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Motion

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Dear IOC colleagues,

Everyone in our community feels happy and proud when we receive excellent problem proposals for future IYPTs. Without having such excellent proposals it would be impossible to select an excellent problem set for a next IYPT.

There is a general, long-standing agreement that submitting at least three proposals each year is a reasonable obligation for each participating country. Many countries indeed offer our competition their professional and inspiring ideas each year with no exception, and I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of them.

However, there are countries unwilling to submit the proposals, and over the last few years the EC has been discussing the measures towards such counties.

It would now seem as two factors coincide at once,

1. It would be fair to acknowledge the countries submitting their problem proposals for the IYPT and to find such an arrangement that the country would feel especially proud and motivated for their contribution; given the labor and resources involved for these countries it would be fair that a small financial preference is given to them;
2. In the situation when the IYPT is very short on funds and resources, it would be fair that the countries unwilling to submit problem proposals would contribute a small extra towards the labor and burden of our organization and our colleagues.

Based on these two arguments, I would like to submit the motion as follows:

“All countries submitting their IYPT problem proposals for the next IYPT benefit from a discount in their standard registration fee in the current year. The discount is 150.- EUR per proposal, but no more than 450.- EUR in total. The countries not submitting problem proposals pay the regular, fairly increased registration fee. The EC will account for the proposals officially submitted on behalf of the country, excluding repeats from previous IYPTs. The raised funds will be directed to a separate budget chapter for the Problem Selection Committee. The expenditures from this budget chapter will be used for, but not limited to, IT and technical expenses, reimbursing for small pieces of test equipment, and sharing the burden of travel expenses with other budgetary chapters.”

I thank you for evaluating and supporting this motion,

Ilya Martchenko

IYPT Treasurer