



40th International Physics Olympiad

Merida, Mexico July 12-19th 2009

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Second Circular
March 13, 2009.

Dear Leaders,

During the months of January and February, the President of the Organizing Committee sent official IPhO2009 invitations letters to the Ministers of Education or equivalent, as well as to the persons responsible for the Physics Olympiad in each country. If you did not receive these letters, please contact us. We shall be very happy to invite you.

Confirmation of participation to this date

The following is the list of countries from which we have received the preliminary confirmation form.

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| 1. Albania | 20. France | 39. Peru |
| 2. Afghanistan | 21. Georgia | 40. Philippines |
| 3. Argentina | 22. Germany | 41. Rep. Korea |
| 4. Armenia | 23. Hong Kong | 42. Romania |
| 5. Austria | 24. Hungary | 43. Russia |
| 6. Belgium | 25. India | 44. Serbia |
| 7. Bolivia | 26. Indonesia | 45. Slovakia |
| 8. Bulgaria | 27. Islamic Rep. Iran | 46. Slovenia |
| 9. Cambodia | 28. Israel | 47. Spain |
| 10. China | 29. Italy | 48. Suriname |
| 11. Colombia | 30. Japan | 49. Sweden |
| 12. Costa Rica** | 31. Latvia | 50. Switzerland |
| 13. Croatia | 32. Lithuania | 51. Taiwan |
| 14. Czech Rep. | 33. Macao | 52. Thailand |
| 15. Denmark | 34. Malaysia | 53. United Kingdom |
| 16. Ecuador | 35. Mexico | 54. USA |
| 17. El Salvador* | 36. Nepal | 55. Vietnam |
| 18. Estonia | 37. Norway | |
| 19. Finland | 38. Pakistan | |

*New participant

**Participant as Observer

Observers are countries that assist for the first time to the Olympiads.

For any questions or enquiry regarding your participation, please contact:

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Secretariat IPhO2009

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Requirements for Team Participants

According to the IPhO statutes, each national team will be comprised of up to five students and two leaders. The contestants shall be students of general or technical secondary schools, *i.e.* schools which cannot be considered as technical colleges. Students who complete their school graduation examinations during the year of the competition can be members of the team as long as they have not commenced their university studies. **In order to insure compliance and to assure equity to all the contestants, we would appreciate it if you can send us a certification (in English) of the students' academic status, either scanned via e-mail or by fax.** The second requirement for participation is that the age of the students should not exceed twenty years, as of June 30, 2009.

The team leaders should be a physics teachers or specialists who can speak English.

Leak of Information during the Contest

With the advance of technology (internet, cell phones, etc.) it has become very difficult to avoid any leak of information about the problems before the examination. It is, therefore, important to remind all leaders of the ethical responsibilities of them and their students. Here we quote from the **Regulations Associated with the Statutes of the International Physics Olympiads**: *If it is found that leaders, observers or students from a country have been in collusion to cheat in one of the International Olympiad examinations, the students concerned should be disqualified from that Olympiad. In addition, the leaders, observers and students involved should not be allowed to return to any future Olympiad. Appropriate decisions are taken by the International Board.*

Visas

The IPhO 2009 Mexico Organizing Committee is processing Visas for ALL Delegation members (Leaders, Students, *Observers* and *Visitors*) from countries that require Pre-Authorized Visas. Visas cannot be issued upon arrival to Mexico for countries requiring Pre-Authorized Visas (see <http://ipho2009.smf.mx/visas>). We respectfully request that you DO NOT attempt to request authorization for your Visas to Mexico from your country of origin as this will duplicate the official process and cause unnecessary complications.

During the spring of 2009, the Mexican Migration Authorities will send a Global Authorization to all the Mexican Embassies and Consulates worldwide. Countries requiring a Pre-Authorized Visa will be notified by the IPhO2009 Organizing Committee as soon as this Global Authorization is sent to the Embassies and Consulates; at which time, you may document and receive your Visas at any Mexican Embassy or Consulate in the world.



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Fees and payment

All participating countries are encouraged to contribute a voluntary fee of \$3,500 USD. This will cover: meals, accommodation and official social events during the designated period of the Olympiad. *Observers* and *Visitors* are most welcome, but must pay the official fees of \$1,200 USD for *Observers* and \$1,100 USD for *Visitors*. *Observers* are allowed to attend all Olympiad meetings, including the meetings of the International Board, but without voice or vote.

