

Minutes of the meetings of General Assembly of the International Olympiad in Informatics

from 15 to 22 August 2007 in Zagreb, Croatia

Present:

The President, Team leaders, Deputy Team leaders, Observers, members of the International Committee of IOI, the IOI Scientific Committee members, IOI 2007 Scientific and Organizing Committees.

Day 2, Opening Ceremony Day

First session 14.30 – 16.00

1. **Welcome**

The President of the IOI, prof. Zide Du and the Chairman of the IOI2007 Organising Committee Ivo _eparovi_ warmly welcomed the GA members to the GA meetings of the IOI 2007.

2. **The Chair of the GA**

The President of the IOI prof. Zide Du presented the GA chairman Mr. Tomislav Vujec to GA

3. **Apologies for absence**

Mr Yasser M. Abdel Ghany from Egypt will join the IOI on Saturday Morning.

4. **Presentation and confirmation of GA meeting agenda**

The GA meeting agenda was accepted with minor changes in the time table and addition of the item concerning the IOI communication.

5. **Appointment of scrutineers for voting in all GA meeting**

Göktürk Üçoluk from Turkey, Ries Kock from the Netherlands, Håkan Strömberg from Sweden and Wolfgang Pohl from Germany were elected unanimously to be the scrutineers for voting.

6. **Competition Rules and Regulations**

The chair of the Host Scientific Committee Bojan Antolovi_ presented the Rules and Regulations applicable to this Olympiad. They were unanimously approved after discussion. Some errors were corrected and several topics clarified.

7. **Nominations for IC and ISC**

The chair informed that the closing date for nominations to the IC and ISC will be Sunday the 19th of October, and that there will be two open spots for the IC and the ISC. The nomination forms will be distributed immediately.

8. **Report by IOI2006 SC Chair Cesar Cepeda: confusion in ranking in IOI2006**

Cesar Cepeda informed about measures to settle the confusion in the medal awarding procedures in the IOI 2006. GA decided with a vast majority to use the

same algorithm in the IOI2007 when deciding about the distribution of the medals provided that the algorithm is functioning correctly. The countries voted against, one abstained.

9. Richard Forster: IC emergency decision and amendment.

Richard Forster declared the IC emergency decision made in the IOI 2006 to make sure the confusion in medal distribution will be solved in a way which is fair to all medalists.

Second session 18 – 20

10. Brief information about the IOI 2007 Conference on Day 3

Valentina Dagiien_ and Richard Forster gave information about the IOI 2007 Conference and extended the appreciation of the organizing team to all those persons who have made their contribution to the conference.

11. Presentation of Tasks (for Competition Day 1)

Host Scientific Committee Chair Bojan Antolovi_ presented the selected tasks for Day 1. Delegates were given time to study them, submit objections, questions and queries before they were opened for discussion. After discussion and amendments the tasks were approved by General Assembly.

Day 3, 1st Competition Day

12. Result analysis of the 1st competition session

Cesar Cepeda gave a report about the 1st competition session. The report was unanimously accepted.

13. IOI conference

Richard Forster gave a report about the IOI conference. He told that the conference has been successful and the same conference will be organized also in the IOI 2008 in Egypt. She asked the GA members to send their contributions to the conference as much as possible. The two topics will be promoting the IOI among the students and the tasks.

14. The minutes of the GA meetings of IOI held in Merida, Mexico, from the 13th to the 20th of August 2006

Day 4, Leisure Day

15. Amendments to Statutes, Explications and Appendices

Richard Forster presented the proposals for rules and regulations. The proposals are connected to IOI Technical Guidelines, limit of maximum one team leader per one student, and type of selection procedures. The texts of the proposals will be delivered to the team leaders and the voting of them will be later on the week.

16. Voting on proposals carried forward from GA meetings

The two changes to the rules and regulations proposed by Richard Forster were

unanimously accepted.

17. Report back day 1

The Chairman stated that all the issues concerning the appeals from the Day 1 have been already addressed properly. There was no discussion.

18. Presentation of Tasks (for Competition Day 2)

The Chair of the Host Scientific Committee Bojan Antolovi_ presented the selected Tasks for Day 2. Delegates were given time to study them, submit objections, questions and queries before discussion. The Tasks were approved by General Assembly.

Day 5, 2nd Competition day

19. Report back day 2

Proposal: Host Scientific Committee will present summary of the written appeals from Team Leaders. The Host Scientific Committee will publish the tasks and model solutions on-line. There was no discussion.

20. Report by the IOI President (attached)

The IOI President gave his report to the IOI. There was a discussion about the status of the ISC and lack of ISC meeting spring 2007. There was a discussion about the issue of making the points public immediately after the competition. The report was approved.

