

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

from 16 to 23 August 2008 in Cairo, Egypt

Present:

The President, Team leaders, Deputy Team leaders, Observers, members of the International Committee of IOI, the IOI Scientific Committee members, IOI 2008 Scientific and Organizing Committees.

1. Welcome

The President of the IOI, prof. Zide Du and the Chairman of the IOI2008 Organising Committee Mohamed Youssef warmly welcomed the GA members to the GA meetings of the IOI 2008.

2. The Chair of the GA

The President of the IOI prof. Zide Du presented the GA chairman Mr. Ziad Nagem to GA

3. Apologies for absence

Israel, Norway, and Syria are not present.

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

Don Piele from USA, Ivo _eparovi_ from Croatia, Göktürk Üçoluk from Turkey, Ries Kock from the Netherlands were elected unanimously to be the scrutineers for voting.

6. Technical environment

The IOI technical environment was accepted after discussion.

7. Competition Rules and Regulations

Chair of the Host Scientific Committee presented the Rules and Regulations applicable to this Olympiad. The changes are about the scientific qualifications of the team leaders and about clarification of one of the points in current regulations. They were unanimously approved after discussion.

8. Nominations for Presidency, IC and ISC

Nominations for election for Presidency, IC and ISC will remain open until the GA meeting before the second Competition period.

9. Presentation of Tasks (for Competition Day 1)

Host Scientific Committee Chair 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.

10. Report back day 1

Host Scientific Committee chair presented the summary of the written appeals from Team Leaders. The report was unanimously accepted.

11. Brief information about the IOI 2008 Conference

Valentina Dagić and Richard Forster gave information about the IOI 2008 Conference and extended the appreciation of the organizing team to all those persons who have made their contribution to the conference. The conference has been successful and the same conference will be organized also in the IOI 2009 in Plovdiv. He 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.

12. The Audited Financial Statements for the year (attached, ask Kim)

Kim Schrijvers presented Financial Statements for the year 2007 – 2008. The Financial Statements was approved unanimously.

13. Budget (attached, ask Kim)

Eljakim Schrijvers presented the IOI 2008 – 2009 budget. The budget was accepted unanimously without changes.

14. The minutes of the GA meetings of IOI held in Zagreb, Croatia

The minutes of the GA meetings of IOI held in Zagreb, Croatia were accepted. Three representatives abstained in the voting.

15. Country Library

Krassimir Manev told about the current situation of the Country Library asking the IOI members to fill all the necessary information in the web form.

16. Presentation of Tasks (for Competition Day 2)

The Chair of the Host Scientific Committee 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.

17. 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.

18. Report by the IOI President (attached)

The IOI President gave his report to the IOI. The report was unanimously approved.

19. ISC Report and proposal (attached)

The ISC Chair Cesar Cepeda gave a report on the activities of the ISC for the year. The report was unanimously approved.

20. Report by ITWG (attached)

The ITWG Chair Martin Mare_ gave the ITWG report. The report was unanimously approved.

21. Executive Director's Report (attached)

The ED of the IOI gave his report to the IOI. The report was unanimously approved.

22. Participation fee of for IOI 2009

A registration fee of 200 € was approved. Denmark abstained.

23. Voting slip from Chile

The voting slip from Chile was accepted after voting in the IOI President election. Ten countries were against and four abstained

24. National flags and symbols in the Closing Ceremony

The GA was voting about the proposal that no national flags or symbols are allowed in the closing ceremony. Four members of the GA were against and three abstained.

25. Election of the IOI president for the time period 2008-2011

The candidates were Arturo Cepeda from Mexico, Richard Forster from UK and Zide Du from China. Arturo Cepeda from Mexico was elected to be the IOI president until the end of the IOI 2011.

26. Election of an IC member for the time period 2008-2011

Fredrik Niemelä from Sweden was elected to be the member of the IC until the end of IOI 2011.

27. Election of an ISC Member for the time period 2008-2011

Ben Burton was elected to be the member of the ISC until the end of the IOI 2011

28. Election of the ED for the time period 2008-2011

Richard Forster from UK was elected as the ED until the end of IOI 2011.

29. Results and Confirmation of medals

Chairman of the Host Scientific Committee and his team tabled graphs of the overall results of the two competition days and the number of each medal will be decided. There were 283 contestants and for that reason there will be 24 gold medals, 71 silver medals and 141 bronze medals. The proposal Host Scientific Committee was accepted.

30. Proposals from the GA members

Proposal from Denmark: All the translations of the tasks should be made available at least for the GA members in electronic format. Turkey seconds. The proposal was accepted.

Proposal from Denmark: There should be fixed rules about use the mobile phones during the quarantine hours. The proposal was understood as a comment because there are already rules concerning the quarantine hours.

Proposal from Sweden: We should use detailed feedback on all tasks. Sweden dropped the proposal.

Proposal from Kazakhstan: The solutions to the tasks should be published. The Egyptian organizer promised to publish the solutions and test data.

31. Announcement of future host

The president Zide Du announced the host of the IOI 2012. The host will be Italy. Prof. Roberto Grossi from Italy expressed his and his country's joy about the decision and welcomed all countries to the IOI 2012 in Italy.

32. Dates and information on the IOI 2008

Krassimir Manev from Bulgaria announced that the IOI 2009 will be held in Plovdiv during August, 8-14, 2009 and everybody is welcome to attend the IOI 2009. The website of the event will be www.IOI2009.org. Krassimir Manev asked everybody to send all kinds of materials from previous Olympiads to him to highlight the human side of the competition.

33. Closure

The Chairman of the GA Ziad Negem 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.