



International Young Physicists' Tournament



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0. Review of the agenda

The agenda is accepted.

IYPT 2020

1. IYPT 2020

A first draft of the contract is prepared and will be discussed with SG afterwards.

IM: We need to have an agreement on a procedure to decide who is considered registered even though the fee is not paid on time. There should be a clear way to handle this. MP: It should not be up to the LOC, as this did not work out in the past. TH: Whoever makes the decision is also taking the responsibility if in the end the fee is not paid. IM: We should not take this financial responsibility. MP: In cases of well-known members of the IYPT community, the IYPT should cover the risk and accept late payment.

Motion by TH: The treasurer should suggest which visitors and teams are considered registered even though the registration fee is not paid by the deadline and then the president should make the final decision.

All in favor, accepted. This is also reflected in the contract in 5.4.

SG will be provided by IM with a list of all potential participating countries after the EC meeting who might participate so it can be reviewed by the ministry. There are plans for a barbecue, an excursion to the aviation museum and the Corvin Castle of Dracula in Hunedoara. Participants of the IOC meeting will leave for their meeting after the award ceremony so that the meeting can start early on the next day. The draft of the contract is discussed with SG and sent to SG and EC.

2. Visit to campus & dormitory

We visit several of the lecture halls that will be used for the competition as well as the dormitory.

3. Appointment of the EC inspector

JB is unanimously appointed as EC inspector.

4. **Spending report 2018/2019**

IM gives his report on the IYPT financials. The cost for the IYPT 2019 was about 150k Euro including in-kind contributions, about half of it was paid for by the registration fees. EC agrees that hosts should, if possible, depend less on participation fees and more on local sponsors. IYPT currently has reserves of about 55k Euro. Overall the match between our budget and the actual spending is much better than in previous years. There are no open payments from 2018/19.

5. **Budget 2019/2020 (EC decision on revisions up to 750 Euro per chapter)**

IM's forecast for the number of teams participating in 2020 is 32-36 with 21-27 visitors. MP's expectation is to have 34-38 teams. We've agreed with the LOC that up to 39 teams are to be hosted for IYPT 2020.

EC agrees unanimously on the following revisions to the 2019/2020 budget chapters (in Euros) in accordance to the Guidelines for budget creation and rules for spending and reporting:

- 1) 2050 -> 2800
- 2) 600 -> 1000
- 3) 1100 -> 1500
- 4) 450 -> 650

Total registration fee: 1300 -> 1500

Total fee per visitor: 1100 -> 1200

The changes in the registration fee are due to the revisions in the spending part as minuted, the lack of sponsorship from Crimson education in 2018/19 and 2019/20 (see 10.) and the IOC deciding that the permanent reserves should be increased further over the next few years.

6. **Budget 2020/2021 (EC discusses, amends and approves)**

IM has prepared a draft based on his predictions, which was already sent to the EC. The draft however did not budget the correct amount for jury travel support, which was fixed already by the IOC ("Increase the jury travel support budget for IYPT 2021 to 8000 EUR"). Furthermore, EC unanimously agrees on setting the total registration fee to 1500 (1100 + 400) per team and 1200 (800 + 400) per visitor in order to keep the fees stable. IM will approach LOC 2021 with the figures.

Changes to the draft dated Nov. 7th, by chapter:

- 6) 7% of the central part of the registration fees (1680)
- 7) 3600 -> 8000
- 10) set to 10% of the central part of the registration fees (2400)

Even though the central part of the fees is decreased (in comparison to the budget draft from Nov. 7), IM believes that there will be considerable underspending in chapter 7, which will help completing the buildup of permanent reserves in 2021.

Motion by TH: The budget draft is adopted with the changes minuted as the draft that is to be sent to the IOC. The document will be prepared and sent to the EC by IM by Dec. 11th.

All in favor, accepted.

7. Problem Committee

SB reports on the PC's work. So far, we've collected about 80 problem proposals, mostly by neutral authors and from Russia. SB will send a reminder to IMOs. The deadline for problem submissions that count for IYPT 2021 is set to 31st of January 2020.

8. Disciplinary Committee

JB has prepared a simplified version of the RoP of the DC, but possibly further issues like plagiarism need to be added to the DC's responsibilities. MP: We will ask the chairs to report cases of (possible) plagiarism to the DC. IM: It's more important to instruct chairs on the IYPT tournament regulations.

