

REPORTS

Mexican Olympiad in Informatics

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The Mexican Olympiad in Informatics (OMI) is a National Competition that every year the “Comite Mexicano de Informatica A.C. (COMI)” does in order to select the best young programmers in Mexico below 19 years old.

Mexico (whose official name is “United States of Mexico”) is a country composed of 32 states, with 112 Million Inhabitants and close to 2 Million square Kilometers in territory. We have been doing the OMI every year since 1996, the method that we use is as follow:

1. National Invitation to participate.
2. Exams via Internet.
3. 32 State Olympiads, one in each State.
4. Each State sends the best 4 to the National Olympiad OMI.
5. From the OMI we select the best 32.
6. The 32 Pre-Selected are in training over one year, via Internet and 4 training camps of 10 days each; from them we get the 4 Contestants that represent Mexico at the IOI.

This process is repeated every year and we have to quote that:

During 2010 we registered 16,521 students from all over the country and during the first exams via Internet we reduce the amount to 2081 students, then we sent the best 60 of each State to the delegate in that State. They bring all the students to some place in that State, train them and do the State or Regional Olympiad in order to get their four best Students in order to represent the State in the OMI.

We ask the competitors to be 19 years old or below and that they have at least one more year to finish their High School, this is in order to comply with the IOI requests after the one year they will be in training after they get in the Pre-Selected team.

Table 1
General statistics OMI 2010 Mérida, Yucatán

| Concept | Quantity | Percentage |
|---|-----------|------------|
| States participating | 28 | 87% |
| States not participating | 4 | 13% |
| Students that could compete | 8,500,000 | |
| Registered competitors | 16,521 | 0.19% |
| Contestants at the OMI-2010 | 106 | 100% |
| Women contestants | 20 | 19% |
| Men contestants | 86 | 81% |
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| Gold medals | 9 | 17% |
| Silver medals | 18 | 33% |
| Bronze medals | 27 | 50% |
| All medals | 54 | 100% |
| Women medalists | 5 | 9% |
| Men medalists | 49 | 91% |
| Government school medalists | 38 | 70% |
| Private school medalists | 16 | 30% |
| Government school contestants | 84 | 79% |
| Private school contestants | 22 | 21% |
| High school contestant medals | 53 | 98% |
| Secondary school medals | 1 | 2% |
| Primary school contestant medals | 0 | 0% |
| Average contestant per state | 3.78 | |
| Perfect score per contestant | 800 | 100% |
| First place score | 676 | 84.5% |
| Average points per medalist | 468 | 58% |
| Average points per contestant | 260 | 33% |
| Zero points contestants | 4 | 4% |
| 40 perfect score per state 800×4 | 3200 | 100% |
| Best state score | 2303 | 72% |
| Minimum score per state | 10 | 1.25% |
| Average age of contestants | 16.6 | years |

The 32 students Pre-Selected in 2010 are still in training and we will have our National Selection Team in order to compete in Thailand IOI 2011, at the end of May this year.

In this report we present the results obtained during the OMI 2010, celebrated in September of that year in the City of Merida, State of Yucatan; the same place in which we had the IOI 2006. We also include some statistical data, which will help to understand the process we carry on in the OMI each year.



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