

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOI HELD IN
NOWY SACZ, POLAND FROM 18 TO 25 AUGUST 2005

Present: Team leaders, Deputy Team leaders, Observers, members of the International Committee and International Scientific Committee.

1.0 Welcome

The Chairman of the International Committee of IOI - Spyros Bakogiannis welcomed members of General Assembly. Spyros highlighted what he considered the most important issue at IOI namely the election of the first ever President of IOI.

He introduced the Chairman of GA, Prof Jan Madey who had been selected by the Host Committee to Chair IOI2005.

2.0 Apologies

No apologies for absence were received.

3.0 Confirmation of the minutes of GA

The minutes of the previous meeting held in Athens, Greece from 11 to 18 September 2004 were circulated and included in the packs received by Team and Deputy leaders on arrival. There were no changes and corrections to the minutes. Brazil proposed and Ireland seconded acceptance of the minutes. The acceptance of the minutes was unanimously approved by General Assembly.

4.0 Office of the President of IOI – Approval of Regulations

Richard Forster took General Assembly through the proposals required to implement the Election of the President of IOI. There being no amendments the proposals were accepted enabling the process of filling the Office of the President of IOI to proceed.

5.0 Announcement of Election procedures

Richard Forster then outlined the procedures to be followed with the election. The process for the election of the President of IOI required that a candidate be proposed by a country and seconded by another. Candidates required the support of at least 20% of countries present at IOI. A country may only indicate support for one candidate and each country was only allowed one vote. For a candidate to be elected at least 50% support had to be received.

6.0 Approval of Contest Rules and Regulations

The Chairman of the host Scientific Committee, Marcin Kubica presented the documents outlining the Competition Rules. The documents had been distributed to GA. In addition a User manual, Team leaders guide and General remarks were introduced. Marcin introduced the most significant changes to the rules compared to previous years It was emphasized that Team leaders were responsible for compliance with the rules particularly the use of cell phones.

Various inputs were received from members of GA which were clarified by the Host Scientific Committee.

After discussion the acceptance of the Competition rules was proposed by Great Britain and Seconded by the United States and accepted by GA.

7.0 First round – Presentation of Tasks and Translations

The Chairman of the Host Scientific Committee Marcin Kubica introduced the Tasks for competition Day 1.

After studying the problems, making inputs and suggestions he following tasks were approved by GA:

- Garden
- Mean sequence
- Mountains

8.0 Report back - Competition day 1

The Chairman of the Host Scientific Committee reported back on the outcomes and issues of day 1. All appeals were handled and detailed background explanations to decisions were given.

9.0 Second round – Presentation of Tasks and Translations

The Chairman of the Host Scientific Committee Marcin Kubica introduced the Tasks for competition Day 2. The following competition tasks were approved by General Assembly:

- Birthday
- Rectangle Game
- Rivers

10.0 Report back - Competition day 2

The Chairman of the Host Scientific Committee reported back on the outcomes and issues of day 2. 5 Appeals were handled and detailed background explanations to decisions were given. The Host SC reported that an error had been detected and that an adjustment in the affected scores had been made to compensate for this.

11.0 Report by ISC

The Chairman of the International Scientific Committee – Dr Tom Verhoeff reported on the activities of his committee. Tom reviewed the activities of ISC for the past year and highlighted the current issues and action list.

12.0 Amendments to Statutes, Explications and Appendices.

Amendments to the Regulations bringing about changes to the Awards and Recognition programme, Translations, IC nominations, Additional participants and Present host obligations were approved by GA. These would be incorporated in the Regulations.

13.0 Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director of IOI to delivered his Activity report for the year. He highlighted the continued interest in IOI with some 15 countries as potential participants. Many of these countries needed a lot of assistance and guidance.

The financial position of IOI was sound and the Organisation was poised to make lasting and meaningful contributions to the development of IOI. The Executive Director drew attention to the fact that without sound finances and reserves no organization can effectively operate.

14.0 Report to GA – Chairman of IC.

Spyros Bakogiannis presented his report to General Assembly and highlighted the major achievements for the year. These included the beginnings of several new initiatives. These included:

- The Development Workshops being planned for 2006
- The IOI Handbook will be tackled in the year ahead
- The IOI web site had recently undergone an extensive changes and inputs
- IC have acquired Hardware and funded software to enable the ITWG to proceed with the development of a sophisticated Information system.

15.0 IOI Budget.

Wolfgang Pohl introduced the IOI budget for 2005/06. The budget reflected the initiatives highlighted by the Chairman of IC. Total Expenditure for the year ahead was established at \$37500.

A Participation fee of \$300 per country was approved for 2006.

16.0 Announcement of Future host 2009

The Chairman of the International Committee – Spyros Bakogiannis announced that Bulgaria had been selected as the host for IOI 2009

17.0 Appointment of Election Scrutineers

General Assembly approved that all Past IOI Chairmen who are present and not Candidates or Team Leaders would act as scrutineers.

18.0 Election of President of IOI

There were three candidates for election for the Office of President of IOI and it was decided to determine the order of speaking by drawing lots.

The following candidates then addressed General Assembly for 5 minutes each:

Ha-Jine Kimn – Korea

Zide Du – China

Eljakim Schrijvers – Netherlands.

The first ballot did not produce an outright result and Ha-Jine Kimn withdrew in terms of the Regulations.

General Assembly cast a second ballot with the following result:

Zide Du 36 votes

Eljakim Schrijvers 30 votes

Zide Du was announced as the duly elected President of IOI

19.0 Election of member of IC for 2006/7/8

As there was only one candidate for this position General Assembly waived the need for a ballot and Richard Forster was duly elected as a member of IC for 2006/07/08.

20.0 Election of member of ISC for 2006/7/8

The following two candidates were nominated for the vacancy on the ISC and after a ballot the following result was announced:

Donald Cook	17 votes
Tom Verhoeff	49 votes

Tom Verhoeff was duly elected as the member of ISC for the next three years.

21.0 Results and confirmation of medals for IOI 2005

The Chairman of the Host SC lead discussion on the distribution of the medals. There were 276 regular contestants and in terms of the Regulations 138 qualified for medals. After discussion General Assembly approved the following medal split:

Gold	24
Silver	47
Bronze	67

22.0 Voting on proposals carried forward from GA meetings

There were no proposals from General Assembly that had not been voted on.

23.0 New business

23.1 Wolfgang Pohl presented the details for the proposed IOI workshop which is scheduled to take place in Germany in January 2006. There would be a call for papers.

23.2 Jyrki Nummenmaa discussed the impact of using both Linux and Windows for the competition environment. It has been agreed that Linux would be used in Mexico in 2006. It was proposed that a survey be conducted to establish the level of Linux use by contestants. It was also announced that training CD's would be produced.

20.3 A proposal by the USA and seconded by Great Britain regarding the responsibility of preparing Task proposals was referred to the ISC.

23.4 A proposal by China suggesting a change to the voting procedures for competition tasks was referred to the ISC.

24.0 General

24.1 The Chairman of the Organising Committee, Prof. Krzysztof Diks expressed his thanks and gratitude to all for their participation in IOI2005. It had been an honour and pleasure to be their host and he expressed the hope that everyone had an enjoyable and pleasant IOI.

24.2 The Chairman of General Assembly, Jan Madey, thanked members of GA for assisting him in concluding the business of GA in such an efficient and effective way.

25.0 Dates of next meetings of GA

The next GA meetings will take place in Merida, Mexico from 17 to 24 August 2006