All payments can be made by bank wire or transfer to the IPhO2009 Organizing Committee account in US dollars. Please write your exact country name when you make your bank transfers to the IPhO2009 Organizing Committee account.

Account name: Sociedad Mexicana de Física A.C.

Bank Name: Banco Nacional de México

Address: Paseo del Pedregal 110
Col. Jardines del Pedregal.
C.P. 01900 México D.F.

Swift Code: BNMXXMM

Account Number: 9345347

IBAN: 002180034993453470

If you require a receipt, please confirm via e-mail (ipho2009@unam.mx) using the subject of Receipt and your country name and indicate the information that you require to appear on the receipt; these will be made available during the event. However if you require a Pre-Receipt in order to make payment, likewise, please confirm via e-mail with the subject Pre-Receipt, your country name, and indicate the information that you require to appear on the receipt. This will be sent to your e-mail as a printable PDF document that can be changed for an original receipt (if necessary) during the event.

Accommodation and Transportation

Students will be accommodated in the hotels: Misión Panamericana Mérida, Del Gobernador, Los Aluxes, El Castellano and Colonial, all of which are located in down town. Leaders will be lodged at the Hotel Fiesta Americana, and *Observers* and *Visitors* at the Hotel Holiday Inn Mérida.

Two persons will share a room. However, if you would like an individual room, please let us know when you register for IPhO2009; there is an additional charge of \$500 USD for the 9 nights of the official dates of the Olympiad.

For arrivals at the Mérida International Airport, transportation will be provided from the airport to the hotels and vice versa, by the Organizing Committee at no additional cost. A meeting place will be established at the Mérida International Airport.

For delegations arriving to Cancún, we suggest that to travel from there to Mérida, use the ADO bus service (<http://www.ado.com.mx/>); there are no flights from Cancún to Mérida. ADO departs from both the Cancún International Airport and the Central Bus Station. Please be sure to purchase your tickets



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with end-stop in Mérida at the Hotel Fiesta Americana Terminal, where your guide will be waiting to escort the students to their corresponding hotels. As a reminder, please note that the Leaders will be lodged at the Fiesta Americana. Hotel accommodations for *Visitors* and *Observers* is within a walking distance of the Fiesta Americana.

Information about the bus departure times are published 25 days in advance. Please note that it takes about 4 hours the trip from Cancun to Merida and the one-way ticket costs approximately 20 US Dlls.

Transportation for the Team, *Observers* and *Visitors* from their country to the Mérida International Airport or Central Bus Station Autobuses in Mérida and vice versa will be the responsibility of each participating country.

Most of the Airlines over the world have flights to México City. Airlines flying from Mexico City to Mérida include:

Mexicana de Aviación <http://www.mexicana.com/>

Aeromexico <http://www.aeromexico.com/>

Aviacsa <http://www.aviacsa.com/>

Confirmation of Participation

The Organizing Committee is pleased to welcome all countries registered to take part in IPhO2009. The success of this event depends on the participation and involvement of your country. As a first step, please complete the following form: **Confirmation form of participation IPhO2009**. We need this information so that we can send by post an official letter of invitation to participate in the IPhO2009 to your Minister of Education or the equivalent in your country; in addition, this information is necessary to communicate with the contact person from your country. **If you have already done this, please ignore this step.**

Country

Information of the Minister the Education or the equivalent official:

- Ministry:
- Minister:
- Title:
- Full Address:
- E-mail:
- Phone:
- Fax:





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Information of the contact person:

- Name:
- Title:
- Full Address:
- E-mail:
- Phone:
- Fax:

Numbers of Delegation Members:

- Numbers of leaders:
- Number of students:
- Number of observers:
- Number of visitors:
- Total number:

Type of computer Key board:

Future Circulars

The circulars, visas and more information regarding the 40th IPhO can be found on our web site at <http://ipho2009.smf.mx/> . The Organizing Committee looks forward to meeting you in Mérida, in July 2009.

Best regards,

Dr José Luis Morán López
President of the Organizing Committee IPhO2009