

Gennady Korotkevich

Gennady Korotkevich (Belarusian: Генадзь Караткевіч, **Hienadź Karatkievič**; Russian: Геннадий Короткевич; born 25 September 1994), is a Belarusian sport programmer who has won major international competitions since age 11, as well as numerous national competitions. His top accomplishments include six consecutive gold medals in the International Olympiad in Informatics^[1] as well as the world championship in the 2013 and 2015 International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals. As of December 2018, Gennady is the highest-rated programmer at CodeChef,^[2] Codeforces^[3] Topcoder,^[4] Atcoder^[5] and HackerRank.^[6]

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Biography

Korotkevich was born in Gomel (Homiel), southeastern Belarus. His parents, Vladimir and Lyudmila Korotkevich, are programmers in the mathematics department at Francysk Skaryna Homiel State University. At age 6, he became interested in his parent's work. When he was 8, his father designed a children's game he could use to learn programming.^[7]

His mother consulted departmental colleague Mikhail Dolinsky, who gave the boy a small book to read. Dolinsky, one of the top computer science teachers in Belarus, recalled, "A month went by, and then another one ... No news from Gena. Then suddenly Lyudmila comes by and brings me a programming notebook: when summer and football were over, her son sat at the computer. As a second grader at a national competition, he took second place, which gained him automatic entry in a technical university without taking any entrance exams. Somehow he solved the problem of a body immersed in water. At that time, Gena didn't even know about Archimedes' principle of buoyancy."^[7]

Korotkevich first grabbed global attention when he qualified for the 2006 International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI) at the age of 11, which itself is a world record by a lage margin.^[8]

He took the silver medal at his first IOI event, and received gold medals 2007 to 2012.ōdate he is the most successful competitor in IOI's history.^[9]

At the 2009 IOI in Plovdiv, the then 14-year-old Korotkevich said of his success, "I try various [strategies], and one of them is the right one. I am no genius. I am simply good at it." He said he spent no more than three to four hours each day at the computand his preferred hobbies arefootball and table tennis.^[10]

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Gennady Korotkevich in 2017.

Born	25 September 1994 <div>Gomel, Belarus</div>
Residence	Saint Petersburg, Russia
Other names	"tourist" (handle); <div>Gena (diminutive)</div>
Citizenship	Belarusian
Education	ITMO University
Years active	2005–
Known for	Programming prodigy; highly ranked sport programmer since a very young age

In the fall of 2012, he moved to Russia to attend [ITMO University](#). In the summer of 2013, he helped ITMO defeat [Shanghai Jiao Tong University](#) and the [University of Tokyo](#) to win the 37th [International Collegiate Programming Contest World Finals](#), held in Saint Petersburg.^[11] He also won the [Google Code Jam](#) in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

In a 2014 interview, Korotkevich said he was unsure of his career plans after graduation. "What happens next is yet to be decided," he said. "I don't have any concrete or long-term plans. I've only finished my sophomore year at university. For me it's important to get an education first and then decide about working. Maybe I'll go into science. But again, I really have not decided yet."^[8]

In a 2017 interview, Korotkevich said "I've gotten job offers from Google and Yandex several times, but didn't take them... I am getting a Masters in Computer Science at ITMO, afterward I think that's what I'll do. (sic)"^[12]

Career achievements

- [Facebook Hacker Cup](#) 2014,^[13] 2015^[14] winner
- [Topcoder Open](#): 2018 [Marathon Match](#) Champion^[15], 2014 [Algorithm](#) Champion^[16]
- [Google Code Jam](#) 2014,^[17] 2015^[18] 2016^[19] 2017^[20] and 2018 winner^[21]
- [Yandex.Algorithm](#): 2010,^[22] 2013,^[23] 2014,^{[24][25]} 2015 winner^[26] and 2017 winner^[27]
- [Russian Code Cup](#) (by [Mail.Ru Group](#)): 2016 winner, 2015 runner-up,^[28] 2014 winner,^[29] 2013 runner-up^[30]
- [ACM-ICPC World Finals](#): 2013 winner (team)^[31] and 2015 winner^{[32][33]} (team)
- [Kotlin Challenge](#): 2014 winner^[34]
- [International Olympiad in Informatics](#) He won absolute first place in 2009, 2010,^[35] 2011; a gold medal in 2007 (20th place), 2008 (7th place)^[36] and 2012 (2nd place).^{[37][38]} a silver medal in 2006 (26th place).^[39] Currently he holds the record for quantity of gold medals(six) and absolute first places (three).
- [All-Russian Olympiad in Informatics](#): 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011 winner and 2008 runner-up^[40]
- [Topcoder High School Competition](#) 2010 winner, 2009 runner-up^[41]
- [Snarknews Winter Series](#): 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 winner
- [Snarknews Summer Series](#): 2008, 2010, 2011 runner-up and 2012, 2013, 2014 winner
- [Vekua Cup](#): 2013 winner (team)
- [CROC Championship](#): 2013^[42] and 2016 winner^[43]
- [Internet Problem Solving Contest](#) 2011 winner (team), 2013 winner (team) and 2017 winner (team)^[44]
- [Challenge24](#): 2013 and 2014 runner-up^{[45][46]} (team)
- [Marathon24](#): 2015 3rd place^[47] (team)
- [Deadline24](#): 2016 3rd place^[48] (team), 2017 winner (team) and 2018 winner (team)
- In Round 1B of the 2012 [Google Code Jam](#), he achieved a perfect score in just 54 minutes, 41 seconds from the start of the contest.^[49]
- In 2015, he participated at [IMC](#) and was awarded a [gold medal](#), ranking 47 as individual^[50] and 10th position as a member of [ITMO University](#) team.^[51]
- [Code Festival Grand Final](#) :[Code Festival Final 2016 2nd place](#)(individual), [Code Festival Final winner 2017](#) (individual) [codeforces announcement](#)
- [Codechef Snackdown](#) :[Codechef Snackdown 2016 Winner](#) (team)

Codeforces powered tournaments

- [Rocketthon](#) — 2014, 2015 winner^[22]
- [ZeptoCodeRush](#) - 2014 third place,^[22] 2015 winner^[52]
- [Lookserve Cup](#) — 2015 winner^[22]
- [VK Cup](#): 2012 3rd place^[53] (individual), 2015 winner^[54] (team), 2016 1st place (team)^[55]

See also

- [Central European Olympiad in Informatics](#)
- [Online judge](#)
- [Petr Mitrichev](#)

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