

Minutes of the IYPT IOC meeting 2021

2021-07-14, 09:00 (GMT+4) - 13:20 (GMT+4), Kutaisi International University, Kutaisi, Georgia.

Agenda:

- Control of presence & approval of the agenda
- Applications for IMO status / renewal
- Report of the Treasurer, budget approval
- Extension of terms / Elections for President and Treasurer
- Approval of the set of problems

Control of presence & approval of the agenda

IOC Present in person:

1. Austria	Paul Worm
2. Belarus	Igor Timoshchenko
3. Bulgaria:	Assen Kyuldjiev (status elapsed, delegation in writing)
4. Croatia	Magdalena Zivkovic
5. Czech Republic	Stanislav Panos
6. Georgia	Giorgi Khomeriki
7. Hungary	Mihály Hömöstreĭ
8. Iran	Dina Izadi
9. Mexico	Javier Rodriguez Sanchez (delegation in writing)
10. Pakistan:	Farida Tahir (status elapsed)
11. Poland	Łukasz Gładczuk (delegation in writing)
12. Romania	Sandu Golcea (status elapsed, joined the meeting 9:20)
13. Russia	Olga Inisheva
14. Slovakia	Frantisek Kundracik
15. Ukraine	Zakhar Maizelis (status elapsed, joined meeting at 9:20)

IOC Present via video conference:

16. Australia	Alan Allinson (joined at 10:10)
17. Canada	Ryan Lin (status elapsed)
18. Germany	Florian Ostermaier
19. Greece	Apostolos Michaloudis
20. India	Shashikant Pandey (joined at 9:45, left later)
21. Singapore	Paul Lee (status elapsed)
22. Thailand	Pornrat Wattanakasiwich
23. United Kingdom	John Balcombe

Guests: Teck Song Koh (Singapore) and Marko Radolovic (Croatia), Jing Chen (China, no delegation in writing), Martin Plesch (Switzerland, no delegation in writing, also present as EC member), Tereza Zuskinová, Barbora Weszterová, Lucia Pleschová

Green: Voting right at the start of this meeting

- 23 IOC members are present (15 in person and 8 via video conference).
- 17 of these 23 are eligible to vote at the beginning of the meeting, 5 more after the vote on IMO applications.
- 3 of these 23 IOC members have joined the meeting at some time after the start
- 2 persons present are not eligible to vote as we have not received a message in writing by the current IOC member, that they wish to delegate IOC membership to this person for the duration of the meeting and they are therefore listed as guests.
- At least 1 IOC member (Sweden) was not able to join the video conference.

EC members present:

- Martin Plesch
- Timotheus Hell
- Ilya Martchenko
- John Balcombe (via videoconference)

Approval of the agenda:

The agenda was prepared in accordance with the rules of procedure for IOC. Until the deadline passed, there were no requests for changes to the agenda. After the deadline, two IOC members requested to add points to the agenda:

- Magdalena Zivkovic (MZ) criticizes the extra awards awarded by the Rector of KIU and would like to add a discussion on the matter to the agenda.
- Mihály Hömöstrej (MH) would like to add a discussion on the regulations regarding increasing the number of rejections without penalty.

Martin Plesch (MP) asks the IOC members present in person to accept the votes from IOC members present via videoconference during the IOC meeting 2021 given the special circumstances. None of the IOC members present in person disagrees.

MP motions to accept the agenda as it was prepared: MZ and MH vote against the agenda as it was prepared, there are no further objections. The agenda is therefore accepted as is.

Applications for IMO status / renewal

Until yesterday evening we received 9 IMO (re)applications. MP asks IMOs to send their applications well ahead of the meeting so both EC and IOC have enough time to look at the applications and so that if necessary, additions or changes can still be made in time.

The EC motions to re-approve the following countries for a period of 5 years:

- Canada: no objections
- Chinese Taipei: no objections

- Georgia: no objections
- Pakistan: no objections
- Romania: no objections
- Singapore: no objections

The EC motions to re-approve the following countries for a period of 1 year as there are some issues with their application:

- Bulgaria: There is no annex describing the process. Assen Kyuldjiev explains that the procedure was not changed. MP suggests re-submitting next year including the appendix. no objections
- Macao: There was no adequate description of the selection process. no objections
- Ukraine: There was no adequate description of the selection process. no objections

Therefore present IOC members from Bulgaria, Pakistan, Romania, Ukraine, Singapore and Canada also gain voting rights for this meeting. There are now 23 IOC members with voting rights present (in person or via videoconference).

