



## IOI 2019 Volunteers

We Simply Cannot Imagine IOI 2019 without you. Thanks So Much!



**500+**

APPLICATIONS



**300+**

INTERVIEWS



**150+**

VOLUNTEERS

### AMONG 150+ VOLUNTEERS



**70**

FEMALES



**5**

HIGH-SCHOOL  
STUDENTS



**70**

STUDENTS OF  
ADA UNIVERSITY

**80**

MALES

**145+**

UNIVERSITY  
STUDENTS

**80**

STUDENTS FROM  
OTHER HEIs



# Let's hear from IOI 2019 Volunteers



## Zeyneb Ahmad

ADA University, 3rd year  
student of International  
Relations

### Team Guide for Team Venezuela

"My country has been a host to numerous international events in sports, science, and education and this event is among the most important ones. This is a historic event and I am very proud to be part of this history.

Volunteering for IOI 2019 taught me responsibility: as a team guide you need to make sure that all activities are implemented smoothly starting from food, free time and others.

The most memorable moment was during the excursion to the Maiden Tower. I was very proud to hear how impressed contestants were seeing the modern and ancient architecture of our city from the top of the Maiden Tower.

I am thrilled to be a volunteer at IOI 2019 and think that young people should try themselves at least once in their life as volunteers in large-scale international events."

## Narmin Aliyeva

Azerbaijan University of  
Languages, 4th year student of  
French Language Teaching

### Team Guide for Team France

"Why IOI? To develop my language skills – I study French language at University and here at IOI I was the guide for the team from France. I believe that events like this are invaluable both in terms of self-development and fun.

I am very grateful for this opportunity!

Volunteering for IOI taught me teamwork and time management skills. It is a perfect place to work on your weaknesses: one might be a bit lazy but when a meeting is scheduled at early hours every morning, you do your best to be on time.

The most memorable moment (and quite a nerve-wrecking one at first!) was when I went to fetch my team one morning: I could not find them anywhere and even thought they got lost. I was really happy to see them at the food court finishing their food and waiting for me.

IOI is an excellent example of teamwork: not only does each team guide his/her own team, but there is also a team of guides and volunteers: all of us work for the same goal and this gives everyone strength and confidence."

## Gunel Alasgarli

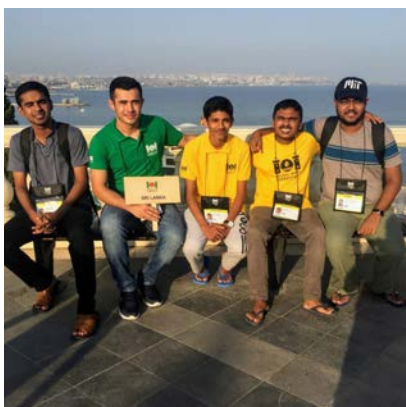
Khazar University, 3rd year  
student of Electronics,  
Telecommunication and Radio  
Engineering

### Team Guide for Team Germany

"I joined IOI because I always wanted to be in such a diverse environment and could not miss this unique opportunity. I also believed I would be a good guide for a team and decided to try myself. This experience taught me responsibility: being in charge of four people is not an easy task. I did my best to ensure well-being of my team and win their trust.

The excitement felt by the contestants was experienced by their team guides too – my fellow team guides and myself followed the scores of our teams wishing that they would win. Sharing joy with the winners and giving comfort to those who did not brought everyone closer."





### Gahraman Mukhtarli

**ADA University, 3rd year  
student of Public Affairs**

#### **Team Guide for Team Sri Lanka**

"I joined IOI to make new friends and learn about new cultures. The team Sri Lanka I was a guide for shared so much of their history and culture with me! I really appreciate this.

As a team guide, I was a timekeeper for my team making sure they are in time for all activities and important events. This, of course, helped me be more organized and disciplined. I feel that I became better at time management.

I enjoyed being a volunteer at IOI 2019. Our evenings and free time at the Athletes' Village are among the most memorable moments of this experience. This atmosphere of friendship made everyone feel at home."



### Sabir Maharramov

**Baku State University, graduate  
of Area Studies (USA)**

#### **Team Guide for Team Finland**

"I have just graduated from Baku State University and thinking about how to spend my summer, I decided to follow my friend's advice and join IOI as a volunteer. And I am so glad I did! Even though I have only spent several days with my team, it feels like I knew each member for a long time – the relations between us are very warm and sincere.

This experience helped me look at myself from a different angle, see my shortcomings and work on them. Thanks to IOI I understood what it means to be in a team. I was able to improve my language and time management skills, as well as become more punctual.

The most memorable moment was a traditional dance performed by one of the national teams of contestants: after watching the dance for a while, contestants from other countries as well as volunteers joined in. It was amazing to see how music brings people together."



