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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to inform you about the progress regarding the 42nd International Physics Olympiad in Bangkok, Thailand during 10-18 July 2011.

Confirmation of participation to this date Until the present date, the following 83 teams have confirmed their participation in the 42nd IPhO:

Argentina Armenia Australia Austria Azerbaijan Bangladesh** Belarus Belgium Bosnia Herzegovina Brazil Brunei Bulgaria Cambodia Canada China Colombia Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark El Salvador Estonia Finland France Georgia Germany Greece Hong Kong Hungary Iceland India Indonesia Iran Ireland Israel Italy Japan Kazakhstan Korea, Republic of Kuwait Kyrgyzstan Lao PDR** Latvia Liechtenstein Lithuania Macao Macedonia Malaysia Mexico Moldova Montenegro Netherlands Nigeria Norway Pakistan Philippines Poland Portugal Puerto Rico Qatar** Romania Russia Saudi Arabia Serbia Singapore Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sri Lanka Suriname Sweden Switzerland Syria Taiwan Tajikistan Thailand Turkey Turkmenistan Ukraine United Kingdom United States of America Uzbekistan** Vietnam

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Official invitation During last month official invitation letters were sent to the Ministers of Education or equivalent officials of the teams that had already returned the Confirmation Form to the IPhO2011 Secretariat. Pdf copies of the original invitation letters were also sent to the contact persons. If you have not received these letters, please contact us.

Online registration The online registration will be available at the IPhO 2011 website: <http://www.ipho2011.org/> from April 2011. The contact person of each country will receive an auto-generated e-mail message with USERNAME, PASSWORD and instructions. The contact person is requested to register all participants in his/her respective team (students, leaders, visitors and observers).

Visas Complete information on visa application and issuances is available at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand: <http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>

Fees and payment All participating teams (5 students + 2 leaders) are encouraged to contribute with a voluntary fee of USD 3,500. The fee will cover: meals, accommodation and official social events during the official period of the Olympiad. Observers and visitors are welcome, and they are expected to cover their expenses, visitors USD 1,100 and observers USD 1,200. Observers may attend all Olympiad meetings, including the meetings of the International Board. However they may not vote or take part in discussions. Visitors do not attend the meetings of the International Board.

The payment should be made upon your arrival or by SWIFT bank transfer to the following account:

Name: IPhO2011 A/C No. 402-319272-5 Siam Commercial Bank Chulalongkorn University Branch 254 Phyathai Road, Patumwan, Bangkok 10330 Thailand SWIFT Code SICOTHBK

All bank charges must be paid in the country of origin. Please send us by e-mail or fax a copy of bank transfer stamped by your bankers for our records.

Transportation Suvarnabhumi Airport is an international airport connected with main world destinations. Transportation from the airport to the hotels and vice versa will be provided by the Organizing Committee at no additional cost. In order to ensure the best possible flight arrangements for our participants, Thai Airways International (THAI) offers discounts to the attendees at the 42nd IPhO with the event code given to the IPhO2011 contact persons. Please contact THAI Offices in your countries to obtain the information necessary to take advantage of those discounts.

Accommodation Arrangements will be made for students to stay at the Montien Hotel. Leaders, visitors and observers will be accommodated in Pathumwan Princess Hotel. Both hotels are situated in the very heart of Bangkok. Two persons will share a room. If leaders, visitors and observers would like to stay in single rooms, please let us know when you register for 42nd IPhO; there is an additional charge of USD 400 for 8 nights during the official period of the Olympiad.

If you plan to arrive in Bangkok earlier than 10 July 2011 or leave Bangkok later than 18 July, 2011, please let us know well in advance (by noting it in the online registration and by sending us an e-mail, indicating the number of persons and type of the room) so that we can arrange your accommodation. The extra charges per night for hotel double rooms are USD70 for the students' hotel and USD100 for the leaders' hotel.

42nd IPhO Website and Contacts The circulars and all information regarding the 42nd IPhO can be found at our website at <http://www.ipho2011.org/> which will be updated regularly. The Organizing Committee of the 42nd IPhO looks forward to meeting you in Bangkok!

Yours sincerely,

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