



IPhO
Estonia 2012

First Circular

Dear Colleagues,

The Republic of Estonia has the honor of being the host of the 43rd International Physics Olympiad (IPhO 2012), which will be held from July 15th to 24th, 2012.

The Olympiad will be held in two locations: in the capital Tallinn (team leaders), and in the oldest university town of Estonia, Tartu (students).

The IPhO2012 is organized under the auspices of the Estonian Ministry of Education and Research by the Estonian Information Foundation (main organizing institution) jointly with the University of Tartu, Tallinn University of Technology, National Institute of Chemical Physics and Biophysics, Estonian Academy of Sciences, Archimedes Foundation, and Estonian Society of Physics. The Steering Committee, comprising the representatives of these institutions, governs the activities of the Academic and Organizing Committees of IPhO 2012

Invitation

On behalf of the organizers of the 43rd International Physics Olympiad, it is our pleasure and honor to invite and welcome your country to send a delegation to take part in IPhO 2012 in Estonia. The International Physics Olympiad is the most prestigious international physics competition for individual secondary school students aimed to stimulate young people's interest in physics, to propagate natural and exact sciences amongst school students, and to promote science education throughout the world by means of international contacts

Requirements for the participating teams

According to the IPhO Statutes, each team will comprise up to five students and two 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 students should not exceed twenty years, as of 30 June, 2012. The team leaders should be physics teachers or specialists who can speak English.

Fees and Expenses

The IPhO2012 Organizing Committee will provide meals, accommodation and transportation free of charge to all the participants during the duration of the olympiad period. However, travel expenses of each participating country will be the liability of each participating country. Arrangements for extra accommodation before and/or after the official period will be provided, though the related expenses are to be covered by the participating country.

As an established custom of the International Physics Olympiad, each participating country is asked to contribute a voluntary fee of € 3 500.

Observers and visitors are welcome, but they are expected to cover their own expenses. Observers may attend all Olympiad meetings, including the meetings of the International Board. However, they may not vote or take part in the discussions. Visitors do not attend the meetings of the International Board. The fee of each observer is € 1 200 and for visitor € 1 100.

Transportation

Transportation from Tallinn International Airport and Port of Tallinn to hotels and vice versa will be arranged by the local organizing Committee at no additional cost.

Information and contacts

For the detailed information of IPhO 2012 and the most recent update, please visit our official homepage www.ipho2012.ee

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Preliminary confirmation of participation

As the first step, please complete the attached form: **PRELIMINARY CONFIRMATION FORM OF IPhO 2012 PARTICIPATION.**

This information is needed for sending official letter of invitation to participate in IPhO2012 to your Minister of Education or the equivalent official in your country. In addition, this information is necessary for communication with the contact person in your country.

The form should be filled in and sent as an e-mail attachment to the 43rd IPhO Organizing Committee (ipho2012@eitsa.ee) no later than: **20 of December 2011.**


Estonian people and the organizers of the Olympiad are looking forward to meeting young physicists and their supervisors from all over the world, and to introducing them to the innovative country, which values education, has rich cultural heritage and beautiful land.

Welcome to IPhO2012 in Estonia!

Sincerely,



Prof Jaak Kikas
Head of the Academic Committee



Dr Viire Sepp
Academic secretary of the Steering Committee