

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF YOUNG SCIENTISTS

REGULATIONS

General

Article 1

1. The International Conference of Young Scientists (ICYS) is essentially an individual competition on scientific research and presentations carried out by school students which are evaluated by the International Jury.
2. At the dates of the Conference the students have not entered any kind of higher education nor will their age exceed 20 years.
3. The following table gives an overview upon the allowed combinations of numbers of students, presentations and team-leaders of a team:

Students	Presentations	Team-leaders
2	2	1
3	2 or 3	1
4	3 or 4	1 or 2
5	3 to 5	1 or 2
6	4 to 6	1 or 2

Each country may send normally 1 team. If there is still space for more teams after a given deadline, countries may send 1 or 2 further teams but in total at most 12 students. Countries who are interested in sending a team and who had no contact with ICYS yet at first should send an observer to the next ICYS.

The Local Organizing Committee

Article 2

1. The first announcement of the ICYS shall be published not later than half a year before the date of the ICYS.
2. The first announcement shall contain information about the location and data of the Conference as well as deadlines for the submission of the contributions and guidelines.
3. Local Organizing Committee (LOC) shall, in accordance with the Steering Committee (SC), invite national and/or regional organizations to nominate participants of the ICYS.
4. The LOC can set limits to the number of participants and presentations.
5. The LOC guarantees proper conditions for all the participants and shall provide audio-visual means in order to assure the best possible presentations by the participants.
6. The LOC is allowed, in accordance with the SC, to invite new parties for the ICYS.
7. The LOC shall, in accordance with the SC, appoint a competent International Jury able to evaluate the presentations during the ICYS.

8. The LOC shall provide awards for the winners of the ICYS.
9. The LOC shall provide guidelines to assess the presentations. These guidelines shall normally involve such items as:
 - a) statement of the problem
 - b) justification of methods and techniques applied by the lecturer in order to solve the problem
 - c) results and conclusions.These guidelines shall be published on the central web site of the ICYS.
10. In addition to what is stipulated in the Statutes the LOC shall provide a cultural program for all the participants during the ICYS.

Submission of abstracts

Article 3

1. Abstracts of the presentations shall be submitted to the LOC by digital means and, if possible, in writing prior to a deadline fixed by the LOC.
2. The division of the presentations shall be made according to the following fields:
 - a) Physics
 - b) Mathematics
 - c) Computer Science
 - d) Environmental Sciences
 - e) Engineering
 - f) Life SciencesThe LOC, in accordance with the SC, can arrange an additional field.
3. In order to make a proper division, the submitted abstracts shall be judged by the LOC.

Presentations

Article 4

1. The working language of the ICYS is English.
2. Only one of the authors shall present the research work.
3. The presentations shall reflect the results of research that is dominantly archived by the lecturer alone or in collaboration with other school students.
4. Every presentation should last not longer than 15 minutes. Extra time for the preparation may be allowed by the head of the jury.
5. Questions can be put to the lecturer after the presentation during a limited time fixed by the head of the jury.
6. Normally the LOC shall ensure one prize and one certificate per awarded presentation. The LOC shall provide different certificates for the co-authors.

The International Jury

Article 5

1. The International Jury is appointed by the LOC in accordance with the SC.
2. In each field the majority of the members of jury shall be independent.
3. The members of the International Jury shall be experts in the corresponding field.

4. The jury for each field shall consist of at least five members. The jury shall not be changed during the ICYS.
5. In each field of ICYS the LOC, in accordance with the SC, appoints the head of the jury.
6. The members of Jury shall evaluate the presentations individually by allotting marks between 1 and 10 according with the following scheme:
 - a) very poor: 1 or 2
 - b) poor: 3 or 4
 - c) satisfactory: 5 or 6
 - d) good: 7 or 8
 - e) excellent: 9 or 10
7. The evaluation of the members of Jury shall be done consistent to the guidelines provided by the LOC. The head of the jury may ask members of the jury to clarify their marking.
8. The score for every presentation is the algebraic sum of the marks of the members of jury. When the jury consists of six or more members the lowest mark is left out. In addition to this the highest mark is left out when the jury consists of seven or more members.