



# International Young Physicists' Tournament



## Report on Inspection visit IYPT 2021

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### **Executive summary**

The inspection visit was realized from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of February in Tbilisi and Kutaisi. Meetings with members of the LOC and local authorities took place and premises were inspected. Taking into account all information gathered, it is more than clear that the IYPT tournament can be realized as planned during the first half of July, conditioned on the pandemic situation locally and worldwide. Open questions and minor issues identified shall be settled down without any problems. Exact arrangement will certainly be influenced by any social distancing rules that might apply in July.

### **Covid related measures**

For now it is hard to predict which measures will be needed in July. As a basic plan, all participants will be tested upon arrival and at about fifth day of the tournament by the organizers. If needed, organizers can arrange a test before the departure on the costs of the teams.

### **Travel**

IYPT 2021 will take place at the Kutaisi International University in Kutaisi (<https://www.kiu.edu.ge/>) from 7<sup>th</sup> till 14<sup>th</sup> of July, with the IOC meeting till 16<sup>th</sup> of July. Departure and arrival is supported to and from the Kutaisi International Airport that is expected to re-open shortly. Organizers will also secure travel from Bus station in Kutaisi city centre for those who would wish to arrive to Tbilisi and take a bus. Travel from Tbilisi airport takes about three hours by car, this might be longer by a bus or due to traffic jams – during the visit there we only few cars on the roads.

Currently the travel restrictions to Georgia are not strict, a valid PCR test not older than three days is needed on arrival, another test needs to be taken three days after arrival and depending on the airline, a test might be requested for the departure as well.

### **Accommodation**

All participants will be accommodated at the dormitories at the KIU campus. These are newly opened buildings, well equipped. Students will be accommodated in en-suite double rooms, all leaders, jurors etc. in single rooms. There are five buildings with rooms, some of them connected, but all very close to each other. Most probably not all of the buildings will be used.



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## **Fights**

There are two basic possibilities where to perform fights. One, currently viewed as the preferred one, is to use the study rooms and common rooms at the dormitories. This would allow a very convenient time planning. There are at least nine rooms sufficiently large for fights; some of them have full-scale glass walls that would need to be at least partially blinded.

The other option is to use lecture rooms in the scientific building. This building is about 20 minutes walking distance from the dormitories, transport might be arranged by university buses and vans. Six rooms are sufficiently large for fights, others are on the boundary size-wise. There is one large room and one library with not very suitable arrangement as a supplement.

## **Catering**

There is no large-enough canteen or other place equipped for serving food neither in the dormitories nor in the scientific building. In the latter there is a cafeteria for about 80 persons. Several options are being considered for serving food. In case of fights in the scientific building, canteen could be supplemented with space in the library or outside. In dormitories there are large underground rooms without use so far, three smaller places that could be adapted for canteens, possibly supplemented with outside place.

A catering company will be consulted and a solution will be selected based on their judgement as well.

## **Opening and closing ceremony, finals**

There is no room available at the university that would allow to accommodate all participants. It is an option to hold the opening and closing ceremony outside. For the finals this does not seem to be suitable. The most preferred option is to use premises in the city (theatre etc.) – this option was preliminary consulted during the audience by the Kutaisi city mayor. As a backup plan the finals could be performed in the largest room (for about 150 participants) and streamed for the others, that might be gathered in the canteen, library etc.

## **Tours**

For now it is very hard to predict the pandemic rules in July. The half day tours could include a city tour, sports afternoon etc., the full day a tour into the nature, amusement park etc. More detailed planning can only be done at a later stage.

## **Jury meeting and IOC meeting**

The IOC meeting shall take place in the KIU as well, located in the large room. This room shall be used for the jury briefing as well. Importantly, jury meeting is planned for the evening on the arrival day. So all jurors are expected to arrive latest in the afternoon on the arrival day, so that the meeting can be held at around 8 pm.



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## **Equipment**

KIU is fully equipped for hosting the event. Each fight room will have two large LCD screens (instead of projectors) and a computer plus monitor for showing the time. All rooms are fully air-conditioned.

## **Finances**

KIU will cover cost of accommodation and food and provide premises, as well as local transport if needed. Tours, program and other costs will be covered from the registration fees. The LOC also seeks for other sponsors of the event.

## **Staff**

The IYPT 2021 has full support of the KIU and relevant staff will be available onsite. The LOC also consist of former IYPT and YPT participants that have experience with the event.

Most probably, IYPT organization will not be able to provide staffing as usual. In particular, there will be nobody onsite to run the IT and secretariat. Thus, the LOC will provide two persons dedicated to IT (where IYPT shall secure online remote support) and two other persons for running the office. Another person will be responsible for guides and fight assistants and a further one for transport, tours etc. Fight assistants as well as guides will be available.



