

Meeting of the International Committee
held from October 27 - 30, 1991 in Bonn

Members of the International Committee:

- Pavel Azalov, Bulgaria (excused)
- Alicia Banuelos, Argentina (excused)
- Peter Hanak, Hungary
- Peter Heyderhoff, Germany (President)
- Walt James, Great Britain
- Christos Kiliass, Greece
- Vladimir Kiryukhin, USSR
- Ries Kock, Netherlands
- Yngve Lindberg, Sweden

1. Peter Heyderhoff opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. He introduced the following guests:

- Dr. Hans-Werner Hein, Chief Coordinator,
- Ms. Christel Klein, Secretary,
- Prof. Fritz Krückeberg, National Chairman,
- Mr. Günther Miklitz, Organizer of the IOI'92,
- Dr. Hans Ingo Tilgner, Federal Ministry,
- Prof. Tom van Weert, IFIP representative.

He proposed an agenda, which was accepted.

On his initiative the International Committee (I.C.) agreed to thank the Greek government for all its efforts, support and hospitality in the IOI'91.

2. Christos Kiliass gave a detailed report of the organisational and financial aspects of the IOI'91. The total cost amounted to 12 million drachm - salaries for personnel not included.

As to the countries which received invitations, he pointed out that all countries with embassies in Greece were invited. He suggested that in order to be able to calculate with stable figures, new countries should be invited to participate for the first time as observers only.

3. Peter Heyderhoff gave a report of the preparations for the IOI 1992 in Bonn. He pointed out that the funding had been secured thanks to corresponding efforts by the

Federal Ministry of Education and Science and by the Ministry of Education of the Land North Rhine Westphalia. He also explained the various activities planned for the Olympiad. On behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education and Science, Dr. Tilgner reported briefly on the procedure of officially inviting countries to participate. The IC welcomed the program as presented. It made a few suggestions to organisational details.

4. The paper "Announcement and Preliminary Regulations" was discussed and accepted with minor changes:

- The coordinators should have good command of English and they should have sufficient background knowledge in informatics. High programming competence is required.
- Changes to the regulations for Olympiads after the IOI'92 will be discussed in Bonn next year, for example a change in the admission of printed material that may be used by the students.
- Each team leader will receive informal copies of the students' results.

5. Hans-Werner Hein presented the paper "Evaluation and Arbitration", which was accepted. In its discussion, the IC agreed on the following points:

- Copy machines will be available for copying the evaluation forms.
- The Scientific Committee must try out all problems in all programming languages permitted.
- On the competition days, students may not use the keyboards after they have finished their work, i.e. after 3 pm. The testing procedures are typed in by the coordinators.

6. After a discussion of aspects of an exhibition of didactic and advertising materials that have been used in national competitions, the IC agreed on the following:

- Each country will be given the opportunity to exhibit material used in its preparation for the Olympiad, such as posters, pictures, printed training material, reference material, books, diskettes with examples and solution, statistical information, material for distribution, ideas of new kinds of problems, (team work problems, non algorithmic problems) on diskettes.
- There shall be prizes for teachers exhibiting good training material.

7. Recommendations for organizing and preparing the IOI'92 were welcomed by the organizers.

8. Ries Kock gave a report on plans for setting up an olympic information centre in the Netherlands. The information centre may function as an e-mail box and distribute didactic material for IOI training.

9. The report of preparations for the 5th Olympiad in Argentina was postponed. It was suggested that the organisation of a group flight from Europe to Argentina should be considered in order to profit from low charter flight rates. There should be an e-mail discussion of details.

10. Ries Kock and Yngve Lindberg reported on their preparations for hosting the Olympiad in their countries. In the Netherlands the government was willing to take a decision by end of November 1991. In Sweden no problem should arise for organizing the Olympiad in 1994. Hungary may be able to organize the Olympiad in 1996. It would then coincide with the country's 1000th anniversary.

The IC drafted the following plan for countries to host future Olympiads:

a) Countries hosting future olympiads:

Germany (1992), Argentina (1993), Sweden (1994), Netherlands (1995), Hungary (1996).

b) List of countries that may want to consider hosting the Olympiad:

China, South Korea, Thailand, Italy, Austria, Germany (in 2000)

The IC asked Peter Heyderhoff as president of the IC and Fritz Krückeberg as representative of the "Bundeswettbewerb Informatik" and chairman of the National Committee of the IOI'92 to write letters to the governments of Sweden, Netherlands and Hungary in order to request their agreement in organizing an Olympiad.

11. Tom van Weert reported on the cooperation with UNESCO/IIP and IFIP TC3 on education. He proposed the following points:

There could be

- an IFIP jury for the Olympiad instead of the present international jury composition,
- an IFIP award,
- usage of IFIP expertise in organizing programs, writing books and setting up exhibitions,
- more international visibility through IFIP,

- more discussions on further developments of the Olympiad by putting this item on the agenda of an IFIP conference.

After a discussion of these proposals the IC decided the following:

- a) Each organizing country should contact the national IFIP representative in order to take the issue of further developments of the Olympiad into an IFIP conference or into a special working session.
- b) IFIP experts should be invited to participate in the discussions on further developments during the olympic event.
- c) Lectures on the IOI should be given at international conferences that are appropriate for receiving such information.

12. During discussions on future developments of the IOI particular attention should be given to the following areas:

- a) possible new problem domains
- b) team work problems.

The IC called upon its members to present ideas for team work problems at the next IOI in Bonn. Argentina is expected to present a team work problem which should be given outside the official competition to the participants of the Olympiad.

13. In a final discussion, the IC accepted the paper "Guidelines for Future Olympiads in Informatics".

The President thanked all participants for their committed and fruitful collaboration and closed the meeting.