



International Organizing Committee
Young Physicists' Tournament



Annual IOC meeting, Stuttgart, Germany

Minutes

July 27th (21:05 – 22:35), July 28th (9:07 – 19:15) 2012

1. Opening and control of presence

IOC Members present: Australia, Switzerland, Georgia (left since point 6, present since point 8), Croatia, Netherlands, Sweden, Slovenia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Brazil, Singapore, Korea, Austria, China (till point 11), Poland, Iran, Belarus, Chinese Taipei, Bulgaria, Russia, Slovakia, New Zealand, Germany, UK, and France (till point 11). Thailand from the point 4. Kenya from point 9 till point 11.

Further EC Members present: Alan Allinson, Martin Plesch, Chuan Li (till point 11), Georg Hofferek.

Observers: Sandu Golcea from Romania.

Guests: Ilya Martchenko, Vladimir V. Kruzhaev and Olga Inisheva (both for point 7), Tim Hell (since point 5).

2. Suggestions for changes in the agenda

Belarus suggested including poster session into IYPT. This issue will be discussed in the point 18.

3. Elections of the President

Alan Allinson was the only candidate. 25 voting members were present, 24 voted for AA in a secret ballot with one vote abstain. AA was re-elected for the position of the President of IYPT for the period from 1st November 2012 till 31st October 2016.

4. Elections of the Treasurer

John Balcombe and Ilya Martchenko were standing as candidates.

26 voting members were present, 9 voted for JB, 17 voted for IM with one vote abstain. IM was elected for the position of the Treasurer of IYPT for the period from 1st November 2012 till 31st October 2016.

5. IYPT 2013 Chinese Taipei – information by the LOC head

Hsien Chung Kao as a representative of LOC IYPT 2013 presented a short promotional video and distributed promotional materials. IOC appreciated the level of preparation work done by the LOC.

6. IYPT 2014 – presentation, confirmation of UK as the organizer

John Balcombe presented information about IYPT 2014, planned in Shrewsbury in West Midlands, UK. 24 votes were in favor of having IYPT 2104, 1 abstained.

7. IYPT 2015 – presentation of candidates, selection of the organizer

Vladimir V. Kruzhaev presented information about possible organization of IYPT in July 2015 in Ekaterinburg.

IOC representative from Thailand presented information about possible organization of IYPT in 2015 in Suranaree University 250 km northeast from Bangkok. Maybe the term of IYPT has to be in May.

14 votes for Thailand, 11 votes for Russia, one abstained. Thailand was voted as the IYPT organizer for IYPT 2015.

Russia was voted by acclamation as a preliminary candidate for IYPT 2016.

8. Report from the EC meeting, Bad Saulgau 2011

MP reported on the EC meeting in Bad Saulgau in October 2011.

9. Presentation of the suggested problems by the Committee for problems selection

AA reported on the work of the selection committee for problems.

After that problems were discussed and voted on one after the other.

After the vote on problem 8 the IOC was invited by the head of LOC for a lunch in Burger King.

10. Approval of the set of problems

After changes made based on suggestions by the IOC, the set of problems was approved by acclamation.

11. Discussion of and decisions about applications for IMO

24 IOC members voted about applications of different countries by country.

Germany, Thailand, Slovakia, Austria, UK, Poland, Belarus, Czech Republic, China, Georgia, New Zealand, Hungary, and Korea were accepted by 24 votes in favor.

Switzerland was accepted by 23 votes in favor, 1 abstain. Brazil was accepted by 21 votes in favor, 2 against, 1 abstain. Iran was accepted by 23 votes in favor, 1 against, Russia by 23 votes in favor, 1 abstain.

President of IYPT will issue acceptance letters for accepted IMO countries. Letter for countries that have not delivered written and signed applications including attachment the issue of acceptance letter will be postponed until they deliver requested documents.

12. Report of the treasurer, bank account details

JB presented the report of the treasurer. Kreso Zadro will continue as the auditor, Gavin Jennings will act as the auditor for the 2011 year. After signing by the auditors, the report was accepted by 23 votes.

IOC agreed to open an account in the Eurozone and possible close the account in Switzerland.

IOC agreed with 22 votes (all IOC members present) that EC can use funds of up to 1500,- € conditioned on informing of the IOC immediately.

13. Discussion and possible adoption of changes in regulations

- a. Allowing teams to select their problems in the first round (alt. last round)*

IOC agreed with 13 votes (9 against, 2 abstain) that a proposal adopting this change in regulation will be prepared by the EC and distributed to the IOC for vote after the EC meeting.

14. Grading

- a. Statistics from 2012 and comparison to 2011 and 2010*
- b. Appearance of high difference of marks for the same appearance*
- c. Suggestions for upgrade of the scoring guidelines, selection of jurors, qualification of jurors, training of jurors etc.*

IOC discussed in detail about the expected level of physics. There was no specific outcome from the discussion.

AA will prepare the guidelines for students how to prepare the presentation and present it for the EC meeting.

15. Report on the new IYPT software Newtoon

Tim Hell or Georg Hofferek reported on the software. Software can be used in national tournaments after negotiations. The software has also its own clock.

16. Report on IYPT Archive, IYPT book and IYPT Journal

AA briefly reported and asked IOC members to look on the webpage(s).

17. Concept of Projects within IYPT organization

Was moved for the next IOC meeting.

18. Various issues

Was not discussed.

Annexes:

1. List of problems for IYPT 2012
2. Report of the Committee for selection of problems