21. ISC Report and proposal:

The ISC Chair Cesar Cepeda gave a report on the activities of the ISC for the year. There are no advances in the IOI information system. The IOI mailing lists administration will be transferred to Martin Mare_. He will provide the server as well. IOI team competitions and on-line parallel competition will be discussed further in Egypt. The cooperation between the Croatian HSC and the ISC was going smoothly in spite of lack of ISC March 2007 meeting. The competition guidelines should be ratified in GA, and they will be implemented in Egypt.

22. Report by ITWG

The ITWG Chair Martin Mare_ gave his report. Any information from Jyrki Nummenmaa concerning the practice CD has not been available. A list of packages for practicing should be published. However a new practice CD will be published because a Linux computer is not available for all contestants. A general framework for grading systems is under construction.

23. Executive Director's Report (attached)

The ED of the IOI gave his report to the IOI. The report was approved. There was no discussion. The report was approved.

24. The Audited Financial Statements for the year

Wolfgang Pohl presented Financial Statements for the year 2006 – 2007. The IOI funds were transferred from South Africa to Germany and the accounts will stay in Germany. The funds are not audited. Wolfgang Pohl promised to organize the

auditing in Germany using a company which is charging reasonably for the work. The auditing report will be published at the IOI web site. The Financial Statements was approved unanimously.

25. Budget

Eljakim Schrijvers presented the IOI 2007 – 2008 budget. The budget was accepted unanimously without changes.

26. Participation fee of for IOI 2008

A registration fee of 200 € was approved. One country was against and one abstained.

27. Announcement of future host

The president Zide Du announced the host of the IOI 2011. The host will be Thailand. Mr. Surin Phongsupasamit expressed his and his country's joy about the decision and welcomed all countries to the IOI 2011 in Thailand.

28. Election of two members of IC

There are two positions available for the elections for the members of the IC and there were three applications to those positions. The candidates were Margot Phillips from New Zealand, Regilio Garcia Llano from Argentina and Metodija Janceski from Macedonia. **Regilio Garcia Llano** from Argentina and **Metodija Janceski** from Macedonia were voted as the new elected IC members for three years. The term will start immediately after the IOI 2007 and end on the last day of the IOI 2010.

29. Election of ISC Member to replace member (2004 - 2007) and member (2004 - 2008)

There are two positions available for the elections for the members of the ISC, one year position because Tom Verhoeff resigned before the end of his term, and a regular three year position. There were four applicants to those positions. The candidates were Wen-Xin Li from China, Marcin Kubica from Poland, Ben Burton from Australia and Cesar Cepeda from Mexico. **Cesar Cepeda** was elected for the one year position. His term will start on the first day after the IOI 2007 and end on the last day of the IOI 2009. **Marcin Kubica** was elected for the three year position. His term will start on the first day after the IOI 2007 and end on the last day of the IOI 2010.

Day 7, Closing Ceremony Day

30. Notice on the proper usage of the national flags in closing ceremony

The chairman reminded that the contestants cannot carry any national flags on the stage during the award ceremony.

31. Results and Confirmation of medals

Chairman of the Host Scientific Committee Bojan Antolovi_ and his team tabled graphs of the overall results of the two competition days and the number of each medal will be decided. The proposal Host Scientific Committee was accepted.

Two countries abstained.

32. Visions for development of IOI

The President Zide Du gave a presentation about the future challenges in the IOI. There was no discussion.

33. Proposals from the GA members

The proposals from GA members were discussed.

- Proposal was to distribute tasks only in English the IOI without any translation.
- Proposal to encourage the participants to publish more tasks translated from national languages into English.
- Proposal to distribute evaluation details to the team leaders immediately after the competition has started.
- Proposal to improve communication between various IOI bodies, and to create a Country Board to do the task. The IOI information system under construction will tackle this issue.

34. Voting on proposals carried forward from GA meetings

Proposal to distribute evaluation details to the team leaders immediately after the competition has started was accepted.

35. New business

There were no new business

36. General information, IOI communication

Michael Cotter from Ireland will be the Irish country coordinator from now on. His email address is michael.cotter@dcu.ir. The chairman announced about the arrangements in the closing ceremony.

37. Dates and information on the IOI 2008

Mohamed Youssef from Egypt announced that the IOI 2008 will be held in Cairo during August, 16-23, 2008. The website of the event will be www.IOI2008.org.

