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<u>Persons invited to the World Finals</u>

Steven Skiena,
Coach

Mikhail Bautin,
Contestant

Justin Seyster,
Contestant

Mohammad Sajjad Hossain,
Contestant

Dear Professor Skiena,

Congratulations! From a field of 6,000 teams competing at 198 sites worldwide and representing 1,700 universities from 84 countries, your team is one of eighty teams advancing to the 30th Annual ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals sponsored by IBM. Hosted by Baylor University, the competition will be held April 9-13, 2006, at the Hilton Palacio del Rio in San Antonio, Texas.

Courtesy of IBM and Baylor, your team will be provided two rooms each with two double beds at the Hilton Palacio del Rio, arriving on Sunday, April 9, 2006, and departing on Thursday, April 13, 2006. All events and meals are provided at no cost to registered participants. The UPE Computer Science Honor Society will provide your team a gift of $300 at the UPE Business Meeting. An additional $450 will be given to teams from schools having or in the process of starting UPE chapters. To qualify for the $450 please contact Orlando Madrigal <omadrigal@csuchico.edu>.

Persons invited from Stony Brook University are Steven Skiena, Coach; Mikhail Bautin, Contestant; Justin Seyster, Contestant; and Mohammad Sajjad Hossain, Contestant.

Team attendance is required at Registration, the Opening Ceremony, IBM TechTrek, the Practice Sessions, the UPE Business Meeting and Reception, the ICPC Challenge, the ICPC World Finals, and the Celebration. IBM TechTrek attendance may be limited to coaches and contestants.

Please visit the World Finals section of the ACM Programming Contest Web Site at <http://icpc.baylor.edu/icpc/finals/> for details. In particular. please read the rules very carefully. For help please contact the Contest Manager at <manager@icpc.baylor.edu> or by fax at +1(254) 299-1411. We look forward to seeing you at the World Finals!

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