



Professor Vassil Zlatarski Private School, 10th Anniversary

The Zlatarski School had its first IB Diploma Programme Exam in May 2005, very close to its tenth "birthday". Mr. Svante Ingler, IBO made an exam inspection to the school and noted that the exams were carried out in perfect order and that the 11 prospective IB graduates (and two certificate students) were taking the exams seemingly confident of a successful result. It was a joy to see the first cohort of IB students at the school finalizing their education and it will be an honour to deliver the ever first IB Diplomas to a Bulgarian school.

The Zlatarski school approached the IBO in October 2000 with a request to become an IBO member school, hereby starting a preparation process for authorization including several visits to the school by Monica Flodman, Teuvo Laurinolli from IBO and Barbara Gostisa from an IB school in Zagreb, Croatia. The final authorization visit was undertaken on 21-22 November 2002 and the authorization letter was issued on 11 February 2003. After 2,5 years of preparation work the ever first IB World School had been established in Bulgaria!

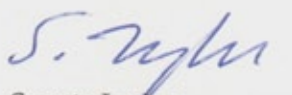
It is always hard work to establish an IB school and especially hard to be a pioneer in the country but it is evident that the work has paid off and we now have a well-established member of the IB family of schools.

The IBO is looking forward to seeing many IB graduates to be examined at the school in years to come and we are convinced that the Zlatarski School, being the pioneers for IB education in Bulgaria will serve as a model for any school in Bulgaria wishing to take on IBO programmes, and also will be supportive to such schools should they want to become IB World Schools.

The IBO is very pleased to note that the school has lived up to all expectations of being an IB World school and wish the school management, the teachers and other staff and all students with their parents, a happy tenth anniversary!

On behalf of the entire IBO organization, the IBO Stockholm office for Central & Eastern Europe and the Nordic Countries, we wish you all the best.


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