



**Steering Committee,
47th International Chemistry Olympiad
Baku, Azerbaijan
July 20 – 29, 2015**

Minutes of Steering Committee and International Jury

Members of Steering Committee

Elected Members(6):

Duckhwan Lee (Chair, Korea, 2012)

Petr Holzhauser (Czech, 2014)

FunMan Fung (Singapore, 2014)

Gabor Magyarfalvi (Hungary, 2012)

I-Jy Chang (Taiwan, 2011)*

Carlos Castro-Acuna (Mexico, 2011)*

* *to be replaced at the end of competition*

Nguyen Tien Thao (Vietnam, 2014)

To be designated (2016)

Worawan Bhanthumnavin, Ekasith
Somsook/Tienhong Thongpanchang
(Thailand, 2017)

Coopted Members(2):

Martin Putala (Slovakia)

Alexander Gladilin (Russia)

Organizers(4):

Oktay Taghiyev, Azad Tagizadeh, and Lala
Akhmedova(Secretary), Igrar Nazarov
(Azerbaijan, 2015)

Past Chair(1):

Peter Wothers (United Kingdom)

Steering Committee Meetings:

21:00-21:30 on July 21 (Duckhwan, Gabor, Petr, Martin, FunMan, I-Jy, Peter, Worawan)

16:00-18:00 on July 23 (+ Anne Szymczak(2019 Organizer), Tien; Observers from South
Africa, Egypt, and Liechtenstein)

11:00-11:30 on July 27 (+ Anne (2019 Organizer))

14:20-14:30 on July 28 (Duckhwan, Gabor, Sasha, Petr, Martin, FunMan, I-Jy, Peter,
Worawan)

1. Participation

- *Countries participating with students: 75*

Observing countries: 4

Total Number of Participants: 529

Students 292, Mentors 144, Observers 69, Guests 24

- Kuwait: restart from scratch if they want to come back.

- Armenia: invited by Azerbaijan but fail to reach satisfactory deal on security protection

- Macedonia: to be called as FYROM at the Closing Ceremony due to complaint by Greek Ambassador present at the Opening Ceremony ('Macedonia' in 2011, 'FYROM' from 2012)
- Cuba: participate without proper arrangement for the fee (\$2,000) exemption. The Baku Organizer agreed to their fee as a gesture of goodwill. Chair will tell Cuba that the Regulation will be applied to them without exception. (Chair delivered the message both in person to head mentor and in written form to the Cuban National team.)

2. Meeting with new observers:

- South Africa(Ugur Patli) will start bringing 4 students next year, led by Ugur
- Philippines(Jose Andaya), through a separate meeting with Duckwhan, is confirmed that they have National Chemistry Olympiad to select 10 finalists from the second round after the 16 regional first-round competitions open to all students without any restriction.
- Egypt(Abd-Allah A. Helal) will be represented by Syndicate of Scientific Professions with support from Ministry of Education.
- Liechtenstein(Mario de Capitani). Because of the close cooperation with Switzerland there is no need to have an observer for Liechtenstein every year to keep their place. The Steering Committee will make individual decisions on the invitation of Liechtenstein when they have prospective students. The country participation fee will increase \$100 every year regardless of their participation with students.
- Sri Lanka was absent for no obvious reason.

3. Election: Cecilia Hernandez (Americas) and Alexander Gladilin elected as new members Steering Committee for the 48th IChO

Elected Member: Gabor Magyarfalvi(Hungary, 2012, Chair), Duckhwan Lee(Korea, 2012), Petr Holzhauser(Czech, 2014), FunMan Fung (Singapore, 2014), Cecilia Hernandez(USA, 2014), Alexander Gladilin(Russia, 2014)

Coopted Member: Peter Wothers(UK), I-Jy Chang (Taipei)

Hosts: Igrar Nazarov(Azerbaijan, 2015), Khalid Khan(Pakistan, 2016), to be designated(Thailand, 2017), Martin Putala(Slovakia, 2018), Anne Szymczak(France, 2019), Nobuhiro Kihara(Japan, 2021)

4. Fee/Travel Fund(\$3,400)

- Income: \$1,400 left-over from Hanoi + \$2,000 from Chemical Society of Japan (2011-2020)
- Expenditure: \$2,000 for V(1 mentor/1 student), \$600 for C, and \$800 for T
- The Baku Organizer agreed to pay \$2,000 for participation fee for Cuba (1 student and 1 mentor)

5. Resolutions for Emergency IChO-2016

(Resolution 1) Will you allow the Steering Committee to decide on the host for IChO-2016?

(Resolution 2) Are you willing to allow an emergency IChO to proceed in 2016 in the worst case scenario with an increase in the participation fees to cover the actual costs of the Olympiad.

- The Resolutions were proposed to the 3rd International Jury on July 26 along with printed handout and voted for adoption at the 4th International Jury on July 27. (67 yes for the Resolution 1 and 54 yes for the Resolution 2 out of 75 participating countries)

6. Future Olympiads

- **Karachi, Pakistan (2016, approved by SC according to the Resolution adapted by International Jury of 2015)**
 - * IChO-2016 will be held at University of Karachi as a part of celebration of the 50th Anniversary of International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS) with support from Ministry of Education or Ministry of Science and Technology.
 - * An official letter of proposal from Director Choudhary of ICCBS was submitted in the morning of July 28 and the formal letter of commitment from Government will be delivered shortly. [Khalid, the head mentor of Pakistan, approached the SC with informal inquiry on the possibility of their hosting in the morning of July 27, and was able to bring a SMS message from the Director of ICCBS after the 4th Jury Meeting. The SC approved the proposal at a meeting on the way to the Closing Ceremony according to the resolution passed by the 4th International Jury on July 27]
- **Bangkok, Thailand (2017, approved by International Jury of 2014)**
 - * hosting confirmed by Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST) on Dec. 30, 2014, acknowledged on Feb. 5, 2015.
- **Prague/Bratislava (2018, approved by International Jury of 2015)**
 - * hosting confirmed by Ministry of Education, Youth, and Sports of Czech Republic, and the similar documents will be presented by Ministry of Education of Slovakia
- **Paris, France (2019, approved by International Jury of 2015)**
 - * Approved by Ministry of Education of France and green light for funding of French chemical industries (Anne, Feb. 6).
- **open (2020)**
 - * called on early proposals at the 3rd International Jury
- **Osaka, Japan (2021, approved by International Jury of 2015)**
 - * CSJ formally decided to host the IChO-2021 (June 12, Nobuyuki Kawashima)
 - * Mr. Kondo, a special delegate of CSJ, gave a presentation along with a document of Ministry of Education of Japan.

7. Medal Allocation at the 4th International Jury

- *Gold 35(11.99%), Silver 63(21.58%), Bronze 92(31.5%), Honorary Mention 10*

8. Discussions of SC reported to the 3rd International Jury

A) Switzerland's Proposal for Preparatory Problems

- The Prep. Problem is mandatory of the IChO Regulations "to give students a good idea of the type and difficulty of the competition tasks including safety aspects" and to give the Organizer some degree of freedom beyond strict Syllabus. It is meant for round 2 selection or later training, NOT for the first selection of students. It is being used for various purposes and/or ways depending on countries
- **Steering Committee will work closely with future hosts to keep the level of difficulty in the reasonable limit.**

B) Communication with Student Guides

- The Organizer should make clear to students guides are not to take part in the official business of the local Organizer such as arrangements for arrival and departure, visa application, and decision on participation fees, etc.