

Minutes of the International Jury
Saturday 18th – Monday 27th July 2009
(Recorded by Duckhwan Lee)

1st International Jury

(20:30-00:30 Sunday 19th July, 2009 at Exam Schools in Oxford)

- The Business section was chaired by Duckhwan Lee.

 - 1) Brief Summary of the Budapest IChO
 - 2) New Observing country (Liechtenstein) was introduced.
 - 3) The members of the ISC was introduced: [The members to be replace is underlined.]
 - elected members: Wesley Browne(Ireland), Vadim Eremin(Russia), Wolfgang Hampe(Germany), John Kiappes(USA), Mark Ellison(Australia), Duckhwan Lee(Korea) (The underlined members should be re-elected at the end of the 41st IChO)
 - Organizers: Gabor Magyarfalvi(Hungary, 2008), Peter Wothers (UK, 2009), Tadashi Watanabe [Ito Masato] (Japan, 2010), Jale Hacaloglu(Turkey, 2011)
 - Coopted members: Juan-Antonio Renuncio(Spain), Manfred Kerschbaumer(Austria), Anton Sirota (Slovakia)
 - The role of the ISC was introduced.
 - Not A Decision Making Body
 - Help the future hosts prepare the competitions
 - Indentify any source of possible troubles through active communications with the participating countries
 - Make recommendations for the International Jury
 - Coopted Members:
 - Non-voting members of the ISC
 - Nominated at the first ISC meeting in July by Elected Members
 - Mostly former ISC Hosts/Chairs/Members/etc
 - Regular Meeting in December at the next host site
 - 4) The December ISC meeting was briefed.
 - The summary on the ISC discussions on Country Participation Fee was presented.
 - The data presented to the International Jury in Hungary was turned out to have been distorted.
 - The importance of the Country Participation Fee for the Organizers and the participating countries were presented.
 - Efforts on the part of the ISC and IChO to help those countries in financial support were presented. (IUPAC and Science House; Organizer's support)
 - The need of enforcement of the IChO Regulations including the academic honesty, eligibility of the participating students, and the training period was emphasized.
 - The tentative agenda for the 3rd and 4th International Jury were presented.
 - 5) The schedule for the ISC meetings was announced.
 - 6) The discussion on Practical tasks were chaired by Peter.
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2nd International Jury

(20:30-00:30 Friday 24th July, 2009 at Robinson College)

The business session was chaired by Duckhwan Lee.

- 1) The Organizer expressed regret for inconveniences caused by the confusion during the couch arrangements from London to Robinson College.
- 2) Election of International Steering Committee
Gabor Magyarfalvi(Hungary), Mark Ellison(Australia), and Duckhwan Lee(Korea) were elected by majority for Europe, Pacific Rim, and Asia, respectively.

The gratitude was expressed for Wesley Browne(Ireland) for his wonderful service for last two years.

- 3) The schedule for arbitration was arranged by drawings by Peter.
- 4) The elected members of the ISC re-elected Duckhwan Lee(Korea) as the Chair, and as the Coopted members nominated Manfred Kerschbaumer(Austria), Anton Sirota (Slovakia), and Carlos Castro-Acuna(Mexico).

International Steering Committee (August 2009 – July 2010).

- elected members:

Gabor Magyarfalvi(Hungary, 2009, gmagyarf@chem.elte.hu)
Vadim Eremin(Russia, 2008, vadim@educ.chem.msu.ru)
Wolfgang Hampe(Germany, 2008, Hampe@t-online.de)
John Kiappes(USA, 2008, jlkiappes@gmail.com)
Mark Ellison(Australia, 2007, Mark.Ellison@anu.edu.au)
Duckhwan Lee(Korea, 2007, duckhwan@sogang.ac.kr)

- Organizers:

Peter Wothers (UK, 2009, pdw12@cam.ac.uk)
Tadashi Watanabe (Japan, 2010, watanabe@iis.u-tokyo.ac.jp)
Jale Hacaloglu(Turkey, 2011, jale@metu.edu.tr)
G. Bryan Balazs (USA, 2012, balazs1@llnl.gov)

- Coopted members:

Manfred Kerschbaumer(Austria, mkersch@gmx.net)
Anton Sirota (Slovakia, anton.sirota@stuba.sk)
Carlos Castro-Acuna(Mexico, castroacuna02@yahoo.com)

3rd International Jury **(20:30-21:30 Saturday 25th July, 2009 at Robinson College)**

The business session was chaired by Duckhwan Lee.

