



News

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Weather forecast

Tue	Wed	Thu
26° 13°	22° 9°	26° 12°

Fun fact

The Grič cannon, situated in the Zagreb's Upper Town, could have been heard (almost) each day at noon for more than 140 years. After World War I, the only thing that could prevent people of Zagreb from hearing a loud „boom“ were the recent earthquakes in Croatia. Nevertheless, the „booms“ are regularly „heard“ on cannon's Facebook page.

MEMO in numbers

Total number of people involved	117
Total numbers of contestants ever at MEMO	924
Total number of points available for (and hopefully won by) the contestants	2816
Average delay of arrival in minutes	66

Welcome!

We wish you a very warm welcome at the 15th Middle European Mathematical Olympiad in Zagreb, Croatia. After a rainy day of (late) arrivals, we're thrilled to meet contestants and team leaders from Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland. Unfortunately,

teams from Bosnia & Herzegovina, Germany and Lithuania couldn't join us, but we are happy they are participating as well. We hope that this experience will be as pleasant and MEMORable as possible for everyone (and these news are supposed to help with that :)

Match the flags to the countries!



Arrivals

We can certainly say that the road to MEMO 2021 was bumpy - all teams had at least one member that arrived after the expected time. Our brave teams endured 3740 grueling minutes of delay combined.

The average time a participant spent worrying whether they'll make it to Zagreb in time for the team competition was a bit more than an hour. Especially unlucky was the Czech team

who travelled whopping 3 and a half hours more than they expected. That's enough time to travel from Zagreb to Moscow by an airplane and buy a perfume from the duty free shop!

Thankfully, not all teams experienced the setbacks - most of the Polish, and, of course, the entire Croatian team, arrived on time.



Polish team having lunch after successful arrival.



Hungarian team having lunch after troublesome arrival.

Today's joke

An infinite number of mathematicians walk into a bar. The first says, "I'll have a cola." The second says, "I'll have half a cola." The third says, "I'll have a quarter of a cola." And so on.

The bartender hands them two glasses of cola and says, "You guys need to know your limits."



Schedule

Contestants		Leaders	
7 ⁴⁵ -8 ⁴⁵	Breakfast (SD)	7 ³⁰ -8 ³⁰	Breakfast (SD)
9 ⁰⁰ -9 ¹⁰	Gathering with guides in front of the restaurant and departure towards the city centre	8 ²⁰ -8 ³⁰	Gathering in front of the restaurant and departure towards FER
10 ⁰⁰ -12 ³⁰	Playing game „Treasure hunt“ and sightseeing	9 ⁰⁰ -12 ⁴⁵	Jury meeting (FER)
12 ⁴⁵ -13 ³⁰	Opening ceremony (FER)	12 ⁴⁵ -13 ³⁰	Opening ceremony (FER)
13 ⁴⁵ -15 ⁰⁰	Lunch (SD)	13 ³⁰ -	Lunch (FER)
15 ⁰⁰ -19 ⁰⁰	Free time		Jury meeting
19 ⁰⁰ -20 ¹⁵	Dinner (SD)	19 ⁰⁰ -20 ¹⁵	Dinner (SD)

Tales from Zagreb



Bloody Bridge as seen today

Krvavi most (lit. "Bloody Bridge") is a street in the heart of Zagreb. It is named after the former bridge over the Medveščak creek, which was rendered useless after the covering of the creek. Although the bridge became the street, the name stayed because of historical reasons – as a reminder of history and a witness of Zagreb's past.

The bridge gained its name because of the constant 400-year-conflicts happening on its wooden beams between the citizens of the two parts of Zagreb: Gradec and present day Kaptol. Most well-known Croatian female novelist Marija Jurić Zagorka wrote one of her best novels (Tajna krvavog mosta; Secrets of the Bloody Bridge) which was inspired by the events on that bridge.

According to legend, the whole Zagreb area was suffering from drought. To give people and animals something to drink, an old Christian duke plunged his sword into dry earth and saw fresh water bubble up. He called out to his soldiers: „Zagrabite!“ („Scoop up!“), then he repeated to the girl who stood close by: „Manda dear, scoop up some water!“ The spring, which still stands on the main square, got the name Manduševac after the girl and Zagreb got its name after the scoop of water.



Fountain Manduševac at the main square

Meet the editorial team



Luka, Nika, Marin, Mislav and Lucija (at 2 o'clock in the morning)

MEMO—places of interest

Places

-  Student dormitory Stjepan Radić
-  SPAR Supermarket
-  SPAR Supermarket
-  Tram station
-  Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing
-  Hrvatska pošta
-  Jarun

