

MINUTES OF THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL JURY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013 DURING IESO IN MYSORE

The International Jury comprising of the Mentors and Observers of the participating countries:

- Approved the data on the 7th IESO participants (Annexure 1),
- Endorsed the decision of the Geological Society of India to relax age restriction by a few months for two students (one each from Italy and Brazil) as per precedence and also to encourage the participation of students in the 7th IESO,
- Number of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were decided upon as per the IESO statutes, that is, 10%, 20% and 30% respectively of the total number of participants in the 7th IESO,
- Reviewed and discussed the written test paper prepared by the Scientific Committee,
- Mentors and Observers of non-English speaking countries translated the written test paper to their native languages,
- Decided that as per IESO statutes there will be no medals to guest students even if they deserved.
- Approved the suggestion that Best Performance Award should be given in Geosphere, Astronomy, and Hydrosphere and Atmosphere to the highest scoring students in the respective fields,
- Decided that Gold/Silver/Bronze ITFI Team Awards should be given to the deserving teams, and
- Gold/Silver/Bronze Earth System Research Project Awards should be given to the deserving teams.

MINUTES OF THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL JURY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2013 DURING IESO IN MYSORE

The International Jury:

- Scrutinized and finalized the practical test paper prepared by the Scientific Committee, and
- Decided to award a Bronze medal to the top scoring student of a country that has not won any medal in the 7th IESO.

MINUTES OF THE 3RD INTERNATIONAL JURY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013 DURING IESO IN MYSORE

- The International Jury:
- Scrutinized the merit list of the participating students in the written and practical tests and decided on Gold, Silver and Bronze medals (Annexures 2 and 3); further, the top most Bronze or Silver medalist in the merit list was upgraded to the next higher category (that is, Gold or Silver) where it was warranted,
- Approved Gold, Silver, Bronze ITFI Team Awards (Annexure 4), and Gold, Silver, Bronze Earth System Project Awards (Annexure 5) to the students of deserving teams,
- Decided to change the IESO statutes as follows:

Old statutes: “Participants should not be older than 18 years on the 1st of July of the year of the Olympiad”

Option 1: “Participants should not have been born before July 1, X-18, where X is the year of Olympiad.”

Option 2: “Participants should not have been born before July 1, X-19, where X is the year of Olympiad.”

Six countries (Germany, France, Bangladesh, Kuwait, Russia and South Korea) voted in favour of Option 1. Seventeen countries (Taiwan, Malaysia, Japan, USA, Brazil, Nigeria, Malawi, Argentina, Austria, Romania, Israel, Thailand, Italy, Indonesia, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Spain) voted in favour of Option 2. Hence, it was decided to incorporate Option 2 for revision of statutes as shown below:

Revised statutes: “Participants should not have been born before July 1, X-19, where X is the year of Olympiad.”

- Unanimously resolved to incorporate the following in the IESO Statutes:
“Proposals for changes in the statutes have to be submitted four weeks before the first day of the IESO in written form (E-Mail) to the local organiser of the IESO, who in turn distributes them via E-Mail to past and present IESO participants and the IGEO country representatives, before the specified deadline.”
- Listened to a presentation by R Shankar (India) on the need to include multiple-correct-answer type of multiple choice questions which would more effectively test the depth of understanding and analytical capabilities of students, and recommended that the Written Test Commission discusses and decides on the matter further, and
- Listened to a presentation by Tom Tailer (USA) on ITFI evaluation and recommended that the Written Test Commission discusses and decides on the matter further.