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# Balkan Olympiad in Informatics 2012

Frequently Asked Questions... and all others :)

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## Competition Guide

### Accommodation

During the whole event, the participants will stay at Hostel Jelica in the center of Belgrade. Rooms are four- bedded and three-bedded, so we will give our best for teams to be together, but also network and mix :) Rooms will be distributed following the “first come – first serve” principle.

Address:

Dom učenika srednjih škola „Jelica Milovanović“ (a.k.a. Hostel Jelica)  
Krunska 8/1, 8/3 and 5A, Beograd (Belgrade)

Website:

[http://www.jelicamilovanovic.edu.rs/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=11&Itemid=22](http://www.jelicamilovanovic.edu.rs/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=11&Itemid=22)

**Check-in: on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Check-out: on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

Hostel Restaurant is situated in the building near to the hostel, within 50m range, just across the street. For the exact location, please ask at the hostel reception desk or anyone from BOI organization staff or see picture below.



*Hostel Jelica and restaurant*

Please, be punctual, schedule is pretty tight and activities will start on time!



Mini-map showing the way from BUS and Train station

## Competition Venue

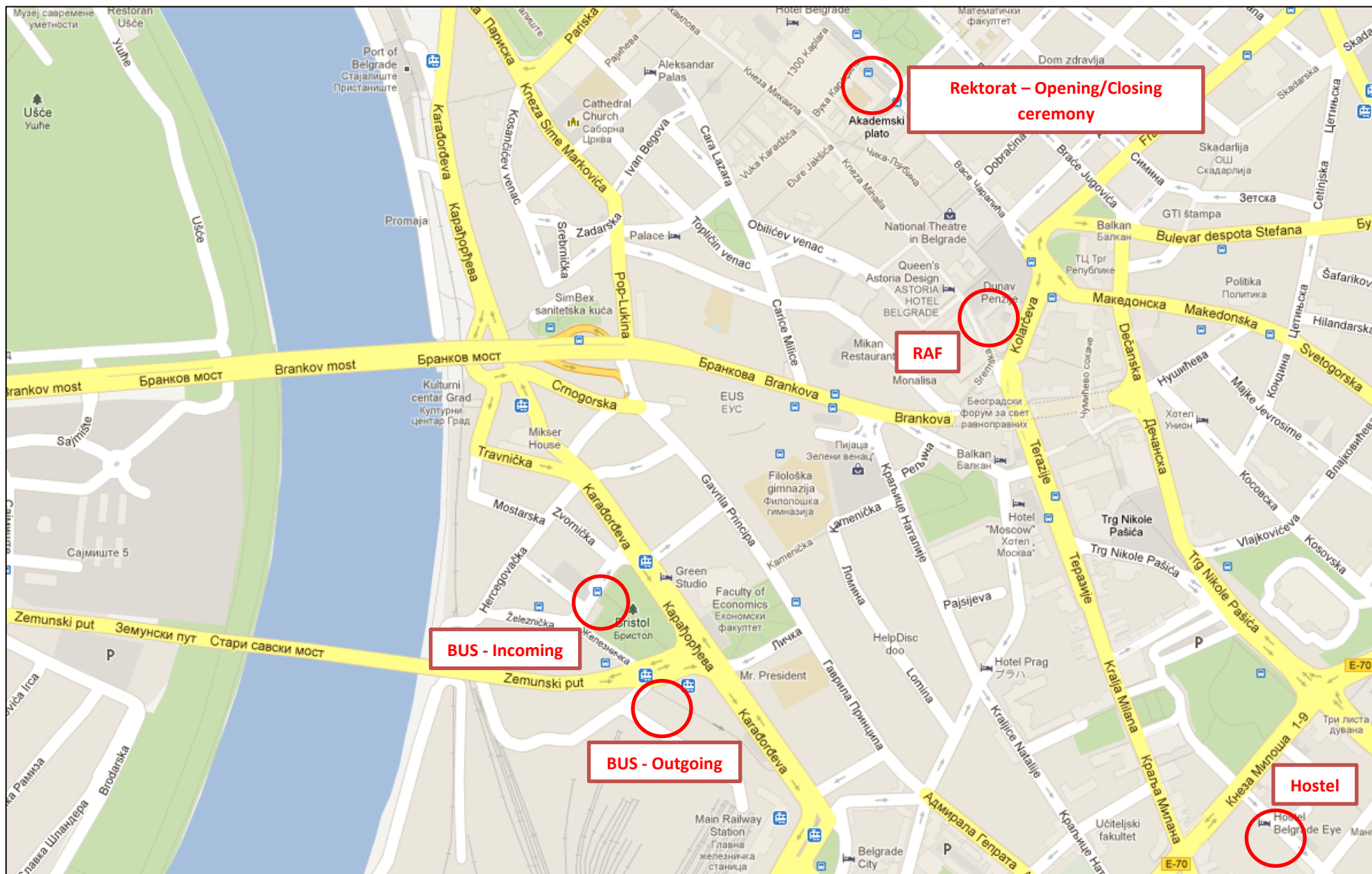
Balkan Olympiad in Informatics (BOI) will be held at the School of Computing, Union University (will be referred to as: **RAF**).

