

IC Meeting Minutes

October 1999

Belek-Antalya

1. Introduction

This series of meetings took place in parallel with the IOI'99 event, in five sessions. The minutes below are grouped context-wise

2. Attendance

Present:

- Prof. Alexandre Cerveira, Portugal, (Secretary-General)
- Dr. Antonio Caleco, Portugal, (Host IOI'98)
- Dr. Peter Hanak, Hungary (Host IOI'96)
- Mr. Lionel Hartmann, South Africa, (Host IOI'97)
- Prof. Gokturk IJcoluk, Turkey, (Host IOI'99)
- Prof. Zide Du, China, (Host IOI 2000)
- Mr. Jari Koivisto, Finland, (Host IOI 2001)
- Mr Ha-Jine Kimn, Korean Republic, (Host IOI 2002)
- Dr. Don Piele, United States of America, (elected)
- Prof. Stanislaw Waligorski, Poland, (elected)
- Richard Forster, Great Britain, (elected)
- Tom Verhoeff, The Netherlands, (International Secretariat)

Absent: None.

1. Chairman for meeting

In the absence of the approved changes to the regulations, made in Portugal, the change to regulation S4.2 was reiterated; specifically that the chair of these IC meetings (as Secretary-General) was to be Prof. Cerveira.

2. Minutes of last IC meeting

Prof. Cerveira mentioned that he send the minutes prior to the meeting. Since nobody received it, the common opinion was that the email got lost. Upon the distribution of the minutes, they were approved with some minor corrections.

3. Minutes

Several points were raised with respect to minute taking (in general):

1. Minutes were the responsibility of the chair of the current meeting.
2. IC minutes should be distributed to the IC before they meet to approve them.
3. Minutes shall be produced within 30 days (at the latest).
4. Minutes should be taken at GA meetings for all proposals and votes, except those relating to tasks.
5. The IC should *ratify* the GA minutes at its next meeting. These minutes should then be passed on to the IS.

Action: Changes to regulations S4.2 and S4.10 to be proposed to GA.

1. **IOI'99 Matters**

Various remarks have been made:

Prof. Ucoluk:

- The on-line registration proved to be very useful, but a considerable number of countries were reluctant in providing the flight information on time.
- The double-letter (Official inst.+ Ministry) method about invitations worked out well.
- Some countries insist on sending observers and no contestants.

Action: Statutes will be updated on this matter (S2.7).

- A database about IOI'99 participant data with a web page front end had been established and is available. IC was informed about the web address.
- Trinidad and Tobago informed the IOI'99 organisation that she would participate with contestants, and then updated this by stating that 'there are problems' with its contestants' participation. IOI'99 organisation got back by mentioning that unless at least one contestant is present they participant(s) will not be considered as a team. The fact now (during the IOI) was that there was no contestant.

Action: It has been decided that the case is not intentional and IOI'99 will consider the leader as a team (financially), but inform the ministry of the country.

Prof. Du:

- Pointed out that the next final report of IOI shall contain financial details.

Evaluation:

- The new evaluation system (without students) was judged to have been a success.

5. Enschede meeting document

Prior to this IOI, a committee met in Enschede, The Netherlands, to discuss potential changes to the scientific component of the IOI. A document, prepared by this committee, was presented by Prof. Cerveira. Four areas were specifically covered: Organisation, Task Types, Computing Environments and Evaluation. The proposals in the document had the approval, and promised co-operation, of both China (IOI'2000 host) and Finland (IOI'2001 host).

The IC was unanimously in favour of the direction of the Enschede document.

This document was discussed extensively by the IC. A variety of changes were made and the new version was presented, to interested members of the GA, at a workshop. Additional discussions took place in an IC meeting after this workshop. A formal proposal was produced, for presentation to the GA.

Prof. Ucoluk indicated that Turkey would be ready to host any ISC meeting.

Dr. Hanak would collect suitable names for the elected positions on the ISC, for presentation to the GA.

Action: The consensus of IC was, after the feedback of the workshop, to present a regulation (S4.12) for the formulation of the ISC. In particular, the ISC shall consist of 7 computer specialists, with backgrounds in Olympiad task creation, 3 of whom are to be elected by the GA.

In an IC meeting subsequent to the acceptance (by the GA) of the formation of the ISC, Tom Verhoeff announced the ISC would be meeting before the end of the IOI, in accordance with its new regulations.

