

First Exam

The third day – the first exam. While deputy leaders and observers B and C enjoyed a guided tour through the city of Bremen on a perfect summer day, contestants were sweating over math and invigilators walking their walk back and forth the examination hall. The estimation of the success in solving the problems is an individual thing. At least the organizers, who were almost as anxious about the exam, are greatly relieved that, despite the scale of the event, the logistics worked out very well – and this is important

And after the contest, meeting people from many other parts of the world, everyone got some relief on the campus lawn or in the common room – and this is equally important, of course.



There is no special program for Deputies and Observers.

We wish all contestants a successful competition, especially to those who do not feel so happy about today!

WEATHER REPORT

Tomorrow will be clear, high temperature 26 °C. Rain or thunderstorms on Friday with temperatures up to 29 °C; the forecast for the weekend is mixed.

On Thursday

6:30 Breakfast

7:45 Contestants and Team Guides meet in front of Research I, depart for Exam 2

from 15:00 Soccer competition

20:00 Informal lecture “Fluids, Math, and a Millenium Challenge” by Marcel Oliver, Jacobs University, in the Research II Lecture Hall

IN THE PRESS

Coverage of the opening ceremony by local TV station Radio Bremen, including a short video clip in German:

<http://tinyurl.com/lr2yuo>



Inside the hall



Outside the hall after the exam

Message from the Chief Invigilator

By **DIERK SCHLEICHER**

I hope you share my view that the first contest day went quite smoothly. I greatly appreciated your cooperation. Nonetheless, there are a few issues how you could help yourself and us. Please read carefully.

- Please reuse the transparent folders for bringing your pens, rulers, and other solution items into the contest rooms. There is no separate set for the second contest day.
- On question/answer forms, please fill in your contestant code and seat number: otherwise, we will not be able to deliver the answer of the jury back to you. (And write the question on the sheet we provided, not on the yellow question card!)
- Also remember to write your contestant code and problem number onto all the solution sheets that you

put into the colored cardboard folders. (And don't write your solutions on the colored cardboard folders!)

- The official IMO paper may also be used as scrap paper – the jury evaluates only those sheets that are returned within the colored cardboard folders!
- Instructions on toilet visits: if you need to go to the toilet before the contest, do that before departing from the Jacobs campus or at before entering the contest hall. Once you pass through the entrance doors to the contest room, we ask you not to leave the room again before the contest starts. During the contest, once you raised the green "toilet card", wait at your place until an invigilator comes to you.
- On the way to and from the toilet, use the wide alleys; do not pass between tables.
- Finally, we pay a deposit on the water bottles. Return them to us; don't discard them!

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the wonderful team of invigilators! Let us make the second contest day equally smooth and efficient as today!

Also in the name of my colleagues, I wish you a successful second contest day!