

Minutes of the IC meeting held at Nowy Sacz, Poland from 18 to 25 August 2005

In attendance

Spyros Bakogiannis - Chairman

Donald Piele (United States) – IOI 2003

Ha-Jine Kimn Chairman IOI 2002

Krzysztof Diks (Poland) – Chairman IOI 2005

Arturo Cepeda (Mexico) - Chairman IOI2006

Yasser Abdel Ghany – Chairman IOI2008 and Elected member 2003/2004/2005

Wolfgang Pohl – Elected member 2004/2005/2006

Ricardo Anido - Elected member 2005/2006/2007

Lionel Hartmann - Executive Director

1. **Welcome.**

The Chairman welcomed members of IC. There were no observers present.

2. **Apologies.**

No apologies for absence were received, but Krzysztof Diks advised that he would attend as and when possible.

3. **Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meetings.**

The minutes of the meetings held in Nowy Sacz in April were distributed to all members. Copies were made available at this meeting. The minutes were approved by IC subject to following changes to the previous minutes:

Item 4.2. Should read “was linked to the USACO training pages”

Item 7.2. Should read “proposed dates of 17 to 24 August 2006”

3. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

- 4.1 Training material on the web site after IOI2005. **Action Krzysztof Diks**
This item would be carried forward to the next meeting of IC when Krzysztof Diks would report.
- 4.2 Training material, Regional links, Newsletter.
Entry level information and material for contestants had been prepared and made available. This matter would be discussed further during IOI.
- 4.3 Hardware to be purchased by Jyrki.
The material had been acquired by Jyrki and paid for since 30 June 2005. The hardware would become part of the assets of IOI and reflected as such in future Balance Sheets.
- 4.4 Development workshops **Action Wolfgang Pohl**
Input was received from various members of IC. The workshop was scheduled for 25 to 28 January 2006 in Germany and attendance would be limited to approximately 20. Deadline for submissions was end October 2005. By end of November a decision would be made whom to invite and possibly support with some finances. IC approved a total budget of \$8000 for this workshop.
- 4.5 IOI handbook **Action Krzysztof Diks**
Krzysztof would tackle this project within 2 months of IOI 2005. A budget of \$200 had been set aside for this project.
- 4.6 Handbook from Finland on the Web site **Action Don Piele**
Don Piele would follow up with Finland and establish a link from the IOI website
- 4.7 Training material on disc **Action Ricardo Anido**
Discs had been produced by Jyrki. It was agreed that IC would investigate the cost of reproduction and distribution. Ricardo Anido to approach Google to sponsor.
- 4.8 Tsunami relief project
ED Lionel reported that relief and assistance had been offered to the following countries (responses indicated):

Bangladesh	Accepted but not incurred. Did not attend IOI
Indonesia	No response
India	Not required.
Sri Lanka	Accepted and \$600 paid to Colombo University
Thailand	No response

5 Election of President of IOI.

Three nominations had been received for the President of IOI. After scrutiny by IC it was agreed that all the candidates met the requirements and were eligible to stand for election. The candidates were: Zide Du (China), Ha-Jine Kimn (Korea), and Eljakim Schrijvers (Netherlands). The procedures to be followed with the election were approved.

6 IOI Web site

Action Don Piele

Don Piele reported on the reconstruction of the site. Members of IC were asked to go to the site and to make inputs. Expenditure of \$498 for maintenance work done was approved by IC. An amount of \$3000 would be set aside in next year's budget for future developments.

7 Evaluation of IOI 2004.

IOI 2004 had difficulty in obtaining major sponsors mainly because many were committed to the Olympic Games. The Security budget had increased drastically. A detailed report had been placed on the website. Information had also been submitted to Don Piele and Tom Verhoeff..

8 IOI 2005/6 Budget

The Budget for 2005/06 was discussed by IC and a total Expenditure of \$37500 was approved by IC. The Registration fee to be recommended to GA was agreed on \$300 per participating country.

9 Report by Executive Director

Lionel Hartmann submitted a written report for the year and highlighted a few salient issues. He drew attention to the number of potential new member countries who could participate in IOI in future years. This was a most positive state of affairs as all development had been done by E-mail and minimal cost to IOI. He also drew attention to the positive financial position which placed IOI in a position to tackle some meaningful projects to the advantage of IOI.

The Audited Financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman and Executive Director.

An amount of \$360 was approved as a contribution towards the Administrative costs of the ED's office.

Renewed efforts would be made to obtain translation of key IOI documents.

10 Amendments to IOI Regulations

The amendments to the Regulations establishing the Office of the President of IOI had been approved by GA. Other minor amendments were also approved by IC and subsequently approved by GA. Thanks were expressed to Dr Richard Forster for his contribution in getting these amendments drafted and incorporated in the Regulations of IOI.

