

Minutes of the meetings of the International Jury of the 44th International Chemistry Olympiad

The first meeting of the International Jury (Sunday July 22nd, 8pm)

1. The observing countries were introduced
 - Countries observing for the second time: El Salvador, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Uzbekistan.
 - Countries observing for the first time: Georgia, Montenegro. It was noted that South Africa were not present at the Olympiad.
2. The members of the steering committee were introduced
 - Elected members: Wolfgang Hampe (Germany, 2008)**, John Kiappes (USA, 2008)**, I-Jy Chang (Chinese Taipei, 2011), Carlos Castro-Acuna (Mexico, 2011), Alexander Gladilin (Russia, 2010)*, Peter Wothers (UK, 2010, chair)*.
 - Organizers: Salih Ozcubukcu (Turkey), G.Bryan Balazs (USA), Nguyen Van Noi (Vietnam), Vadim Eremin (Russia), Valery Lunin (Russia)
 - Past Chair: Duckwan Lee (Korea)
 - Coopted members: Manfred Kerschbaumer (Austria), Gabor Magyarfalvi (Hungary), Savita Ladage (India)
3. Invitations to stand for election to the committee were issued to the jury
 - It was noted that four positions would be vacant on the steering committee. The members marked with two asterisks would not be eligible for reelection having served for two terms; those marked with one asterisk would be eligible to stand for reelection having only served one two-year term.
4. The jury were informed that a questionnaire would be circulated and each country would be interviewed by a member of the steering committee concerning the future hosting of the competition.
5. The chairman of the scientific committee then took over to discuss and vote on the practical tasks.

The third meeting of the International Jury (Friday July 27th, 8pm)

1. Reports from future hosts of the IChO

- 2013 – Moscow, Russia (July 15-24)
- 2014 – Hanoi, Viet Nam (July 21-30)
- 2015 – It was reported that whilst Spain were still working towards hosting the 2015 competition, no firm commitment had yet been given. Alternative possibilities were invited.
- 2016 – Although not confirmed, it was noted that Australia were working towards hosting the 48th IChO.
- 2017 – Thailand confirmed their intention to host the 49th IChO in Bangkok.
- 2018 – Slovakia and the Czech Republic were working towards the possibility of jointly hosting the 2018 competition.

2. IUPAC / Japan Funds

- The distribution of IUPAC / Japan funds for the year 2011-2012 was reported.
- All receipts from those receiving awards were asked for before the end of the 44th IChO.
- Invitations for the 2012-2013 year were invited to be received by the Moscow organizing committee before the January meeting of the Steering Committee.

3. Elections for the Steering Committee

- An initial (secret) election to ensure one representative from Europe was conducted and Peter Wothers (UK) was elected for his second term on the committee.
- In the subsequent election, Sasha Gladilin (Russia) was elected for his second term; Duckhwan Lee (Korea) and Gabor Magyarfalvi (Hungary) were elected for their first terms.

4. Overtraining

- A report on overtraining prepared by Gabor and Jale was presented. Following the presentation, the International Jury voted to keep the regulations as they are with regards to overtraining.

5. Fee

- A vote was held on the following proposal:

For any new country observing for the first time in 2013 or afterwards, the participation fee will start at \$1000 rather than zero. The increment will then be \$100 for each year, as at present.

The motion was passed. It was noted that no change in the regulations was necessary.

The fourth meeting of the International Jury (Saturday July 28th, 8pm)

1. The members of the steering committee were introduced

- Elected members: I-Jy Chang (Chinese Taipei, 2011), Carlos Castro-Acuna (Mexico, 2011), Alexander Gladilin (Russia, 2010), Peter Wothers (UK, 2010), Gabor Magyarfalvi (Hungary, 2012), Duckwan Lee (Korea, 2012).
- Organizers: G.Bryan Balazs (USA), Vadim Eremin (Russia), Nguyen Van Noi (Vietnam).
- Coopted members: Manfred Kerschbaumer (Austria), Martin Putala (Slovakia), Savita Ladage (India).

2. Wolfgang Hampe

- It was noted that Wolfgang Hampe was retiring from the IChO after attending for 30 consecutive years. He was thanked for the immense contribution he had made to the competition over this time and was given a standing ovation by the jury.

3. Medals allocation

- The Chair of the Scientific Committee took over the meeting to give a report on arbitration and announce the allocation of the medals.