

# Report on the decisions of the IChO International Jury and Steering Committee in 2020

## Temporary modifications in the Regulations of the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO)

Because of the pandemic a conventional IChO cannot be held in 2020.

For the benefit and motivation of the students preparing for the event, it was proposed that the International Jury of the IChO accepts the following modifications of the IChO Regulations for the duration of the 2020 Olympiad only.

The changes, as all regulation changes required a qualified majority of two thirds of the participating countries. The vote was carried out remotely.

The proposed modifications:

### **§ 2 Organization and invitation**

Observers of newly invited countries can observe the remote olympiad and participate in a videoconference with the Steering Committee to fulfill one year of their observation period

### **§ 3 Delegations**

Each head mentor nominates one or more invigilators responsible for the appropriate running of the remote exam.

The invigilator will:

- Receive the final translated tasks from the organizers DIRECTLY.  
Print the exam.
- Personally supervise the students while they take the exam, as well as video recording the exam proceedings and share the recording with the organisers. The invigilator is responsible for doing this in accordance with any local laws about privacy and data protection.
- Collect the student scripts, scan them and submit the scans to the organizers.
- Accept any other obligations as required by the International Jury.

The invigilator will NOT:

- Receive any advanced information about the content of the exam.
- Interfere with the participants' work during the exam.
- Be involved with the extraordinary Olympiad in any other capacity (e.g. translation, arbitration)

### **§ 6 International Jury**

Meetings of the International Jury can be carried out remotely with the use of appropriate electronic means to discuss the tasks, their marking and the procedures of the IChO.

## § 11 Organization of the IChO Competition

The remotely organized IChO competition consists only of one theoretical exam. This is reflected in the official name of the olympiad.

### Jury decision

Country representatives expressed their opinion on three resolutions.

- A) Our country supports the temporary regulation changes.
- B) Our country intends to participate in the competition with the changed regulations.
- C) Our country supports: organizing a remote election to replace Steering Committee members /extending the mandate of present elected SC members with one year.

The results were:

- A) 75 Yes : 3 No
- B) 62 Yes : 16 No
- C) 65 extend mandate (No) : 12 organize election (Yes)

### Individual votes

Country	Vote submitted by		A	B	C
Argentina	no vote				
Armenia	Andranik	Davinyan	Yes	Yes	No
Australia	Trent	Wallis	Yes	Yes	No
Austria	Georg	Schellander	Yes	Yes	No
Azerbaijan	İGRAR	NAZAROV	Yes	Yes	No
Belarus	Viktar	Khvalyuk	Yes	No	No
Belgium	Stéphane	Caubergh	Yes	Yes	No
Brazil	Sergio	Melo	Yes	Yes	No
Bulgaria	Donka	Tasheva	Yes	Yes	No
Canada	Jennifer	Pitt	Yes	Yes	No
China	WEICHEN	JIANG	Yes	Yes	No
Chinese Taipei	Ching-Fa	Yao	Yes	Yes	No
Costa Rica	José Roberto	Vega-Baudrit	Yes	No	No
Croatia	Branka	Zorc	Yes	No	No
Cuba	not registered				
Cyprus	Stella	Ioannou - Loucaidou	Yes	No	Yes
Czech Republic	Petr	Holzhauser	Yes	Yes	No
Denmark	Kurt Bjoenager	Nielsen	Yes	Yes	No
El Salvador	Rene	Arevalo	Yes	Yes	No
Estonia	Vladislav	Ivanistsev	No	Yes	No
Finland	Kjell	Knapas	Yes	Yes	No
France	Aurélien	Moncomble	Yes	Yes	No
Georgia	Elizbar	Elizbarashvili	Yes	Yes	No
Germany	Sonja	Hanebaum	Yes	Yes	Yes