6. Establishing a Secretariat of IOI

Mr. Hartmann had distributed a draft document of his proposal for establishing a secretariat to provide continuity and ease the administrative burden. There was specific discussion on a registration fee, to be introduced with effect from IOI'2000, to fund the establishment and running of a secretariat. There was agreement that the secretariat was necessary but finance may cause problems for poor countries.

Dr. Verhoeff, in his role as the International Secretariat, commented positively about it being established. He indicated that he would not be the person to do this task.

Action: The proposal will be brought to the attention of GA.

7. Presentations of future hosts

1. IOI'2000

China has summarised the ongoing preparations towards the IOI in the years 2000. The IC has been informed on the following matters:

- Representatives of Technical and Scientific Committee were introduced
- There will be no conflicts regarding some country names: Hong Kong, Chinese Tepee, Macao will be used.
- The local scientific committee will own the questions, ISC (if accepted by GA) will be reviewing them.

Approval for up to 85 countries was given.

1. IOI'2001

Finland has informed the IC on the following matters:

- Ministry of Education owns the organisation.
- Efforts are spend on finding sponsors.
- It will be a joint action of some regular staff (of the Ministry) and University members.
- Accommodation will be in a hotel near to the Tampere University.
- The contest will take place in the 'Tampere House'.
- The scientific committee will follow the Enschede proposals.

1. IOI'2002

Korea has informed the IC on the ongoing preparations toward IOI'2000.

- A Logo has been designed and was shown.
- Finance and language are the problems to be solved.

1. IOI'2003

- A formal letter of intent has now been received from the USA.

- Thumbs-up has been received from the Department of Education.
- USENIX has expressed a desire to sponsor.

5. Intent

- A formal letter of intent has been received from Canada for 2005.
- Croatia have expressed an interested in hosting 2005.

5. Other Matters

Prof. Waligorski:

- Mentioned that the information obtained from IOI'98 is erroneous, and has to be corrected.
- It is possible to publish names of delegation leaders, deputy leaders and observers, in order to get a picture of IOI participation. In addition, and with GA approval, it is possible to provide complete information about participants with the names of those who did not get medals.
- It was proposed and accepted, that Prof. Waligorski would give correction forms to delegation leaders.
- If GA grants permission, he wants to disseminate this information, ask for corrections by a 'correction form' and then publicise it.
- A List of medal winners for all IOIs since 1989 and for participating countries may be found at the web page <http://www.mimuw.edu.pl/oi/ioires/>
- They have an evaluation system developed and are ready to share their experience and technology.

Anonymous:

It is proposed that an amendment to the IOI rules shall be done as follows:

"By participating, the contestant is accepting the rights of the IOI organisers to publish the contestant's solutions and gather statistical and other information from such solutions."

Egypt (as written proposal):

- Timing of contestants' programs shall be flexible, and partial credits shall be given for over-due running programs.

Action: To be passed to the ISC.

Greece (as written proposal):

- Number of problems per contest day shall be reduced to two and contest time shall be reduced to four hours.

Action: To be passed to the ISC.

Denmark (as written proposal):

- The word ‘Olympiad’ of the name IOI shall be changed to ‘Olympics’.

Action: No change.

Dr. Verhoeff:

- A written petition was received via Dr. Verhoeff, containing 17 signatures, stating the opinion that the current system of giving 0 marks to well designed solutions which have non-algorithmic faults, such as the wrong name, is overly harsh.

Action: To be passed to the ISC.

Test Data (received proposal):

- Medium and large test data should be supplied to contestants.

Action: To be passed to the ISC.

Obligation of Hosts:

- The rule regarding the obligations of the Host (S6.9) was rewritten; specifically, as regards certificates.

Categories:

- The naming of (participation) categories was raised several times during the meetings; during discussions on observers, Prof. Waligorski's information collation and the new bodies being formed.

Action: To be discussed at the next IC meeting.

Guest Prices:

- The IC was asked to consider recommending to hosts a reduction in prices for some guests, such as spouses and old team leaders, and to let them make their own arrangements.

Action: To be discussed at the next IC meeting.

5. Closing

- Thanks were given to Turkey for their hospitality and a successful competition.
- Thanks were given to Dr. Hanak for his time on the IC and members expressed their pleasure working with him.