



zwitter Follow me!

20th Baltic Chemistry Olympiad's newspaper

Issue 2

Good morning, best from the best!

How are you today? Are you alert, thinking and smiling? How did you succeed yesterday at practical works? Didn't you blow up the laboratory? If not, congratulations with the successful first day. Today you are going to do the hardest work – the theoretical examination. To deal with this part of Olympiad successfully have a piece of dark chocolate before the

theoretical examination, because dark chocolate can ease emotional stress and promote brain activity. But that is not enough for successful passing of the theoretical examination, today you have to be especially attentive, do not hurry and read the task for several times. If you do not know any answer, keep thinking, because you are one of the best future chemists in Baltics. But do not despair if you do not know any answer – you are

only at the beginning of your way.

After theoretical examination you deserve getting to know Riga where you can show your ability for orientation in a unknown city, so get ready for a long walk and fulfilling different tasks, because you are here to have a great time and a little work.

So be today especially clever, smart and do not forget to smile! Good luck!

DAILY PROGRAMME

8:20 Breakfast

Good morning, little sunbeams! Hopefully you had a good sleep and restored your strength. If not yet, then quickly have some breakfast because today you are going to have a hard but exciting day.

9:00 – 14:00 Theoretical examination

The hardest moment of Baltic Chemistry Olympiad is here! This is the trickiest part of Olympiad

when you have to be especially smart, with great ability for concentrating yourself and, the main thing, carefully read the task and circle the correct answer. The best advice we can give you – believe in yourself! You can do it!

14:10 Lunch

Are you hungry and tired? Don't worry if you didn't now anything because now you can enjoy a warm and delicious meal and be glad that the Olympiad is behind you and you have only to wait for results.

15:00 Chemical Elements in Riga

Do you know that Riga is called the small Paris? Today you are going to have orientation tasks in Riga where in each checkpoint you have to do a little task connected with chemistry.

18:30 Dinner

What are your first impressions about Riga? We hope you are pleasantly tired so start the recreation. Do not forget to say some good words to the cook for the tasty meal!

HOROSCOPES FOR CHEMISTS



Aries

Wins the trust of the assessors with diligence. Do not look for the easiest ways and do not refuse from difficulties. Try to pull yourself together because flying in clouds of helium you can miss important events. Use your charisma to win the sympathy of laboratory assistants. Innocent flirtation with somebody can influence your success at some moment of life.



Taurus

Often have not enough susceptibility and persistence. It is advisable to check the substance purity to avoid further complications. At the faculty you will look for your right and only piece of sodium. Avoid being obtrusive, unkind, sleepy because flasks quickly slip out of hands.



Gemini

You often underestimate your abilities and people around you see and misuse that for their own interests. Get rid of your complexes. Do not play with mercury beads. You will like doing only those things which are useful and creative. From time to time you will fall in love but do not plan anything serious – there will be no success.



Cancer

Time of chemical clarification. With

lecturers, friends and chemical reagents. Be more susceptible, reasonable, persistent and accurate. If you have to deal with any past events you have to be always interested in, do not be afraid to play a detective and you will have many pleasant surprises. Avoid intrigues.



Leo

Any inconsiderate and spontaneous action in field of chemistry can end unsuccessfully and even tragically. If you want to change something, start from the ground up. Avoid flirting with lecturers. It can badly influence your final mark. Time from time you will have to fight with bleak thoughts and depression, but you can withstand that if you only decide so.



Virgo

You won't be able to accelerate the process of reaction although you would like it very much. You will need to take care of your financial position. You will easily reach your planned results and build stable basics of life. Problems with emotional control. Most of your free time you will spend with your friends to forget for a while what an endless learning is.



Libra

If you feel depressed and distracted look for help at other people. Be kind, sincere, honest, amicable to people around you. Do not throw up your cards

even if the flirtation is unsuccessful. Your sympathy – the little glass of helium will soon give up. Be sober with animals – they are your principal enemies.



Scorpio

It is better to postpone transactions with big sums of money. Try to influence others – you will succeed. Try to reach your goal honestly. So even do not think of cribbing. Lecturers will not forgive that. Love and hate, flirtation and friendship – all at the same time. It will drive you crazy.



Sagittarius

You can reach very much in your life if you only are able to control yourself and use your strengths appropriately. Now it is a good time for sorting finances and returning the debts. Devote some time to religion and reflection about spiritual values. You will have to learn very much. There will be problems in combining of your and your best half's needs (or needs of the person who wants to be beside you).



Capricorn

There will dominate noble-mindedness, balance and peace. You will always be a winner in conflict cases. You will gain more money and spend time on creating your image and changing of style. Anyway, the most actual will be love, some Capricorns will be ready for marriage or for showing their sweethearts to public. With your

diligence you will prove that people can expect great achievements from you.



Aquarius

You can be a happy person if you only appreciate gifts of your fate. You will have to return to things you have already done and start them again from the very beginning.

Lecturers will like your accuracy so they will give you new challenges. You will fulfill your dream together with a very nice person.



Pisces

You will actively take part in different projects, plan events, voyages

and housing issues. You can do financial transactions but avoid taking credits. Ardent love and endless flirtation will accompany you during all the first semester. Remember that conversation helps to look at any problem from other point and solve it quicker.



OPENING CEREMONY

Today I would like to say, that every single road leads to Riga because 20th Baltic Chemistry Olympiad has been started. You can see different emotions in faces of the participants – latvians are smiling and joyful, because the Olim-

piad takes place at their home, but estonians and lithuanians are a bit sleepy because they have covered a long way to Latvian University Faculty of Chemistry, to auditorium that carries name of professor Haralds Gode.

Dean of Faculty of Chemistry Anda Prikšāne delivered a speech to young chemists. She is glad to see

them in Riga, wishes them good luck and hopes, that new generation of Baltic chemists will see at least a little bit of this beautiful city.

With the best wishes to participants, a little racket and mount of cold fume 20th Baltic Chemistry Olympiad was opened.

“CHEMICAL OLYMPIC GAMES”

Future chemists – you are true Olympians! After the backbreaking practical part, when you were exhausted, maybe suffered a mishap, but solved the task nonetheless, you still managed to find strength and fight further in the Chemical Olympic games! According to your expressions, it seemed that you enjoyed the activities – starting with the Ride for baking soda, where you had to blow up a rubber glove. In this stage each succeeded differently – someone had a big glove and someone small. Maybe someone failed to detach the glove from the flask as intended, but nevertheless you continued, because such small misfortunes can't destroy (crash?) you. Then it was the Marker Mystery. Even experienced chemists acknowledged that they wouldn't have thought that the answer is “No-one”, however some of you were clever enough and we are



happy for that! The next task – Eye photometry – wasn't as easy as we had thought, as it turned out to be quite difficult for you because each of the team members suspected another chromatography bottle to be the right one. Nanotube to the Moon – in this task you really shined, as such high towers are very rare, and each

team even managed to find their own way of construction, which makes us happy for your inventive skills!

The task “Drawing an Elephant” assured that you are talented in various spheres, as each team interpreted it in their own outstanding way and no-one drew an ordinary elephant. Each and every one of them was a great chemistry expert, the same as you are! The best teams in this task were Yellow and Green! Congratulations!

