

May 6, 2015

SECOND CIRCULAR

Dear Participants,

We are looking forward to having you here in Mumbai soon for the 46th IPhO. In the first circular we had given you some basic information about the event. In continuation of the same, here are some additional information items:

1. Programme of IPhO 2015

Day and Date	For Contestants	For Leaders
Saturday, July 4	Arrival (Check-in after 14:00 hrs) and Registration	
Sunday, July 5	Registration (08:00 hrs) and Opening Ceremony (16:00 - 19:00 hrs)	
Monday, July 6	Excursion	Experiment Discussion
Tuesday, July 7	Experiment Examination	Excursion
Wednesday, July 8	Excursion	Theory Discussion
Thursday, July 9	Theory Examination	Excursion
Friday, July 10	Excursion	Excursion
Saturday, July 11	Excursion	Moderation and IB meeting
Sunday, July 12	Closing Ceremony (10:00 - 13:00 hrs) and Departure	
Monday, July 13	Departure (Check-out before 12:00 hrs)	

2. Registration and Visa

Online registration

Online registration for IPhO 2015 has started already. The last date for registration is **May 22, 2015**. The Country Coordinator is requested to register all participants before the due date. However, in case there is unavoidable delay, you may request an extension by sending us an email specifying the date by which you will be able to finalize your registration. However, please note it is advisable to register as early as possible for smooth and timely processing of visa. The website for registration is:

<https://secure.hbcse.tifr.res.in/ipho2015/>

Official invitation

Official invitations (hard copies and emails) have been sent to the Ministries of Education or equivalent and coordinators of the teams as per pre-registration information. If you have not received them so far please let us know.

Confirmation of participation till date

Armenia	Ghana	Poland
Australia	Greece	Portugal
Austria	Hong Kong	Puerto Rico
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Qatar
Bangladesh	Iceland	Republic of Kazakhstan
Belarus	India	Republic of Korea
Belgium	Indonesia	Republic of Singapore
Bolivia	Islamic Republic of Iran	Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Israel	Russia
Brazil	Italy	Saudi Arabia
Bulgaria	Japan	Serbia
Cambodia	Kyrgyzstan	Slovakia
Canada	Latvia	Slovenia
Chinese Taipei	Liechtenstein	South Africa
Colombia	Lithuania	Spain
Costa Rica	Macao – China	Sri Lanka
Croatia	Macedonia	Suriname
Cyprus	Malaysia	Sweden
Czech Republic	Mexico	Switzerland
Denmark	Moldova	Syria
Ecuador	Mongolia	Thailand
Egypt	Montenegro	The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
El Salvador	Nepal	Turkey
Estonia	Netherlands	Ukraine
Finland	Nigeria	United Kingdom
France	Norway	United State of America
Georgia	Pakistan	Uzbekistan
Germany	People's Republic of China	Vietnam

Fees and payment

Voluntary registration fee for a participating delegation (max. 5 contestants and 2 leaders)	USD 3000
Fee for each Scientific Observer	USD 1800
Fee for each Visitor	USD 2000
Extra payment for single occupancy (not available for contestants) for 9 nights per person	USD 1000

We advise you to pay the fees by bank transfer (details below). Payment on arrival will be accepted in cash in INR (Indian Rupees) only.

Name of beneficiary bank: **Central Bank of India**
 Address of the beneficiary bank: **Mankhurd Branch, Mumbai 400088, INDIA.**
 SWIFT code: **CBININBOSB (WITH Citibank New York, SWIFT code : CITIUS33)**

Name of account holder: **TIFR-HBCSE Misc. Account No.1038113243**
 Address of account holder: **Mankhurd, Mumbai 400088, INDIA.**
 Identification remark: **IPHO-2015**

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>

Individual invitation letters suitable for the purpose of visa will be available for download on the registration page after registration is complete. In case additional documents are requested by Indian Embassy/Consulate in your country, kindly let us know.

Participants from the continents of Africa and South America may require clearance regarding vaccination for yellow fever. Please refer to the website given below for information:

<http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/content/health-regulation>

3. Accommodation and Transportation

Local Hospitality

Local hospitality will begin from July 4, 2015 afternoon (check in after 14.00 hrs) and end on July 13, 2015 before noon (check out before 12.00 hrs). Local hospitality includes accommodation (9 nights) along with breakfast, lunch and dinner during this period. Any other expenditure (meals in other restaurants of the hotel, mini bar, laundry, telephone, etc) will be billed to you by the hotel individually and will need to be settled by you at the time of check-out.

Hotels

Team Leaders, Observers and Visitors will be accommodated in the following hotel:

Taj Lands End Mumbai
Bandra (West), Mumbai 400050

<http://www.tajhotels.com/luxury/city-hotels/taj-lands-end-mumbai/overview.html>

This hotel is about 8 km from the International Airport.

Contestants will be accommodated in the following hotel:

The Leela Mumbai
Sahar, Mumbai 400059

<http://www.theleela.com/locations/mumbai>

This hotel is about 1.5 km from the International Airport.

Pre- and post-Olympiad stay

For teams arriving before the scheduled date (July 4, 2015) and/or departing after the scheduled date (July 13, 2015) we can arrange to book accommodation in the same hotels on your behalf. Please note that accommodation charges outside the Olympiad period (i.e., before July 4 or after July 13, 2015) will be at your cost and you will need to settle your bills for such period directly with the hotels. If you need to book accommodation before and after the Olympiad at the same hotels kindly let us know by email at the earliest. Alternatively, you may also make your own arrangements in any other hotel that you wish. Links of some alternative hotels for pre- and post-Olympiad period will be put up on our website.

Airport transportation

The airport in the city of Mumbai is called Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport (Code: BOM). Transport from this airport to our designated hotels will be provided from 08:00 hrs on July 4. Pick-up from airport for teams arriving a few hours earlier may be arranged on request. Similarly, transport from these hotels to airport will be provided till 14:00 hrs on July 13.

The leaders and contestants of a delegation will be transported directly from the airport to their respective hotels. Teams arriving on July 3 or earlier should make their own arrangements to reach the designated hotels on afternoon of July 4.

4. Miscellaneous

Calculators

Each contestant will be provided with a scientific calculator (model: **Casio fx-82MS**). Please note that no other calculating device, including contestant's personal calculator of the above model, will be allowed during the competition.

Communication devices

Contestants carrying mobile phones, laptops, tablets, smart watches etc will have to deposit them with the organizers after their arrival in Mumbai. They will be returned after the completion of all examinations on July 9, 2015.

Flags

Each team will be provided with a country flag of size 1.35m x 0.9m. The country coordinators are requested to carefully check and approve the flag motif during online registration. Only these supplied flags will be allowed on stage during ceremonies.

Weather

July is the month of heavy rains and humid climate in Mumbai. The temperature will be around 30°C. We recommend that you bring your windcheater/raincoat, waterproof shoes etc for your visit to Mumbai. An umbrella will be provided in the registration kit.

Ramadan

Please note that IPhO 2015 will be held during the Ramadan period. If participants from your country are planning to observe fast during the event kindly mention the same on the registration form under special dietary needs. This will help us to make necessary arrangements at the hotels.

Contact

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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More details will appear in the third and last circular in June 2015.

Welcome to 46th IPhO !

46th IPhO Secretariat