TH asks about the status of RoPs. Currently there are none. TH suggests that new RoPs should be either accepted now or in the next few months via email, so that they can be published at least several weeks before the IYPT. We should not accept new rules or make changes immediately before the beginning of an IYPT.

JB will provide a suggestion for updated RoP by January 23rd, 2020.

9. Jury Committee

IM asks MP to present the correlation between values per juror from the feedback over the years. MP can clearly say that the bottom 10 stays mostly the same. He will provide the data.

MP presents updates to the JC RoP. EC discusses the RoP, some changes are suggested.

The revised version, including the suggested changes, of the JC RoP is approved by the EC.

Other topics

10. Cooperation with Crimson education

IM: Crimson education seems to have lost interest in supporting us. MP: They did not respond to our approaches. Therefore, they weren't present at the IYPT and based on this they decided not to pay. IM: We understand that there will be no monetary contribution to our budget from Crimson education for now, and we will make the required updates to our budget. IM suggests leaving the situation as is, not taking any further steps. We'll continue providing them with the opportunities as specified in the contract.

11. Cooperation with the IPT

We were approached by the IPT with suggestions of tighter relations between our two organizations. IM was already approached several times over the past years. So far, the proposals weren't very specific.

TH asked for specific suggestions from IPT already and proposes to discuss them:

Mentioning each other on the websites: We're currently not promoting any other competitions. To promote only one other competition, we must first get a better impression.

Reciprocal invitation to tournaments: MP: This is an easy first step, we're happy to invite someone who fulfills our jury criteria and co-opt them to the jury. IM thinks that the competition is rather interesting, similar to IYPT.

Software support: TH suggests leaving it up to Felix, to decide about any cooperation. All agree.

General future coordination: Conflict of dates seems not to be a serious concern currently. We try to publish our dates as soon as possible, right after we've fixed them. IM found the IPT problems to be rather similar to IYPT's previous problems. Former IYPT participants might wonder why they are asked to work on the same problems when continuing at the IPT. IM thinks that in the majority of cases (possibly all) IPT copies IYPT's problems.

MP would like to get to know the IPT better and thinks a good way to do so is to visit their competition in April.

12. Recording of all fights and filming/streaming the finals

MP was approached with the idea to record all fights (video recording of slides and an overview of the room) in case there are complaints. We could start by doing a test run with a single room where all fights are filmed. IM agrees with the general principle but fears that the implementation is hard. We could also ask any team that records a fight to share that footage with us. SB asks about scalability. Asking the FAs to film is unlikely to work either. IM reports that at the IYNT there is a rule that all teams must upload the presentations that they gave at the end. About 80 to 90 percent of the slides are collected this way. JB and TH voice concerns about introducing such video surveillance. SB points to soccer, where video is used nowadays in a similar way to handle disputes. JB prefers the old-fashioned way of asking people who were present about what has happened.

MP asks about our long-term strategy for filming and streaming the finals, as it might not be reasonable to pay for someone to come from Europe to Pakistan to provide us with a reliable stream and recording.

We'll invite Simeon again to come to IYPT 2020 to record and stream the finals. For IYPT 2021 we will ask LOC to provide a stream and recording.

13. Encouragement medals and similar ideas (suggestions from the last IOC meeting)

MP proposes to change the number of teams receiving silver medals so that the top 30 percent of teams receive gold or silver medals. We could give out honorable mentions to teams in the top half of the second half of the ranking. Whether medals or similar objects are provided should be left up to the LOC.

We agree to put forward an EC motion to change the regulations accordingly. MP will prepare the motion.

14. Guide on hosting an IYPT

TH has prepared a document collecting examples and best-practices concerning hosting the IYPT. EC revises the document; the resulting version will be published on the website.

Appendix: IYPT 2020 deadlines

deadlines:		comment
Jan. 31:	submission of problem proposals for IYPT 2021	via submission form (website)
Jan. 31:	pre-registration for Teams	via email to registration@iypt.org
March 15:	application for Experienced Jurors	via IYPT CC
April 15:	decisions on EJ applications	information via email
April 30:	specify the team leader jurors	via IYPT CC
May 9:	payment for Teams and Visitors via bank transfer	strict requirement for participation!
July 1:	submission of all data	via IYPT CC