

FIRST CIRCULAR

46th International Physics Olympiad, Mumbai, India 5 – 12, July, 2015

Dear Colleagues,

Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE) is a part of Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai is honoured to organize the 46th International Physics Olympiad to be hosted by India in Mumbai from July 5 to July 12, 2015. Prof. Jayashree Ramadas, Centre Director, HBCSE is the Chair of the 46th IPhO Organizing Committee. Prof. Anwesh Mazumdar, National Coordinator, Science Olympiads is the Convener of the 46th IPhO. The 46th IPhO is financially supported by the Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Human Resource Development of the Government of India.

Invitation

On behalf of the Organizing Committee we have the pleasure of inviting your country to participate in the 46th IPhO. The International Physics Olympiad is the most prestigious international competition in physics for secondary school students. Its aim is to promote excellence in physics among young students and encourage friendship and collaboration between students and teachers of different countries of the world. HBCSE (TIFR) looks forward to welcoming all the participants from all over the world to the 46th IPhO.

Requirements for the Participating Teams

According to the IPhO statutes, each team will comprise up to five students and two delegation leaders. The contestants shall be students of general or technical secondary schools, i.e. schools which cannot be considered technical colleges. Students who have finished their school graduating examinations in the year of the competition can be members of the team as long as they have not commenced their university studies. The age of the contestants should not exceed twenty years, as of 30 June, 2015. The delegation leaders must be specialists in physics or physics teachers, capable of solving the problems of the IPhO competently. Each of them should be able to speak English.

Scientific Observers and Visitors

Each participating team may be accompanied up to four Scientific Observers. Additional visitors are also welcome.

Scientific Observers may attend International Board Meetings but without rights of voting and discussion. Accompanying visitors may attend ceremonies and excursions.

Fees

As an established custom of the International Physics Olympiad, each participating country is asked to contribute a voluntary fee of USD 3000. Each Scientific Observer is required to pay the registration fee of USD 1800. Each accompanying Visitor is required to pay the registration fee of USD 2000.

Local Hospitality

The organizers will provide local hospitality, which includes accommodation, meals and transportation related to the Olympiad during the event. Transportation will also include pick up and drop at the Mumbai International Airport. Local hospitality will begin on July 4, 2015 (check-in after 1400 hrs) and end on July 13, 2015 (check out before 1200 noon). International travel will be borne by the participating delegation.

Students will be accommodated in a hotel fairly close to the venue of the competition. Leaders, Observers and Visitors will stay in a hotel located elsewhere in the city. The details of the hotels will be communicated in our next Circular.

Registration

An online Registration Form will be available on our website by March 16, 2015. Participating delegations are requested to confirm their participation and provide other details asked for in the Registration Form. The last date for registration is May 22, 2015. However, as some of you may not have sufficient information by this date you can request an extension by sending us an email specifying the date by which you will be able to finalize your registration. However, please note that an early registration is advisable for smooth and timely processing of visa.

Visa

Please be aware that participants from your country may require Indian visa to travel to Mumbai. The procedure for visa, including biometric data collection may take considerable time (in some cases up to a month). Please check with the relevant Indian Embassy about the application procedure at the earliest. We recommend that you apply for conference visa for the purpose of IPhO 2015, however please confirm this with the Indian Embassy/Consulate in your country. Information related to Indian Visa can be found at : <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/> You may also refer to our website at: <http://www.ipho2015.in/ipho2015/travel>

Information and Contacts

Circulars and all relevant information are put up on our website at <http://www.ipho2015.in> which will be updated regularly.

For any information/queries, please contact :

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