

International Committee

Minutes of the Meeting 01 December 2022 on Zoom

Present:

Benjamin Burton	President	ab@maths.uq.edu.au	Australia	2021-2024
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Ben opened the meeting to say it was initiated by the change in Hungary's representation on IC. It is an opportunity for everyone to meet László and vice versa. He will update the committee on the status of IOI 2023 and take questions.

László introduced the Digital Success Programme. He noted that he has been involved in IOI 2023 planning from the beginning. He was originally an IT engineer and participated in programming contests himself. László discussed the origins of IOI 2023 and the consortium of three different organizations who applied to host the event.

Citing planning, political and personnel issues, László said a change in leadership was made after IOI 2022. Recent political changes in Hungary have further complicated the current situation.

As of now, procurement is nearly complete, and discussions are happening with authorities. Most of the organizing team remains intact. The winter meeting dates have been set and the official programme will be finalized very soon. Hungary is looking forward to organizing IOI 2023.

Other members of the IC introduced themselves. Ben introduced the IC members who did not attend the meeting.

Ben noted that IC's chief responsibility (to the GA and Hungary as the host) is to ensure a successful event. Given the transition it was important to have a discussion. The floor was opened for questions.

Eduard asked about the scope of changes. Have there been changes to HSC and HTC? László said there have not been changes and these committee's memberships have almost been finalized. Eduard said usually we get a list of the people on these committees and their qualifications. László then displayed these details. IC seemed pleased with the overall level of experience of HSC.

László spoke about the venues and use of the CMS.

Eslam asked for the number of contests that members of HSC and HTC have organized before. László described participation in many past contests and in training for the IOI. He cited experiences in the running of CEOI when it was held in Hungary. Eslam commented that specific experience with the technical aspects of an IOI is very important and should be addressed. László reminded everyone that these committees have not changed. Ben jumped in to say that these questions are probably coming from the fact that the competition itself can be the most fragile part of the IOI. He noted that the IOI is at a different scale and has more diversity than other competitive programming events. He strongly recommended working closely with ITC and ISC.

Eslam advised László to speak to the Indonesian organizers because of the possibility of it being hybrid. Eduard sought clarification on the status of IOI 2023 being hybrid. László indicated there are no hard deadlines yet and they are planning for this possibility but continue to head towards an in-person only event as the most likely scenario.

Eduard also asked about previously mentioned procurement delays and venue changes. Are there other issues/changes? László said no, everything is booked. The reservations are set. It is just that the procurement process needs to be fully executed.

J.P. asked about the leadership and people power behind the non-technical side of things. Are there enough people? Who will the “point person” or “lead organizer” be? László said they have a team of professional organizers prepared to do this. He also noted that the timing of the event was chosen strategically because it will allow the University of Szeged to supply the resources (including volunteers) to support the event. In terms of leadership, there is a project leader and an onsite manager from the University of Szeged. Following up on a question from Kim there was some confusion about who is precisely responsible for what. László agreed to follow up and send this information to IC.

Sun Teck asked for confirmation of the winter meeting dates. László indicated that they are unchanged. A few logistical issues about these meetings were discussed (e.g. arriving early, transfers and invitations).

Araz joined late because of other commitments. He wished the IOI 2023 organizers good luck, offered support and mentioned the IOI 2019 IOI Journal report. He noted the importance of communication among a large group of people organizing the event. He said it would be helpful to receive an updated report on the progress of planning/organizing to date. László showed a draft of the program. Ben suggested it be sent to the IC mailing list and László promised he would do this.