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**NEWSLETTER**

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*Today's reminders*

- Please remember not to bring anything to the exam
- No electronic devices will be admitted (calculators, jumpdrives, cell phones, cameras, etc).
- Remember you have one hour to ask any questions.

### Today's schedule:

6:45—8:00  
(8:15—9:45 leaders/guests)

*Breakfast*

8:15—8:30

**Bus Boarding at HI, HY**

8:30—8:45

Transportation to SXXI

9:00—13:35

- **Competition**
- **Carnavalitos 11am**
- *9am. Celestún for guests*

13:00—13:15

*Bus Boarding at FA*

13:15—13:35

*Transportation to SXXI*

14:15—15:45

*Lunch at SXXI*

16:00—16:15

**Bus Boarding**

16:15—16:30

*Transport to Hotels*

17:00—19:00

*Special Tournaments /  
Carnavalitos 18:00*

19:00—20:30

*Dinner at Hotel Restaurants*

20:30—22:30

*Carnavalito a la Trova, Plaza de  
Santa Lucía (Festival) / Free  
Time / Common Room / GA  
Meeting*

## 2nd day of Competition

We are only three days away from the end of the IOI. Today is the 2nd. Day of Competition.

After a nice day of relaxation at the beach, we hope you all are ready to give your best at the competition.

Best of inspirations, and good luck to you all!



## Special Tournaments Today

After the sport tournaments yesterday at the beach, today we will be having special tournaments. All will take place at the Game Room (Common Room) at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Register with your guides.

### Robo Aluxes

- **5pm.** 2 or 3 members per team, maximum 40 teams. Make your own algorithm for the robot to climb the pyramid as fast as possible carrying a message to the top in the second round. Get your Free Maya Bots Tutorial with your guide.

### Ping Pong

- **5pm.** Maximum 64 participants. 10 point matches (except final and semifinals which will be 20 points). International referee for each match.

### Futbolito

- **5pm.** Maximum 64 participants. 3 goal matches, except final and semifinals which will be 5 goals). International referee for each match.

### Balero

- **5pm.** 64 participants
- 1st. Stage: ten tries, if you get the mass in the stick at least once, you pass
- 2nd. Stage: same with five tries
- 3rd. Stage: same with three tries
- 4th. Stage: same with two tries
- 5th. Stage: same in a single trial
- The Champion: if there are more than two alive at this moment, the one that in 25 tries gets the mass on the stick more times.

### Cuchileta

- **5pm.** 64 participants.
- 1st. Stage: make it turn either way at least for 10 seconds
- 2nd. Stage: make it turn at least one turn to the right and one turn to the left in less than 30 seconds
- 3rd. Stage: turn to the right for 10 seconds, turn to the left for 10 seconds.
- 4th. Stage: turn to the right 5 seconds, then to the left 5 seconds for the longer period of time.



# Having fun at the Beach

Yesterday was a great day to relax at Progreso Beach. Volleyball, Football, Tennis, Kayak, chess, board games, hamacs and swimming at the pools and sea was all part of the experience.



protect themselves from the sun.

Competitors from Norway surprised everyone by climbing up the palms to get coconuts, in a very fast and easy way even when they don't have Palms in Norway.

It didn't matter that it was so early in the morning; everybody was there on time to get on the buses, ready to enjoy the sand, the sea and the sun.

Beautiful girls were around. Guys from all countries find the Mexican sombreros and the paliacates very useful to

Italian guys became good at the Balero in only one day, and started inventing new tricks.

Thailand guys kept trying the cuchileta while being taught by the Chairman of the IOI, a passionate player of these games. He explained while playing that both Balero and cuchileta were chosen because they are "informatic" games:

If you see the balero from the bottom it looks like a zero. And then the stick is a one.

If you make the cuchileta turn around, the elix describes a zero. And the stick is a one.

One and zero. The basis of digital computers. Plus Cuchileta has automatic voice recognition in several languages because when you say "Cuchileta to the right", it goes to the right, and when you say "Cuchileta to the left", it goes to the left.

During the day Japanese guys told us that what most amazed them from Mexico was the fact that Habanero sauce is really really hot. A lot hotter than the hottest sauce available in Japan: The Bo-Kun Habanero (Tirant Habanero)

So to all of you that want to try the spiciness of Mexican food or just something really hot, try Habanero sauce at your hotels.

At lunch time (which by the way was great because you can keep going back for another serving), some guys started to dance to the rythm of Merengue, and suddenly started to strip tease! This ended up in a contest with a lot of volunteers which turned out to be real professionals!



All in all, this party was the perfect opportunity to hang out with old and new friends. There were tons of activities to do and satisfy every taste. Whether they were trying to get a coconut from a tall palm tree, buying a colorful souvenir or just lying in the ground to try to get the perfect tan, everybody was able to find a special moment to remember.





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# IOI is improving every year

During one of the GA's meetings celebrated this week Mr. Zide Du, President of the IOI, exposed to the general assembly his vision for next IOIs.

In a simple but very clear presentation, he explained some improvements he would like to do to the way IOI is organized, based on the experiences of all these years. Among his ideas are to specify more clearly the President, IC, ISC and host country responsibilities, rights and obligations, so that there is not so much effort duplication.

The best way to promote IOI under his vision is giving a very deep maintenance

to the IOI web site, because right now is pretty much maintained only by Tom Verhoeff's, who has been doing a great job at it, but it is a lot of work on a single person. Zide Du asked for a special budget for this area.

He also talked about working on getting more IOI recognition around the world, the integration of the whole community and looking up for global sponsors.

GA assistants promised to give a real good checking to his proposals so that IOI could be a better contest each year.



## Cultural exchange: another good side effect of the IOI



of Chile. He has been studying Japanese for several years now, because he truly admires the Japanese culture, and wants to go study there.

Thanks to the IOI he was able to meet with the Japanese delegation and practice his skills in Japanese culture and language.

The influence of IOI goes beyond the informatic competition. It also serves for the competitors to meet new cultures, languages and ways of thinking.

This is the case of Juan Patricio Correa

Both delegations exchanged presents, viewpoints regarding the IOI and got a picture taken to celebrate this special moment.

### Bring your pictures to the press room

We are preparing a picture collection to show at the beginning of the closing ceremony (before it starts) and to include on the webpage and on a souvenir CD we will give to all of you. If you have any picture that you want to be added to this presentation or CD, meet us at the press office (at Celestum Room in Fiesta Americana) between 10pm and 1am tomorrow (Thursday), or send them by email to [mcepeda@auronix.com](mailto:mcepeda@auronix.com)

The electronic versions of this newsletter can be found at Tom Verhoeff site, and will be at the IOI 2006 site as soon as the competition is over, together with more pictures and information.

### How to say it (in Maya)

Over 2 million people speak Maya as their first language around the world. Most of them live in Yucatán. Here are some phrases.

*Ma'alob kiiin - Buenos días - Good morning.*  
*Bix a ka'aba? - ¿Cómo te llamas? - What's your name?*  
*In ka'abae' ... - Me llamo... - My name is...*  
*Bix a beel? - ¿Cómo estás? - How are you?*  
*Ma'alob - Bien - Fine.*  
*Chan ma'alob - Más o menos - So so.*  
*Jach kaas - Mal - Bad.*  
*Dyos botik - Gracias - Thank you.*

### Apologies.

On the Issue 4 of this Newsletter we published an article in which the Portugal team described their first impressions of the test. This information was mistaken by one of our reporters. The Portugal team did not say what was quoted. We apologize for any inconveniences we might have caused