1) The medal allocation

- Peter presented a graph with points for marks vs. percentage of participants. The proposal to go over the 30% limit to find a reasonable break was accepted by simple majority of the jury.
- **Gold 28(11.2%), Silver 54(21.6%), Bronze 82(32.8%)**
- It was mentioned by Duckhwan that the ISC advised the host of the Cambridge Organizer to have paid utmost attention to the medal allocation procedure in order not to repeat a mistake in presentation of the results for the medal allocation in Budapest which resulted in a very narrow gap between the gold and silver medals.

2) New member of the ISC introduced

3) IUPAC Travel Fund

Country	Participation Fee	Travel Expenses
Cuba	1,700	Up to 1,300
Uruguay	1,100	Up to 1,800
Peru	600	-

- It was explained that the support for travel expenses should not be more than the actual fares for travel for which clear evidences such as air fare tickets should be submitted to the Organizer.
- The support should be used for paying the participation fee and/or the actual travel expenses for one extra student or mentor, never for observer or guest.
- The request for support must be submitted to the Japanese Organizer no later than the end of November.

4) Future Hosts

- Tadashi Watanabe and O. Yavuz Ataman presented short introduction for the 42nd and 43rd IChO's, respectively.
- The recommendation of the ISC for USA as the host of the 44th IChO was approved by vote.
- The list of possible hosts, Singapore(2013), Vietnam(2014), Russia/Spain(2015), Australia(2016), was reported. The ISC will try to make recommendations after reviewing the situation in the December Meeting in Tokyo.
- It was reported that the IChO will actively participate in the world-wide event for the International Year of Chemistry(2011) announced by UN.

5) Miscellaneous

- It was reported that the IChO Regulation will be reviewed further at the December ISC meeting to be recommended to the Jury in Tokyo.
- Anton Sirota expressed thanks for help in his effort for compiling the tasks for the past IChO.
- It was announced that Professor Ito Masato may begin a project of tracing the past medallists.

- The Chair announced his re-election.
 - The Chair requested a big applause to the Cambridge Organizers including Peter for their hospitality, generosity, hard work, and above all, successfully implementing the new syllabus for the first time.
 - It was announced that in addition to the 64 countries which participated in the 41st IChO, Costa Rica, Saudi Arabia, and Syria will be invited with their students to Tokyo. Malaysia must be invited back once the swine flu epidemic is over. Tajikistan is also going to be invited with its students after ban of a year as decided by the International Jury in Budapest. Lichtenstein will be invited as an observer of the second year.
 - The Chair expressed his gratitude for cooperation of the entire mentors and observers.
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Miscellaneous not discussed in the Meetings. [Liechtenstein]

- There was a statement in the letter of invitation from Cambridge to Liechtenstein (Professor Helmut Konrad) which reads „As your country observed at the 40th IChO you will need to observe at the 41st IChO before you can send a participating delegation to Japan in 2010”, a clear mistake which should have been spotted by Professor Konrad.
 - Upon consulting with the members of the ISC, Duckhwan requested Emma to write a letter to Konrad with proper apology for the obvious mistake and informed Lucia that Liechtenstein should attend the Tokyo IChO as an observer without students as required by the IChO Regulations.
 - Dustin Hoffstetter, the head mentor of Switzerland, presented to Duckhwan, right after the 4th Jury Meeting, a written protest against the decision on Liechtenstein, in essence, saying that the SwissChO has been ‚**mistrusted and neglected**‘ by ‚**the repeated revision of the ISC decision**‘.
 - Duckhwan had a brief conversation with Dustin in presence of Lucia in an attempt to resolve the misunderstanding on the whole matter. Duckhwan told them that the ISC has been consistent with its decision on Liechtenstein and that we are sorry for those students who are apparently working hard for the Tokyo IChO.
 - As a follow-up, Duckhwan sent a letter to Dustin and Konrad requesting a more responsible representation of Liechtenstein.
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