

Today the weather will keep cold. It will be mostly sunny and the expected temperature will range between 2 and 12 degrees Celsius (35°-53° F).

Did you know...

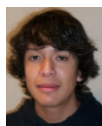
...today is a major national holiday in Argentina, commemorating the Declaration of Independence on July 9, 1816 in Tucumán?

Yesterday was a pretty busy day because every team arrived at the hotel. During the day, the guides went to different places such as the airport and bus station to welcome their teams. Some of them arrived early in the morning and some others did so late at night. The Argentinian team was given a special welcome

with an enthusiastic applause. All the contestants received a bag containing some IMO souvenirs. The Recreation Hall, which has loads of different board games, table tennis tables, videogames, musical instruments (even a giant puzzle!), is slowly becoming the most popular place in the hotel. Check it out!

Voices from the IMO

How was your trip from home to Mar del Plata?



We travelled from Guayaquil to Buenos Aires, spent a night there, and the morning after we took another plane to Mar del Plata. The good thing was that two other IMO teams were in the same plane: Serbia and South Africa. That made us feel the IMO was beginning.

Carlos Cortéz (Ecuador)



On a warm still day, the sound of the trucks in the air, the South African IMO team left for Argentina to the sound of Mickey complaining that he lost his pillow. All this was soon forgotten as we boarded the 9-hour flight to Dubai and got stuck into the inflight games. After a two hour wait, we took the 19-hour flight to Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires. A night in a hotel and we made the short trip down to Mar del Plata.

And so, after 32 hours of travel, many fewer hours of sleep and an unbroken inflight tetris high score thanks to Mickey (without pillow) we arrived just in time for the next adventure...

Robert Spencer (South Africa)

Happy Birthday!



*Filip Stankovski (MKD3)
*Sitara Persad (TTO2)

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

Prayer room for Muslims

The Muslims' prayer room will be open at:

DUHR	1.30 pm
'ASR	4.00 pm
MAGRIB	6.15 pm
'ISHA	7.30 pm

*Room "Salón Guardería",
6th floor (leaving the elevator, at
the left side)*

Upcoming events

Today 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.

Tomorrow is the first day of contest. The test begins at 9 am. Today in the afternoon, your guide will give you instructions for the exam (such as where to sit, what items can you bring, how to ask to go to the toilet, etc.)

Picture of the Day



A 24,000 pieces puzzle has arrived to the IMO!

Many people made the first steps towards putting the pieces together, but they can't do it on their own. Are you ready to accept the challenge?

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

News from Recreation Hall

Just a reminder:

Once the contest is over, several tournaments will take place. Some of these are: football, table tennis, chess, Go, Set!, table football. 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 **tomorrow evening**. We will publish the results of each tournament in this IMO NEWS section.



Do you speak...?

More welcome messages in different languages:

Olimpiyatlara Hoş geldiniz
(Welcome to the Olympics - Turkish)

(Special thanks to Enrike Silva Torres, guide of team Turkey)