Report of the Treasurer, budget approval

Ilya Martchenko (IM) reports on the IYPT finances. Our permanent reserves should be stabilized at 70k Euros. The reserves were growing for several years to about 60k Euros and decreased slightly in the past 2 years.

Financial Year 19/20: IYPT in Romania 2020 was cancelled, IYPT Georgia 2020 was cancelled. There was no income, the permanent reserves therefore decreased. The full report was sent to the IOC 2 weeks ago. The auditor report revealed no major shortcomings.

IM motions the IOC to approve the report on FY 19/20. There are no objections.

Financial Year 20/21: The host was changed several times. In the end we had the IYPT 2021 in Georgia. The budget was submitted to the IOC before the last IOC meeting and revised in November 2020 by the EC. The income is below expectation because of fewer teams and far fewer visitors arriving at the IYPT 2021 than expected. The current spending is also far below expectation.

IM motions the IOC to approve the budget for FY 20/21. There are no objections.

Financial Year 21/22: IM reports on the budget and motions the IOC to approve the budget for FY 21/22. There are no objections.

Extension of terms / Elections for President and Treasurer

Motion by the EC: "The terms of IYPT President Martin Plesch and IYPT Treasurer Ilya Martchenko are extended by one more year, i.e. until 31 October 2022. The terms starting on 01 November 2022 will be reduced by two years accordingly."

There are no comments by any IOC member.

There are 3 objections (Croatia, Belarus, Russia) by IOC members present in person and none by IOC members present via videoconference. MZ asks to also ask for any IOC member who would like to abstain. There are no abstentions.

Therefore, the terms of IYPT President Martin Plesch and IYPT Treasurer Ilya Martchenko are extended by one more year, i.e. until 31 October 2022.

MP asks everyone to consider standing for elections next year as there will be elections for all 5 EC positions at once. He thanks on behalf of MP and IM for the continued trust.

MP announces a short break before the meeting continues at 10:20.

Approval of the set of problems

Not eligible to participate in the vote and discussion on the problems as per the Rules for Problem Selection: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Greece, Mexico, North Macedonia, Serbia, South Africa, Turkey, Ukraine

Eligible to vote on and discuss the problems: Australia, Austria, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, India, Iran, Korea, Macao, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Russia, Singapore, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, UK, USA

16 IOC members are both eligible to vote on and discuss the problems and present in person or via videoconference (at 11:05):

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| 1. Australia | 9. Pakistan |
| 2. Austria | 10. Poland |
| 3. Belarus | 11. Romania |
| 4. Canada | 12. Russia |
| 5. Georgia | 13. Singapore |
| 6. Germany | 14. Slovakia |
| 7. Hungary | 15. Thailand |
| 8. Iran | 16. UK |

IM gives a presentation on the problems on behalf of the Problem Selection Committee.

MH requests that the form should be made so that voting can be stopped, saved and continued at a later point. MP suggests considering an alternative to google forms, e.g. implementing the process in IYPT CC.

MZ has submitted a suggestion for an epigraph for last year. It shall be discussed to add it if the IOC decides to not accept the problems as presented by IM.

Giorgi Khomeriki thanks the Selection Committee for their work.

Sandu Golcea criticises that the problems are made up only from “old physics”, nothing about e.g. Lasers or Quantum Physics. IM explains that we would need more people submitting such problems. It’s hard to have modern physics problems where experiments are feasible. Finally it depends on the majority in the IOC to vote for such problems.

Questions and comments from IOC members present in person and via the chat are discussed.

IM motions for the IOC to accept the tentative set of problems with minor language corrections to be discussed afterwards. There are several votes against, therefore we will check by asking who is in favour: 6 locally, 3 via video conference. Therefore the problem set is accepted with 9 out of 16 eligible IOC members voting in favour.

We continue discussing the wording of each of the problems. All problems are accepted with the changes as shown by IM.

IM asks again to submit good problems and not to do so at the last moment.

MZ brings the discussion back to epigraph, but then it turns out it was already used for last year’s problem set.

MP ends the meeting at 13:20 and thanks everybody. We hope to meet all next year in Romania. Big thanks to Giorgi for organizing the IYPT 2021 in these difficult times.