

IOC Meeting Minutes - Buzias, Romania

IYPT 2022

23.7.2022

Agenda

- 1) Control of presence & approval of the agenda (15min)
- 2) Applications for IMO status/renewal (30min)
- 3) **Limited Discussion of the issue of the Account (new after 1.)**
- 4) Elections (3h)
- 5) Report of the Treasurer, budget approval (1h)
- 6) Report from the LOC 2023 (30min)
- 7) Hosts for 2024 and later (15min)
- 8) Reports of Committees (2h)
- 9) Motion to change the Regulations of the IYPT: Increase the number of rejectable problems without penalty from 3 to 5. (Mihály Hömöstrej, 30min)
- 10) Motion to relax the jury qualifications for ex-tournament participants to one successfully completed year of a physics degree (Magdalena Živković, 30min)
- 11) Drawing of Lots (Michael Steck, 5min)
- 12) IYPT WhatsApp Group for all IOC Members, EC members and Secretaries (Farida Tahir, 15min)
- 13) Electronic team communication and collaborative work (15min)
- 14) Approval of the set of problems (2h)

1. Control of presence & approval of the agenda (15min)

Change in the Agenda (Lukasz proposal)

MOTION: Change in the previous agenda?

= YES

MOTION: Limited discussion instead of full reports of the EC after IMO application and before elections?

= YES

2. Applications for IMO status / renewal (30min)

MOTION: EC suggests to recognize following countries for 5 years:

1. AUSTRIA
2. BULGARIA
3. THE CZECH REPUBLIC
4. GERMANY
5. HUNGARY

6. IRAN
7. KOREA
8. MACAO
9. NEW ZEALAND
10. POLAND
11. SLOVAKIA
12. SWITZERLAND
13. UKRAINE

For 2 years:

14. TURKEY

Postponing the Application:

15. RUSSIA

= YES all by acclamation

MOTION: Not apply the rule of excluding the countries not participating in the tournament in the last 2 years due to the covid situation.

= YES all by acclamation

3. Limited Discussion of the issue of the Account (new after 1.)

Short report of the treasurer, Ilya Martchenko regarding the issue with the blocked bank account.

Discussion, MP position towards this problem (not accepting the loan from Russia)

MA (warning sent before?)

LG (responsibility of the President)

ES (reliability of the PostFinance Bank)

4) Elections (3h)

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SB claimed as the head of the Election Committee by the President of the IYPT, MP

SB framing the timeline

Votes can be accepted only by the IOC members present in the meeting in Buzias (countries, which cannot be present had a chance to delegate the right to vote to a delegated person)

- Singapore (voting done by Young-Gui Yoon)
- United Kingdom (voting done by Gavin Jennings)
- USA (voting done by Samuel Byland)
- Australia (voting done by Samuel Byland)

PRESIDENT

Presentations of the candidates for the position of the President

- Lukasz Gladczuk (15min) + discussion
- Martin Plesch (15 min) + discussion

MOTION: Counting the votes by Don and Gavin

= YES by acclamation

Abstention counts as a valid vote

E: PRESIDENT

- 16x Martin Plesch
- 10x Lukasz Gladczuk
- = **MARTIN PLESCH is the President of the IYPT for the next 2 years (until 2024)**

SECRETARY GENERAL

Presentation of the candidate for the position of the Secretary General

- Mihaly Homostrei + discussion

MOTION: Election by the acclamation as MH is the only one candidate

(Current Secretary-General Tim Hell steps down immediately after new votes)

E: SECRETARY-GENERAL

- = **MIHALY HOMOSTREI is the Secretary-General of the IYPT for the next 4 years (until 2026)**
- elected by acclamation

TREASURER

Presentation of the candidates for the position of the Treasurer

- Ilya Martchenko + discussion
- Eric Schertenleib + discussion

E: TREASURER

- = **ERIC SCHERTENLEIB is the Treasurer of the IYPT for the next 2 years (until 2024)**
- 6x Ilya Martchenko
- 20x Eric Schertenleib

EC MEMBERS

Presentation of the candidates for the position of the EC Member

- Lukasz Gladczuk (5 min)
- Sandu Golcea (5 min)
- Giorgi Khomeriki (5 min)
- Assen Kyuldjiev (5 min)

- Ryan Hsiao-Tzu Lin (video with the statement)
- Ilya Martchenko (5 min)
- Apostolos Michaloudis (5 min)

E: EC MEMBERS

Name	1. ROUND	2. ROUND	3. ROUND	4. ROUND	5. ROUND
Lukasz Gladczuk	9	10	11	10	12
Sandu Golcea	5	3	-	-	-
Giorgi Khomeriki	10	11	12	9	14 elected
Assen Kyuldjiev	9	10	10	7	-
Ryan-Hsiao Tzu-Lin	12	13	16	16 elected by the majority of votes	-
Ilya Martchenko	2	-	-	-	-
Apostolos Michaloudis	5	5	3	-	-

