

Report from the EC Meeting

Date: 15th – 17th of November 2024

Location: Lund, Sweden

Attendees: Martin Plesch, Gavin Jennings, Giorgi Khomeriki, Eric Schertenleib, Mihály Hömöstreij, Sam Edgecombe, Maria Anghel, Alan Allinson, Veronika Ucekajová

The Executive Committee (EC) met in Lund, Sweden, from the 15th of November to the 17th of November 2024, to discuss key organizational topics and preparations for upcoming IYPT events. The meeting included internal discussions, updates from committees, and consultations with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) regarding IYPT 2025.

The report below summarizes the main topics, discussions, and outcomes:

A. EC Discussions with the LOC on IYPT 2025 Premises

During their stay, EC explored various potential premises and facilities for IYPT 2025 in collaboration with LOC:

1. Restaurant Moroten och Piskan

A canteen-style venue with a capacity of approximately 100 participants.

The LOC proposed additional options to expand seating by securing another room, setting up tables in the corridor, or placing tables outside if weather permits.



2. Max IV (Electron Accelerator)

Max IV was discussed as a potential half-day excursion site, with strong support for organizing multiple rotating activities due to the high number of participants (~400+):
Proposed Activities:

- a. Wincent-led activity
- b. Laser show (capacity ~150)
- c. Combined Max IV and ESS program:
 - I. Bus tour of ESS (capacity ~60 per bus)
 - II. Lecture at the university by an ESS employee
 - III. In-person tour of Max IV (capacity ~30)

IV. Virtual 3D tour of Max IV (held at the university).



3. ESS (Neutron Accelerator)

ESS, currently under construction and located close to Max IV (one tram stop away), was noted as an additional site of interest for the excursion program.



4. The Loop (Science Village Hall)

The Science Village Hall within The Loop was identified as a promising venue for the opening and closing ceremonies with a capacity of ~900 participants.

Dining options include:

- a. Restaurant seating for ~140 participants.
- b. Additional flexibility for standing tables in the hall or outdoor dining in the park area if weather permits.

The venue is scheduled to open in January 2025, with full completion expected by March 2025.



5. Elite Hotel Ideon

Identified as the preferred accommodation for jurors and senior IYPT members.



6. Motel L Lund

Most participants and team leaders will be accommodated at Motel L Lund.



7. Lund University

PF rooms will be hosted at Lund University at BMC and Physics department.



8. Discussions with the LOC

The primary topic of discussion was the preparation of the contract for IYPT 2025, addressing key logistical and financial points.

9. IYPT Hungary Budget Report

Péter Jenei presented the IYPT Hungary budget report online.

B. Internal EC meeting

1. IYPT 2026 hosting

The potential hosts for IYPT 2026 were discussed, including interests from Australia, New Zealand, and Switzerland. Final bids are expected by the end of January.

2. Confidentiality policy
Rules of Procedure of all committees were updated to contain a confidentiality policy to ensure that no confidential information is released before it is officially disclosed.
3. Honourable mentions
The EC agrees with a proposal to introduce honourable mentions in the tournament ranking after bronze medals.
4. Endorsement rules
New endorsement rules were formulated and are attached in a separate document.
5. Online IOC meeting in January or February
An online IOC meeting will be organized in February. Motions and points of discussion will have to be handed in one month in advance. The meeting will focus on discussions (no votes) and last approximately 2 hours.
6. JC meeting report
MP reported on the JC meeting that took place on the 28th of September 2024.
7. Deadline for claims
A deadline policy for claims (refunds, subsidies, etc.) was introduced, requiring submission no later than two months after they arise and at the same time no later than one month after the end of fiscal year.
8. Visual identity and trademark
Work will begin on unifying IYPT's visuals to establish a consistent visual identity across all materials. The EC also discussed securing the IYPT trademark to protect the name and visual identity. Rules for using the name and logo of IYPT will be formulated.
9. Penalty for problem rejections
A proposal to increase the penalty for problem rejections to 0.4 points per rejection was formulated and is supported by the EC.
10. Participation fees
A proposal to adjust participation fees based on when a country last hosted IYPT was discussed. The proposal will be presented during the online IOC meeting.
11. Recognition for long-serving members
The EC discussed the recognition of long-serving members and agreed to formulate specific guidelines.
12. John Balcombe's dedicated service
The EC agreed to recognize John Balcombe's lifelong dedicated service to IYPT.

13. Tournament growth and structure

The EC discussed potential challenges arising from the continuous growth in the number of participating teams and the limitations of accommodating them under the current tournament structure. Viable solutions were explored, and details of these discussions and proposed solutions will be presented during the online IOC meeting.

14. Finals structure

The EC proposes a change in the regulations to prevent four teams from competing in the finals.

15. Problem Selection Committee

Gavin Jennings and Samuel Byland were officially approved as PSC members.

16. Transition to the new organisation

The EC confirmed that the new organization has been successfully registered, and IYPT will officially run under this new organization from the 1st of January 2025. The statutes will be published shortly on the IYPT website. Adjustment and possible changes to the regulations will be discussed during the online IOC meeting.

17. Finance report

ES presented the finance report, detailing the current financial status and updates.