



International Organizing Committee
Young Physicists' Tournament
Annual IOC meeting, United Kingdom



Minutes

July 10th – July 11th 2014

9:00 – 18:00

1. Opening and control of presence (10 minutes)

Delegates from countries present:

Australia/ Austria/ Belarus/ Brazil/ Bulgaria/ China/ Czech Republic/ Georgia (absent for part of the point 13)/ Germany/ Hungary / New Zealand (NZ)/ Nigeria / Poland/ Romania/ Russia/ Singapore/ Slovakia/ Sweden/ Switzerland/ Taiwan/ Thailand/ Ukraine/ United Kingdom (UK) (23 in total)

Non-voting members:

Alan Allinson (President), Martin Plesch (Secretary General), Ilya Martchenko (Treasurer), Georg Hofferek, Chuan Yong Li, Hsien-Chung Kao (LOC 2013), Prapan Manyum (LOC 2015)

Guests:

Timotheus Hell, Thomas Lindner (for points 1 – 5), Dagmar Pánošová, Kent Hogan (for points 1 – 4), Ivan Antsipau, Vladimir V. Kruzhaev (for point 7), Leszek Gladczuk (from point 3).

Throughout the text, delegates from countries are referred by country names (or abbreviations as defined) and other persons by their names.

2. Approval of the agenda (10 minutes)

Bulgaria suggested discussing jury grading sheets and discussing some IYPT problems from past years there were not considered as particular good. Will by discussed in the various issues point.

Agenda agreed by 23 votes.

3. Election of the General Secretary of IYPT (15 minutes)

a. Presentation of candidates

b. Election ruled by the Election committee

Martin Plesch as the only candidate presented his program for following four years. He shall focus mainly on the jury selection, qualification, feedback etc., as well as on building up the IYPT organization itself.

23 votes in favour, no votes against or abstain.

4. Election of two members of Executive committee of IYPT (60 minutes)

a. Presentation of candidates

b. Election ruled by the Election committee

Ivan Antsipau, Kent Hogan, Samuel Byland and Qian Sun presented their program.

Ivan 11 votes, Kent 8 votes, Samuel 14 votes, Qian 13 votes. Samuel and Qian were elected for EC members.

5. *Election of two auditors of IYPT (30 minutes)*

a. *Presentation of candidates*

b. *Election ruled by the EC*

Thomas Lindner, Gavin Jennings and John Balcombe presented their program. Thomas 18 votes, Gavin 11 votes, John 17 votes. Thomas and John were elected as auditors.

6. *IYPT 2015 – presentation by the head of LOC (30 minutes)*

IYPT 2015 will be conducted on 27th June till 4th July 2015 in Suranaree University of Technology, Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand. Country is considered by LOC as perfectly safe now. Presentation is attached.

7. *IYPT 2016 – presentation by the head of LOC (20 minutes)*

IYPT 2016 will be conducted at the Ural Federal University in Ekaterinburg. Presentation is attached.

8. *IYPT 2017 – presentation by the head of LOC (15 minutes)*

Preparations are running smoothly. Preliminary budget has been approved by the Ministry. Venue will be at the NUS. Local jurors will be provided. LOC shall be formed soon.

9. *IYPT 2018 – presentation of host candidate(s), if any (20 minutes)*

There is no clear candidate for 2018. But Romania expressed their plans to organize IYPT in 2020. Nigeria is considering preparing a bid for 2019 or 2021 – confirmation can be given only in 2016.

10. *Report from the EC meeting, UK 2013 (45 minutes), including*

a. *Contracts between IYPT and LOCs*

b. *IYPT committees*

c. *Jury qualification, selection and feedback*

Report was delivered. Jury feedback was discussed. Belarus asked for delivering the feedback to individual jurors ASAP. A meeting with all team members to clarify some of the rules of the competition shall possibly be organized before the first fight.

11. *Report on the Curii registration system (20 minutes)*

Georg Hofferek reported on the Curii system.

Handling of jurors, especially independent jurors will be adapted. It shall be clear on the webpage, what is the maximal size for an uploaded photograph.

Deadlines for different participation data will be separated so that the travel plans can be added later on.

A person will only be accepted to be selected as a juror if a CV is uploaded.

12. *Presentation of the suggested problems by the Committee for problems selection (75 minutes)*

Ilya Martchenko presented the report.

13. *Approval of the set of problems (90 minutes)*

5 in favour to accept the set of problems as is, 18 against.

