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The member of Azerbaijani team Azad Salahli has won a bronze medal in the Olympiad.

The first International Olympiad in Informatics was held in 1989. It has played an important role in the development of education and innovative education technologies of the world countries. Azerbaijan was invited to take part in the Olympiad in 1993. However, it has participated in it every year since 1994. In 1996, 1997, and 2004 Azerbaijani pupils have won bronze, and in 2003, silver medals.

304 pupils from 77 countries took part in the XXIII International Olympiad in Informatics. The number of countries participated in the Olympiad could be compared just with the Mathematics Olympiad. Currently, along with the Olympiad in Informatics, under the aegis of UNESCO, there are held 12 International Olympiads of pupils in the scientific field.

According to the rules of International Olympiad in Informatics, each team should comprise 4 pupils. As previous years, this year the results of Republican Olympiads, Programming Olympiad among students, Online International Olympiads, as well as ages of pupils were taken into account in the composition of the team. The main point of the last one is a preference among two pupils having the same results is given to pupil, who studied at the junior class.

In Thailand Olympiad, Azerbaijan was represented by team comprised of pupils of VIII+ XI classes.

The training of Azerbaijani pupils was held at Olympiad Centre established in the Centre for Education and Innovation of Institute for Information Technologies of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. The preparation for Olympiad was conducted by scientists and experts of Institute for Information Technologies, Baku State University and other higher - education institutions with scientific - methodical and organizational support of Presidential Administration of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Education Ministry, Information Technologies Institute of ANAS, "Infomas" Public Unity, and financial support of the Ministry of Communication and Information Technologies. The team members have been attended lectures and training courses on Combinatorial Analysis, Probability Theory, Graph Theory, and other fields of mathematics. The training courses held from 1 June to 7 July was conducted by the head of Azerbaijani team in International Olympiad in Informatics, associate professor of Baku State University Ramin Mahmudzade.

At present, countries, which will host the next olympiads in informatics until 2015 are announced, including the XXIV International Olympiad, which will be held on 22-29 September of 2012 in Italy.

The participation of our country in the International Olympiad in Informatics is included to the Olympiad actions system of the Ministry of Education of Azerbaijan. The selection of talented children under the direction of Ramin Mahmudzade will be begun in September, and the preparation of these pupils will be begun in October.