

Minutes of IPhO 2024

IPhO 2024 was attended by 43 regular teams, 3 observer teams, 197 students, 80 team leaders, and 46 observers. The event was held in Isfahan, Iran.

The opening IB meeting was held on July 22, 2024

Overview from President Rawat.

Announcing the three members of the International Board to oversee the marking scheme and grading:

- Shuo Jiang shuojinag@mail.tsinghua.edu.cn (China)
- Shirish Pathare shirish@hbsce.tifr.res.in (India)
- Lambe Barandovski barandovski@gmail.com (Macedonia)

to serve as the panel of three for appeals of moderation. The instruction for appeals is to send an email with appeals to all three members of the panel, with copies to the local board.

The short IB meeting was held on the morning of July 27, 2024 to discuss the metal cutoffs.

The medal thresholds were announced as

33.92 Gold
19.35 Silver
12.49 Bronze
9.03 Honorable Mention

The regular IB meeting was held on July 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 21:12 pm by President Rajdeep Singh Rawat.

There were only four orders of business:

1. Video presentation from France for IPhO 2025
2. Election of Secretary of IPhO
3. Countries requesting to host a future Olympiad
4. Acceptance of the final marks from IPhO 2024

Video Presentation from France, welcoming us to IPhO 2025, with dates 17-25 July 2025

Secretary election: there was only one nomination for Paul Stanley. So Paul Stanley was re-elected secretary with a term from 2025 to 2029.

There were two countries that are looking to host a future IPhO, but only one had the necessary ministry level commitment letter at this time.

The Russian Federation asked if they could host the IPhO in 2030 (the next known unassigned year). There was some discussion about the pros and cons of having Russia host in 2030. There were also questions about what might happen if a country before that might need to back out; Rajdeep replied that this is a separate question; if a country formally announces that they cannot host, then he will negotiate with approved future host countries about possibly reordering.

Upon vote, 48 were in favor, 9 opposed; there were abstentions. The motion passes, so that the Russian Federation is now scheduled to be the host for the 2030 IPhO.

As such, the next countries scheduled to host the IPhO are currently:

- France (2025)
- Columbia (2026)
- Hungary (2027)
- Republic of Korea (2028)
- Ecuador (2029)
- Russian Federation (2030)

President Rawat shared the results after moderation:

Gold 18
Silver 35
Bronze 53
HM 29

Best female: Sun Rongxi
Best experiment: Zhang Xinrui
Best theory: Wang Zehua
Best overall: Zhang Xinrui

On the vote to approve the results of the IPhO, 56 approve, no oppose, some abstentions; motion passes.

The meeting was adjourned.