



To the
President of the International Young Physicists' Tournament



We, the organization stated below, hereby file an

Application for Recognition as an IYPT Member Organization (IMO)

in accordance with Article 7, Section 1 of the Statutes of the International Young Physicists' Tournament (IYPT).

Name of Organization:	Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus
Legal Type of Organization: (e.g. school, university, association (NGO), ...)	Ministry
Registration details: (if applicable)	
Full Address: (including country)	Republic of Belarus, Minsk, 9, Sovetskaya St., 220010
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Website: (if applicable)	edu.gov.by

To comply with the regulation that applications for IMO status can only be made by someone who has participated in the IYPT before (either as an observer, team member, team leader, or juror), this application is supported by the following person who meets this criterion:

Name:	Igor Timoshchenko
Email Address:	igor.timoshchenko@gmail.com
Last participated IYPT in year:	2016
Last participated IYPT as: (observer, team member, team leader, or juror)	Team leader, juror and IOC member

We declare that we will respect and comply with the Statutes and the Regulations of IYPT. In particular, we agree to implement an IYPT qualification procedure, which shall be open to all students/teams from the country we represent. This qualification procedure shall be organized as a non-profit event. We annex a brief description of the selection procedure performed in our country.

In case our application is accepted, we nominate the following person to represent us in the International Organizing Committee (IOC), until further notice. Changes in our IOC representative will be announced (in due time) to the President of IYPT in writing.

Name:	Igor Timoshchenko
Email Address:	igor.timoshchenko@gmail.com

We give explicit consent to publish the contact details of our organization and our designated IOC representative on the IYPT website.

Date and Place:

Name and Position (e.g. President, Secretary General, ...) of the person authorized to sign this application on behalf of the organization:

Alena Senchanka, Inspector Generale of Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus


Signature of authorized person on behalf of organization:

 / Alena Senchanka /

Signature of person who participated IYPT before:

 / Igor Timoshchenko /

Signature of designated IOC representative:

 / Igor Timoshchenko /

Annex: Brief description of the selection procedure

The Republic of Belarus has been participating in the IYPT since 1992. During this time, a certain structure of holding tournaments has been formed. The selection procedure has three main stages and comprises several tournaments that are held every year.

1. Local YPTs, tournaments held by educational establishments such as lyceums, gymnasiums and schools.

These tournaments usually take place at the beginning of a school year to introduce new high school students to the YPTs and to start work on new problems.

The largest open tournament in number of participants of this level is the one ran in the Lyceum of Belarusian State University. The tournament regulations differ from the IYPT regulations as teams report one problem from the list of seventeen problems of the future the IYPT and perform with it first in the semi-finals, and then in the finals if they go through.

Based on the results of tournaments, teams are formed for regional tournaments.

2. Regional YPTs, tournaments among teams of certain administrative regions of Belarus and Minsk City.

This year the eighth Minsk regional tournament took place with thirteen teams in it. The tournament of Minsk City has its own long history with six to fifteen teams enrolled in it annually. Other regions hold qualifying tournaments as well, however not on permanent basis. In this case, schools can apply for participation in the republic tournament without a preliminary selection.

3. Republic YPT, a national tournament mainly among winners of regional tournaments. The national tournament (Belarusian YPT) has been run by the Ministry of Education and Local Organizing Committee since 1993. Since 2014 the BYPT has been open to welcome team from neighboring countries. The regulations are almost identical to IYPT regulations (with minor differences). Twelve out of seventeen IYPT problems that are voted for at the beginning of a year are being considered.

In accordance with the regulations of the BYPT, the winner of the BYPT forms the National team for IYPT.

In recent years, after the finals of the republic tournament, additional hearings have been held among winners of the tournament. The hearings are conducted in English. All participants are given the opportunity to present one of their best reports in English. During the hearings, the physics fighters take turns giving speeches, as well as asking questions. The main criterion is the ability to, first, to speak and then respond to questions in English. Following the reports, the jury, consisting of team leaders and invited teachers, agree on a team to represent the country in the IYPT. Those who have not hit the main team are selected to participate in the open Austrian YPT.