

## Opening Ceremony

Today we had a wonderful opening ceremony at Pier 2 on the river Weser. The team guides had already gotten up very early in the morning to practice their country's parade.

The hall at Pier 2 has two-tiered seating: jury and observers took seat on the upper balcony, while the teams themselves were seated in the main hall. This way, everybody could watch and enjoy, but no direct contact between jury and teams was possible.

The opening event was chaired by Prof. Dr. Beutelspacher, Director of the *Mathematicum* in Gießen, a museum of Mathematics. After an expressive breakdance performance by *Breakmatrix*, we heard a number of greetings, including one from German chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel, physician and former contestant of the national Mathematics Olympiad in Eastern Germany. Prof.



Beutelspacher gave a short and short-whiled mathematical interlude "Calculating without Calculator". Then Andreas Storm, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research, opened the 50th International Mathematics Olympiad 2009 in Bremen, the first ever with more than 100 teams.

The highlight, of course, was the parade of the IMO 2009 teams.

**from 13:00** Team Guides and Contestants return to their buses

**Back on campus** Lunch

Important information for contestants: do not forget to check out at the welcome desk whenever you leave the campus. You may venture out together with contestants of other teams, but you must be accompanied by one team guide.

We wish all contestants a successful competition!

## On Wednesday

**6:30** Breakfast

**7:45** Contestants and Team Guides meet in front of Research I, depart for Exam 1

**8:45** Deputy Leaders and Observers B meet in front of Research I, depart for excursion

**9:45** Team Guides and Deputy Leaders meet in front of the Übersee-Museum, guided by Prof. Ronny Wells

**12:00** Reception at the Schütting for Deputy Leaders and Observers B

**13:15** Return for Deputy Leaders and Observers B from Wachtstraße, guided by Prof. Wells

## WEATHER REPORT

Now that today's weather already beat the weather forecast, tomorrow's going to be mostly sunny with a high of 26 °C. Thursday clear skies; rain or thunderstorms on Friday.

## CORRECTION

We are embarrassed to admit, but yesterday's claim that this is Germany's second IMO was badly mistaken. It is in fact the fourth, after Berlin 1965 and Erfurt 1974 in the former German Democratic Republic. Apologies!



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The Parade