FOUR RUSSIAN UNIVERSITIES AMONG TOP 10 SPOTS
IN ACM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMING CONTEST

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with Critical Computing Skills

NEW YORK – June 26, 2014 – At the finals of the 2014 ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC) http://icpc.baylor.edu, St. Petersburg State took first place, solving seven problems to win the contest on home soil in Ekaterinburg, Russia. The squad defeated Moscow State University, which also solved seven problems but took more time to reach solutions. In addition, St. Petersburg National Research University of IT, Mechanics and Optics, and National Research University Higher School of Economics, finished ninth and 10th respectively. The medal winners also included Peking University at third place and National Taiwan University in fourth place. The competition pits teams of three university students against nine complex, real-world problems and a demanding five-hour deadline. It showcases the analytical and coding skills of the contenders from 122 teams competing in the final round.

“The ACM-ICPC competition enables the next generation of computer scientists to demonstrate critical skills for solving complex, real-world problems brought about by the latest technology trends,” said ACM President-elect Alexander Wolf. “ACM supports this contest as part of our role in shaping the future of computing and helping computing students and professionals all over the world to be their most creative. We celebrate the achievements of all the participants in this year’s event.”

Other top 10 finishers included the University of Warsaw, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the University of Tokyo, and the University of Zagreb. The top U.S. finisher was New York University in 13th place. Earlier rounds of the competition included more than 32,000 contestants representing nearly 2,200 universities from 94 countries. The top four teams won gold medals as well as employment or internship offers from IBM. Full results are available at http://icpc.baylor.edu/worldfinals/results.

Other Chinese winners Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University, and the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China placed in 11th, 15th, and 16th place respectively. Also among the top 20 finishers were the University of Wroclaw (Poland), Taras Shevchenko Kiev National University (Ukraine), the University of Texas at Brownsville, and International IT University in Kazakhstan.

Gold medals were awarded to the top four finishers, with silver medals going to the fifth through eighth place winners, and bronze medals to the ninth through the 12th place winners.
Regional champions include New York University (North America); St. Petersburg State University (European); Alexandria University – Faculty of Engineering (Africa and the Middle East); Instituto Militar de Engenharia (Latin America); Peking University (Asia); and the University of New South Wales (South Pacific Region).

This international competition is organized by ACM, whose membership includes more than 100,000 computing educators, researchers, professionals, and students worldwide. Financial and systems support for ACM-ICPC is provided by IBM.

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