

# MENSA GIFTED PROGRAMS AROUND THE GLOBE

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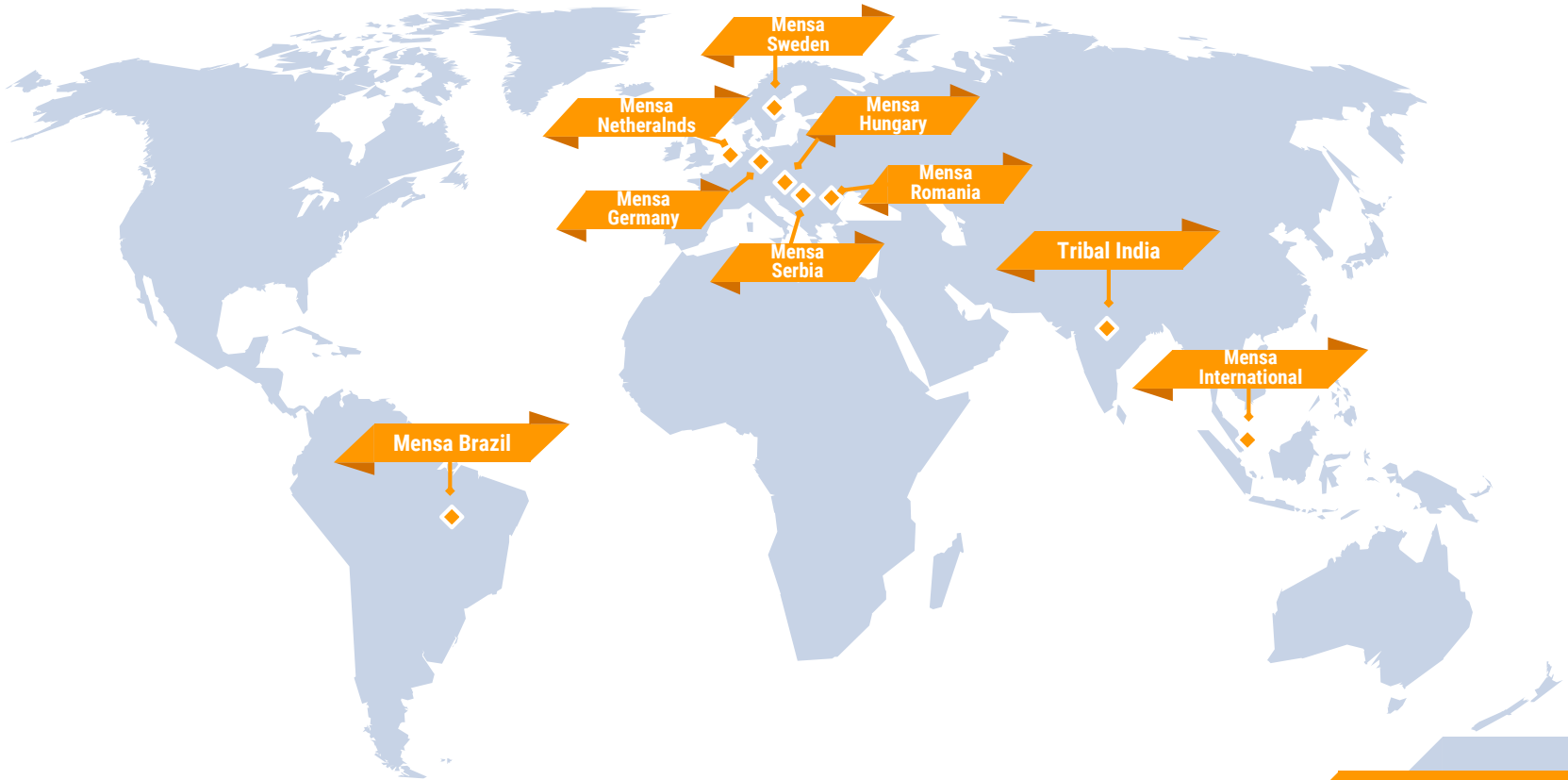


## OUR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

**Gifted program leaders have a free resource in other Mensans who support gifted individuals, each country or region in the ways that best suit its community's needs.**



# PROGRAMS WE'LL EXPLORE TODAY





**MENSA INTERNATIONAL**



- **Contact:** Mensa International Gifted Youth Committee
- **What:** Youth Festivals
- **Who:** Children, regardless of Mensa affiliation, accompanied by parents/guardians
- **When:** Possibly as early as the 2019 IBD in Malaysia, with the intention to repeat annually
- **Funding source:** Participants may be charged a price that would vary by IBD location but would be accessible



## JULIA ROBINSON MATHEMATICS FESTIVAL - NYC



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kdI2QMfRAc8>



- **Contacts:** Michael Bonfert and David Grieff, Camp Co-coordinators
- **What:** KiJu Camps (“**k**ids and **j**uniors”)
- **Who:** Children ages 6 to 19, whether in Mensa, gifted, or other
- **When:** Offered throughout the year, camps are a 20+-year tradition
- **Program structure:** Eight or nine week-long camps, offered annually
  - ▷ **Summer Weeks**, in two locations, for 6- to 12-year-olds and their parents
  - ▷ **Clever Children Camps**, in two locations, for 9- to 12-year-olds
  - ▷ **Junior Camps**, held several times a year, for 14- to 19-year-olds
- **Funding source:** Mensa in Deutschland e.V. Association; parents of attendees



