

September 13, 2021

Dear ICPC World Finals Invitational Participant,

Teams that have qualified for the 44th ICPC World Finals in Moscow who will be unable to participate in person will have the opportunity to compete in an online contest on **September 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM (16:00) Moscow time**. Here are some details to help you begin planning for your participation.

**Team Preparation Week: September 20 -27**

- Teams will be required to test their Codeforces accounts, their intra-team communication mechanism, and their proctoring software during the week of September 20 - 27. During that time frame teams may contact [invitational@icpc.global](mailto:invitational@icpc.global) for technical assistance.
- Teams are required to send a team picture to Lidia Perovskaya, [lidia@icpc.global](mailto:lidia@icpc.global), by **September 15** for inclusion in the Opening Ceremony and the Awards Ceremony.
- The platform will be Codeforces. If you do not have an account, you should make one and familiarize yourself with the interface. The languages available on Codeforces will be the same as those allowed in the World Finals.
- Participants will receive a link to an FAQ page where questions that arise during the Team Preparation Week will be addressed.
- If you wish to be considered for awards, your coach will need to verify that the required proctoring tools are in place and that they have been tested during the Team Preparation Week. Coaches will receive a follow-up email describing the proctoring requirements.

**ICPC World Finals Invitational Contest: September 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM (16:00) Moscow time.**

- An Opening Ceremony will be held via Zoom webinar from 3:30 PM (15:30) - 4:00 (16:00) Moscow time. All participants are expected to attend to hear any final instructions and announcements.
- The contest will begin at 4:00 PM (16:00) Moscow time and will last 5 hours - which is the same length as the World Finals in Moscow. The scoreboard will be frozen one hour before the end of the contest. The Resolver will be run as part of the ICPC Live coverage in Moscow. Awards for Invitational winners will be given during the Awards Ceremony in Moscow, which will also be streamed on ICPC Live.
- Teams will be ranked by honors: High Honors (top 25%), Honors (next 25%), and Honorable Mention (remaining teams solving at least one problem).
- Teams meeting all qualifications and certified by their university representatives will be eligible for:
  - UPE First Solution Award
  - Consideration for medals, at the discretion of the judges
- All teams will receive ICPC World Finals Moscow t-shirts.
- Teams who qualify for Honors or High Honors will receive official ICPC World Finals Moscow backpacks.
- All shirts and awards will be sent to team coaches who will be responsible for distributing to the team members.

You will receive an email from [invitational@icpc.global](mailto:invitational@icpc.global) with a checklist of items you must agree to prior to competing in the contest. Please look for that email and reply as soon as possible so that your team is fully registered for the Invitational.

Additional details and a link to the Invitational Rules will be made available shortly.

We realize it is disappointing that we cannot all meet in Moscow and experience the amazing event that is an ICPC World Finals, but we believe we will be able to provide a great online contest and recognize your achievements at the World Finals.

Sincerely,

Tom Capaul

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Directors, ICPC World Finals Invitational