

# IOI 2006 Behind the scenes

The IOI is a big event. More than 76 countries, more than 800 people involved. There is a lot of work to do behind the scenes, and we will like to thank all the people that made this happen including our sponsors.

Here we will mention some the people that were very important for the IOI and were also available for the picture! To the rest of you thank you too. You made this possible and it was all great. We will remember it forever.

Leobardo helped co-ordinating all the people from the Instituto Tecnológico de Mérida, including the people that helped installing and desinstalling the computer labs and also in the RoboAluxes contest.



**Leobardo Cortés**  
Instituto  
Tecnológico de  
Mérida



**Paula Martinez**  
Immigration Process

Most of you met Paula at the IOI Souvenir store. She also helped with immigration process coming and going to get your country permits.

Angeles helped with emails, visas, arrivals and departures.



**Angeles Cepeda**  
Visas, Accomodation, Arrivals

Most leaders were in touch with her several weeks before arrival and during the whole week of the IOI.



**Toñita**  
Treasury

Toñita had the important role of keeping the money safe. She also helped with the registration.



**Toño Flores**  
IT Servides



**Elizabeth Monroy**  
Administration Staff

Elizabeth helped with the registration process getting back packs, T-Shirts, badges ready, printing announces, copies, etc. You probably met her at the souvenir store.



Monica and Elia were our "solve everything" super girls.

Thanks a lot girls!

I could not get the names (it is 4 am and I don't want to wake up anybody that can tell me) but I was able to get the pictures of two girls and a guy that also helped a lot. Thanks a lot you guys!





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**Sergio Ramirez**  
Photography

You met Sergio taking pictures everywhere. Some of his pictures are amazingly good.

He also prepared for you the picture introduction and music for the Awards Ceremony, and the picture selection for the official IOI CD. Thank you Sergio, for working so hard even when you have not slept for long hours!!!



**Silvia Lopez**  
Journalist

Together with Ana Paola, Silvia contributed to a lot of the articles of this newsletter and also to the printing and distribution. Hope you enjoyed them!



**Gustavo Guerrero**  
GA Assembly Coordinator

Gustavo was in charge of the GA Assembly, he also helped technical and administration staff, and even us at the newsletter at late ours. Thank you Gustavo for all the hard work and for making us feel more relaxed!!!



**Jorge Diaz**  
City of Merida

Jorge was in charge of Merida City coordination. Through out the previous months he helped us negotiate here in Merida from Mexico City. During the IOI he helped as part of the logistics staff.



**Sergio Gonzalez**  
Food and Parties Coordinator

I was here in March, to check for the last details of the IOI, before Sergio took control of the food and parties, and this August, I saw a great difference in the meals and parties.

Sergio got the prehispanic food for us. He coordinated the meals at SXXI, he coordinated the balloon launching and the fabulous leader dinner at Rey Pakal. He also coordinated the Carnavallito's, The Marimba's, The flowers at the center of the tables, and the Tequila and Mezcal for the prehispanic food.

Thanks Sergio, you did a great job!





# IOI 2009: Bulgaria

Krassimir Manev is the Chairman of the IOI 2009 that will be held in Bulgaria.

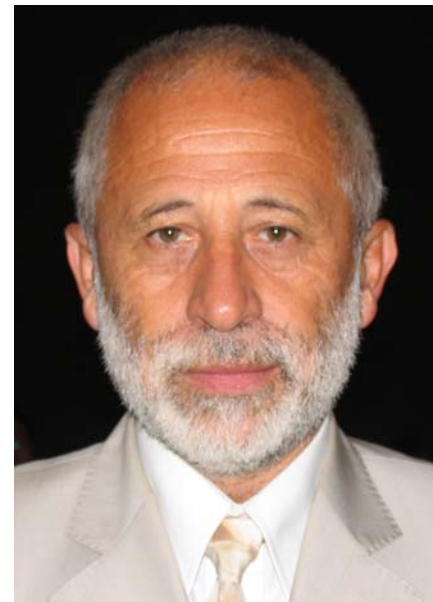
Bulgaria was the host country for the IOI and Krassimir was one of the organizers of that Olympiad. "I feel like the father of a little child that is growing and that is going to be 20 in IOI 2009. I feel very happy and proud. The IOI has grown a lot. In the first IOI, only 13 countries participated, mostly from the ex-socialist countries. Now we have almost 80 countries" said Krassimir.

The idea of the IOI came from the Math Olympiads. In 1982 Bulgaria was producing an apple compatible computer that a lot of schools were able to afford. So the kids started to learn how to program. "That is when we thought, why not make a competition where they can test what they have learnt? In 1982 we started a small competition. In 1987 the first non official contest where we got the as-

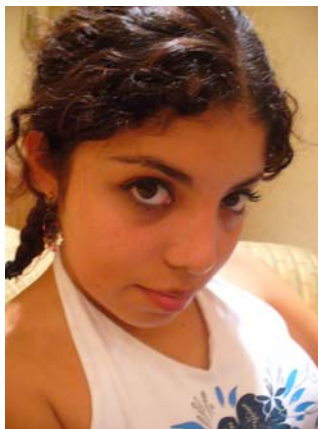
sistance of 7 or 8 countries. In 1988 we went to UNESCO to get a certificate to officialize the IOI as a contest for the propagation of science among young people. In 1989 we organized the first one. There was only one task question, and 6 or 7 gold medals."

"I like this competition since it motivates you to be creative, reactive and fast. In real life you are not asked to solve problems in 5 minutes, but having the ability to solve them fast sure helps" said Manev.

"I congratulate all the competitors for being among the best programmers of their countries, and I will wait for you at Bulgaria 2009!"



## Farewell Good Bye



The IOI is finally over. Today most teams will go back to their respective countries and life will go back to normal.

I can say that despite the sleepless nights, the heat and the mosquitoes, it was worth it and I would definitely do it again. Lucky you if you will get together again in Croatia.

I guess that in every international event, people get mixed feelings when everything is over. You are happy because you know you will be back to your life and loved ones. And sad because you know that you won't ever go through the same experience again no matter how many IOIs you attend in the future.

Not the same place and more important, not the same people. In the end it is the people what makes it all worth it.

Alright, I don't want my last article in this paper to make everyone sad.



## IOI 2010: Canada

Troy Vasiga is the Chairman of the IOI 2010 that will be held in Waterloo, Canada.

Canada was elected as the host country for 2010 during the last GA Meeting at IOI 2006.

Congratulations and the best of lucks to you guys!

In fact, I want to thank you all because eight days is a ridiculously short amount of time to meet all of you, but this way I was able to reach almost everyone even if we were never formally introduced.

I hope you are taking great memories with you. In the end they are the most precious thing you can take with you wherever you go.

I hope everyone has fun at Croatia next year.

With a lot of affection, *Ana Paola*.

