

**41st International Physics Olympiad
Zagreb, Croatia, 17-25 July 2010**

Dear colleagues,

Croatia is honoured to become the host nation of the 41st International Physics Olympiad, to be held in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, from 17 to 25 July 2010. The Olympiad is being organized by the Croatian Physical Society and the University of Zagreb as the co-organizer, under the financial support of the Ministry of Science, Education and Sports of the Republic of Croatia and the City of Zagreb.

Invitation

On behalf of the Croatian Physical Society and the 41st IPhO Organizing Committee, we hereby have the pleasure of inviting your country to participate in the 41st IPhO. The Organizing Committee looks forward to welcoming all the participants in this outstanding international competition. It is both a great honour and an exciting challenge to be hosting an event that gathers together young students from all over the world presenting their knowledge in physics. International Physics Olympiad is the most prestigious international competition in physics for the secondary school students with the aim of promoting physics among young people, giving them the opportunity to exchange experiences, encouraging new friendships and future collaborations within the scientific community.

Requirements for Team Participants

According to the IPhO statutes, each national 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 2010. The delegation leaders must be specialists in physics or physics teachers, capable of solving the problems of the competition competently. Each of them should be able to speak English.

Fees and expenses

All participants' countries are encouraged to contribute with a voluntary fee of €3,000. The fee will cover: meals, accommodation and official social events during the official period of the Olympiad. Observers and visitors are welcome, and they are expected to cover their expenses, visitors €1000, observers €1100. 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

Accommodation and Transportation

Arrangements will be made for students to stay at student dormitories and the leaders, visitors and observers will be accommodated in hotels. Transportation from the airport/bus/train stations to the hotel/dormitory and vice versa will be provided by the Organizing Committee at no additional cost.

41st IPhO Web-page and Contacts

The circulars and all information regarding the 41st IPhO can be found on our web site at <http://www.ipho2010.hfd.hr> which will be updated regularly.

You may contact us at our **e-mail**: ipho2010@hfd.hr,

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Preliminary registration

Please find enclosed the document "PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION FORM". The form should be filled in and sent as an e-mail attachment to the 41st IPhO Organizing Committee (ipho2010@hfd.hr) no later than: **22 January 2010**.

This information is indispensable to send the original letter of IPhO2010 invitation to your Minister of Education or equivalent in your country by postal or special delivery; in addition, this information is necessary to establish communication with the contact person in your country.

Should you have any inquiry concerning your participation, please contact us. We will be glad to answer your questions.

We look forward to seeing you in Croatia!

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Krešo Zadro

Chairman of the 41st IPhO Organizing Committee