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Dear Petar

I wish you to pass on my congratulations to all appropriate people with respect to the very impressive organization of the 2009 International Olympiad in Informatics.

I have been to several of these events and they have all been enjoyable experiences. However the 2009 has set some new standards which will hopefully ensure some lifting in standards as an expectation. The two hotels were of exceptional standard, similar to what is normally found in IMO (for leaders, at least) but not IOI so I hope this will lead to facilities well above the minimum experienced in recent years. Albeit our proposal is to house people in University Colleges in 2013, but they will certainly be modern and comfortable rooms, particularly with these standards to live up to.

The organization, including technical organization, was always of a superior standard and all of us had complete confidence that things were in complete control. The facilities were all excellent.

The Closing Ceremony was completely memorable. The Roman Amphitheatre was a completely spectacular site in the evening, as was the performance of very high standard of Eurovision quality and of course the stunning fireworks at the end.

And a further memorable aspect was your ability to produce the President and Minister for Education at the Opening Ceremony, for the first time by any country. This, we hope will facilitate our funding situation for 2013.

And Krasimir's personal accessibility with helpful manner was always confidence inspiring.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.J. Taylor Face'.