

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Press Release

### 8<sup>th</sup> BME International 24-hour Programming Contest

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**Be a part of the adventure! Twelve days to go for the registration period of the 8th BME International 24-hour Programming Contest! Registration is possible via the official website of the contest: <http://www.challenge24.org>, the deadline is 17th February, 2008. Teams of three can participate, but after registration it is possible to find teammates.**

After applying, the contestants will have to participate a preliminary round via Internet, held on 24th February between 10.00 and 15.00 (CET), during which they have to solve 7-9 algorithmic problems. The best 30 teams are invited to the finals at Budapest, which will take place between 2-4th May, 2008. During the on-site contest, participants will face with a single but extremely complex task.

There is no restriction for the used development environments, operating systems and written materials. Contestants are allowed to use their own computers during the onsite contest as well as on the electronic preliminary round, we provide only food and drink, a power outlet and network connection for the one-day-long challenge. Naturally any connection with the "outer world" is prohibited.

Tasks will be created by PhD students of BME, so the contestants can expect interesting and difficult problems to solve, like in the previous years. To be successful on the contest, participants not only have to write program code fast and precisely, but they need to be familiar with various IT topics, and of course good team work is important too.

The total value of awards exceeds 5,000 €, and the best team can also take home the Challenge24 Cup. Last year each member of the best three teams received a GPS navigation system.

Like the traditions of the contest, the organizers expect a lot of foreign contestants to apply: in the finals of 2007 contestants arrived from the United States, Austria, Netherlands, Poland, Latvia, Romania, Sweden, Serbia, Ukraine and Hungary, and returned home with great experience.

Further information about the contest, and the latest news are available on the official website: <http://www.challenge24.org>

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