



International Organizing Committee
Young Physicists' Tournament



EC meeting
Tianjin, China, 17th till 20th November 2008

Minutes

Information about IYPT 2009

IYPT 2009 will be held from 21st till 28th July 2009 at Nankai University, Tianjin, China. The IOC meeting will take place on 28th and 29th July.

The schedule will be prepared so that the PF4 and PF5 will not be held in one day.

Double rooms in guesthouses will be provided for students and leaders, single rooms for EC members.

Meals will be provided in students' cafeteria as self service. There will be Chinese and Western food provided.

Organizers will have 50-80 team guides and voluntaries at their disposal. They will serve as team guides and fight assistants.

EC members visited guesthouses, students' cafeteria and fight rooms and were highly satisfied. The plan for fight rooms was changed to use the bigger lecture halls, which will provide enough space for teams, jury, visitors and press. All of them are equipped with two parallel data-projectors for the reporter. A data-projector and screen for the opponent/reviewer and a computer with a big screen to display the timer will be provided for the competition.

Jurors for IYPT

The deadline for registration of jury members will be the end of March 2009.

Every participating team has to register one team leader as a jury member.

Every team may also suggest one independent jury member. For both of them a short resume (specialization, degree and position) is required.

The list of team leaders registered as jury members, as well as suggestions for independent jury members will be sent to EC members for discussion. In case there is serious doubt about the capability of one of registered team leaders to act as jury member, the team would be asked for change in their registration.

About 15 of the best qualified and able independent jury members will be selected and invited by the LOC.

Chairpersons will be selected from the list of registered team leaders, invited jury members and EC members by cooperation of the EC and the LOC. Every

chairperson should have experienced IYPT as a juror before and have very good knowledge of both English and tournament regulations. There will be no limit for the number of Physics fight a chairperson can chair during one IYPT.

Visitors to IYPT

The LOC has the right to decide about inviting visitors. It is not appropriate to invite additional students and/or former participants as visitors.

Everyone not having the status of a team member, team leader, independent jury member, EC member or observer is a visitor and is obliged to pay the visitors' fee, unless waived by LOC.

IOC meetings

The IOC meetings are only accessible to IOC members. Guests may be invited and an opinion requested from them on a specific topic. Such an invitation is decided by the chairmen of the IOC session, unless the IOC has voted differently. The IOC meeting shall be voice-recorded to prevent any discrepancies.

Guidelines for students

Guidelines for students will be updated by adding the request to cite ideas coming from other teams' presentations and a strict prohibition of using electronic communication of any kind during physics fight (see attachment).

IYPT 2010 – report of New Zealand

Information, a preliminary schedule and a preliminary budget were presented by Kerry Parker. The only problem presented is that the government has not confirmed their willingness to cover part of the budget.

The EC members will wait till the end of 2008 for New Zealand to formally commit to organize IYPT 2010.

Thailand confirmed the possibility to organize the event, if there would be no other candidate. Further negotiations, if necessary, will be carried out in January 2009.

The exact dates for IYPT will be set in consultation with Kreso Zadro (one of the organizers of IPhO 2010) in order to prevent a conflict of dates (if possible).

Change of the Regulations

Minor changes of the Regulations are suggested by the EC (see the proposed new version of the Regulations, in attachment). The new version will be sent to all IOC members. An e-mail vote will be performed on this suggestion. If the vote is not successful, further discussion will be done during the IOC meeting after IYPT 2009.

Webpage

A last tender will be called for the webpage with deadline on 20th December 2008. It will be addressed to all IOC members and all of the current three candidates.

The webpage should include:

Contacts to all national organizations

Links to organizations we cooperate with

Past and current IYPT problems

Results of past tournaments, teams (names), host (web page) – where available

Additional material (e.g. solutions), provided by participants and national organizations after approval of EC

Short video of a PF

Local search engine – if considered profitable

Introduction to IYPT in different languages, provided by EC and IOC members

Clock for PF (short executable file for Windows)

News, media releases – as provided by EC and IOC members

The expression of interest should include a contract in written form in English for one year including the price, a list of references, the suggested technical solution and the requirements on the host server.

The EC will discuss all expressions of interest via e-mail, but the final decision will be made by the President.

USA

Kerry Parker will provide contacts in the USA to the President, who will write to them and ask for cooperation in re-establishing a team from the USA.

List of requirements for member organization

The President will prepare and the EC will discuss a list of requirements for organizations willing to nominate a team for IYPT in order for them to receive an invitation to participate. It should be based on list of requirements from EC meeting in Vienna 2007.

As agreed in Vienna, from 2011 only organizations fulfilling these requirements shall receive invitation for IYPT. From the same year all such organizations will be asked to pay a membership fee for IYPT, which will be no longer provided by the LOC.

Further changes of regulations

The EC was not able to find a consensus about regulation of using IYPT problems in other competitions.

Suggestion 1 (supported by five EC members): IYPT problems can be used in competitions on a national and regional level. In tournaments with an

international presence they are limited to a subset of, at most, 10 IYPT problems that can be used.

Suggestion 2 (supported by one EC member): IYPT problems can be used in competitions on national and regional level. Problems can not be used in any competition involving foreign teams except IYPT.

In Tianjin, November 21st, 2008

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