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Music, dance, and joy



The "Murga" and the contestants

Weather report

It will be partially cloudy during all day with chance of showers, and the expected temperature will range between 2 and 7 degrees Celsius (36°-45° F).

Remember to take your IMO umbrella with you in case you go out with your guide!

Did you know...

...the IMO 2012 logo was designed by Carolina González, who was a contestant at IMO 2010 in Kazakhstan and is the guide of team Iceland at this IMO?

If we had to describe yesterday in only one word, it should probably be "Wow!". The activities started during the morning, at 10 am, when we left the hotel to go to the Radio City theatre where the Opening Ceremony was held. All the teams went there on foot, with their respective guides. The parade, accompanied by stilt walkers and acrobats, was led by a "Murga" performing their music and dances.

The opening ceremony started with some formal speeches of the Rector of the University of Buenos Aires, the Director of the Argentinian Mathematical Olympiad Foundation and the Chairman of the IMO Advisory Board.

Next, the competitors and deputy leaders took the IMO's oath from the members of the Ethics Comitee.

Afterwards there were some popular dances from Argentina, such as tango, malambo and folklore. The teams of each country also had their moment on stage, where they showed their flags, threw souvenirs to the audience and said hello to everybody. The ceremony was finished with a tango version of the IMO anthem.

During the afternoon the participants received all the materials and instructions necessary for the contest, which starts today. We wish you best of lucks!

Voices from the IMO

How was your trip from home to Mar del Plata? (part 2)



Although the flight from London was 14 hours, we weren't jetlagged when we got to Mar del Plata, because we'd just spend a week training with the Australian team in Buenos Aires. We took a 5 hour bus ride to get here, but it was a lot easier than a twenty hour journey would have been!

James Aaronson (United Kingdom)



We had a really long trip, but gladly an uneventful one. We left Malaysia at 2 am on Friday 6th and had a 9-hour flight to Rio de Janeiro and then a 3-hour flight to Buenos Aires airport. Sadly, we lost there a traditional game we brought to share with all of you called *congkak*. Finally, we arrived to Mar del Plata after a 6-hour trip by bus. This is the fourth time I attend an IMO, and it's the furthest and coldest place I've ever been to.

Tham Ying Hong (Malaysia)

Happy Birthday!



*Marija Tepgjozova (MKD6)

Remember!

From now on, dinner will be served from 8 to 10 pm. Please remember that there are two different dining rooms, and that it is not necessary to queue at the buffet.

Upcoming events

Today is the first day of contest. On both days, the exam starts at 9 am; however, remember to be ready at 8.30 in the entrance hall and follow your guide instructions.

This is also the day to sign-up for the IMO tournaments at the Recreation Hall.

Tomorrow is the second day of contest, again at 9 am. From there on, since the contest will be over, the Recreation Hall will be open until late at night.

Do you speak...?

More welcome messages in different languages:

Καλώς ήλθατε στην πόλη των τεράστιων αμμουδιών και του απέραντου γαλάζιου!
(Welcome to the city of vast sandy beaches and the infinite sky! - Greek)

Добродошли у Аргентини!
(Welcome to Argentina! - Serbian)

(Special thanks to Claudia Riali and Luis Escudero, guides of team Cyprus and Serbia)

The IMO 2012 album

The contestants' parade towards the theater



Team Denmark on stage

The Australian team throwing their souvenirs



The teams in the theater waiting for the ceremony to start