

MINUTES OF I/C MEETING 1/98 HELD IN ARRABIDA, PORTUGAL  
MONDAY 9 MARCH 1998

PRESENT:

Lionel Hartmann Secretary General (Chairman)

Alexandre Cerveira Chairman (IOI 98 )

Antonio Caleco Portugal

Ries Kock Netherlands

Stanislaw Waligorski Poland

Gokturk Ucoluk Turkey

Laszlo Gulyas Hungary

Jari Koivisto Finland

Zide Du China

Fernanda Pedro Secretary General IOI 98

1 WELCOME The Chairman welcomed delegates to this first meeting of the year and expressed a special word of thanks to hosts Portugal for the warm reception and very unique venue. He stressed that the role of the International Committee was to work with Portugal to ensure a successful IOI.

2 APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Per Stilborg (South Africa ), Donald Piele (United States), Peter Waker (IFIP-Observer) and Tom Verhoeff ( IOI Secretariat)

3 Minutes of the previous meetings held in Cape Town in December 1997 were confirmed as correct. The Chairman noted a change requested by Peter Waker namely that he was invited on to IC as a representative of IFIP with no voting rights. The Chairman also clarified his position as there was apparently some misunderstanding. He would return to being South Africa's representative on IC once his term as Secretary General was over. This was agreed to by the meeting.

4 Matters Arising:

4.1 Contact Information Data Base was passed on to Portugal by Per Stilborg. Donald Cook to be asked to pass competition questions and solutions to IOI Secretariat. ACTION Lionel Hartmann.

4.2 IOI Statistics. After some discussion it was agreed that the group looking at this proposal would continue with it's research bearing in mind the concerns expressed in respect of legalities involved in disclosure of personal information. There appeared to be agreement on the need for a database to be built up and the history of IOI to be recorded. Database to include as much information as possible concerning medallists and record their achievements and successes since IOI. Information on the Internet should only reflect statistics by country code.

This group would prepare and circulate a further report to members of IC by not later than 31 July 1998. ACTION - Waligorski/Hanak/ Kock

4.3 Gokturk Ucoluk had prepared a report which would be copied and circulated to members. He drew attention to the fact that it had been prepared with the position of Turkey as a future host in mind. The Chairman confirmed that the IOI 97 Report would be circulated shortly. ACTION Lionel Hartmann

4.4 Future competition environments. The report by Tom Verhoeff was tabled and would be discussed at the meeting to be held on 12 March

4.5 Proposal to amend rules. This was not ready yet and it was agreed to extend the deadline date to 31 July 1998. ACTION Per Stilborg

4.6 Potential host nations. Agreed that the letter to Cyprus re their participation in Turkey would be held over until a possible resolution was finalised by Gokturk Ucoluk and conveyed to Lionel Hartmann. ACTION Gokturk Ucoluk

4.7 Contestant eligibility conditions. Deadline extended to 31 July. ACTION Per Stilborg.

4.8 Procedures re elected members. Deadline extended to 31 July . ACTION Per Stilborg.

4.9 IOI Research. For discussion at meeting on 12 March.

4.10 Review of rules and regulations. Deadline extended to 31 July. ACTION Per Stilborg.

4.11 Preparation of problems. This formed part of a wider debate and would be discussed in greater detail as part of the presentation by the Scientific Committee of IOI 98.

5 Report by future host nations.

5.1 Turkey reported that they planned their Olympiad to take place during the last two weeks of October 1999 in Antalya Belek. They were expecting about 400 attendees. They are preparing a new type of question which would take the form of a game. Greater details will be presented to IC in September 1998.

The meeting was adjourned at 10h30 until Thursday 12 March 1998.