### Aykhan Samedov

**The youngest IOI 2019 volunteer  
Team Guide for Team Poland**

The youngest among the volunteers (16 years old), the majority of whom are students or recent graduates, Aykhan has just received the news that he has been admitted to Baku State University's Faculty of Social Sciences and Psychology. Aykhan says that hearing the results of the university entrance exam while working with his team at IOI made it even more special.

"I joined IOI because I want to be successful in the future and understand how important gathering experience through such large-scale international events is. I really loved how we spoke English all the time – it helped all volunteers to gain confidence while speaking a foreign language and overcome their internal communication barriers."



### **Yanardag Reserve**

Yanardag, or the Burning Mountain, is a rare geological wonder which, due to natural gas, burns throughout the year regardless of the weather conditions. These mysterious flames are believed to be first spotted by Marco Polo when he first visited the region in the 13th century. Recently renovated Yanardag Reserve is located in the Mehmedli village, 25 km to the north from Baku.





## Did You Know?

The theory of fuzzy logic caused a revolution worldwide when it emerged in 1965. It changed entirely the concept of cybernetics and played an important role in space satellites, cognition and the study of images, the Earth and the Universe, and in research into UFOs. The theory is widely applied in all areas of modern industry - robotics, mechanical engineering, electronics, fifth and sixth generation super computers and defense technology. The theory of fuzzy logic forms the basis of fuzzy technology throughout the world. The creator of this enigmatic theory is Professor Lotfi Zadeh.

Professor Lotfi A. Zadeh was born in Baku, Azerbaijan Soviet Socialist Republic in 1921, moved to Iran with his family when he was only ten, and spent most of his life in the USA. He was an alumnus of the University of Tehran, MIT and Columbia University in the USA. Professor Lotfi A. Zadeh passed away at the age of 96 in California (USA): his last wish was to be buried in the city he was born – Baku.

(Source: Visions of Azerbaijan, Summer 2009, Volume 4.2: "A Phenomenon in Modern Science or Who Are You Lotfi Zadeh?")

## Schedule

10/8  
Sat

Day 7

NGA: National Gymnastics Arena

AVL: Athletes' Village

BVH: Boulevard Hotel

BCC: Baku Convention Center

HAC: Heydar Aliyev Center

Excursion

Time	Contestants	Leaders	Guests
07:00-09:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	
09:00-09:30	Transfer to ADA University	Free Time	Transfer to Baku Boulevard (Freedom Square)
09:30-10:30	Guided tour at ADA University campus (5 buildings x 2 groups x 9 teams)	GA Meeting 7: Voting Session	Free / Shopping Time
10:30-12:30	Knowledge Fair by Acer (Large Auditorium)		
12:30-13:00	Transfer to AVL		
13:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch (Taghiyev Room 2)	
14:00-14:30	Free time / dressing up	Free time / dressing up	
14:30-15:00	Transfer to HAC	Transfer to HAC	
15:00-16:00	Entering the Auditorium		
16:00-18:00	Closing Ceremony		
18:00-19:00	Dinner canapé		
19:00-19:30	IOI 2019 family photo		
19:30-21:00	Guided tour of Heydar Aliyev Center exhibitions (optional) (3 exhibitions x 3 groups of 30 people)		
20:00-20:30	Transfer to AVL	Transfer to BVH	
21:00-21:30	Transfer to AVL	Transfer to BVH	
20:30-22:00	Free Time	Free Time	

**“As complexity rises, precise statements lose meaning and meaningful statements lose precision.”**

in Azerbaijani language:

**“Mürəkkəblik dərəcəsi artdıqca dəqiq ifadələr mənasını, mənalı ifadələr isə dəqiqliyini itirir”.**

**Lotfi Aliasker Zadeh (1921-2017)** – a mathematician, computer scientist, electrical engineer, artificial intelligence researcher and professor emeritus of computer science at the University of California, Berkeley (USA). Lotfi A. Zadeh was best known for proposing fuzzy mathematics consisting of these fuzzy-related concepts: fuzzy sets, fuzzy logic, fuzzy algorithms, fuzzy semantics, fuzzy languages, fuzzy control, fuzzy systems, fuzzy probabilities, fuzzy events, and fuzzy information.



## Photo of the Day

These are the members of the IOI 2019 Team Indonesia at the event of the Embassy of Indonesia in Baku playing most famous Indonesian songs on Indonesian national musical instruments. Can you tell that these guys have just completed the 2nd contest day within the 31st International Olympiad in Informatics? No signs of being tired when it comes to promoting your home country, its culture and arts (photo by: Yugo Isal, IC Member, Indonesia)

