

WELCOME TO IOIT 2018

THE DAY OF THE COMPETITION



The second day of the competition in the International Olympiad In Informatics In Teams from Piatra Neamt began with a tough test consisting of problems that were solved in 4 hours, having a high degree of difficulty.

In the afternoon, the guests were offered the opportunity to relax, the organizers having planned a

trip to The Bicz Gorges and to The Red Lake. All the participants in the competition, both teachers and students, accompanied by volunteers from National College of Informatics, enjoyed a special afternoon in one of the most beautiful mountain areas of the region. They were impressed by the grandeur of nature in Bicz Gorges.

The evening ended in a festive atmosphere, with a Romanian dinner held at a prestigious local restaurant. The foreign guests were impressed, not only with the Romanian traditional food, but also with the music and dance specific to the Romanian people.



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## IMPRESSIONS

### **Bulgarian Team:**

Q: Hello, where do you come from?

A: We come from Bulgaria.

Q: Have you ever been in Romania?

A: No, we have not.

Q: How was today's activity?

A: It was challenging, but it was cool.

Q: Have you tried Romanian food?

A: No, but we are going to taste it pretty soon!

Q: How do you like Bicz Gorges?

A: I liked it, it is quite a beautiful place.

Q: How do you find Romanian people?

A: They seem to be normal people.

Q: Oh, thank you! Bulgarian people seem nice too!

A: Thanks!

Q: Why do you like IT?

A: Informatics is something we enjoy a lot, it is more like a lifestyle for us!

Q: What do you think about the accommodation in Romania?

A: It's not special, but it's good. The rooms were nice, so was the food. Also, the schedule gave us time to relax.

Q: Would you like to come to Romania again?

A: Yes, why not?

Q: Thank you for your time, enjoy your trip.

A: Thanks!



### **Russian Team:**

Q: Hello! Where do you come from?

A: We come from Russia and we are happy to be here!

Q: Why did you come to Romania?

A: We came for the International Olympiad in Informatics in Teams.

Q: Do you like Romanian food?

A: We haven't tried it yet, but we are very excited about having a bite!

Q: What do you think about the Bicz Gorges?

A: The view is breathtaking, and the air is refreshing.

Q: How did you find the contest?

A: The Problems were pretty complex, but we managed to solve most of them.

Q: Do you think you will win?

A: We're not sure but we hope for the best.

Q: What can you tell us about the accommodation?

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## IAȘI COUNTY

### *The Palace of Culture in Iași*



The Palace of Culture (Romanian: Palatul Culturii) is an edifice located in Iași, Romania, built in flamboyant neogothic style. The building served for administrative and justice purposes until 1955, when its destination was changed, being assigned to the four museums nowadays united under the name of the Moldova National Museum Complex: the Moldavian History Museum, the Ethnographic Museum, the Museum of Art and the Museum of Science and Technology. Also, the building houses the Cultural Heritage Conservation-Restoration Centre, as well as the Gheorghe Asachi Library, and hosts various exhibitions and other events.

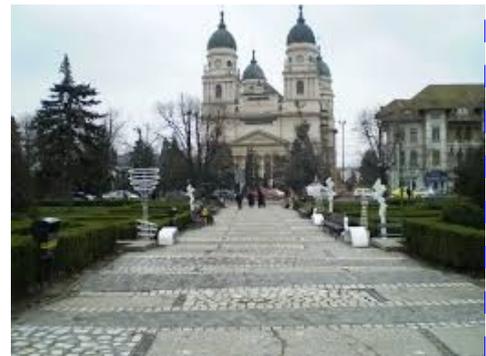
The Palace of Culture is listed in the National Register of Historic Monuments. The construction, started in 1906-1907, was partly built on the old ruins of the medieval Princely Court of Moldavia (1434), and partly on top of the foundations and first levels of the former neoclassic palace. It was dated to the time of Prince Alexandru Moruzi (1804-1806, architect Johan Freywald), rebuilt by Prince Mihail Sturdza (1841-1843, architect Nicolae Singurov), and dismantled in 1904-1906. It was from this latter building that the Palace inherited the legend of the 365 rooms, as many as the days within one year.

Decoratively, the central hall shows a figurative mosaic including various representations of a gothic bestiary, concentrically arranged: two-headed eagles, dragons, griffons, lions. The hall is superposed by a glass ceiling room, where initially a greenhouse was arranged.

In spite of its archaic-looking design, the Palace was designed so to integrate modern materials and technologies. Thus, the stone blocks were replaced with light and much cheaper materials. Besides, some rooms were decorated using a special material licensed by Henri Coandă under the name of bois-ciment and imitating the oak wood. Decorative ironmongery elements are also remarkable and they can be admired for instance on the doors of the Voivodes' Hall. The building was also equipped with high-tech facilities for those times, such as electric lighting, (pneumatic) heating, ventilation system, thermostat, vacuum cleaners, which were all directed from the machinery room, at the underground level.

### *The Metropolitan Cathedral in Iași*

The Metropolitan Cathedral in Iași (Romanian: Catedrala Mitropolitană din Iași), located at 16 Ștefan cel Mare și Sfânt Boulevard, Iași, Romania, is the headquarters of the Romanian Orthodox Archbishop of Iași and Metropolitan of Moldavia and Bukovina, and the largest Orthodox church in Romania. It is dedicated to Saint Paraschiva, to the Presentation of Jesus and to Saint George. Its form was inspired by the late Italian Renaissance style (Trinità dei Monti in particular), with Baroque elements dominating the interior and exterior decorative features. The Metropolitan Cathedral is listed in the National Register of Historic Monuments.



### *The Botanical Garden in Iași*

The Botanical Garden is a botanical garden located in the Copou neighbourhood of Iași, Romania. Established in the year 1856 and maintained next to Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, it is the oldest and largest botanical garden in Romania.

In 1856, in the immediate vicinity of Râpa Galbenă, Anastasie Fătu founded the Botanical Garden in Iași with land bought using his own funds. In 1873, stimulated by interest expressed in Anastasie Fatu's garden, the Physicians and Naturalists Society founded a second botanical garden near the society; the second garden is now the natural history museum.





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