

The opening ceremony

Get IT started

Yesterday, the contestants met in front of the Friedenssaal. After some photo shootings, they were introduced by the mayor Schulte-Blasum of Münster. After learning a bit of the "Friedenssaal's" history, the contestants were addressed as being "the very best of the informatic generation" taking part in a "highly exciting and strong competition" in the mayor's speech. Two more speeches followed, highlighting the great help provided by the technical staff, the organization committee and the sponsors. The contestants were also told that Münster, as a city of peace and tolerance, is the perfect location for a contest like the CEOI, representing multilateral friendship and sportsmanship.

Afterwards the contestants were surprised by "The Great Procession", a religious event only taking place in Münster. Later on, the contestants, team leaders and guests were guided through Münster, visiting the dome, the St. Lamberti church, the city hall and several other locations.

Practice contest

Warm up the machines

The first tasks were assigned to the contestants yesterday as well. These tasks were of course not as hard as the ones that will be assigned today. Technical staff member Tobias Thierer said: "We're assigning the contestants pretty easy tasks because we just want them to get used to their computer



systems and warm themselves up, so they're fit tomorrow". Slovakian team leader Peter Ke_e realized this, too:

"The questions are very simple. I think it is good for warm-up, although I would have added a harder task and given the contestants some additional time for it".



Contest day has come

Time has come to show your skills

The first contest session is scheduled for today. After breakfast, the contestant will start the session at 9 am in the Paulinum school, where they had their practice on Sunday. They will start finding solutions to the problems stressed in their tasks, set up by the technical staff members. When the session is finished, the contestants will meet back at the hostel by 2.30 p.m.

Get together

Enforcing communication the lovely way

Yesterday evening, the organization committee made an effort to get the relationships between the contestants going. Little sheets were handed out, indicating where the contestant should sit and who her/his partner is. After finding their partner, the contestants had to get to know each other in order to be able to present their partner in front of the others. During the introduction, some secrets were revealed – like hidden relationships ("She's in love with the German guy") or the purpose of the nose ("He bears glasses. That's why his nose is useful"). This and some other important information was exchanged while some contestants (Sven Dra_an, XXX, Eva van Viegen) were entertaining the crowd by playing the piano like young maestri.



Participants

Portraits of the Teams



From left to right: Kricstof Hoder, Dan Marek, Jíří Schejbal, Toma_ Pitner, Sven Dra_an, Martin Mare_, Václav Sedlá_ek (not on the picture)

Newsmag: Where your expectations met so far?

Team: Yes, we're satisfied, there are no complaints from our side.

N: Is this the first time you're participating at a CEOI?

T: For the team, yes. The team leaders have more experience. They've already participated at several CEOIs.



From left to right: Steven the Brinke, Bart Lousberg, Eljakakin Schrijvers, Eva van Viegen, Joris van Rantwijk, Sander Land

Newsmag: Where your expectations met so far?

Team: The pink tea here is nasty. It's really disgusting (author's note: That defines the tea offered in youth hostels). But we loved the rest. The environment, the people, the guides... Everything is perfect. We're happy to be here.

N: Is this the first time you're participating at a CEOI?

T: Except for Eva, it's the first time for every contestant.

N: Is there any motto or statement you want to see published in this newsmag?

T: "Our girl likes the German guy"

Pic of the day



>> Girls go wild on German contestant

Schedule

Detailed schedule for the next days

July 7, 2003 -- Contest Day 1

	Contestants	Leaders and Guests
7:30	Breakfast JGH	
9:00	1st Contest Session Paulinum	Translation of Questions Paulinum / JGH?
12:30		Lunch JGH
14:30	Lunch JGH	
15:30	Recreation	
18:00	Dinner JGH	
19:00		3rd OC meeting Conclusion of 1st Contest Session
20:00	„Castle Spirit“ Biergarten Schlossgarten	

July 8, 2003 -- Excursion Day 1

	Contestants	Leaders and Guests
8:00	Breakfast JGH	
9:00	Departure	
10:00	Visit to Hülshoff Castle and Longinus Tower	
13:00	Westfalian Lunch Brauhaus Klute	
15:00	Departure	
16:00	Swimming Fun Freizeitbad Sudmühle	Recreation
18:00		Dinner JGH
19:00		4th OC meeting Presentation of Tasks, Translation JGH
20:00	Departure from Sudmühle	

Fun

The one and only Garfield

