



**A COOKIE A DAY  
KEEPS THE SADNESS AWAY**

# EVENTS



## JANUARY

### **BULGARIAN FOLK DANCING CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS @ qCLUB**

**T**he fresh new activity we started in January 2015 are Bulgarian folk dances lessons for BEGINNERS. The first lesson was held after working hours on 20th January at qClub.

It comes as no surprise that we have multi-skilled IT specialists in our teams, so we even have an experienced dancer, Kichka, who is a passionate trainer and leads the classes every Tuesday at 19h at qClub.

#### **MORE INFO AND SUBSCRIPTION TO OUR SPORTS CLUBS**

##### **SOCCER GAMES**

[football@questersgroup.com](mailto:football@questersgroup.com)

##### **BULGARIAN NATIONAL DANCES**

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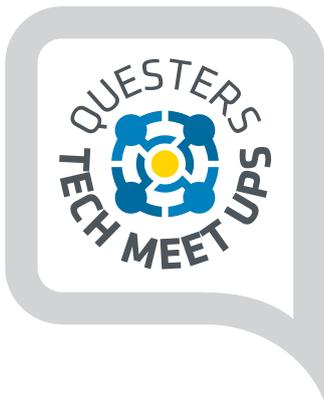
##### **TABLE TENNIS GAMES**

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##### **RUNNING TEAM**

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# FEBRUARY



## TECH MEET UP

### **RUBY AT SCALE - DEVELOPING RUBY APPLICATIONS IN A FAST GROWING ENVIRONMENT**

On 3 February Questers, in collaboration with Funding Circle, organised a Tech Meet Up focused on RUBY AT SCALE – DEVELOPING RUBY APPLICATIONS IN A FAST GROWING ENVIRONMENT.

50+ Ruby enthusiasts gathered to listen to the presentations of the speakers Sasha Gerrand and Arturs Meisters, a Development Lead Engineer and a Senior Ruby Engineer both working at Funding Circle. They explained how they approach large scale development of Ruby web applications and enable teams working on separate features to work concurrently on the platform, often deploying code changes multiple times per day.





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*The movement for change doesn't belong just in the classroom. Everyone must play a part. You can help us find solutions to ensure that every child can work towards a future they choose for themselves, not the one they inherit.*

**Evgenia Peeva, CEO of Teach For Bulgaria**

## MARCH

### **QUESTERS CHARITY EVENING IN LONDON TO RAISE AWARENESS OF WHAT TEACH FOR BULGARIA FOUNDATION DOES**

**O**n 10 March Questers, in collaboration with Teach for Bulgaria Foundation, held a charity event at the Bulgarian Embassy in London, under the patronage of the Ambassador of Republic of Bulgaria in the UK. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the work of the organisation, awarded NGO of the Year in Bulgaria by Forbes for 2015, and allow their cause to

extend its reach and positive impact across disadvantaged schools in the country.

At Questers we believe that education is the key to success in life and it is our pleasure to sponsor IT and Math teachers throughout their participation in the TfB program to facilitate equal access for every child in Bulgaria to a quality education.





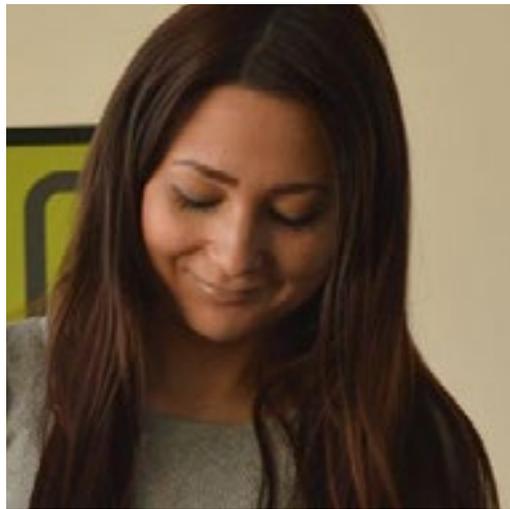
## MARCH

### SPONSORING QA: CHALLENGE ACCEPTED - A CONFERENCE ON SOFTWARE QA AND TESTING

On March 14, Pi-Day, a celebration of the irrational number that describes the ratio of a circle's diameter to its circumference, Questers was delighted to be a part of the first edition of QA: Challenge Accepted, a conference targeted at enthusiasts, specialists and even managers working in the sphere of software testing and software quality assurance, co-organized by our colleague Peter Sabev, a QA manager in one of our teams, who dedicated much time and effort to

turn the event into a huge success.

As a silver sponsor of the event we gave one lucky motivated junior QA a free pass to the event to be able to grow a career in the field of software quality assurance. Additionally, during the event all attendants were offered to make a further career step and participate in our raffle for a free of charge Automation Testing course provided by our partner organisation Pragmatic!





# MARCH

## SUSHI THURSDAY AT THE OFFICE

**O**n 12 March all Questers teams had the chance to taste fresh delicious sushi combinations and a great selection of wines at our qClub. We have also invited a professional sushi chef who demonstrated how to transform raw seafood and rice into the most famous Japanese dish using only a rolling mat.

As in Japan, sushi is usually enjoyed on special

occasions, such as a celebration, we have prepared a pleasant surprise for all the ladies in the teams to celebrate the International Women's Day. We are very happy to have doubled the number of women across the teams over the last year and were glad to give to each of the charming ladies working for us a gift voucher for beauty products as a token of our appreciation.

# QA COMMUNITY MEETING AUTOMATION TESTING



## LUNCH WITH THE GEEKS QA COMMUNITY MEETINGS

We continue Lunch with the Geeks with a series of meetings of the internal QA community aiming to provide the QA specialists at Questers the opportunity to meet colleagues from different teams to share knowledge and exchange ideas and thus help them further develop their skills and expertise. On the last Friday of March our colleague Nikolay Pisanchev gave a presentation on the topic Automated Testing with Cucumber.

We are looking forward to the next meeting when we will explore the additional functionalities and features along with the mobile testing process.



## HOSTING TECH EVENTS @ qCLUB

On 13 January Questers was pleased to host a hackathon of the Bulgarian Java User Group based on the topic **FIRST ADOPT OPENJDK CONTRIBUTION, CONTINUED**. The event was held at qClub where we welcomed members of the Bulgarian Java Users Group which is the World's Java community representative in Bulgaria.

On 21 January we were happy to host another casual industry event in collaboration with Data Science Society. The topic **NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING, TEXT CLASSIFICATION AND SENTIMENT ANALYSIS. WHY IS IT STILL NOT WORKING?** was presented by our colleague Yassen Kiprova, a software engineer, NLP at the team of Sentiment Metrics who proved us sentiment analysis is not as scary as we thought.

In continuation of our initiative to provide venue for the meetings in person of different IT focused user groups, on March 25 we were happy to welcome the guys from Ruby / Rails Usergroup Sofia who held their March knowledge-sharing session at qClub.

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# Word representations

one-hot is sparse and meaningless

n-dimensional vector for each word

"Ubuntu" close to "Debian"

"king" to "queen" = "man" to "woman"

n = 50 to 1000

Based solely on word co-occurrence

