

General Assembly

Minutes of the Meetings held in Pattaya, Thailand 22–29 July, 2011

1. Welcome

- Kanchit Malaivongs welcomed the members of the GA to IOI'2011.
- Professor ? was presented to the GA as its chair for IOI'2011.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. Presentation and confirmation of GA agenda

The proposed agenda was approved by the GA.

4. Appointment of scrutineers for voting during GA meetings

In accordance with the usual IOI procedure, it was proposed and approved that those past chairmen of IOI who were present should act as scrutineers.

5. Competition Procedures

- The Chair of the SC, was introduced and presented the competition procedures.
 - The contest would revert to 3 questions per day. The 4th easy question format, used in previous years, had been dropped.
 - Subtasks would be graded in order with smaller subtasks (for some problems) being subsets of larger sets. All tasks would have an easy subtask.
 - Programs would be fully tested even if they failed on examples.
 - Full feedback was available with cumulative release tokens limiting the number of requests. Public test data must be passed before release tokens can be used.
- The Competition Procedures were approved.

6. Call for nominations for IC and ISC

The ED announced to the GA that the closing date for nominations for the two IC positions (including President) and the two ISC positions was the start of the GA meeting "Before the second Competition period".

7. Confirmation of the Minutes (IOI'2010)

The GA minutes from IOI'2010 were confirmed by the GA.

8. Details for the IOI Conference

The GA was informed of the time and location for the *Olympiads in Informatics* conference that would take place concurrently with the competition days.

9. Details for proposed Regulation changes

There were no proposed regulation changes.

10. Presentation of Tasks for Competition Day 1

- Michal Forisek, Chair of the ISC, introduced the procedure for the presentation of tasks. As per the format in recent years, an initial period would be given in which to give major objections, to be followed by a vote to accept the entire problem set. Minor objections could be submitted until the ISC and SC froze the tasks later that evening.
- One major objection was raised on the *Race* task being too classic. The ISC argued that tasks at the IOI are often classic and a task should only be rejected if an identifiable group of students would have an advantage.
- A specific vote was called on *Race*. It was accepted with 13 votes against.
- The questions set was approved by the GA, with 1 vote against.

11. Report on Competition Day 1

- Numerous minor technical issues were reported and had been recorded by the ISC.
- Regrading had taken place due to some test cases appeared in the wrong subtask. This effected 21 students (none of whom had 100 scores on regraded tasks).
- There had been issues with the live update of the scoreboard on the internet. The grader had taken priority during the contest so this had not been fixed until after the contest.
- Complaints about the audibility of the announcements during the contest would be resolved on the second day.

12. Summary of Written Appeals for Competition Day 1

A single appeal was received.

- A contestant had asked a question but the response had been given to the wrong student. The second had accepted the response and the first contestant did not push for the response until 2 hours had passed. It then took a further hour until the question was answered again.
 - The HSC apologised for the problem.

13. Presentation by Candidates for IC and ISC

- Candidates for were given two minutes (five minutes for President) to introduce themselves to the GA. Information on all the candidates, which had been supplied on their nomination forms, was distributed to the GA.
- Members of the GA were encouraged to speak with the candidates prior to the election later in the week.
- Candidates:
 - IC (President): Krassimir Manev and Richard Forster;
 - IC: Kresimir Malnar and Ricardo Anido;
 - ISC: Frederick Niemela.

14. Presentation of Tasks for Competition Day 2

- The GA raised the issue of the number of pages in the task set (13). The ISC pointed out that a large amount of this was output and subtask definition, and the required amount of translate was smaller.
- The questions set was approved by the GA, with no votes against and a single abstained vote.

15. Report on Competition Day 2

Several minor technical issues were reported.

16. Summary of Written Appeals for Competition Day 2

- A Contestant had been able to modify various global arrays on his local machine but not on the grader.
- A Contestant had been able to modify input data on his local machine but not on the grader. Some time was spent due to difficulties in communication with the HSC.
- Relating to both appeals it was suggested that restrictions on the grader that might not be present on the Contestants' machines should be noted in the Competition Procedures.

