

Minutes of IPhO 2022

The IPhO competition was hosted as a remote competition by Switzerland from 10 July 2022 to 17 July 2022. There were 75 participating countries, 368 competitors, 145 leaders, and 67 observers.

The medal thresholds were approved unanimously at the 15 July short meeting, with minimum scores for gold at 23.70, silver at 16.05, bronze at 11.65, and honorable mention at 7.15.

Rui Travasso, Jevgenij Chmeliov, and Hiroo Totsuji would serve as the panel of three for appeals of moderation. The instruction for appeals is to send an email with appeals to all three members of the panel, with copies to the local board.

The regular IB meeting was held on 16 July 2022

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM Central European Summer Time, and chaired by IPhO President Rajdeep Singh. There were 108 leaders in attendance, which was sufficient for a quorum.
2. An informational video about IPhO 2023 to be held in Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan from 10 July 2023 to 17 July 2023 was presented.
3. A letter of intent was presented from Georgia to be able to host an IPhO, with an explicit offer to host, or assist hosting, next year if there were difficulties with the logistics of the planned host. As this was an information item only, no action was taken.
4. Further details about the generous Huawei donation were presented, including the fact that they provided \$100K in funding this year, along with 700 backpacks and other items for the competitors. The Huawei memorandum of understanding was for a two-year commitment; Japan (the 2023 hosts) have asked that the second year contributions be deferred to 2024, as they have already planned financing for 2023.
5. There was a motion from France to include the phrase "The group of students sent from a country must exhibit gender diversity" in Statute 3. The IPhO president outlined the recommendations of the advisory committee. Discussion for and against the proposed motion occurred, with some proposing moving to six participants from the current five. The IPhO president ruled that discussion of changing the participant number was out of order at this time. An amendment from France asked to change the phrase to "Each country is encouraged to promote gender diversity within its team" and include it instead in the Regulations to 3. **The amendment passed with 69 in favor, 25 against, and 9 abstention.** There was no further discussion. **The amended motion passed with 67 in favor, 44 against, and 8 abstention.** The changes to the Statutes and Regulations will become effective next year.
6. An early draft proposal for changing the Statutes and Regulations was presented by Lithuania, to create a provision for calling an extraordinary meeting and clarifying the

role of the International Board in IPhO decision making. As this was an information item only, no action was taken.

7. The final results of the IPhO 2022 were presented for approval: 39 Gold medals, 71 Silver medals, 97 Bronze medals, 95 Honorable Mentions, and special prizes to Guowei Xu (overall winner), Mingxuan Yang (top experimental score), and Qiancheng Li (top theory score). **The results were approved unanimously.**
8. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM Central European Summer Time.