

Name of Enterprise: Preparation of the National Team for the International Olympiad in Linguistics.

Area: Linguistics.

Venue: various seaside or mountain resorts.

Time: usually a week in late May and early June.

Target Group: secondary school students and their coaches. The preparation is **semi-inclusive** (the extended national team – 12 to 16 students – are invited free of charge; other students may attend at their own cost, but places are limited to about 30, and preference is given to those who have scored highest at the Winter Contest and the national round of the Olympiad).

Format:

- **classes** comprising a mixture of
 - lectures delivered by the Chairman of the National Committee, other invited scholars, coaches and ex-contestants who are now at college, in various topics in languages, linguistics (theoretical, mathematical and computational) and adjacent areas of computer science and mathematics,
 - problem-solving sessions;
- two **tests** (4 hours, 3 problems) on the basis of which, and also taking into account the results of the national round of the Olympiad, the teams for the International Olympiad are chosen, as well as the guest participants in the Traditional Olympiad in Linguistics and Mathematics, Russia (St Petersburg). The tests are put together by the Chairman of the National Committee and marked by the Committee on the spot.

History: Held annually since 2003. Superseded the Republican Seminar in Mathematical Linguistics (the autumns of 2001–2002).

Financial Basis: Supported by the American Foundation for Bulgaria (principal sponsor since 2005), as well as the participants' schools and municipalities.

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Additional Information: Guest participants were received from Wroclaw in 2007, and from St Petersburg regularly since 2004.