- = Ryan Hsiao-Tzu Lin and Giorgi Khomeriki are the EC Members of the IYPT for the next 4 years (until 2026)

E: AUDITORS

- Gabriel Florian stepped down
- = Veronika Ucekajová and Thomas Lindtner are the Auditors of the IYPT for the next 4 years (until 2026)
- elected by acclamation

Switch of the points 5 - 6 of the agenda

5) Report from the LOC 2023 (30min)

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- Information provided by the LOC on a date, vision, targets + discussion

- Participants discussed possible fight venues (LAHORE x MURREE), safety in Pakistan regarding the topic of the terrorism, visa issues, health-care, possible dates for holding the tournament.

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6) Report of the Treasurer, budget approval (1h)

Report done by the current Treasurer, Ilya Martchenko

Discussion on the finish of the fiscal year 2020/2021

Voting on the finish of the fiscal year 2020/2021

20 offline

3 online

(ROMANIA missing)

MOTION: Accepting the report from the Treasurer, IM as it was presented

- In favor 18 offline + 3 online
- Against 0
- Abstained 2

= YES

MOTION: Adapting the budget as presented by the Treasurer, Ilya Martchenko

- In favor 19 offline + 3 online
- Against 0
- Abstained 1

= YES

Budget 2022/2023

MP opened discussion of the payment of the fees (delays)

3 policies:

1. Accepting the team without the payment done
2. Not refunding the payment
3. We do not pay for the team which did not pay us

2 options:

1. We have the reserves, we accept late fees, and IYPT pays to the LOC even when the team does not pay to IYPT (we know each other, but it is risky for the organization)
2. Pushing for the on-time payments, make early payments cheaper

- MP believes that we have to change the policy
- GK agrees

- AM agrees (problems with the transitions, it is easier to pay on the spot sometimes)
- No-shows on the tournament (4 examples in the 10 years, due to the information provided by the Treasurer IM)
- GK (defining the term of no-shows)
- MP suggestion (early deadline for the payment, extra payment for the late payments, refunds decided case by case by the EC, new teams have to pay earlier due to higher risk of no-show)

MOTION: Accepting the budget for the FY 2022/2023 as it was presented by the treasurer, IM

- In favor 17 offline + 3 online
- Against 0
- Abstained 3

= YES

MOTION: The EC will change the budget rules in such a way that late payments will be allowed with a specified surcharge and the IYPT will be allowed to make payments to the LOC also for the teams which did not pay the registration fee yet. Refunds of the fees will be possible at the discretion of the EC.

- In favor 16 offline + 2 online
- Against 2
- Abstained 2
- 1 online NOT PRESENT

= YES

Presentation of the Treasurer on the short-term and long-term objectives.

7) Hosts for 2024 and later (15min)

- Mihály Hömöstreit (Budapest, 2024)
- Ekin Secilmis (backup solution for 2024 in Istanbul and offering Istanbul as a host for the IYPT 2025)
- Don Duffield (South Africa, 2026)
- Gavin Jennings (New Zealand, 2026)
- Stanislav Panos (the Czech Republic, 2026)
- Canada, Sweden, Bulgaria, Greece, Slovakia (lack of people, minimalistic tournament as a backup solution)

MOTION: Hungary accepted as a host of the IYPT 2024

- In favor 20 offline + 3 online
- Against 0
- Abstained 0

= YES

Eric Schertenleib (voting passed to Samuel Byland), Don Duffield (voting passed to Martin Plesch) and Lukasz Gladczuk left the meeting.

8) Reports of Committees (2h)

Jury Committee

- Information on the Jury feedback (IYPT 2021 in Kutasi) done by the President of the IYPT, MP
- Jury made a couple of changes in the Scoresheet published in October, 2021
- Analysis of correlation between statistical bias of juror student's feedback (done by Tereza Zuskinová and Martin Plesch) /outcomes - students do not like when juror is biased, one or the other side/
- Possibility to email student's feedback (could be included additionally by hand) if feedback forms were not delivered
- Need for more jurors, qualified jurors
- **Jury Committee will look how often happens that jurors have high deviations from the average**
- MZ expresses a need for a proper database for the jurors with the information from the grades provided from the jurors to the students, preview of the years

Disciplinary Committee (none event needed to be discussed happened)

Problem Selection Committee (will be done together with the point 14. Approval of the set of problems)

9) Motion to change the Regulations of the IYPT: Increase the number of rejectable problems without penalty from 3 to 5. (Mihály Hömöstrej, 30min)

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Presentation is done by the Secretary-General of the IYPT, MH, followed by the discussion (AM, SB, MZ, ES, GK, GJ, DI, MA, MZ, GK, online AA, SP, MH, MS, MP)

REJECTIONS IYPT 2022	
Number of rejected problems	Number of teams
0	1
1	3
2	3
3	7
4	4

5	4
6	0
7	3
8	0

MP propose to accept the motion as it was presented and then review the statistics + discuss possible changes in formulation for rejecting problems during the drawing of lots.

