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## Day 4 – Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March

Here we are on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, which, despite being the beginning of spring, it is the day when our international contest ends. Although we hope to see them again next year, we can't help but feel a little nostalgic about the last few days.

It was a great experience for the guides, who dedicated their time to satisfy any wish of the contestants, and who ended up with a positive feedback. Our contestants were more than happy to discover our culture and traditions, to visit some of our most famous museums or to take long walks on Bucharest's crowded streets and come across our architecture and mesmerizing buildings. It's a shame they didn't have very good weather, but that didn't stop them from bringing home a medal.

As the teams had a little free time in the morning, the contestants got the chance to rest in their rooms or grab some coffee before lunch. Some of the more adventurous ones decided to walk around the city for souvenirs, as they said they wanted to remember all the fun they had in Bucharest, while others, such as the UK and Brazilian team, went to an escape room.



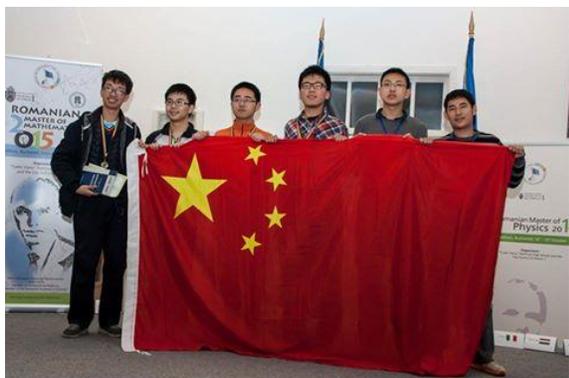
A couple of hours after lunch, everybody was ready to head for the closing ceremony held at "Tudor Vianu" National High school of Computer Science, where individuals as well as teams were awarded medals, by case.

The winning team, Russia, was composed of 7 students, each with at least one medal, 4 of them being awarded a gold medal. On the second place there was the USA, and the third place was occupied by China.



After the ceremony, the teams, more or less content with their results, were asked about their opinion of the whole event.

“The problems were really hard, but I enjoyed the chance to visit your country and spend a few days here.” said Tomek, a contestant from Poland, while Mateush, one of his teammates stated: “I’m very proud of myself for obtaining the silver medal, but I hope next year I’ll do better. I can’t wait to come back.”



We had the chance to talk with the Chinese team, who got two gold and two bronze medals. They considered the problems intriguing. One thing they have in common is that they wanted to score more points overall so they could win the team competition.

When asked about Bucharest, they thought it is different from their home city, the air is fresh and the city is quite clean. The most interesting thing they did in town was the trip around the center when they visited the most important landmarks in Bucharest.

The student with the highest score was kind enough to answer some of our questions. Even though he had been preparing for a long time and he knew he had a great chance to win the contest, seeing himself at the top of the list, was quite a big surprise for him. We asked him whether he had any advice for people who participate in similar competitions and he told us it's not good to be nervous and you have to be confident.



We have also had the chance to talk to the United Kingdom team, which took home one gold medal and two silver medals.

One of the members considered that the overall treatment was better than in other countries he has been to, however, when asked whether he would return to Romania, he said that he would not come back in the near future. In the end, all members agreed that at some point they'd like to visit Romania again.

While they went to various places and got to explore what Bucharest has to offer, they said that their favourite activity was going in an escape room, where they got to test their logic and teamwork skills. Among the other places they visited are Cismigiu, Herastrau and Kiseleff parks, since they enjoyed going for long walks around the city. The British people seemed pleased with the overall experience and we hope to see them again next year.



After leaving the high school, all the teams decided to celebrate the end of the contest in their own way, with or without their guides.

Hopefully they felt welcomed here and they will return as soon as possible. Before dropping them off at the dormitory we congratulated them on their results and wished them a safe trip home.