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Today's Schedule

Students Katowice

7⁰⁰ – 9⁰⁰ breakfast at the hotel
10⁰⁰ – meeting on the buses in front of the hotel
10⁰⁵ – 10³⁰ transfer to the Entertainment Theatre in Chorzów
11⁰⁰ – 14³⁰ 5th IOAA Closing Ceremony
14⁴⁵ – meeting on the buses in front of the theatre
14⁵⁰ – 15¹⁵ transfer to the hotel
15³⁰ – 17⁰⁰ lunch at the hotel
17⁰⁰ – 20⁰⁰ free time and group activities at the hotel
20⁰⁰ – 21⁰⁰ dinner at the hotel

First departures from Poland

Leaders Kraków

7⁰⁰ – 8⁰⁰ breakfast at the hotel
8¹⁵ – meeting on the buses in front of the hotel
8²⁰ – 10⁰⁰ transfer to the Entertainment Theatre in Chorzów
11⁰⁰ – 14³⁰ 5th IOAA Closing Ceremony
14³⁰ – 15³⁰ banquet at the Theatre foyer
15³⁵ – meeting on the buses in front of theatre
15⁴⁰ – 17⁰⁰ transfer to Kraków
19⁰⁰ – 20⁰⁰ dinner at the hotel

First departures from Poland

Jury of 5th IOAA

*Jury of 5th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics,
Silesia, Poland*



The photos by Piotr Matuszczyk

Thank you for your hard work

5th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

One can have the impression that Olympic competitions have just started. It is hard to believe that they are actually about to finish. It seems that it was only yesterday when we saw the participants presenting their teams on the stage of the Entertainment Theatre in Chorzów. In fact, the rivalry is over now and everyone impatiently awaits the results. Leaders and jury are doing tough and responsible job, analyzing and assessing hundreds of papers. There is no secret that the verdict will be achieved in a fierce and most probably emotional discussion. The organizers are trying to make up for this nervous time of waiting and entertain the participants with trips, promoting the country and the region at the same time. Since we talked to the students, we know that they especially grew fond of the Silesian Culture and Recreation Park in Chorzów, together with the Planetarium situated within. The weather, perfect for excursions, did not foster the observational tasks. That is why this part of the competition took place under the artificial sky. However, thanks to this the participants could take the challenge to solve a rather untypical problem - observing the Sun from the surface of Mars.

For a few days, normally silent and peaceful corridors of Best Western Premiere Hotel in Katowice reverberated with the voices of young people from the whole world. Apart from the moments devoted to discussing the cosmic issues, they occupied their time playing and talking together. One can say that during those five Olympic days, they had no other choice – according to the Statutes of the Olympiad, the students had to be taken away all devices connecting them to the world: telephones, iPods, laptops, etc. In the whole hotel, a WI-FI system was blocked. The purpose was to prevent the students from receiving the slightest bits of information suggesting the solutions for the tasks awaiting them.

What is going to remain after the 5th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics? First of all, the participants will come back home with wonderful memories from the country that is so exotic for many of them. Strong emotions of struggling with difficult theoretical and data analysis tasks will certainly be engraved in their memory for long. What will also remain is the equipment – telescopes, computers and calculators that are going to replace old devices used during a local, Polish astronomy Olympiad.

Friendships made during the Olympiad will also last after its closing. Because of the fact that they originated on the foundation of a common passion. Maybe in the future these contacts will bear fruit in the form of common scientific works. There is no doubt that one day we will hear the news about some of the participants.

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The photos by Damian Jableka

Eleven days of Olympiad, eight issues of our newsletter, dozens of conversations with participants and hundreds of photos to choose from... We would like to thank all of you for being with us.

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Family picture



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR
IN BRAZIL!