MP/MA: 5 rejections, 2 of them disclosed at the beginning of the tournament - latest in the opening ceremony during the drawing of lots.

AMENDMENT OF THE MOTION by MZ: Change the number “five” to “four” in the motion as presented by the MH

- In favor 3 offline, 0 online
- Against 14 offline + 2 online
- Abstained 2 offline + 1 online

= NO

AMENDMENT OF THE MOTION by MA: 3 rejections out of the 5 should be announced during the drawing of the lots during the Opening Ceremony

- In favor 7 offline + 0 online
- Against 10 offline + 2 online
- Abstained 1 offline + 1 online

= NO

MOTION: In the Part IX., point 2 of the Regulation is following sentence:

“During the Selective PFs the Reporter may reject the challenge of three different problems in total without penalty.”

changed to

“During the Selective PFs the Reporter may reject the challenge of five different problems in total without penalty.” **Comment: Corrected on October 1. 2022**

- In favor 14 offline + 3 online
- Against 4 offline
- Abstained 2 offline

= YES

10) Motion to relax the jury qualifications for ex-tournament participants to one successfully completed year of a physics degree (Magdalena Živković, 30min)

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Presentation done by the MZ, followed by a discussion (MP, MZ, MA, NK, DI, XCH, GK, MS, SG, NK, Y-YH, MH, MA, FT, GJ, AM)

AMENDMENT OF THE MOTION: Change the motion from 1 year to 3 years

- In favor 8 offline + 0 online
- Against 7 offline + 2 online
- Abstained 3 offline + 1 online

= NO

MOTION: Relax the jury qualifications for ex-tournament participants to one successfully completed year of a physics degree.

- In favor 1 offline + 1 online
- Against 17 offline + 2 online
- Abstained 2 offline

= NO

JC and the EC will discuss this problem at its regular meeting.

11) Drawing of Lots (Michael Steck, 5min)

Suggestion by Michael Steck: make an IOC decision that drawing of lots should be done by the captain

Discussion (MA, MZ, GK, MA, Y-YH, SB, MZ)

MOTION: The IOC advises future hosts to organize the drawing of lots by captains of the teams

- In favor 17 offline + 3 online
- Against 0
- Abstained 2

= YES

12) IYPT WhatsApp Group for all IOC Members, EC members and Secretaries (Farida Tahir, 15min)

Suggestion by Farida Tahir: make a WhatsApp group to make the discussions more effective

Suggestion by Martin Plesch: make a WhatsApp group during the tournament

Discussion (AP, GK, GJ, MA, MZ, MH, SB)

13) Electronic team communication and collaborative work (15min)

Question on how to regulate the wireless communication of the team during the PF (cable solution is possible).

Discussion (GK, MA, XCH, MZ, MS, SG, GK, Y-YH, DI, GJ, MA, MZ, SG, Y-YH, XCH, MA, MS, IM, SG)

MP suggests that one way to go is to prohibit any kind of electronic communication during the PF (technically feasible solution but limiting).

MA suggests using the flying mode.

GJ suggests saying very categorically that when proved that the internet was used it leads to the loss of the points in that particular stage (or other serious consequences).
This topic will be discussed in the EC at its regular meeting.

14) Approval of the set of problems (2h)

Presentation done by Samuel Byland

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- Reflection of the Set of Problems for the IYPT 2022
- Call for Problems and their preselection, IOC feedback
- **out of the 21 countries, 15 countries are present and eligible to vote about the problems** (Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, Taiwan, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Iran, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, UK, USA)
- IYPT 2023 Tentative Problem Set

MZ - suggests mentioning pancakes in the problem no. 15

Poland - Suggests using the wording “tree-like pattern” instead of “fractal” in Problem no. 1

Problem no. 2

- discussion about a wire
- MZ states materials can be hard to access
- conclusion: scratch the word “hollow”

Problem no. 3

- no discussion

Problem no. 4

- Disc, DVD

Problem no. 5

- Poland - scratch “within a range of angle”

Problem no. 6

- Discussing the leaf spring
- Complaint: MZ leaf springs aren't accessible
- Non-magnetic base

Problem no. 7

- No discussion

Problem no. 8

- Not clear enough. A diagram may be useful

MOTION: Accepting the IYPT 2023 Tentative Problem Set with implemented points raised during the discussion as the final Problem Set for the IYPT 2023.

- In favor 15 offline + 1 online
- Against 3 offline
- Abstained 0

= YES

MOTION: Put nr. 16 as nr. 1

- In favor 7 offline
- Against 5 offline
- Abstained 2

= NO

Samuel Byland will provide drawings to the Set of Problems for the IYPT 2023 and it will be published on our webpage.

Meeting ends.