38. Closure

The Chairman of the GA Tomislav Vujec thanked the GA member for very fruitful meetings. The President of IOI Zide Du declared the meeting closed and extended his thanks to everybody who had made this meeting successful. He expressed his special gratitude to all the members of the host organizing committee who has done a great work.

The President Report to the GA

What did we do?

1. The IC has been restructured
6 members from GA elections, 5 from the host countries

2. The ISC's crisis

All ISC members did not come to Croatia in March except Cesar Cepeda,
The IOI SC chairman resigned
No one of them emailed telling the President about this

To whom the IOI SC is responsible?

IOI business: higher or lower priority?

Did you promise when you compete for the position?

Thanks to Cesar who gave a very good report about IOI SC situation

3. Awards and Appreciation

- Distinguished Service Award

Decided by the IC

- Outstanding Contributions Award

The IOI President presents to the chairman of the host country on behalf of the GA

- "Certificate of Appreciation"

To the people who will retire after serving the IOI for several years

4. Some mistake was made by IOI2006 on scoring, fixed finally

5. To share country experience on organizing the NOIs
proceedings and
conference

Done by IC members: Valentina Dagiene, Arturo Cepeda, Richard Forster, Krassimir Manev

6. APIO

Asia and Pacific Informatics Olympiad was organized successfully by Australia, Ben Burton

7. Two countries applied to host IOI2011

Thailand

Italy

8. New participants

Several new countries are willing to participate in the IOI. North Korea, Nigeria, New Zealand and other countries

A new country has to meet the preliminary and basic requirements before becoming an official member of the IOI.

9. The IC works well, active, more than 90% members come to the meetings

10. The ED Jari Koivisto works well

11. The IC collecting country information, not finished

12. The president contacted with NCC (National Computing Centre, UK) and AMD

13. Voting machine, IOI paid \$700

Some concerns:

1. No more people were willing for the IC members in 2006
 2. Many people preferred ISC last year, but
 - Some of them may not have enough enthusiasm and energy
 - They didn't put the IOI business in higher priority
 - Improper and inefficient mechanism
 - Unclear responsibilities and goals
 - Indistinctly to whom the ISC should be responsible
 - IOI is lack of proper restrictions
 - Can we say NO to someone who doesn't function?
 3. More are more countries will be involved in
 - More teams mean higher expenses for the host countries
 - Do we need upper limit?
 4. Common Services
 - ISC should provide necessary services to the host countries and national Olympiads, such as
 - Evaluation systems
 - Administration systems
 - Recommended compilers (free software)
 - Useful tool kits
 5. About president's duty
- From the IOI regulations

The President of IOI should:

1. Have a background in Computer Science / Education.
2. Have experience in running national or international competitions.
3. Be dedicated and committed to the objectives of IOI.
4. Have played an active role in IOI.
5. Have a record of leadership.

The President of IOI has the following responsibilities:

1. Chair the IC
2. Function as an addressee for the IOI
3. Actively promote the objectives of the IOI.
4. **Actively seek and act on the views and opinions of the IOI community.**
5. Ensure communication and co-operation within the IOI community.
6. Protect and uphold the regulations of IOI.
7. Prepare proposals for the systematic growth and development of the IOI and its components.
8. Report to the IC and GA on the activities of the office of President of IOI.
9. Establish links with other international olympiads, and organisations in the information technology field who would benefit from an associate with the IOI.
10. Take executive decisions in the event of an unforeseen crisis.

What power the president has?

If a member of the committees doesn't function?

If a team violates the regulations?

If someone disregards the IOI?

Proposal:

1. The ISC is separated from the local SC, the ISC is consist of 3 elected, 1 from IOIn-1 and IOIn+1, totally 5 people; 3 people in the ISC are elected by the GA, and appointed by the president

on behalf of GA;

2. The ISC chairman is responsible to the IC and the president, when the IC adjourns, the ISC chairman reports ISC work to the president.
3. If a member of the committees can not come to the meeting or IOI, he or she has to ask the president to get approved; If a member didn't come to the meeting or IOI twice continuously, he or she has to resign; otherwise, the GA will expel him or her.
4. The GA authorizes the president, along with the ED, to qualify a new team according the preliminary requirements. If it doesn't meet the requirements, it will be rejected to come to the IOI; The GA authorizes the president, along with the ED, to talk to concerned teams which are not fully qualified according the preliminary requirements. If those teams don't get improved in two years, the IOI will warn them.

What we can do next?

