

**Minutes of the meeting of the International Organizing Committee
of the International Young Physicists' Tournament**
Uppsala, 5th July 2003

Participants:

– representatives of the following 23 countries:

Australia, Austria, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Korea, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, USA (USA team did not participated in IYPT since 2001),

– observers from Kenya and Brazil.

Discussion on the preliminary draft of the IYPT Statutes

There was a discussion after the President, Gunnar Tibell presented the Statutes:

Introduction

It has been proposed to replace “pupils” for “students” in the Introduction.

Item 3. Aims

Alan Allinson and Thomas Jung proposed to delete the sentence “The IOC meets in autumn, normally in October”. They argued that the meeting of the IOC, at which a decision about the problems to be used for next year’s event is taken, should be organized rather immediately after the preceding IYPT and not in October. Expected advantages:

(1) new problems will be known a few months earlier than it is the case in the present system – particularly important for Australia as well as for other countries from the south hemisphere (they have school vacations between December and March),

(2) money for travel and time of participants – IOC members – can be saved by cancelling the meetings in October. The proposal has been accepted. A respective change should be made also in the item 6.1.

Item 4. Official seat

Hans Jordens suggested that the official seat of the IYPT should be connected rather with the European Physical Society than with any particular foundation, like SBB. A similar opinion was expressed by Thomas Jung, who said that the seat of the IYPT is crucial, because of the national law which is then applicable and different in every country. Gunnar Tibell promised to approach David Lee, the Secretary General of the EPS, with this problem.

Item 6. Major Administrative Components

To the last sentence of the item 6.1 one should add “one month before the IOC meeting”.

In the item 6.2 the sentence “as well as travels related to the event” should be replaced by “as well as local travels”.

Hans Jordens proposed that minutes of the IOC and Executive Committee (item 6.3) as well as proposals of alterations of the Regulations should be submitted to the IOC members “two months prior to the meeting”.

Discussion concerning money

Alan Alinson: it would be very helpful, if LOC committee could be provided by IYPT with “start money”.

Thomas Jung: the Executive Committee should have some guidelines concerning the distribution of funds obtained from sponsors (money may be transferred to national YPT committees). Responsible for finances should be the President and the Treasurer (Treasurer has to be elected after the Statutes have been accepted).

Next tournaments

2004 – Alan Alinson informed that the 17th IYPT will be organized in Brisbane from 24th June to 1st July 2004.

2005 – Thomas Jung reported that there are good “boundary conditions” to organize the 18th IYPT in Switzerland. A site for the IYPT: science museum “Technorama” in Winterthur, 40 km away from Zurich; IYPT final is planned to be in the city theatre (integrated in the public event). The potential organizers are currently looking for money. Dates are pretty open for the moment.

2006 – Jozef Brestensky declared that the IYPT 2006 can be organized in Slovakia.

2007 – according to Myeunghoi Kwon it is „almost certain” that Korea will host the IYPT in 2007.

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