

Arrival Day

Long before breakfast, the first teams for the 50th International Mathematics Olympiad were welcomed by their team guides at Bremen Airport or at the train station and shuttled to the Jacobs University campus for check-in.



By late afternoon, over 40 teams had arrived. So far, despite the unfortunate cancellation of the team of Brunei, as well as continuing uncertainty about the participation of Bangladesh, the 50th Olympiad is its way to be the biggest ever. We are particularly happy to report the arrival of the teams of Honduras and Mauritania, who were initially thought missing.

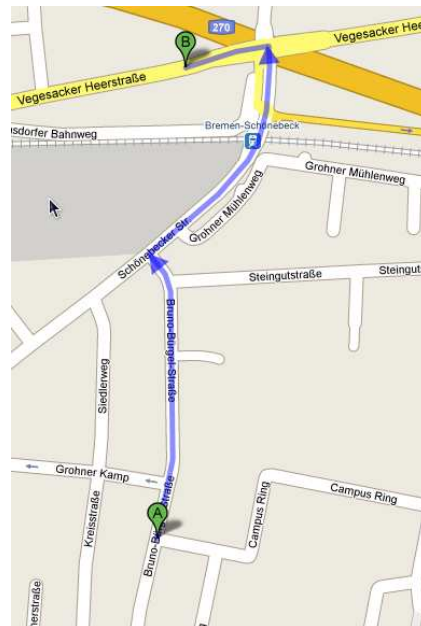
This year's participants come from more than 100 countries, the youngest contestant at the age of 11. In addition, there are 150 guides and assistants, more than 60 coordinators, 40 invigilators, an office staff of 15, and an organizing committee of 30 on the ground. It is now the second time the IMO is held in Germany; the first German IMO took place 1989 in Braunschweig.

After a wet Sunday, many participants have been enjoying the sunny skies playing beach volleyball, tennis, basketball, soccer, and other outdoor sports. For rainier days, the colleges also feature indoor table tennis, pool, and table soccer.



So far, all teams arrived safe and sound, except for minor delays and confusion about the buses. So the

important questions of the day were "Where do I find a bank?" (there is an ATM in the post office on Vegesacker Heerstraße, see map), "Where can I find a supermarket?" (there is a supermarket in the *Haven Hööv*t shopping mall near Vegesack harbor and Vegesack train station, see bottom map), "Where is the internet café?" (in the ground floor of the building *Research I*, follow the posted signs), "Where can I buy a phone card?" (at the bistro "Friseur" next to the porter's lodge at the Jacobs main entrance), "Where can I buy a mobile phone?" (mobile phones are not allowed inside of the contest hall...), and "Can I get a second key to my room?" (huh???)



From the main gate to the post office

On Tuesday

- 7:00** Breakfast
- 7:45** Team Guides depart for Pier 2, meet in front of Research I
- 9:15** Contestants depart for Pier 2, meet in front of Research I
- 11:00** Opening ceremony at Pier 2
- After ceremony** Group photograph at Pier 2
- Back on campus** Team photographs in the Campus Center



From the main gate to the Haven Höövt shopping mall

WEATHER REPORT

Tuesday will be cloudy with some showers, clear in the evening. Wednesday and Thursday mostly sunny with a small chance of rain. Thunderstorms on Friday. High temperatures 25 °C.