

The MEMO Post

"Why didn't you write that we have an hour left?" – Felix Mittag, contestant (at 13:10)

The battle continues: Jury strikes back

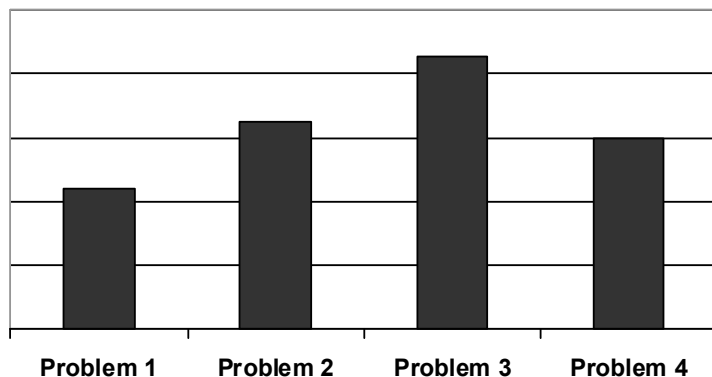
Once again, I find myself needing to produce this in the wee hours of the morning, before we put this into print. But writing this never presents a problem – I am no stranger to long and rambling speeches of any kind.

Yesterday was an especially fun day for all of us guides here – you know, it's a joyous occasion when you get to sit and watch a whole classroom of people being tortured by all kinds of impossible problems while you can stare blankly into space and/or do childlike drawings on a paper in front of you (both of which this guide did for large amounts of time).

One would assume that the team competition, no matter how difficult, is (rightly so?) perceived as more fun. I remember back when I competed at MEMO – our team effort was totally chaotic, it was sort of a rollercoaster of fighting and making up. But in the end, the result was surprisingly great and we had lots of laughs (the idea of doing the induction without actually using the inductive hypothesis, for example). And that's kind of my wish for all the competitors today – to remember the team competition as something different and, frankly, completely insane.

IMPRESSUM:

The man with the hat: Mario Berljafa
Cashier: Jelena Gusić
Ph.D. student: Sara Muhvić
Slovenian guide: Melkior Ornik
Little guy: Ana Šušnjara



After the competition, a survey was conducted among forty five contestants on the difficulty of the problems. They were also asked to point out the most interesting one. We've noticed that each of the four problems was considered as the hardest one at least by one team's majority. The chart above shows the perceived difficulty of the problems. Only a few votes decided the winner in the category of the most interesting one. The second problem beat the third by three votes. What remains to be seen is how accurate are competitors' predictions with regard to real results.

TODAY

The main event of the day is obviously the team competition, once again held in Prva gimnazija. While the knowledge and speed of the contestants were, team competition requires cooperation, compromising and organization. Can our contestants rise up to that challenge? That remains to be seen. ☺

Since surely everyone knows the best cure for mental tire is physical activity, another team competition is ahead of our contestants in the afternoon: the football tournament. You can find all the info about registration on the page two and on the infoboard.

Good luck to everyone!

INTERVIEW with Polish leader Andrzej Fryszkowski

Varaždin sightseeing was organised today for the leaders. How do you like the town?

Yes, we went for a walk and it's a really nice town. A little bit too hot, but nice.

Are you satisfied with the organization? Do you have any complaints?

Everything is nicely prepared. There is plenty of food, everything works, there are no delays. I have no complaints at all. Very nice.

Most of your students think they solved 3-4 problems. Are you satisfied with that and was it expected?

I expected perfect score for at least 3 of my students. I am very satisfied for now.

What rank in team competition would do for you?

Last year we were second so we are aiming on first or second place, but if not so, third would also be OK.



Above: Andrzej Fryszkowski



Above: Veno Mramor

*Below:
Attila Szabó and The man with
the hat, lacking the hat*

INTERVIEW with Hungarian contestant Attila Szabó and Slovenian contestant Veno Mramor

Did you find today's exam difficult?

A: Yes, it was difficult, but solvable. (I solved all the problems.)

V: I f***ed everything up, although it wasn't really that difficult.

Was the Sturm's Principle helpful?

A: No, there was no problem related to it.

V: No!

Do you intend to come to the football tournament and did you like the social activities so far?

A: Yeah, maybe I'll come, but our team usually plays among themselves.

V: Of course we'll come! It's all good.

FOUND

Digital watch

(found in the restaurant)

Rightful owner is kindly requested to contact one of the guides or Mea Bombardelli, organizer.

DID YOU KNOW?

Legendary Croatian singer Mate Mišo Kovač attempted suicide by shooting himself in the heart. Afterwards, he called the emergency number, simply stating „I have died.“

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

REMINDER

If you intend to participate in the football tournament on Sunday afternoon, list your name on the appropriate paper on the infoboard.

Teams consist of 4+1 players, but if you don't have a team, we'll find you one. 😊

