

### IBA Group Opens New Office in Bulgaria

On June 6, 2008 IBA Group opened a new office in Varna, Bulgaria. It is the second IBA's office in Bulgaria and the 17th across the world. The event followed a recent acquisition by IBA Group of a 50-percent stake in Stone Computers, a Bulgaria-based IT vendor. *IT Europa* (issue #11 of June 20, 2008) in the feature "IBA Expands Bulgarian Business" quoted Sergei Levteev, IBA Group President, as saying: "To meet client demands, IBA will proceed with expansion in Eastern Europe. The company will also continue its quest for innovation. The IT market is highly dynamic. It is hard to predict what will be on demand tomorrow and therefore we keep exploring new trends and technologies".

### SAP Appoints IBA Industry Preferred Partner

At the SAP Partner Forum 2008 held in Moscow, Russia, SAP CIS appointed IBA as SAP Industry Preferred Partner for enterprises of the railway sector. In his letter, Boris Volpe, Executive Director of SAP CIS, said: "IBA is a partner with a considerable expertise in the implementation of projects to automate railway companies".

### IBA Gomel Wins SAP CIS Cup



From April 7 to April 11, 2008 IBA Gomel participated in a workshop that SAP CIS conducted for its partners. The workshop included a contest among SAP CIS partners, which resulted in a victory by the IBA Gomel team. Within the contest, SAP partners from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) showed their experience in the design and implementation of SAP All-In-One solutions for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

### IBA and Cognos Sign Partner Agreement

On June 10, 2008 IBA Minsk and Cognos, an IBM Company concluded a partner agreement that stipulated the appointment of IBA as a Cognos Silver Reseller Partner. As a result, IBA was authorized to provide software development and consulting in IBM Cognos Business Intelligent and IBM Cognos Planning.

### Sun and Cisco Authorize IBA Training Center

A regional Cisco Network Academy opened at the IBA Training Center. The IBA Training Center was entitled to train and certify IT specialists and teachers, as well as set up local Cisco academies. Attendees at the Cisco Network Academy will be able to take a 280-hour course in CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate). In addition, Sun Microsystems authorized the IBA Training Center to provide courses on Sun technologies and software products. Trainees received a unique opportunity to learn a variety of subjects in Java and Solaris. One more course became available after the authorization, namely OO-226 "Object-Oriented Analysis and Design Using UML".

### IBA-Sponsored Student Teams Wins Bronze at ACM



From April 6 to April 9, the 32nd ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest was held in Banff, Alberta, Canada. Of the 6,700 teams representing 1,821 universities from 83 countries competing at 213 sites from September to December 2007 worldwide, one hundred teams advanced to the World Finals. The team of the Faculty of Applied Mathematics and Informatics of the Belarusian State University (BSU) sponsored by IBA won bronze medals.