17. IOI President's report

Arturo Cepeda presented a report on his activities since the last IOI. In particular:

- Work on the IOI Foundation had been completed.
- Countries were encouraged to apply to host an IOI from 2016 onwards.
- Thanks were given to Wolfgang Pohl for his work as Treasurer and to Richard Forster for his work as Executive Director.
- Congratulations were given to the IOI'2012 organisation.

18. Executive Director's report

- The ED reported verbally on his activities throughout the year.
 - Costs were well within budget.
 - The workload (outside of IOI and IC meetings) was around 1 day / month.
 - The GA were encouraged to communicate with the ED throughout the year.
- New countries (Malaysia and Bolivia) were welcomed to the IOI community.

19. ISC and ITWG report

- Ben Burton reported on behalf of the ISC. In particular:
 - The call for tasks had brought in 26 submissions. In the contest 5 external tasks were used (2 as backups), with the first day being entirely from external submissions.
 - There are a finite number of tasks / techniques, which is good for weaker students. This will not go away. The ISC had discussed the issue and felt it was acceptable.
- Martin Mares, Chair of ITWG, reported on the ITWG activities. In addition:
 - It was generally felt that there were too many IOI related websites (e.g. separate host websites) and this could be reduced.
 - Work was ongoing for a translation system. Including tracking changes, making translations generally available, ease of submission and good support for non-latin languages.

20. Financial Statement for preceding year

Eljakim Schrijvers presented the financial statement for the preceding year.

21. Registration fee for IOI'2012

- A registration fee of €200 for IOI'2012 was proposed and approved by the GA without opposition.

22. Budget for forthcoming year

- Eljakim Schrijvers presented the budget for the forthcoming year.
 - In previous years we had budgeted £4k every year for a workshop although the intent was to hold one in alternate years using £8k. This would change in the future to only have a workshop budgeted in workshop years.
- The GA were reminded that the income supporting this budget came from this year's registration fees and not the registration fee approved for next year.
- The GA discussed and voted specifically on whether conference budgeting should be reduced and the physical copy of the proceedings no longer produced. The GA voted in favour of continuing the printed proceedings with 2 abstained votes and 7 against.
- The budget was approved without opposition.

23. Regulation changes

None

24. Election of President

- In the (only) vote for President, 73 delegations voted:
 - 40 (55%) approved of Richard Forster
 - 37 (51%) approved of Krassimir Manev
- Richard Forster was elected President for a three year term.

25. Election of IC member

- In the (only) vote for IC, 73 delegations voted
 - 44 (60%) approved of Kresimir Malnar
 - 39 (53%) approved of Ricardo Anido
- Kresimir Malnar was elected to the committee for a three year term.

26. Election of ISC member

- There being only a single candidate for the ISC position, Frederick Niemela was elected to the committee for a three year term. No vote was required.

27. Notice on the proper usage of national symbols in closing ceremony

The GA were reminded to inform their students not to bring flags and large mascots onto the stage during the awards ceremony.

28. Results and confirmation of medals

- The medal allocation algorithm that formed part of the Competition Procedures (approved early in the week) was used.
 - There had been 302 contestants.
 - 26 gold medals would be given, 50 silver medals and 75 bronze medals.

29. Proposals from GA members

It was suggested that, if during the contest a Contestant (or ISC) felt that more time *might* be the solution to a given complaint / issue, that additional time be granted during the contest although the decision as to whether that was valid time be made after the contest (and grading done accordingly). This would avoid the situation where by the ISC / GA would have liked to have given a Contestant additional time but that this was no longer possible (e.g. since the Contestant had had the opportunity to discuss the problems).

- A vote on the proposition was not carried; 28 against, 25 for and 4 abstaining.
- It was felt that this issue should be further discussed by the ISC.

30. Announcement of future host

The announcement for IOI'2015 had been made in the preceding year.

31. Other Business

None.