



International Young Physicists' Tournament



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1. IYPT 2022

MP gives a brief report. He is in contact with Sandu Golcea and has stressed the fact that we need a signed contract soon. Due to COVID and a new government, the ministry's support is uncertain. Possibly we will be able to at least get a memorandum signed.

The dates are fixed: IYPT 2022 in Timisoara will be held from 15-16th of July (Arrivals) till 23rd of July (Departures). The IOC Meeting will be held after the tournament (IOC Departures: 25th July).

IM is a bit pessimistic thinking back to 2020 and uncertainties from new COVID variants. Therefore, we should think about backup plans if Romania is unable to fully commit to hosting by signing an agreement. One option is to again talk with Georgia. Another option is talking with Greece.

TH suggests also discussing a virtual tournament as a further backup. Compared to last year there's now more experience with hosting such an event, feedback on the event hosted by Felix Engelmann was positive.

MP thinks that hosting the event will be possible as the COVID situation will be fine in summer, just like in the past two years. The political situation might be the bigger issue. In other countries it might be hard to find (experienced) organizers. MP agrees with IM that Georgia might be a good backup. A virtual tournament might be an option, but the experience is still far from an actual IYPT. If the virtual version is the official tournament it might be much harder to ensure fairness.

MP stresses again that we need a commitment from Romania by the end of the year. IM will investigate whether Georgia might be willing to be a host once more in 2022.

2. IYPT finances

IM shares the documents that were already distributed to the EC on November 2. Even though the surplus was negative in the past two financial years, due to the surpluses in the past, IYPT is still on track concerning the goal of 70k Euro as a permanent reserve. IM stresses the goal to have a balanced budget, neither under- nor overestimating expenses without having too severe fluctuations of the participation fees. Currently the IYPT's permanent reserves are about 58k Euro.

IM suggests several small updates to the budget for FY 2021/22 in accordance with our budget rules and proposes a budget for FY 2022/23 based on the budget which was discussed for the IYPT planned in Pakistan.

Th: We will be voting on the updates to FY 21/22 and on the draft for 22/23. Are the updates within 750 EUR per chapter? IM: Yes, much smaller.

TH: What are the reasons for each change (as that has to be minuted)? IM: All changes are due to the updated forecast, planning with fewer teams and visitors.

MP: Is the forecast of 30 teams realistic? IM: They are based on the model, they are reasonable. MP: 30 is rather optimistic, 24+- 6 might be more realistic, as having more than 30 teams is very unrealistic.

MP: Is there an overview of the changes for FY 21/22 we have to vote on? IM shows the relevant document.

IM motions to adjust the budget for FJ 21/22 adopted by EC and IOC as presented. All are in favour, no abstentions.

11:30: short break.

IM motions to accept the draft for the FY 22/23. All are in favour, no abstentions.

3. **Jury Committee**

MP gives his report. He will provide a list with applications for support and how money was spent. IM criticises that we had to make due with 4 Jurors for the first time this year for one round. There is a discussion whether there would have been enough jurors present to have 5 also in the first round. EC agrees that the budget for jury support should be used even if fewer teams than forecasted participate and there should not be a fixed upper limit per juror – the goal is to get as many good jurors as possible using up to 8k Euro.

4. **Further EC meetings** 15m

Topics for the next meetings will include IYPT 2022, EC Elections in 2022 and EC motions for the IOC meeting.

MP proposes to have the next meeting in February 2022. If possible, we prefer to have the meeting on site in Romania. The date will be fixed in January.

MP closes the meeting at 12:45.