11 Report by future host/s

11.1 Arturo Cepeda of Mexico (2006) presented his report. All plans were progressing well and positively. Two hotels had been identified and secured for Delegates and Contestants. The hardware for the Olympiad was totally sponsored. Dates of IOI were to be 17 to 24 August 2006 in Merida, Mexico. IC meeting would be held in Merida from 18 to 23 March 2006.

11.2 Ivo Separovic of Croatia (2007) assisted by 3 members of his delegation presented his report. They are still trying to finalise financial support from sponsors. The venue for IOI would be Zagreb and the dates for IOI had been determined as from 15 to 22 August 2007. The city had adequate facilities to house delegations and contestants. It is anticipated that hardware for the competition would be sponsored by the Education department and taken over by the after IOI

11.3 Yasser Abdel Ghany of Egypt (2008) reported on the plans for IOI 2008. Very exciting news was that they had obtained the support of the President of Egypt. This would assist greatly with fundraising. A new logo had been designed. The venue would be Alexandria during August 2008.

12 Potential future hosts

12.1 The team from Bulgaria lead by Krassimir Manev to made their presentation to IC. They showed IC members the venues and accommodation for IOI at the Plovdiv Fair in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. At this stage they had sufficient support to stage the IOI. The provisional dates were during August 2009.

12.2 Ian Munro from Canada made a presentation for IOI to be hosted in Waterloo, Ontario. There were adequate facilities for the competition and housing of all participants at IOI. There were several very

interesting excursions in the immediate vicinity of Waterloo. The provisional dates would be August/September 2009.

After discussion of both proposals IC voted by secret ballot with Bulgaria being selected as the venue for IOI 2009.

13 Report by International Scientific Committee

Tom Verhoeff submitted a two page document highlighting the past issues, completed actions, current issues and current actions. The main current issues were:

The relationship between ISC and host Sc and ISC and GA need to be better defined. The date and length of the Review meeting needs to be looked at. There was a need to document the various security issues surrounding the preparation of the IOI competition and the need to streamline the communication with GA is required.

The document also outlined the critical actions required to ensure the success of IOI 2006.

The level of communication between ISC and the host SC was improved this year.

Jyrki Nummenmaa reported on the activities of the ITWG and confirmed that the move to Linux was progressing well. Mexico will be using the Linux system. He also advised that his 3 year term as Chairman of ITWG comes to an end in 2006 and that he would not be available for re-election, but would remain a member of ISC.

As far as the development of the IOI Information System is concerned he would use the services of a student to work on this on an hourly basis.

Wolfgang Pohl would pass on to Jyrki the inputs and requirements of IC.

Action Wolfgang Pohl

14 General

14.1 A proposal regarding the competition task descriptions was submitted by China. IC agreed that it be referred to GA for consideration.

14.2 Wolfgang Pohl raised the need for a more efficient and effective system for the Teleconferences of IC. Research revealed that the Webex system was the most appropriate. Members were asked to view the system at www.webex.com. A cost of \$500 (based on 90 minutes of usage) was approved.

It was agreed that the next Teleconference would take place during the last week of November 2005. Don Piele would lead this initiative.

Action Don Piele

14.3 Wolfgang Pohl led discussion on a range of duties and responsibilities of IC members. Specific tasks were allocated to IC members. It was agreed that this schedule would be included in the first Newsletter after IOI.

Action Wolfgang Pohl

14.4. Yasser Abdel Ghany raised an idea of splitting the IOI competition into 2 groups. After discussion it was agreed that this matter be raised in GA.

Action Yasser Ghany

14.5 The Chairman welcomed Dr Richard Forster the newly elected member of IC and Krassimir Manev the IC member representing the hosts for IOI2009.

14.6 As this was the last meeting for Ha-Jine Kimn who had served IOI and IC for many years the Chairman thanked him for his contribution and wished him well in his future. Yasser Abdel Ghany retired as the elected member of IC, but would remain on IC as the Chairman of the host for IOI2008. The Chairman thanked him for his contribution over the last 3 years and looked forward to working with him in the period ahead.

14.7 A special welcome was extended to Zide Du the newly elected President of IOI. He received the support of IC members.

14.8 The Chairman thanked all members of IC for their contribution and participation in the meetings during the year.

14.9 The Chairman expressed his thanks and gratitude to Krzysztof Diks and his team for all the arrangements for this IC meeting and a very successful IOI. This was greeted by acclamation from members of IC.

15. Dates of next meetings

The Chairman confirmed that the next meetings of IC in Mexico will take place from 18 to 23 March 2006.

16. Closure

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.