



Skopje, March 25, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to inform you that the 34th Balkan Mathematical Olympiad (BMO 2017), organized by the Union of Mathematicians of Macedonia (UMM) under the auspices of the Ministry for Education and Science of FYROM. BMO 2017 will be held in the city of Ohrid, from May 2 (arrival day) until May 7, 2017 (departure day). The contest will take place on May 4, 2017.

On behalf of the UMM and the BMO 2017 Organizing Committee, we have the distinct pleasure to invite your country to participate in BMO 2017 by sending an official team of at most six students, a team leader and a deputy team leader.

The students must have been born after May 4, 1997 and, at the time of BMO 2017, have not been enrolled at any university or an equivalent post-secondary institution in your country or abroad.

All the necessary expenses only for the official team, contestants, deputy leader and leader, (including meals and accommodation) during the official program will be covered by BMO 2017 Organizing Committee. The cost of travel to Ohrid and back to your country, obligatory insurance coverage for the entire delegation and all costs outside of the official program of BMO 2017 will be your country's responsibility.

We invite you to send us your problem proposals. Minimum number of problem proposals that every country has to send to the host country is 3. The deadline for the problem proposals is April 15th, 2017. Problems should be sent by e-mail to the following address: bmo.smm.2017@gmail.com.

Here are some additional information:

1. **The Observer Fees:** The observer fee for the official period of BMO 2017 is **500 Euros**. If she or he wishes to have a single room for her/himself, she/he has to pay additional **100 Euros** for the official period of BMO 2017.

Note. If it turns out that you are unable to pay the relevant amount in advance, prior notice will be very much appreciated. Please also note that payments upon arrival can only be made in cash.

2. The **accommodation** for the leaders, the deputy leaders and the observers is in double rooms. After the exam day, the leader and deputy leader will be sharing the same room, in compliance with the tradition of BMO, in case there is no gender conflict. In case of gender conflict, we will accommodate participants of the same gender in double rooms again, possibly respecting their preferences regarding their roommates. If the

leader or deputy leader wishes to stay in a single room, she/he has to pay additional **100 Euros** for the official period of BMO 2017. The students will be accommodated in triple rooms.

Note. If it turns out that you are unable to pay the relevant amount in advance, prior notice will be very much appreciated. Please also note that payments upon arrival can only be made in cash.

3. **Payment information:** All payments should be made on this account:

Beneficiary: SOJUZ NA MATEMATICARI NA MAKEDONIJA SKOPJE

Address: UL. 2 BR.107A 1000 SKOPJE, REPUBLIKA MAKEDONIJA

Bank name: Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje

VAT 4030991121596

ACC. NO 0270100300114

IBAN: MK07300701003001147

SWIFT: KOBSMK2X

Indication: Participation fee for BMO 2017

To get an invoice, please write to us on the official e-mail of BMO 2017: bmo.smm.2017@gmail.com with the necessary data. Please take into consideration that the bank charges are not included in the amount that should be paid.

4. **Participants' Information:** You will get a **Registration form** which you will have to fill in with information about your team. Please send it to us no later than **April 20, 2017**.

5. **Communication Restrictions:** Please remember that there is supposed to be no direct or indirect communication between those who stay in the leaders' site with those who stay in the contestants' site. Following the recommendations of the jury, the hotel telephones will be restricted to in-hotel communication in both sites until the examination starts. In both the leaders' and the contestants' sites, there will be telephones available for urgencies 24 hours a day, and they will be usable under the organizers' surveillance.

6. **Recreational Facilities:** We expect the weather in Ohrid to be quite pleasant during the week of the Olympiad. It might be possible to swim in the lake, as well as in the pools. There will also be other sports facilities.

7. **Visa Information**

Please note that foreign nationals intending to enter and stay in Republic of Macedonia must obtain a relevant visa before their entry. The visa application and all supporting documents are to be filed with the territorially competent diplomatic-consular mission. More information about the visa regime can be found at <http://www.mfa.gov.mk/?q=node/319&language=en-gb> . Before you apply for visa, it is **MANDATORY** that you contact us first, because we have some benefits that we have arranged for BMO 2017 participants with our Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

8. Transport Skopje Airport - Hotel Metropol Ohrid - Skopje Airport

For the teams that arrive in Skopje by plane, we can provide transport assistance from Skopje Airport to hotel Metropol in Ohrid and vice versa. The cost for the transport is **25 Euro per person in one way**. If you want this to be arranged, please fill in the **Travel details form** that you will get attached to the mail, with all necessary information as soon as you know your flight and time for arrival and departure.

For any inquiries concerning BMO 2017 please write an e-mail to bmo.smm.2017@gmail.com or mobile phone + **389 70 338 736**, contact person: Slagjana Brsakoska.

With the sincere hope that your country will be able to participate on this great mathematical event of the 34th Balkan Mathematical Olympiad we will be looking forward to welcome your delegation in Ohrid.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Dr. Aleksa Malcheski
President of the UMM

Professor Dr. Slagjana Brsakoska
Chair of the Organizing Committee