MINUTES OF THE IC MEETING 2/98 HELD IN ARRABIDA, PORTUGAL  
ON THURSDAY 12 MARCH 1998

PRESENT:

Lionel Hartmann Secretary General (Chairman)

Alexandre Cerveira Chairman IOI 98

Antonio Caleco Portugal (Hosts 1998)

Ries Kock Netherlands (Hosts 1995)

Stanislaw Waligorski Poland (Elected)

Gokturk Ucoluk Turkey (Hosts 1999)

Laslo Gulyas Hungary (Hosts 1996)

Jari Koivisto Finland (Hosts 2001)

Zide Du China (Hosts 2000)

Mohammad Ghodsi Iran (Elected)

Fernando Pedro Secretary General IOI 98

1. Welcome. The Chairman opened the second meeting of the International Committee for 1998 and extended a special welcome to Mohammad Ghodsi who had joined us since the first meeting. This meeting was a continuation of the adjourned meeting held on Monday 9 March and would pick up those items carried forward as well as the balance of the Agenda. The Chairman extended a special welcome to Dr Antonio Figuerido (Chairman of the Scientific Committee – Portugal) and members of his committee who had been invited by him to sit in as observers. The discussions would have an impact on them as next hosts.

2. Matters arising

4.4 Future competition environments

The Committee discussed the proposals submitted in great detail all the proposals submitted by Tom Verhoeff and his committee. The following proposals (With amendments underlined) were approved by the International Committee:

That section 7 of the IOI Statutes and Regulations be amended by adding the following rules setting boundary conditions:

The contest shall

- focus on problem solving in informatics
  - emphasize fundamental, long lasting concepts
  - aim to interest and challenge all contestants
  - offer a sufficiently diverse set of tasks, avoiding a one sided view on informatics, taking into account the the list of areas in informatics deemed suitable for the IOI and avoiding topics on the "black list"(Balance of clause deleted)
  - not require special skills or knowledge(such as speed typing or familiarity with machine details)
  - have an effective way to overcome the native language barrier, both to and from the contestants
  - allow objective evaluation of the contestants work. The evaluation process shall be developed together with the tasks and not as an afterthought
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- shall be politically, culturally and gender neutral; it should not favour any participant
  - the presentation of high quality, elegant solutions, provided by the Scientific Committee of the host nation, to the contest tasks shall be an integral part of the IOI. These solutions to be published after the IOI.

There was , however, little support for the proposal to establish a Competition Board. It was felt that the onus rested with the host country and that there should not be any obligation to submit to scrutiny by an appointed /elected group of "wise men". The problems encountered in South Africa were not the norm. It was agreed that Portugal would make provision in their programme for some time in case such a meeting took place. They would also be free to call for inputs and suggestions from others if they wished. ACTION: Antonio Caleco

It was also agreed that this issue was to be raised at General Assembly in Portugal this year. Tom Verhoeff and his committee to submit motivated proposals for consideration ACTION: Tom Verhoeff & Committee.

### 9. IOI Research

The research findings of the survey carried out in Cape Town were tabled and approved. These are to be circulated.

### 10. Preparation of problems

The committee discussed this issue in great detail. The problems encountered in Cape Town were analysed and brought to the attention of the Scientific Committee of Portugal .

## 3. Future host nations

### 1. China

Zide Du of China presented a brief verbal report on their preliminary plans for IOI 2000.

### 2. Finland

Jari Koivisto presented the plans for Finland 2001 using overhead transparencies.

## 4. New Business

### 1. Proposal from Mexico

The problem encountered by Mexico in identifying an official team leader and deputy team leader was discussed. The committee agreed that the current rules and regulations were clear on this

issue and did not require any amendment . The onus for this falls on each participating country and cannot be legislated by IOI.

## 2. Sponsorship of IOI Secretariat

Ries Kock reported that he had been approached by a potential sponsor for the IOI Secretariat and required the approval of the International Committee to proceed. This was agreed to. ACTION: Ries Kock

## 5. Recommendations arising out of presentations by Portugal

All recommendations relevant to the hosting of IOI98 were made during the specific presentations. These had been noted by Portugal. The Chairman thanked Prof Alexandre Cerveira and his team for the arrangements during the visit by the IC. Members would leave with a positive image for this year's IOI. He also committed himself and all members of IC to assist in any way that Portugal may find necessary

## 6. General

Prof Alexandre Cerveira expressed his thanks to IC for the supportive and constructive inputs made during their visit. He and his Committee were looking forward to a very successful Olympiad .

The Chairman thanked members for their dedication and the way in which they had all worked together in the interests of IOI. He looked forward to seeing them all in Setubal in September.

7. Date/s of next meeting

The next meeting of the International Committee would take place in Setubal . Date and time to be advised.

8. Closure.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting formally closed.