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## Annex – photo documentation



Accommodation – single room for jurors and leaders



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Accommodation – bathroom, bathroom in accessible room

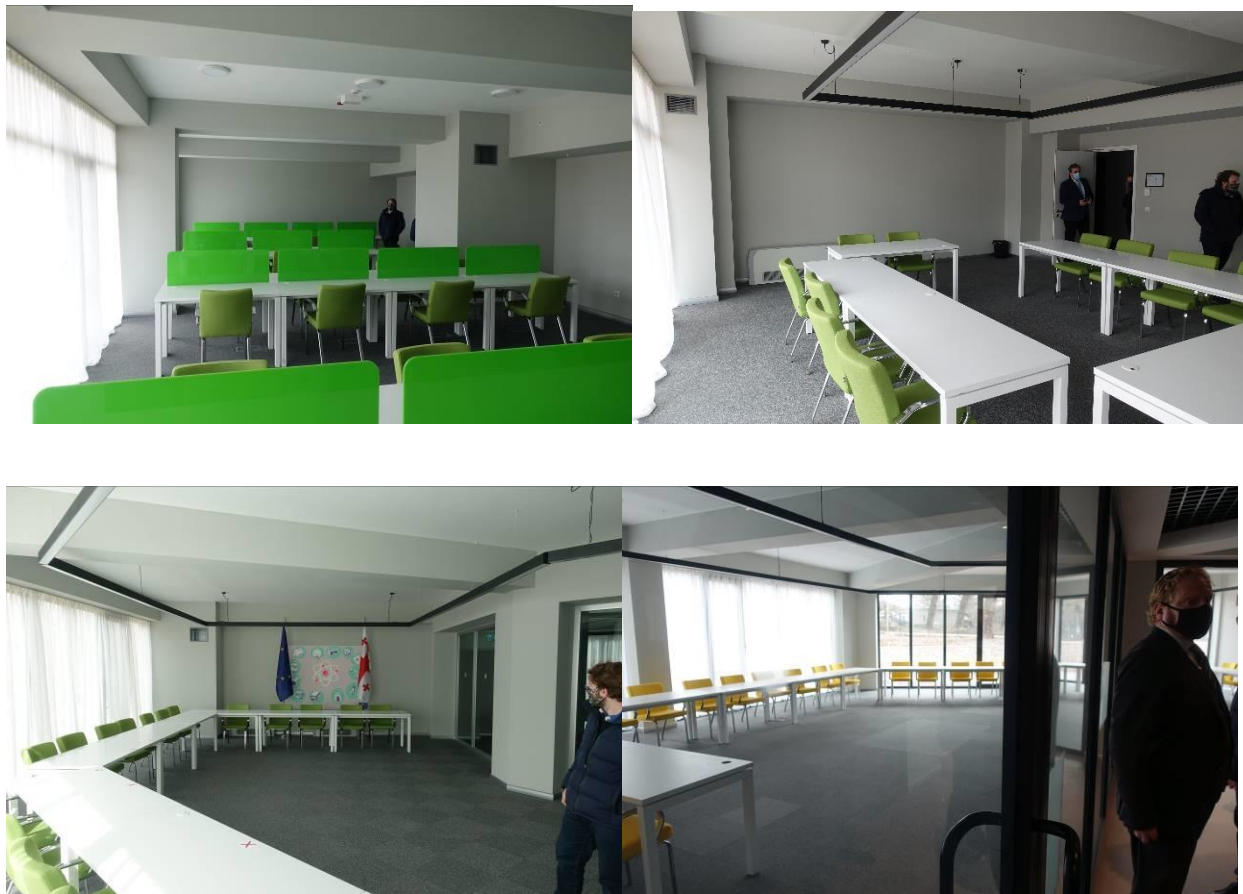


Accommodation – double room; Study rooms (below)





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Accommodation - Common rooms



Scientific building – large room



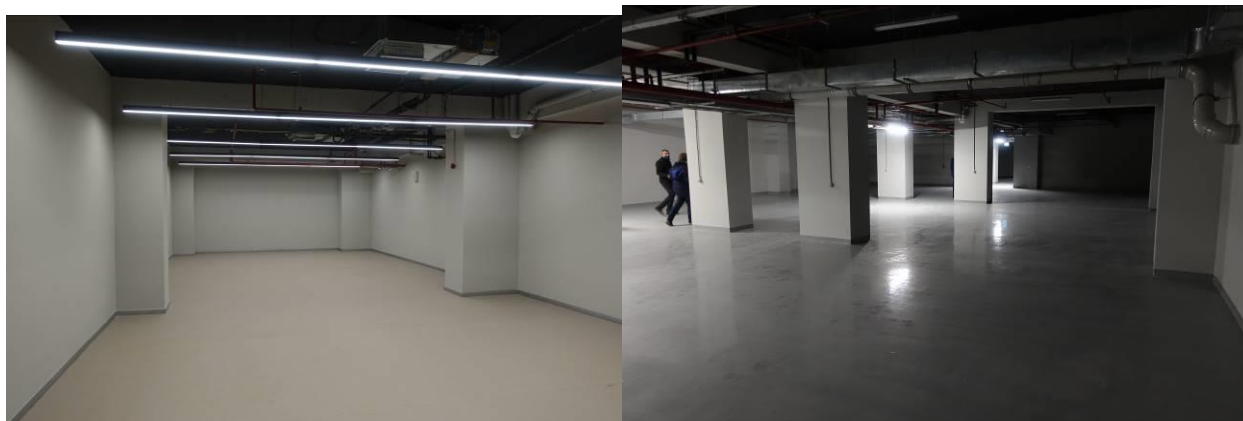
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Scientific building – fights rooms



Scientific building – library, canteen



Dormitories – underground



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Meeting with the Mayor of Kutaisi



Meeting with the LOC in Tbilisi