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INTERNATIONAL IBO WORKSHOP AT GYMNAZIUM JURA HRONCA.

Gymnázium Jura Hronca in Bratislava is the organizer of the summer IBO workshop 2005 and from 28.6. to 8. 7. 2005 it will be hosting almost 1200 teachers from 78 countries, mostly from Europe, Africa and Middle East.

GJH belongs to the IB worldwide network of schools for already eleven years in Bratislava. These schools provide besides the national programme (<http://www.gjh.sk/>) also a highly demanding, internationally accepted pre-university (diploma) programme **International Baccalaureate (IB)**. The GJH was appointed with this difficult task by The Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic in the year 1994. The IB is a two-year general study programme for students of the third and fourth grade of secondary education (age 16-19), who fulfill the academic requirements and are motivated to study. The study language is English. GJH provides 24 government funded places and by this it provides the opportunity for talented students from all over the Slovak Republic to complete their last two years of secondary study in the IB programme.

The IB organization, which founded this network of schools is a non-profit organization with its' headquarters in Geneva. It was founded more than 30 years ago as an answer to the need for geographic mobility – of diplomatic and commercial agencies, of scientists with families and of other people for whom the change in lifestyle also means the change of residence. The IB Diploma programme, which is terminated with a highly valid school-leaving exam, is offered by more than 1200 schools in more than 100 countries of the world.

Our graduates are also among the 28 000 graduates worldwide. The results of GJH graduates greatly exceed the worldwide average. Many of our graduates receive university stipendiums especially in the USA including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, MIT, Macalester, Brown, but also at prestigious EU universities such as University of Warwick, Birmingham, Royal Holloway London, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Manchester, Dundee etc.

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The preparations of a workshop with such a large number of participants is very demanding, but by succeeding we want to thank the IBO in Geneva for such an excellent education programme which is a challenge for both the professors and the students. We also want to thank the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic and the Regional educational bureau in Bratislava for the support in realizing this programme.

By organizing this workshop we also want to contribute to the presentation and evolvement of Bratislava itself. Further we want to bring not only finances but also visitors to Bratislava and to Slovakia. We believe that our capitol and all of Slovakia will amuse all the participants of our conference and their family members which will always be glad to return.

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