

The President learns about Fibonacci numbers

President Georgi Parvanov learned what Fibonacci's sequence of numbers was at a meeting with the national informatics teams yesterday. (By definition, the first two Fibonacci numbers are 0 and 1, and each remaining number is the sum of the previous two.) The head of state regarded with respect the participants in the 21st International Olympiad in Informatics that was officially opened last night in Plovdiv. The teenagers explained that the Italian mathematician Fibonacci pop-

ularized the sequence of numbers, which was later named after him, in the distant 1202 after he learned about it during his travels in the East.

Veterans

- In the memorial corner of the first Bulgarian personal computer Pravets the first 1989 Olympiad gold medal winners Teodor Tonchev, Daniel Sabo, Marcus Kuhn and Andrius Chepaitis shared with President Parvanov their memories about what the competition was like 20 years ago.

- Memorable plaques were presented to Bulgarian and foreign scientists and public figures who have contributed to the development of the international informatics competition network.



„Whatever you show me, will be new to me“, President Parvanov said smiling to the representatives of the host country, and wished them success. He was impressed by the only female participant in our team - the 14-year-old Kalina. The President also visited the memorable corner, commemorating the First Olympiad in 1989, and spent some time with the veteran Bulgarian personal computer Pravets which was state of the art at the time, and was used in the competition.



Sleep „knocked down“ in their seats many of the contestants right before the Opening Ceremony in Hall 7 of International Fair Plovdiv. The contestants were seated half an hour before the officials arrived. Most were exhausted by the long travel and dropped their heads in no time. The trip had proved to be a 30-40-hour challenge for the Columbians, and the Chileans, and the Taiwanese also closed eyes for a dozen of minutes. The Spaniards decided to kill some time before the start of the ceremony by playing cards. The Danes got all the looks because of their extravagant Guinness beer hats.