

## Minutes of the Fourth Asian Physics Olympiad Bangkok (Thailand), April 20<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003

1. The following 10 countries were present at the 1st Asian Physics Olympiad:

*Australia (8 students + 2 leaders), Indonesia (8 students + 2 leaders), Israel (8 students + 2 leaders), Kyrgyzstan (5 students + 1 leader), Laos (8 students + 2 leaders), Pakistan (2 students + 1 leader), Philippines (1 student + 1 leader), Chinese Taipei (8 students + 2 leaders + 1 observer), Thailand (8 students + 2 leaders + 1 observer) and Vietnam (8 students + 2 leaders + 10 observers).*

This year Laos and Pakistan participated in the APhO for the first time.

2. The Opening Ceremony was honoured by presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Galyani Vadhana Krom Luang Naradhiwas Rajanagarindra. The Respected Guest was welcomed with standing ovation.

3. Results of marking the papers by the organisers were presented:

The best score (45.90 points) was achieved by **Pawit Sangchant** from Thailand (Absolute Winner of the IV APhO). The second and third were **Widagdo Setiawan** (Indonesia) – 44.60 points and **Kang-Hao** (Chinese Taipei) – 44.10 points. The following limits for awarding the medals and the honourable mention were established according to the Statutes:

Gold Medal	40 points,
Silver Medal	34 points,
Bronze Medal	29 points,
Honourable Mention	22 points.

According to the above limits 14 Gold Medals, 13 Silver Medals, 11 Bronze Medals and 12 Honourable Mentions were awarded. The list of the scores of the winners and the students awarded with honourable mentions were distributed to all the delegations.

4. In addition to the regular prizes a number of special prizes were awarded:

- for the Absolute Winner:

**Pawit Sangchant** (Thailand)

- for the most creative solution in the theoretical part of the competition:

**Tse-Yu Chen** (Chinese Taipei)

- for the most creative solution in the experimental part of the competition:

**Rangga Perdana Budoyo** (Indonesia)

- for the best score among female participants:

**Veronika Ulychny** (Israel)

- for the best result among the "new" countries,):

**Sara Ijaz Gilani** (Pakistan)

5. Dr. **Colin Taylor** (Australia) and Dr. **Waldemar Gorzkowski** (Honorary President of the APhOs), acting on behalf of all the Members of the International Board, expressed deep thanks to Dr. Sirikorn Maneerin, Deputy Minister of Education and Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Professor Sakda Siripant, Chairman of the Organising Committee, Dr. Wijit Senghapant, Chairman of the International Board Committee, Dr. Wudhibhan Prachyabrued,

Chairman for the Examination Papers, and Associate Professor Suwan Kusamran, Executive Secretary of the Organising Committee, for excellent organisation and execution of the IV APhO.

6. The Israeli delegation provided the Permanent Secretariat of the APhOs with the letter from the Israeli Ministry of Education. According to the letter the APhO'2011 will be organized in Israel. Thus, the last version of the list of the organizers of the next APhOs is:

V	2004	Hanoi	Vietnam	April 26 - May 4 (9)
VI	2005	Lingga Island, Riau	Indonesia	confirmed orally
VII	2006	<i>not decided yet</i>	Georgia	not reconfirmed
VIII	2007	<i>not decided yet</i>	China	preliminary contacts
IX	2008	<i>not decided yet</i>	Australia	preliminary contacts
X	2009	<i>not decided yet</i>	Uzbekistan	preliminary contacts
XI	2010	<i>not decided yet</i>	Malaysia	preliminary contacts
XII	2011	<i>not decided yet</i>	Israel	confirmed

The Permanent Secretariat will ask the Georgian leaders (not present this year) for written reconfirming willingness of Georgia (expressed orally last year) to organise the competition in 2006 by end of July 2003.

7. Acting on behalf of the organisers of the next Asian Physics Olympiad Prof. **Phan Hong Khoi** announced that the V Asian Physics Olympiad will be organised in Hanoi (Vietnam) from April 26th to May 4th, 2004 and cordially invited all the participating countries to attend the competition.

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