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Today was filled with all kinds of emotions, from anxiety to curiosity, as students wanted to start the competition faster. We met a lot of people, from all around the world.

Before the contest you could tell what teams had been here before, as they did not want to meet anyone new or to answer questions with more than a couple of simple words. Some of them knew the way to Tudor Vianu National College of Computer Science, so they did not bother finding their guides. The Russian and the Moldovan teams had been here before; this was their third time participating to this contest, and they were not keen on socialising.

After the contest, everybody was calmer, knowing what to expect from that moment on. Some guides were told to leave so the students could rest after a long day.

Here are a few thoughts from some nice Bulgarians about the competition:

Interviewer: What do you think about the competition?

Bulgarian Contestant: Well, that was quite hard, but that's normal because it's international and there are 20 different countries, but the tasks were pretty, there were beautiful. It was a pleasure trying to solve them.

Int: What's your impression about Bucharest so far?

B.C: It's quite nice and compared to Sofia, I think it's better because it has all these buildings.

Int: How was the preparation for this contest?

B.C: The preparation was quite hard, I mean I was preparing all summer, but not exactly for this competition, for another one, but the preparation is valuable for this one as well, so yeah, there's a lot of work to do.

Int: What do you think about informatics?

B.C: There are two parts of informatics, there's theoretical informatics, which is what we are doing now, it's the hardest part, and it's more like maths and theorems and more abstract things and there's a practical part of informatics which is about writing code.

Int: What do you think about the other teams?

B.C: Our team is an official team, but it's not the real team because this competition is for students from 10th grade to 12th grade and we're 9th grade so we are underaged and we don't know many students that participate.

Also, another really nice team from Bulgaria, Gabrovo, waited for their guides to take them to Moxa, where they were going to have lunch. We had a great time talking with the participants, especially with Zahari and Adryan , as they also asked us a lot of questions about our culture, our high school, why we wanted to volunteer, about pets, music, hobbies, and many other subjects!!

Int: What do you think about the rooms you're staying in?

Adryan: I think they are really nice; I've been in worse conditions. We don't have internet connection, but it's fine. I'm surprised that we don't have to pay for our food.

Int: Do you want to develop a career based on informatics?

Adryan: The smartest teenagers from my country are leaving to study somewhere else. I would like to go to college in Scotland and keep learning informatics, or to go to Sofia for college and then go to Scotland.

Int: What are the big differences between Romania and Bulgaria you've seen so far?

Adryan: I live in Gabrovo, as you know, and it's really quiet there, I live in the centre and I could walk from my house to any place I want. Here I walked more just from your high school to the Art Museum! Also, you never see this many cars in Gabrovo.

Zahari: I like the museums you have here, they are full of history. In Bulgaria we don't have this kind of places you could visit. We have nice landscapes in the mountains, and it's good that we also have a sea, but we don't have as many museums or important buildings. Also, the weather here is amazing, home it is much colder.

Int: What do you think about our school?

Zahari: I have seen only one room, but the computers were really good, I liked them!

Overall, this contest is a way of knowing people from all around the world, so we can get to talk openly with them and share opinions and stories. I hope all contestants had a great time today and understood that all participants are winners, despite the medals or the prizes. International communication must not be forgotten, being the main reason behind most disagreements around the globe.



