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## Only One Person Knows The Competition Tasks In Advance

It is only the Chair of the Scientific Committee of the International Olympiad in Informatics who knows the competition tasks due to be solved by the contestants during the two competition days. The international team of experts is led by Velin Tzanov, one of the most successful Bulgarian participants so far, who is currently living and working in the USA. He and his colleagues prepared the tasks behind closed doors, after which they tested them, but it is only Velin who attended all closed-door meetings. According to the procedures, proposals for



tasks arrived from all over the world before the Jury selected the best of them and compiled the test data.

360 computers were installed with flawless arrangements made by the technical teams in

Hall 11 of the International Fair Plovdiv and in Park-Hotel Sankt Peterburg. AngelSoft staff installed the required cabling, networked the computers, and tested the system at full load. The first test

was carried out by students from the High School of Mathematics in Plovdiv in order to prevent any technical hiccups. According to the procedures, the contestants and the team leaders have to be accommodated at different locations. This is why the teachers will stay at Park-Hotel Sankt Peterburg, where they will translate the tasks and will provide online consultations. After the end of the competition, the computers, which have been provided by the Ministry of Education, will be distributed among the schools throughout Bulgaria.