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## IAPS-IPT Recommendations on the Transition Period

This document covers the transition period after which the International Physicists; Tournament (IPT) will become a major event for the International Association of Physics Students (IAPS).

While the proposed changes to the IAPS documents pack are mainly focused on how things will work when the merge is complete, this document describes the expectations and best practices to make the merge smooth and beneficial for all parties.

1. Start condition
  - 1.1. The transition period starts after the approval of the IAPS-IPT documents pack by the IAPS Annual General Meeting (AGM) and IPT Decision Assembly (DA). The documents pack consists of the Proposal to the IAPS Regulation changes, IPT Rules, and IPT Game Rules. The start of the transition period is roughly aligned with the new terms of the IAPS EC members.
  - 1.2. Preferably the start should fall before 1st September 2022 which is the start of the IAPS financial year.
2. The transition of the power
  - 2.1. The IO and DA are responsible for finalizing the ongoing structural processes of selection, and rule updates during the transition period. The IO in coordination with the Events manager is responsible for ensuring these changes are in accordance with the IAPS Charter and IAPS Regulations.
  - 2.2. Current national representatives are automatically nominated for their role until the IPT 2023 season ends unless some disciplinary dismissal or self-dismissal. This time is to use by the national reps and NCs, LCs and IMs to set the co-ordination and communication arrangements.
  - 2.3. All IO members and national representatives who are not currently eligible for IAPS membership at the moment of the GM should receive extraordinary IAPS membership. The NCs and LCs, if existing, are asked to assist with the necessary paperwork within the first 6 months of the transition period to implement the membership.
  - 2.4. IAPS delegates are strongly encouraged to actively seek advice about the IPT-related issues from the national reps to be reflected during GMs.
3. Management of assets
  - 3.1. The IAPS Treasurer is responsible for communication with the IPT IO to assure a sustainable solution concerning the bank account and the transfer of money by the IPT IO.
  - 3.2. Other assets that were acquired before the start of the transition period are property of the IO. Assets that are acquired after the start of the transition period will be handled in communication with the EC. Such IPT assets of which similar is already stored on the IAPS cloud will be stored on the IAPS cloud as well.

#### 4. Collaboration support and reviews

- 4.1. The IAPS-IPT committee stays in power until the transition ends as the main body to oversee this process. The Committee should have a clear strategy of collaboration for the international final as well as of supporting the NCs, LCs, and IMs from the IAPS side, and national reps from the IPT side, in their co-ordination in the promotion of the competition within their counties/universities, organizing national selections and co-ordinating for the IAPS General Meetings and other executive bodies.
- 4.2. The IAPS-IPT committee should have regular meetings to review the transition and address any issues to happen. The committee should aim to meet at least bi-monthly and stay in touch for any urgent matters.
- 4.3. The IAPS-IPT committee should consider how the introduction of the IAPS and IPT local parties is going, how effectively the communication is arranged, how the promotion is progressing within the academic year.
- 4.4. The IPT-IAPS meeting members should seek feedback from the local parties to identify the barriers and systematic problems and address them in a timely fashion.

#### 5. Proposals and reporting

- 5.1. The IPT IO must coordinate with the IAPS Events Manager for the organization of the upcoming editions, keeping them updated about the progression, problems, and changes.
- 5.2. The IPT IO and LOC for the editions from 2023 onwards should coordinate with the IAPS EC in preparing the intermediate and post-event reports to align with the expectations of the AGM delegates.
- 5.3. The IPT IO should aim to present bids for the IPT 2024 and 2025 editions and report about the IPT 2023 at the IAPS AGM 2023.
- 5.4. The IPT IO should aim to present bid(s) for IPT 2026, report on the IPT 2024, and provide an intermediate report on IPT 2025 at the IAPS AGM 2024. Onwards the reporting reaches its normal way.

#### 6. Termination conditions

- 6.1. Both IAPS and the IPT reserve the right to stop the transition based on community feedback or merge difficulties.
- 6.2. During year one of the transition period, the termination must be voted by the DA or the GM respectively, including an opportunity to hear the other party. After the vote, the procedure will be completed in 2 months.
- 6.3. During the following year of the transition period, the termination must be voted by the DA or the GM respectively, including an opportunity to hear the other party. After the vote, the procedure will be completed with three months' notice.
- 6.4. In the case of termination, all transferred funds must be returned within a three-month term to the sender.