Address: School of Computing  
Knez Mihailova 6/VI, Belgrade, Serbia

Website: <http://eng.raf.edu.rs/>



School of Computing on the map, Center of the Belgrade



Hostel (lower right side) and Competition venue (RAF, top right side) are marked on this picture. Detailed transportation info follows.

## Transportation on arrival day - 15<sup>th</sup> August

### Transport to Hostel Jelica

If you are coming to Belgrade either by bus or by train, you can take a walk from the station to Hostel Jelica (walking distance is ~1.5km), in order to check into hostel first. But if you are not up for a walk or you have too much luggage, you should take a cab, it should cost you around 500 RSD (~5 euros).

### Taxi

If you want to take a cab, please call one of the following numbers: +381 11 9801, +381 11 9802, +381 11 9803. You'll need to provide information where you are, and what's the needed address. Operator will give you the taxi number, and you'll wait for your car.

Taxi in Belgrade is not too expensive (140 RSD for start, 70 RSD per kilometer; during the night – after 10 PM – 110 RSD per km), but you need to call the taxi service and use the regular drivers. Again, **DO NOT** stop any cab from the street, there is high probability you'll be ripped off.

If you do take a cab from the street, it is **highly recommended** that you ask about the price before taking the taxi, because there are often overcharges by the unlicensed taxi drivers, especially for foreigners.

*Note that there is **no direct** BUS line to the Hostel from Bus/Train station.*

### Bus/Trolley/tram Transport in Belgrade

On the other hand if you are up for exploring the Belgrade BUS possibilities here are some information about how to buy BUS tickets and how to validate them.

Tickets for the public transport can be purchased at almost any newsstand.

There are several options for the tickets, you check them out at below link (We are sorry, this is only in Serbian) <http://www.busplus.rs/karte.php>.

We recommend that you buy the paper ticket on a newsstand (photo 1 below), the price is 40 RSD and add a credit you want. The maximum credit you can put to this ticket is 600 RSD (for 10 bus rides). Every time you get on the bus, you need to hold the card against the card reader device (photo 2 below) and the current credit on your card will be visible on the display, as well as the cost of the ride you're taking.



*Bus/Trolley bus or tram ticket*

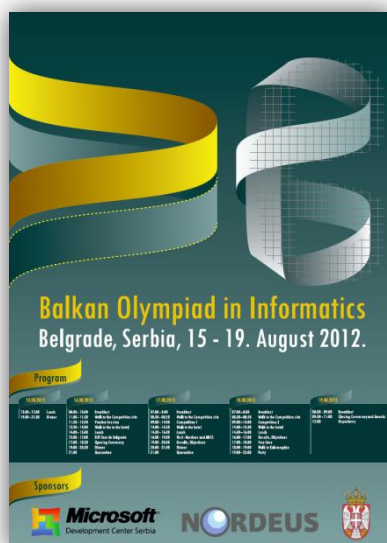


*Ticket validation device*

You are obliged to have tickets validated at the machine for each ride, so when the inspection comes, you give them to check your card. Inspections occur really very often, and fines are pretty high – be careful!

If you need any additional information about public transportation in Belgrade, or you want to find some specific place, please use <http://www.planplus.rs> – it is an excellent map site, with section in English, and also with all lines of public transport in Belgrade, together with all bus and tram stops. It's really a great resource.

