KÖMAL is the abbreviation of the Hungarian "Középiskolai Matematikai és Fizikai Lapok" (Mathematical and Physical Journal for Secondary Schools). The periodical celebrated its centennial in 1994.

Today about 2500 students take part in the mathematics and about 1500 in the physics points competition. More than 50,000 solutions are received yearly for 200 mathematics and 100 physics problems.

The best contestants have always received awards. Since 1926 the journal has published the photos of its annual winners. Many of today's prominent mathematicians and physicists were at one time recognised as top entrants in the competitions; in fact, photos from their youth grace back issues of the journal.

"... from nothing I created a different new world..."
János Bolyai