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**The BME 5<sup>th</sup> International 24-hour Programming Contest finished on the 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9a.m. at the Budapest University of Technology and Economics. 30 teams participated at the event organised by the Electrical Engineering Students' Hungarian Association and Károly Simonyi College for Advanced Studies.**

Sunday morning, exactly at 9a.m., after the 24 hours had expired, the 5<sup>th</sup> BME International 24-hour Programming Contest ended. Teams of three, coming from 9 different countries took part and had the battle of wits, stamina and endurance at the traditional event.

This year the tasks were assorted from the topic of mobile telephony. Contestants had to show their skills in programming pattern recognition and different games but they also had to develop a dancing virtual actor onto the screens of mobile phones they received for the contest.

Competing teams were involved in the reviewing process; the games developed by the contestants were fighting against each other. Furthermore the winner of last year's contest was helping the organisers establishing the tasks.

Sunday afternoon, during the traditional Award Ceremony prizes were handed over to the best teams by Levente Baross from the Schönhertz Informatika Stúdió, Attila Kiss from Balabit IT Kft., Miklós Papp from CGShop, Ádám Gránicz from EPAM and Prof. András Recski representing the BME.

This year's winner was the team named Garbage Collectors from Poland having achieved 820 points. First runner up was the team qwertY with 745 points also coming from Poland, and the second runner up was a Hungarian team named Trial Version with 736 points. In total seven international teams achieved a position in the best dozen.

The prize for the first team beside the impressive cup was three brand new Sun workstations and Zorp courses offered by Balabit. The first runner up team also received courses by Balabit, three Nokia 6630 3G mobile phones and 3DStudioMax software by CGShop. The prize for the third team were courses by NetAcademia and MP3 players offered by Schönhertz Informatika Stúdió. More teams were given with the awards offered by Microsoft Hungary, the BME and Vogel Burda. Tamás Haidegger, the head organiser of the event commented that "this year we were able to give away prizes in worth of more than 15.000 Euro".

For the first time in the history of the event interested people from all over the world could follow the Opening and Award Ceremony through an online webcast. Detailed results, interviews, pictures and videos can be found on the website of the contest at <http://www.challenge24.org>.

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