**IMPORTANT:** *When you arrive to Hostel Jelica (Krunska 8), you'll notice it is blended as a regular building and there are doors to Musical School right next to it. Look for a BOI 2012 Poster which will be posted on doors and signs on surroundings. At the reception office, you will be greeted by members of BOI Organization staff.*



*BOI 2012 Poster*

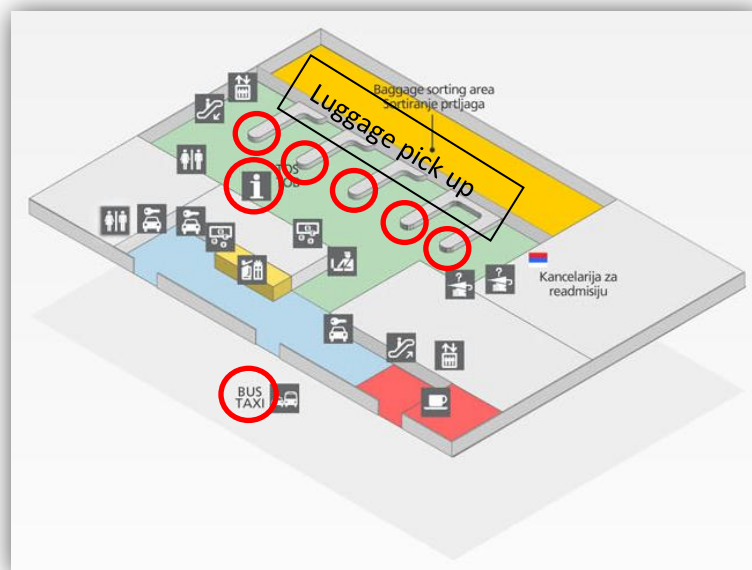


## Airplane

If you are arriving by plane on Nikola Tesla Airport, please make sure you read following instructions:

After you pick up your luggage approach  stand and ask for taxi vouchers to the center of Belgrade.

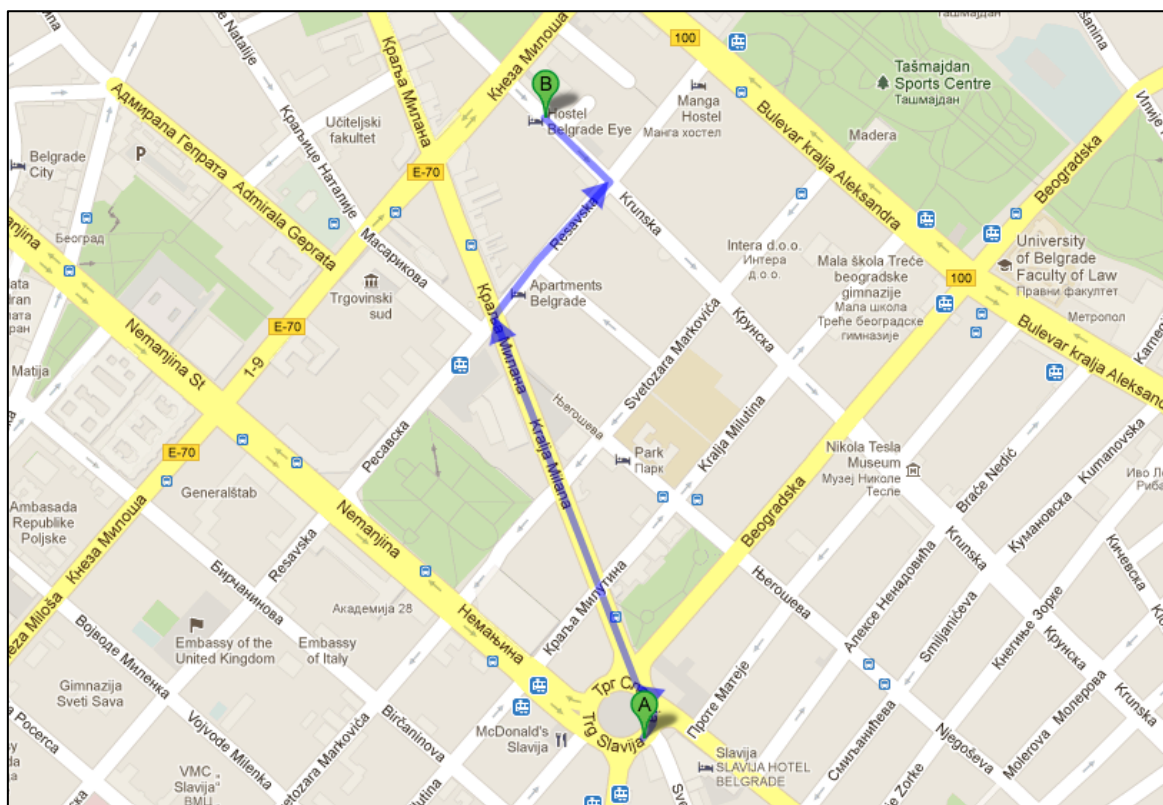
Vouchers are ~1500 RSD (~15 euros), after buying vouchers go to BUS/TAXI area (indicated on picture below with red circle) and ask for a taxi that will take voucher for a ride to center of Belgrade, when they ask you for address provide them with Hostel Jelica address – Krunska 8 (or just print out address from the beginning of the document).



