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Editorial

The first tough day for the students has come! This morning the Practical Examination is taking place. The mentors are getting some rest and entertainment visiting Mycenae and Nafplion after the difficult job of translating the Practical Tasks during Sunday night and Monday.

Some details and photos concerning the Opening Ceremony are included in today's newsletter. Also it is presented an insight on the 1st Jury Meeting and interesting information about Ancient Corinth that students visited yesterday. We hope that they really enjoyed it!

It is rather interesting to notice the convergence of opinions concerning the good choice of the tasks.

CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT COME TOGETHER!



The Doric temple of Apollo (550 B.C.)

Today morning all the students had the chance to visit the ancient site of Corinth. The town was first inhabited in the Neolithic period (5000-3000 B.C.). The peak period of the town, though, started in the 8th century B.C. and lasted until its destruction by the Roman general Mummius in 146 B.C. Representative of its wealth is the Doric temple of Apollo which was built in 550 B.C. The city was reinhabited in 44 B.C. and gradually developed again. In 51/52 A.D., Apostle Paul visited Corinth. The centre of the Roman city was organized to the south of the temple of Apollo and included shops, small shrines, foundains, baths and other public buildings. The invasion of the Herulians in 267 A.D., initiated the decline of the city though it remained inhabited for many centuries through successive invasions and destructions, until it was liberated from the Turks in 1822.

**ΑΜΕΣ ΔΕ Γ' ΕΣΟΜΕΘΑ
ΠΟΛΛΩ ΚΑΡΡΟΝΕΣ**

Plutarch, Laconic apothegms

“We will be much better than you”

Young Spartans talk to older Spartans and exhibit their will to do their best in every part of their life.

The Official Opening Ceremony took place yesterday morning at Aula Amphitheater, School of Philosophy, NKUA. Guests arrived around 10:30 in a happy atmosphere. Prof. Andreas Tsatsas, President of the 35th IChO, opened the ceremony with a very warm speech. The presentation of the participating delegations was the most enthusiastic part of the ceremony. Following, Mr Petros Efthymiou, the Minister of National Education and Religious Affairs, declared the Official Opening of the 35th IChO. The Minister warmly congratulated all those involved in the organisation of this venture and especially the competing students. After the ceremony the Minister had a really interesting discussion with the students and wished them good luck.

Mr Apostolos Kaklamanis, Chairman of the Greek Parliament, sent in written his congratulations to all those who participate in this international competition, which brings out the knowledge, the spirit, the talent and the inventiveness in the science of Chemistry. He also wished every success in this effort.

The Ceremony was enriched by a music program performed by the Chorus of NTUA and the Greek soprano Nantia Diamantidou. The event came to an end with the national anthem of Hellas.



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