We are very excited to announce the annual Technion Competitive Programming Contest. Please read the regulations carefully.

1. The event will be held on June 2nd 9:30-15:30 in room 018 in the computer farm of the computer science building; the doors will close at 9:45, and the competition itself will be at 10:00-15:00. Refreshments will be provided.

2. The competition is in teams of 2-3 participants. Each team will have 5 hours to solve as many problems as possible.

3. Each team will use a single workstation. No alterations to the station is allowed (bringing a laptop, USB thumb drive, altering the software, etc). Submission will only be possible with C/C++. It will be compiled using the following command line:
   \[ \text{g++ -x c++ -Wall -O2 -static -std=gnu++11} \]

4. Each team can bring up to 25 pages of notes (=12.5 double sided sheets, or 25 one-sided sheets), font size greater or equal to 8. There will also be access to a local copy of CPP+STL reference.

5. You may bring additional empty pages and pens. You are also encouraged to bring a team mascot (e.g. a plush toy or a funny hat).

6. Clarifications to the problems may be sent out during the competition via the judge system interface. The teams are responsible for looking at these clarifications occasionally. You may also ask questions and get answers via this interface.

7. Teams are ranked according to the most problems solved. Teams who solve the same number of problems are ranked by least total time. The total time is the sum of the time consumed for each problem solved. The time consumed for a solved problem is the time elapsed from the beginning of the contest to the submittal of the first accepted run plus 20 penalty minutes for every previously rejected run for that problem. There is no time consumed for a problem that is not solved.
8. The scoreboard will freeze one hour before the end of the competition, meaning that the teams will only be able to view their own scores, and the rest of the scores will appear frozen. The board will be unfrozen after the competition ends.

9. No electronic devices are permitted (this includes cell phones, digital cameras, and mp3 players or any device with a CPU), and internet will be disconnected. Access to any internet website, email, messaging services, or any other online service is forbidden. Please leave your bag at the front of the class, with cell-phones turned-off inside.

10. A team may be disqualified by the contest director for any activity that jeopardizes the contest. Violation of the contest regulations may result in expulsion from the competition or from the course altogether, and may result in disciplinary actions.

11. The winning eligible team will be invited to represent the Technion in the international ICPC competition in Paris!

12. An eligible team to the international competition must meet all of the following:
   ✓ The team is comprised of three members.
   ✓ All members can attend the competition in Paris on December 1st.
   ✓ All members will be Technion students on December 1st.
   ✓ All members are eligible for the competition according to the ICPC rules. In general, students are eligible if they meet at least one of the following:
      ➢ Started the studies at 2014 or later
      ➢ Born in 1995 or later (earlier if served in the army)

May we have a successful and enjoyable competition! ☺