Two problems were substituted and all were rephrased.

Problems were voted on individually and accepted.

The final ordered set of problems was accepted unanimously and is attached.

14. *Applications for IMO status (15 minutes)*

Sweden and Korea were accepted as IMOs with 23 votes, Nigeria was accepted as IMO with 22 votes.

15. *Report of the treasurer*

a. *Financial year 2012/2013, endorsement of auditors (10 minutes)*

One of the auditors (NZ) suggested to consider a deposit account, as we have on our accounts nearly 20.000,- €. Switzerland commented on low interest rates for all accounts.

Report approved by 23 votes.

b. *Budget 2013/2014 (30 minutes)*

Budget was presented by Ilya Martchenko. Nigeria suggested cooperating on fundraising. Brazil suggested that the budget shall be planned on a reasonable basis and shall not overestimate expenditures too much, what was supported by several other IOC and EC members. Australia suggested to limit cost for archiving – supported by 2 votes, 18 against, 1 abstain. Nigeria suggested that Corporate Identity shall be done as a priority. Other IOC and EC members suggested targeting Physics Olympiad for cooperation in fundraising and increasing participation in educational conferences. Social media shall also be addressed.

Budget approved by 23 votes.

Switzerland suggested that in the future we shall discuss the budget in advance.

16. *Suggested motions*

a. *Update of the rules of Procedure of IOC, submitted by the EC (15 minutes)*

The Rules of Procedure for IOC Meetings should be updated as follows. The following sentence is added in Section 2.3, at the end of the second paragraph:

“Motions as well as suggestions for the agenda can only be submitted IOC members, EC members, and the EC as a whole.”

Accepted by 23 votes.

b. *Changing the order of presentation during the Final of IYPT, submitted by the EC (20 minutes)*

The order of presentation in the final should be changed so that the strongest team according to the TSP presents their report last. Recent years show, that often the team with the

highest TSP also wins the finals, and it will therefore add suspense to the finals if this change is implemented.

Amendment of the motion was suggested by UK to make the order random. 10 for, 10 against, not accepted.

Original motion accepted by 17 votes, 1 against, 4 abstained. Accepted.

- c. *Time of submission of the selected problem for last PF, submitted by EC, (15 minutes)*

The first sentence of the second point in the last paragraph of Section IX, subsection 2 of the Regulations (quoted above) should be changed to: *“Teams must choose their problems for the last Selective Fight at the end of the preceding Selective Fight.”*

Voted by 21 votes in favour, 2 abstain. Accepted.

- d. *Disclosure of grading during the Final of YPT, submitted by Georg Hofferek (20 minutes)*

The regulations should be updated as follows. In Section X, the following paragraph is added at the current end of the section:

“In the Final, grading is done in secret. Jurors write down their grades on the grading sheets, sign them, and given to the final’s Fight Assistants. The Chair asks the jurors of the highest and lowest grades to justify and explain their grades. This is done without mentioning the actual grade. After the final stage the president or a guest of honour will be given an envelope with the results to announce. After the announcement, all grading sheets and the detailed results are published online so that anyone can check the result.”

Voted by 14 votes, not accepted.

- e. *Change of the minimal number of jurors from 5 to 4, submitted by Martin Plesch, (20 minutes)*

In Regulations, article IV, sentence 2, change word *five* to *four*.

Motion withdrawn.

- f. *Change of the maximal number of rejectable problems, submitted by Martin Plesch, (20 minutes)*

In Regulations, article IX, segment 2, end of paragraph 3, add a sentence: *The maximal number of different problems a team is allowed to reject during the whole competition is 8.*

17 votes in favour, 3 against, 3 abstained, accepted.

- g. *Measures towards countries not submitting problem proposals, submitted by Ilya Martchenko (45 minutes)*

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. *Change of the measure to include clearly inappropriate problems, submitted by Martin Plesch*

ii. Change of the measure to count problems submitted on behalf of the respective IMO, submitted by Martin Plesch

Discarded by 18 votes, 1 against, 4 abstained.

Countries not submitting problems shall be disclosed.

17. Various issues (60 minutes)

Suggestions by individual IOC members:

Scoring guidelines shall possibly be reviewed.

Some of the problems are too mathematically complicated and possibly should not be selected.

Preparation time for the final could be changed to one minute.

Poster section could be organized again.

Attachments:

1. IYPT 2015 presentation
2. IYPT 2016 presentation
3. Set of problems for IYPT 2015
4. Motions for changes of regulations

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