



International Young Physicists' Tournament



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Minutes

Present:

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1. Social year of IYPT

After a short discussion, the EC decided, that the social year of IYPT will start on 1st November. Any personal changes in EC or IOC will be valid from this day. This applies also for the ex-offo members of EC (past, present and future presidents of LOCs).

2. IYPT account

Alfredo Mastrocola informed about the deposit of 500 Euro onto IYPT bank account.

3. Recognition of national YPT organizations

Gunnar Tibell will prepare shortly the recognition letter for Austrian YPT. In the case of Mexico, the Mexican Physical Society was suggested to be the responsible organization. In any case, the statement from EC: „The Executive Committee stressed that a prerequisite for such recognition of a national organization by the IYPT should be that the requesting organization secures free access for students from the whole country in its statutes” must be satisfied for any organization receiving the recognition letter.

4. Nomination of the jury

EC decided, that all jury member candidates must supply the LOC with their CVs. LOC will present the suggested jury members to the EC for approval. The same applies for chairpersons of the juries.

Guidelines for jurors and chairpersons will be prepared by EC. Before the first physics fight, an extensive jury meeting has to be organized by LOC. All requirements on jurors and chairpersons, as well as grading guidelines and instructions will be presented there.

No jury member should be a chairperson for more than two physics fights. For different fights the composition of respective juries should be different. During the tournament, LOC can suggest to EC changes of jurors, especially in such cases, where justified complaints about a juror exist.

5. New countries for IYPT

A change in the statutes and regulations will be suggested, such that it will be clearly stated that only such country can take part on IYPT, which already took part in the past, or in one of the last three years an observer took part on IYPT. During the tournament, a meeting of EC and all observers will be organized, where several topics concerning the competition should be discussed. This meeting should help the observer to prepare the competing team better for their participation.



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6. Changes in the grading system

Names will be associated with grades in following way:

9 – very good

6 – good

3 – below standard

Plus or minus one point can be added to these basic grades to obtain more fine resolution of grading. The grade 1 should be used for a very poor presentation, which can not be compared with standard in any way.

The discussion about possible extra points for winning of a respective physics fight was left for further consideration.

7. IYPT web page

Georg Hofferek will prepare a prototype version of a new webpage in close cooperation with Secretary General. He will also prepare a suggestion of legal and financial issues connecting with his possible work as a web page administrator.

The web page will be prepared only in English and will be used also for fund raising. The links to pages of respective LOCs should be present on the page, too.

8. Funding issues

Alfredo Mastrocola will prepare rules for usage of IYPT funds. This document will be presented on IOC meeting in Korea 2007.

A short presentation (A4 maximum) will be prepared and distributed to EC (IOC) members for fund raising issues.

9. Responsibilities

GT:

- Prepare the A4 presentation about IYPT
- Suggest the changes in regulations and statutes

BPH:

- Guidelines for jurors
- Guidelines for teams concerning the discipline
- Letter to LOC in Korea about the Jury selection

AM:

- Fundraising issues

MP:

- Guidelines for chairpersons
- Webpage in cooperation with Georg
- EC contact list
- EC Headed paper
- Contact with John Balcombe concerning the problems preparation

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