

These students have amazing talent!



„The Olympiads in Informatics have established some traditions. They were completely met by the international contest in Plovdiv,“ holds Prof. Dr. Stoyan Kapralov, one of the doyens in teaching Informatics and an academic manager of the Bulgarian national teams. According to him, the young people have to be encouraged to master computer technologies and this is the reason why a stimulating easy task was included in the contest assignments. At the same time, Plovdiv has gathered amazing talents. This refers to the representatives of the participating countries as a whole. Their scores, their achievements are already of such magnitude that we - their teachers, can only be filled with admiration.

What happens to these talents after the Olympiad?

„It suffices to look at the Scientific Committee of the XXI Olympiad to get a clue. Velin Tsanov, Svetoslav Kolev, Radostin Rumenov - these are all gold medal winners from school competitions. They have successful careers or pursue their PhDs at the most prestigious universities and hardly regret the choice they have made.“

„The Bulgarian Informatics school has managed to preserve its strong traditions despite the hard competition,“ scientists think. „With the potential of a 7-8 mln



people in our country, we achieve the results commensurate with those of the best, such as USA and China. Neither the social changes, nor even the global economic crisis prevented the host country from developing successfully in this field. On the contrary, these processes have even accelerated, believe the experts. The reason for this, no doubt is the developed system of camps and workshops. My observations are that by working autonomously the motivated kids accumulate a lot of knowledge and a week of intensive sessions with good leaders can direct or streamline these accumulations in the desired direction,“ confirms Prof. Kapralov. „Some time ago, it was a great achievement if a contestant managed to get to the team lists of two contests in succession. Now this is no surprise. We have kids who are already asking where the Olympiad will be held in 2012!“