Greece	Nikolas	Psaroudakis	Yes	Yes	No
Hungary	Gabor	Magyarfalvi	Yes	Yes	No
Iceland	Katrín Lilja	Sigurðardóttir	Yes	Yes	No
India	Ankush	Gupta	Yes	No	No
Indonesia	Deana	Wahyuningrum	Yes	Yes	No
Iran	Seifollah	Jalili	Yes	Yes	No
Ireland	Carl	Poree	Yes	Yes	
Israel	Izana	Nigel	Yes	Yes	No
Italy	Agostino	Casapullo	Yes	No	No
Japan	Katsuya	Maeyama	Yes	Yes	No
Kazakhstan	Akzhol	Boranbay	Yes	Yes	Yes
Korea	Do Hyun	Ryu	Yes	Yes	No
Kuwait	no vote				
Kyrgyzstan	Bakyt	Borkoev	Yes	Yes	No
Latvia	Nauris	Narvaišs	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lithuania	Rimantas	Raudonis	Yes	Yes	No
Luxembourg	Sam	Hoffmann	Yes	No	No
Malaysia	Noor	Rahman	Yes	No	No
Mexico	Carlos	Castro-Acuna	Yes	Yes	No
Moldova	Ion	Bulimestru	Yes	No	No
Mongolia	Nyamgerel	Choiijilsuren	Yes	No	No
Montenegro	Tatijana	Carapic	Yes	Yes	No
Netherlands	Emiel	de Kleijn	Yes	Yes	No
New Zealand	Jan	Giffney	Yes	No	No
Nigeria	Chinenye	Nna Orji	Yes	Yes	No
North Macedonia	Miha	Bukleski	Yes	Yes	No
Norway	Bjørn	Dalhus	Yes	Yes	No
Pakistan	Khalid	khan	Yes	Yes	No
Peru	Patricia	Gonzales	Yes	No	No
Philippines	JOSE	ANDAYA	Yes	Yes	Yes
Poland	Marek	Orlik	Yes	Yes	No
Portugal	Diana Cláudia	Pinto	Yes	Yes	No
Quatar	Fatima	Alrashid	No	No	No
Romania	no vote				
Russian Federation	Vadim	Eremin	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saudi Arabia	Badr	AlMajrathi	Yes	Yes	No
Serbia	Dušan	Sladić	Yes	Yes	No
Singapore	Clarissa	Ng	Yes	Yes	No
Slovakia	Martin	Putala	Yes	Yes	No
Slovenia	Andrej	Godec	Yes	Yes	No
South Africa	Ajay	Bissessur	Yes	No	No

Spain	Oscar	Rodríguez	Yes	No	No
Sri Lanka	Chinthaka	Ratnaweera	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweden	Ulf	Jäglid	No	No	No
Switzerland	Patrik	Willi	Yes	Yes	Yes
Syria	Hala	Al Dakkak	Yes	Yes	No
Tajikistan	Khurshedsho	Karimov	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thailand	Punika	Praputtakun	Yes	Yes	No
Turkey	Yunus	Turkmen	Yes	Yes	No
Turkmenistan	Nazar	Mammedov	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ukraine	Kostiantyn	Gavrylenko	Yes	Yes	No
United Arab Emirates	ABDALLAH	EL MARHOUNE	Yes	Yes	No
United Kingdom	Chloe	Francis	Yes	Yes	Yes
United States of America	Lily	Raines	Yes	Yes	No
Uruguay	Carlos	Kremer	Yes	Yes	No
Uzbekistan	Ishankulov	Artikbay	Yes	Yes	No
Venezuela	Amalia	Torrealba	Yes	Yes	Yes
Vietnam	Nguyen	Ha	Yes	Yes	No

### Steering Committee decision on distributing support

The organizers of the IChO 2020 Remote Theory agreed to receive a reduced participation fee from most countries. The majority of the participating delegations chose to pay the recommended 1000 USD fee. Some delegations (7) were not able to transfer the expected 300 USD minimum.

Support was available thanks to the Chinese Chemical Society in Taipei, IUPAC, the Chemical Society of Japan and the American Chemical Society. The distribution of support is decided by a remote vote of the IChO Steering Committee based on the application of the countries in need.

The SC decided to award support to every applicant country.