

Minutes of the SC meeting

July 22, 2018

A) Members

Elected:

I-Jy Chang, Taiwan (2016), Chair
Fung Fun Man, Singapore (2014, 2016) *Absent*
JL Kiappes, USA (2016)
Peter Wothers, UK (2016)
Gábor Magyarfalvi, Hungary (2017)
Ben Pilgrim, UK (2017)

Ex officio:

Ekasith Somsook, Thailand (2017)
Martin Putala, Slovakia (2018)
Petr Holzhauser, Czech Republic (2018)
Anne Symczak, France (2019)
Nobuhiro Kihara, Japan (2021)

Co-opted:

Worawan Bhanthumnavin, Thailand
Alexandr Gladilin, Russia
Cecilia Hernandez, USA

B) Agenda points

1. Discussion of current issues of IChO 2018

76 participating countries, 6 observing countries and 300 students.

2. Meeting observing countries, discussion of absent countries

2nd year observing countries

- Qatar (first observed in 2016) Absent in 2017. [Rescheduled meeting on July 27.](#)
- UAE
- Luxembourg [Rescheduled meeting on July 26 with Sasha, Peter, and I-Jy.](#)

First year observing country

- Sri Lanka
- Mali ([Rescheduled meeting on July 27](#))
- Ghana

For the countries met on July 22:

1. UAE (Sarika Subramanian) informed that UAE has endorsement by the Ministry of education and has national exam in place. Will be invited to bring a full team in 2019.
2. Sri Lanka (Chinthaka Ratnaweera) and Ghana (Bernard Annan) informed that they have national exam in place. Will be invited next year for 2nd year as observing country.

Countries that met at different time:

1. The observer from Luxembourg (Sam Hoffmann) had to leave earlier, so the meeting time was in parallel with the Linguistic people. Sasha, JL, and I-Jy have talked with him. They have good plan on how to do national selection.
2. Qatar's Ministry of Education is doing all their selection and training.
3. Mali's observer (Abdoulkarim Aliou) has limited English understanding. Anne helped and played the role of an interpreter for Mali. Mr. Aliou informed that a university is doing all selection and there are people who speak English.
4. There was not enough time to discuss these countries. May need further discussion at the January 2019 meeting.

3. Discussion and reports from future Olympiads:

- 2019 Paris, France

Date: July 21-30, 2019

Exams place: Lycée Pierre Gilles de Gennes, national school of chemistry, physics and biology

Students accommodation: «Centre international de séjour de Paris»

Mentors accommodation: «Cité universitaire internationale» - Individual rooms.

January SC meeting: Jan 17-18, 2019

- 2021 Osaka, Japan

Date: July 24-Aug 2, 2021

- 2020 Konya, Turkey

- 2023 Switzerland

Both Turkey and Switzerland will make their proposal during the 4th Jury meeting.

- 2022

- 2024 and after

Open to all countries.

(After SC meeting, UAE proposed to host 2025 and was approved by the Jury)

4. Report and discussion on financial aid support

- Total fund available \$8,500 USD (\$2,500 from International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, \$2,000 from Chemical Society of Japan, \$2,000 from Chinese Chemical Society Located in Taipei, and \$2,000 from International Olympiad Foundation (UAE)). The application deadline was March 31, 2018.
- Distribution of funds was made by anonymous vote by SC members. Eight (8) countries (out of 9 applicants) were approved.
- Country M. asked for 25% of its registration fee.
- Countries C, M, P, S, T, U, and V received 82.5% of their registration fee.
- Country A applied late and received 50% of its registration fee (extra funds from CCS Located in Taipei).

It was suggested to add a column “How much the country is requesting” on the application form.

- Future Funding
- US \$2,500 from IUPAC
- US \$2,000 Support from Japan ends in 2020 (2011-2020).
- US \$2,000 Support from Taiwan for 5 years that ends in 2021 (2017-2021).
- US \$2,000 UAE for 3 years that ends in 2020 (2018-2020).
- US \$2,000 support from ACS for 3 years, ends in 2021 (2019-2021).

5. Miscellaneous issues

- Discuss proposal and vote to raise registration fee during Jury meeting 3.
- Distribute and discuss changes on the regulation during Jury meeting 3 and vote during Jury meeting 4.
- Proposal to change Syllabus. Syllabus will be distributed later and discussed in 2019.