## KiJu Camps





## MENSA BRAZIL



- **Contact:** Cadu Fonseca, Chair of Mensa Brazil
- **What:** Jovens Brilhantes (“Bright Youngsters”)
- **Who:** Children who pass a psychometric test; 10 members currently
- **When:** Launched in January 2019
- **Program structure:**
  - ▷ **Presentations** given by Mensans for child and adult Mensans; happy hours to connect parents and discuss issues related to gifted youth
  - ▷ **Online resources:** SIGs, a gifted youth magazine (in progress), and awards/prizes
  - ▷ **Institutional agreements** to support gifted programming
- **Funding source:** Institutional agreements are in progress



## MENSA BRAZIL



- **Genius Junior** (2018 - )  
Reality quiz show produced in the U.S. by Shed Media and hosted by Neil Patrick Harris
- Mensa Brazil participating in a version airing on TV Globo, part of Brazil's largest broadcast network





## MENSA HUNGARY



- **Contact:** Richard Bogdan, Chair of Mensa Hungary
- **What:** Mensa School+ Program
- **Who:** Twelve children – ages 10 to 13 – of Mensa members
- **When:** Established in 2016
- **Program structure:**
  - ▷ **Year 1** – Lectures given on various topics, with group work used to explore subjects
  - ▷ **Year 2** – Identify each child's interests and talents; guide them to an individual project
  - ▷ **Year 3** – Mentorship by a Mensan who specializes in the child's subject of interest
- **Funding:** ~\$300 cost, split between Mensa Hungary and parents



**MENSA SERBIA**



- **Contacts:** Aleksandra Borović, Chair of Mensa Serbia; Predrag Djukic, V.P.
- **What:** Serbian Students' Day at Christ Church College
- **Who:** Promising college-bound Serbian students
- **When:** February 2019
- **Program structure:** Students were brought together to facilitate networking with academic societies, companies, and governmental entities that could offer financial support for their educations
- **Funding:** No cost to participants; event patron Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia



## Serbian Students' Day at Christ Church College





## NIKOLA TESLA CENTRE (NTC) PROGRAM



- **Contact:** Ranko Rajović, Program Founder and Gifted Youth International Liaison
- **What:** Nikola Tesla Centre (NTC) Program
- **Who:** Schoolchildren, ages 3 to 7 years
- **When:** Implemented in Serbia, 2009; later, in 16 other EU countries (accredited in 7)
- **Program structure:**
  - ▷ Workshops and summer camps for children; lectures, seminars, and workshops for parents/educators
  - ▷ Program's methods resemble play for easier acquisition and retention of learned material
- **Funding:** Schools; no cost to participants



## TRIBAL MENSA NURTURING PROGRAM



- **Contacts:** Narayan Desai, Ph.D., Founder and President;  
Rohan Shetti, Ph.D., Vice President
- **What:** Tribal Mensa Nurturing Program
- **Who:** Underprivileged 10- to 15-year-olds in tribal populations in India who score well on Mensa's test (thousands since 2002)
- **When:** Founded in 2002
- **Program structure:** Using the Panchakosha model from Hinduism, students are mentored in three-hour, non-academic workshops by teachers trained by TMNP leaders to recognize and maximize their potential
- **Funding:** Donations; personal income



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## Gifted Youth, Varsha Workshop



Material for Distribution to Tribal Schools



Mentoring Gifted Youth



## TRIBAL MENSA NURTURING PROGRAM



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KR21tVwB45w>



## MENSA ROMANIA



- **Contact:** Laurențiu Iancu, Mensa Gifted Youth Romania Coordinator
- **What:** Mensa Romania Gifted Youth
- **Who:** Mensa members age 9 to 17, with 111 members in late 2018
- **When:** Established in 2013
- **Program structure:** A variety of programs lead by adult Mensans with relevant expertise and talents, including:
  - ▷ **Drawing, My Friend** and **Let's Shoot!**: drawing and photography courses, with monthly contests
  - ▷ **Physics Laboratory** (physics workshop) and **GY Astroclub** (astronomy club)
  - ▷ **Sea & See:** International exhibition of photography and poetry created by members age 13 to 17
- **Funding:** Mensa Romania



# MENSA ROMANIA



Paintings by Maryam Alexandra Dimofte (14 years old)



**MENSA SWEDEN**



**Mensa Sverige**



■ **Contact:** Stefan Pettersson, Vice GCP Leader of Mensa Sweden

■ **What:** Gifted Children Program of Mensa Sweden

■ **Who:** Open to all; no age limit (~10 to 18 years old)

■ **When:** Established in 2012

■ **Program structure:**

- ▷ **Lectures** to promote awareness of gifted youth to schoolteachers, given by ~ 70 trained GCP reps
- ▷ **Online resources** for parents, including a Facebook group (GCP Sweden, with current membership of 1100) for those who suspect their children are gifted and seek support
- ▷ **In progress:** a mentorship component, connecting a gifted young person with a Mensa member who shares a common interest

■ **Funding source:** Mensa Sweden

Planned for  
the future:  
Gifted seniors  
program



- **Contact:** Noks Nauta, M.D., Ph.D., Gifted Adults Foundation Co-founder
- **What:** Gifted Adult Foundation (IHBV) – NOT affiliated with Mensa
- **Who:** Gifted adults; professionals in giftedness, and other advocates
- **When:** Founded in 2010
- **Program structure:**
  - ▷ **Professional network** to share knowledge and stimulate research on gifted adults
  - ▷ **Lectures/discussions** for gifted adults and researchers/advocates, at 14 different locations
  - ▷ **Foundation online resources:** pamphlets, newsletter, care-providers list, Facebook group, and more
- **Funding:** Donations; small fee to attend a lecture



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# THANKS!

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