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Today's Schedule

Contestants

07:00 - 09:00

Breakfast

09:00 - 14:00

Competition Day 1

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:00

Results and Analysis Mode

17:00 - 23:00

Nile Cruise

Leaders

07:00 - 09:00

Breakfast

09:00 - 11:00

Clarification Request

11:00 - 14:00

IOI Conference

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:00

Results and Analysis Mode

17:00 - 23:00

Nile Cruise

Guests

07:00 - 09:00

Breakfast

09:00 - 14:00

Dandy Mall

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 17:00

Activities

17:00 - 23:00

Nile Cruise

IOI officially kicks off

IOI 2008 officially kicked off Sunday amidst a distinguished pharaonic atmosphere and Egyptian music.

"Four years ago, the IOI International Committee trusted Egypt to host IOI 2008; I think that's a great decision," IOI President Zide Du told the attendees.

During the opening ceremony, members of the 77 delegations were saluted by Dr. Mohamed Youssef and Dr. Ikram Fathy.

Abnaa Al-Magd (Children of Glory), an outstanding ballet echoing the Egyptian, pharaonic heritage, was performed by the Cairo Opera Ballet Company. The performance was directed by Dr. Abdel-Moniem Kamel.

Egypt's famous percussionist Nesma Abdel-Aziz also gave an exceptional performance of featured Egyptian music.



Dr. Zide Du
IOI President



It's all about dedication

Over the last three months, the Host Scientific Committee (HSC) worked hard between 10-18 hours per day to prepare for the IOI 2008. The host team is made up of six members and several volunteers whose job was to work on the development of tasks and the grading system.

"During our three-day meeting with the International Scientific Committee (ISC) in May, we agreed on the choice of problems, their suitability for the contest, the level of difficulty and the distribution of tasks between day 1 and day 2", explained Chair of IOI 2008 HSC Dr. Osama Ismail.

For Dr. Ismail, the IOI is more than just a contest. "The IOI represents a message to contestants from all the participating countries to face the challenge and be up to it," he reflected.



Dr. Osama Ismail
Head of HSC

Ibn Seena

Abu Ali Al-Husayn Ibn Abd Allah ibn Sina, born in 980 in Bukhara, Khorasan, died 1037 in Hamedan, also known as Ibn Seena and commonly known in English by his Latinized name Avicenna, was a Persian polymath and the foremost physician and Islamic philosopher of his time. He was also an astronomer, chemist, geologist, Hafiz, logician, mathematician, physicist, poet, psychologist, scientist, Sheikh, soldier, statesman and Islamic theologian.

Ibn Seena wrote almost 450 treatises on a wide range of subjects, of which around 240 have survived. In particular, 150 of his surviving treatises concentrate on philosophy and 40 of them concentrate on medicine. His most famous works are The Book of Healing, a vast philosophical and scientific encyclopedia, and The Canon of Medicine, which was a standard medical text at many Islamic and European universities up until the early 19th century. The Canon of Medicine was used as a text-book in the universities of Montpellier and Louvain as late as 1650. Ibn Seena developed a medical system that combined his own personal experience with that of Islamic medicine, the medical system of the Greek physician Galen Aristotelian metaphysics (Avicenna was one of the main interpreters of Aristotle, and ancient Persian, Mesopotamian and Indian medicine. He was also the founder of Avicennian logic and the philosophical school of Avicennism, which were influential among both Muslim and Scholastic thinkers.



Ibn Seena

Ibn Seena is regarded as a father of early modern medicine, and clinical pharmacology particularly for his introduction of systematic experimentation and quantification into the study of physiology, his discovery of the contagious nature of infectious diseases, the introduction of quarantine to limit the spread of contagious diseases, the introduction of experimental medicine, evidence-based medicine, clinical trials, randomized





The chairman have some fun



Let's dance ...



First time IOI contestants from Ghana



Tamr Hindi .. A popular Egyptian drink



Chinese mini cards olympiad



It is not always easy



Big responsibility



Heyyy everybody .. Listen to me

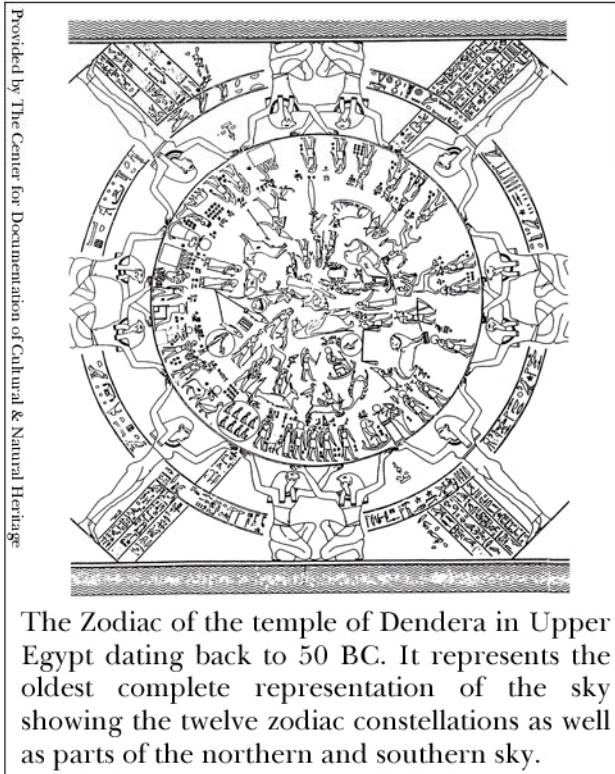
Happy Birthday



Michael Schnell
Luxembourg



Juri Aedla
Estonia

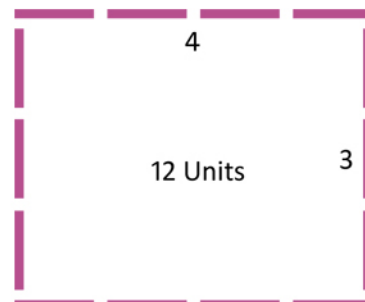


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The Zodiac of the temple of Dendera in Upper Egypt dating back to 50 BC. It represents the oldest complete representation of the sky showing the twelve zodiac constellations as well as parts of the northern and southern sky.

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I love Egypt	Baheb Masr	أنا بحب مصر
I am a contestant	Ana motasabek	أنا متسابق
The test is easy	El emtehan sahl	الإمتحان سهل
The test is hard	El emtehan sa'ab	الإمتحان صعب



14 sticks made an area of 12 units. Can you move 8 sticks to change the area to 8 units?