1. Restructure the ISC
 - Make clear about its role and functions
 - It can not be parallel with the IC
 - Be responsible to the IC and the president
2. More recognition or encouragement in the IOI community
 - Team leaders or coaches (Georgia proposal)
 - National Olympiads (Excellence, Passed, Concerned)
3. Communications with international organizations
 - The IOI gets official recognition by the UNESCO
 - The IOI gets promoted
 - Sharing the experience
4. The IOI web site is to be updated immediately, budget is necessary
5. Country information
 - Every participant has to supply information, filling in the form made by the IC
6. The IOI 20-year anniversary in 2009
 - Kick off now
7. Attract long term sponsors
 - What we can "sale" to the sponsors?
 - Show the sponsor at the event?
 - Trophy?
 - Web sites? (including all participants' web sites)
 - Media?
 - Publications?

IOI 2007

Executive Director's report

Estimated time required for the IOI issues in every working day: 1.5 hours

Permanent duties

- Preparations and documents for IC meetings
- Preparations and documents for GA meetings
- Minutes for all meetings
- Regular communication with the President of the IOI
- Cohesion in the IOI community

Activities

- All kind of information with the IOI community members
- o Practical issues
- o Collecting and conveying proposals to respective persons or bodies
- o Rules and regulations
- ISSEP conference in Lithuania together with a number of members from IOI community
- Informing and helping the new countries to participate in the IOI
- Evaluation of the possibilities of new countries to send a competitive team
- Giving permission for a new country to send an observer
- Contacts with the Departments and Ministries of Education in all Member countries
- Contacts with the Departments and Ministries of Foreign Affairs in all Member countries

on Visa issues

- Contacts with other parties in the issues regarding the IOI
- IOI web site related contacts
- Contacts with the IFIP

IOI Financial Report 2006 – 2007 and the budget for the year 2007 – 2008

	2007/08 Budget/€	2006/07 effective budgeted	
INCOME			
Participation Fees	16000	16352	16000
Interest	1400	826	0
Total Income	17400	17178	16000
EXPENDITURE			
Office of the President	1500	29	1500
Office of the ED			
OED hired work	0	0	3000
ED Travel Expenses	2000	567	3000
Accommodation, Airport Transfers, Visas	500	0	500
Office Expenses (incl. communication)	200	7	200
Financing expences			
Audit Fees	300	0	300
Bank Charges	200	107	300
Communication			
Website (Relaunch, Extension)	8000	0	4000
Webconferences	500	0	500
Telephone Costs / Postages	150	0	150
Brochures	1000	641	Nil
Voting System	0	885	Nil
Development			
Development Workshop	8000		
IOI conf. proceedings	1500	900	5000
ITWG Lab	1500	1328	500
Information System	2000	1998	6000
Task Archive	1500	0	1500
ISC Fund	800	0	800
IOI Handbook	0	0	1500
Miscellaneous			
Dist. Service Award Fund	1000	69	1000
Contingency	1500	0	1000
Total Expenditure	32150	6532	30750

Previous Cash Position	62891	52245	52245
Cash Development	-14750	10646	-14750
Cash Position	48141	62891	37495

IOI Budget

2007/2008

Overview

	Budget 2007/2008	Effective 2006/2007	Budget 2006/2007
Income	17.400	17.178	16.000
Expenses	32.150	6.531	30.750
Cash Flow	-14.750	10.647	-14.750

Income

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Expenses

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Office of the president	1.500	29	1.500
Office of the ED	2.700	574	6.700
Financing expenses	500	107	600
Communication	9.650	1.526	4.650
Development	15.300	4.226	15.300
Miscellaneous	2.500	69	2.000
Total Expenses	32.150	6.531	30.750

Office of the ED

	Budget 2007/2008	Effective 2006/2007	Budget 2006/2007
Hired Work	0	0	3.000
Travel Expenses	2.000	567	3.000
Accommodations, airport transfers, visa	500	0	500
Office Expenses	200	7	200
Total Expenses	2.700	574	6.700

Communications

	Budget 2007/2008	Effective 2006/2007	Budget 2006/2007
Website	8.000	0	4.000
Web Conferences	500	0	500
Telephone costs	150	0	150
Brochures	1.000	641	0
Voting System	0	885	0
Total Expenses	9.650	1.526	4.650

Development

	Budget 2007/2008	Effective 2006/2007	Budget 2006/2007
Development Workshop	8.000	0	0
Conf. Proceedings	1.500	900	5.000
ITWG Lab	1.500	1.328	500
Information System	2.000	1.998	6.000
Task Archive	1.500	0	1.500
ISC Fund	800	0	800
IOI Handbook	0	0	1.500
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	Budget 2007/2008	Effective 2006/2007	Budget 2006/2007
Beginning of year	62.892	52.245	52.245
Cash Flow	-14.750	10.647	-14.750
End of year	48.142	62.892	37.495