### *Voucher for Taxi*

This is the only way you are safe from being ripped off by local taxi drivers. If you decide to go by taxi, it should cost around 2500 RSD (~25 euros).

If you prefer to take a Shuttle/Mini Bus to the city you can do that at the same place where the BUS/TAXI is indicated on the picture above, but you will have to wait for bus driver to decide that Bus is ready to go (usually ~20 minutes), and price of the ticket is ~200-300 RSD (~3 euros) per person. Still Shuttle/Mini Bus won't take you directly to Hostel Jelica, but it will take you to Trg Slavija which is near to hostel (indicated on picture below).



*Route from Trg Slavija to Hostel Jelica*

If you want to find out more information about airport and other services (like exchange office, etc.) please use following links.

*Please note that exchange office on the airport probably doesn't offer best exchange rates, but for smaller amounts of money (for taxi or shuttle bus) it can do the trick.*

Interactive map of the Airport can be found on this link:

[http://www.beg.aero/passengers/airport\\_map/airport\\_map.153.html](http://www.beg.aero/passengers/airport_map/airport_map.153.html)

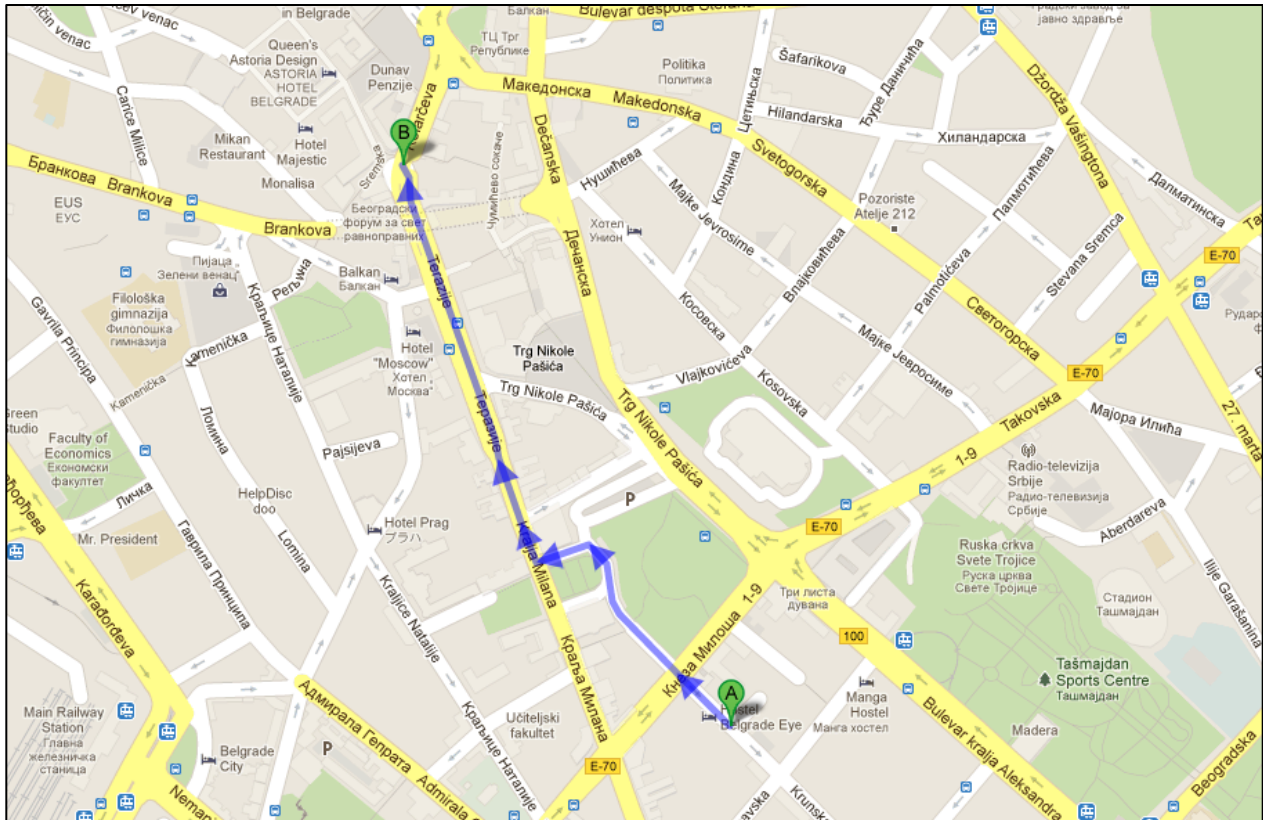
Picture from the picture above can be found on this link:

