Report from the Contest Director

After months of hard work and anticipation, the 11th ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest [Asia Region Gwalior-Kanpur Site] was conducted successfully at the ABV Indian Institute of Information Technology & Management, Gwalior (India). It's a matter of great honor to be able to host this contest for the eleventh time in a row. This time IIT Kanpur has hosted this event along with ABV IIITM Gwalior. I am happy to say that the Contest really went off very well. This was largely due to the wonderful teamwork of both IIT Kanpur and ABV IIITM Gwalior.

This year 59 teams were short-listed and were invited for the onsite contest held on October 3 and 4, 2009. Teams started arriving on the IIITM Gwalior campus from October 2, 2009 onwards with lot of hopes, ideas and enthusiasm. On October 3, 2009, Professor R. K. Thareja, Deputy Director, IIT Kanpur welcomed all the teams for this mega event. Mr. Mahesh Paradkar, Lab Services Consultant and Evangelist on collaboration technologies at IBM India Software Labs delivered the keynote speech in the inauguration ceremony. To enable contestants to become familiar with the environment, on October 3, 2009 we had a practice session, which started at 2:30 PM and continued till 4:00 PM. On October 4, 2009 the contest began at 9.30 AM. There were 7 problems to be solved in four and half hours.

Results were declared on October 4, 2009 at 6 PM by Professor Deshmukh, Director, ABV IIITM Gwalior. We are glad to announce that International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (Team Name: Thekingsgambit) is the Winner of the Contest. The team could solve all 7 problems. It is worth to mention that National Institute of Technology, Trichy who is the first runner up could solve 6 problems. There thirteen teams who could solve at least 2 problems. Results are available on our web site http://www.cse.iitk.ac.in/users/acm/result.html

By virtue of being the Winner of the Regional Contest held at ABV IIITM Gwalior, the team from International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad is eligible to participate in the World Finals to be held in Harbin, China from February 1 to 6, 2010.

The Contest provided a platform where our future programmers, professionals, industries and government organizations worked together. It would have been impossible to organize this event without the wonderful support I received from everyone. My grateful thanks to all the contestants, coaches, sponsors, ACM contest organizers, the IIT Kanpur administration, department colleagues, my working committees, volunteers, service providers, and a lot of people who helped from both within and outside the Institute. I also thank the media for providing wide publicity to this contest.

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