



## First Circular

14 December 2012

44th International Physics Olympiad, Denmark, 7-15 July 2013

**Dear Colleagues,**

Denmark is honoured to be the host of the 44<sup>th</sup> International Physics Olympiad which will take place in Copenhagen, the capital of Denmark, from the 7-15 July 2013.

The 44<sup>th</sup> IPhO is held by the Technical University of Denmark (DTU) and the University of Copenhagen (KU). The Organizing Committee consists of Senior Lecturer Niels C. Hartling, Professor Henrik Bruus and Director Christian Thune Jacobsen.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Frederik is protector of the 44<sup>th</sup> IPhO.

## Invitation

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we hereby have the pleasure of inviting your country to participate in the 44<sup>th</sup> IPhO. The Organizing Committee is looking forward to welcoming all the participants and it is a great honour to organize an event for so many bright young students from all over the world. The International Physics Olympiad is the most prestigious international competition in physics for 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 the Participating Teams

According to the IPhO statutes, each team will comprise up to five students and two delegation 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 contestants should not exceed twenty years, as of 30 June 2013. The delegation leaders must be specialists in physics or physics teachers, capable of solving the problems of the IPhO competently. Each of them should be able to speak English.



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## Fees and Expenses

Observers and visitors are most welcome, but are required to pay the registration fees of 1,900 EUR per observer and 1,800 EUR per visitor. Observers are allowed to attend all Olympiad meetings, including the meetings of the International Board, but without rights of voting and discussion. Visitors may attend ceremonies and excursions, but there is no special programme planned.

As an established custom of the International Physics Olympiad, each participating country is asked to contribute a voluntary fee of 3,500 EUR.

## Accommodation, Meals and Transportation

Arrangements will be made for students to stay at a hostel in central Copenhagen. Leaders, observers and visitors will stay at hotels located in Kongens Lyngby close to the Technical University of Denmark (DTU).

Meals, accommodation and transportation during the Physics Olympiad from 7-15 July 2013, will be provided by the Organizing Committee at no additional cost, including transportation from and to Copenhagen Airport.

## Information and Contacts

Circulars and all relevant information will be located on our website at <http://www.IPhO2013.dk> which will be updated regularly.

You may contact the Organizing Committee by;

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### Preliminary Confirmation of Participation

Please fill out the required information for preliminary confirmation of participation, **no later than 15 January 2013** at the specified web address mentioned in the first circular sent to you.

This information is required for the Organizing Committee to send an official letter of invitation to participate in the 44<sup>th</sup> IPhO to your Minister of Education or equivalent in your country. In addition, the information is necessary for communication with the contact person or persons in your country.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Denmark in July 2013 at the 44<sup>th</sup> IPhO.

Yours sincerely,

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