[http://www.beg.aero/upload/documents/ostalo/mapa\\_suteren.jpg](http://www.beg.aero/upload/documents/ostalo/mapa_suteren.jpg)

## Transport to competition venue (RAF)

It will be organized by guides and it will be a short walk through beautiful center of Belgrade (walking distance ~850m).

We are counting that you'll be punctual and arrive to RAF on time, as presented in agenda.



*Walk from Hostel to RAF*

## Money exchange

If you come from abroad, we advise you to have a certain amount of Serbian dinars during your stay in Belgrade. You can exchange money in numerous exchange offices, but keep in mind that most of the offices will accept primarily Euros and dollars. Current exchange rate is approximately 119 dinars for a Euro and 96-98 dinars for a US dollar.

## Party

During the party, alcoholic beverages will **NOT** be served to underage persons. If you are a minor, please be aware of this and act accordingly.

## Weather

Weather conditions for Belgrade can be checked at [http://www.hidmet.gov.rs/eng/prognoza/stanica.php?mp\\_id=13274](http://www.hidmet.gov.rs/eng/prognoza/stanica.php?mp_id=13274)

## Latest Schedule/Agenda/Program

This is the tentative schedule, please make sure to check schedule on the BOI website for the latest version, link: <http://boi2012.dms.rs/index.php?action=show&data=program>

Date	Time	Contestants	Team leaders
15.08.2012		Arrival	
	13:00 - 15:00	Lunch	
	19:00 - 21:30	Dinner	
16.08.2012	8:00 - 10:00	Breakfast	
	11:00 - 11:30	Walk to the Competition site	
	11:30 - 13:30	Practice Session	
	13:30 - 14:00	Walk to the hotel	
	14:00 - 15:00	Lunch	
	15:00 - 17:00	BUS Tour de Belgrade	
	17:00 - 18:30	Opening Ceremony	
	19:00 - 20:30	Dinner	
	21:00	Quarantine	Team leaders meeting 1 – first competition day tasks
		Problem translation	
17.08.2012	07:00 - 8:00	Breakfast	(07:00 - 08:30) Room quarantine
	08:30 - 08:50	Walk to the Competition site	Breakfast
	09:00 - 11:00	Competition 1	Answering questions
	11:00 - 14:00		Free time
	14:00 - 14:30	Walk to the hotel	
	14:30 - 16:00	Lunch	
	16:00 - 19:00	Visit - Nordeus and MDCS	
	19:00 - 20:00	Results, Objections	
	20:00 - 21:00	Dinner	
	21:00	Quarantine	Team leaders meeting 2 – second competition day tasks
		Problem translation	
18.08.2012	07:00 - 8:00	Breakfast	(07:00 - 08:30) Room quarantine
	08:30 - 08:50	Walk to the Competition site	Breakfast
	09:00 - 11:00	Competition 2	Answering questions
	11:00 - 14:00		Free time
	14:00 - 14:30	Walk to the hotel	
	14:30 - 16:00	Lunch	
	16:00 - 17:00	Results, Objections	
	17:00 - 18:00	Free time	

	18:00 - 19:00	Walk to the Kalemegdan	Medal distribution meeting
	19:00 – 23:00	Party	Dinner with Team leaders
19.08.2012	08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast	
	09:00 – 09:30	Walk to the Rektorat	
	09:30 – 11:00	Closing Ceremony and Awards	
	11:30	Departures	

Legend
Food
Tours/Events
Competition related

Ultra short Agenda	
<b>15.08.2012</b>	Arrival
<b>16.08.2012</b>	Practice Session
	Tour de Belgrade
	Opening Ceremony
<b>17.08.2012</b>	Competition - Day 1
	Tour de Nordeus and MDCS
<b>18.08.2012</b>	Competition - Day 2
	Party on the Boat
<b>19.08.2012</b>	Closing Ceremony
	Departures

## Emergency phone number

In case of **any emergency** during your stay in Belgrade, please contact **Ivan Vujić** on: +381 64 50 40 495.