



IPhO 2022 – List of countries

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Dear colleagues,

We want to send you an update regarding the final list of participating countries. First of all, let us state that our goal has been and remains to have the maximum number of students taking part in the competition, as according to the statutes, the IPhO is a *competition between individuals*. In that sense, we, as IPhO 2022 organizers, have come to the conclusion that it is not possible anymore to invite Belarus and Russia as countries, since this would prevent much more students from several other countries to join the IPhO, in contradiction with our expectations.

Under the provision of the IPhO statutes, we will be inviting the students from Belarus and Russia to participate as individuals; if they accept, they will join as such, not as countries. The decision is however theirs.

We are sure that choosing this middle way is for the best, in the interest of the IPhO 2022. Should your country still decides not to participate, please let us know explicitly by Sunday 3 July so that we can plan accordingly. The final list of countries reads:

Armenia	Estonia	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Australia	France	Macao	Slovenia
Austria	Georgia	Malaysia	South Africa
Azerbaijan	Germany	Mexico	South Korea
Bangladesh	Greece	Moldova	Spain
Belgium	Hong Kong	Mongolia	Sweden
Bolivia	Hungary	Montenegro	Switzerland
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iceland	Netherlands	Syria
Brazil	India	Nigeria	Taiwan
Bulgaria	Indonesia	North Macedonia	Tajikistan
China	Iran	Pakistan	Thailand
Colombia	Israel	Philippines	Turkey
Croatia	Italy	Poland	Ukraine
Cuba	Japan	Portugal	United Arab Emirates
Cyprus	Kazakhstan	Qatar	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Kosovo	Romania	United States of America
Denmark	Kyrgyzstan	Saudi Arabia	Uzbekistan
Egypt	Latvia	Serbia	Vietnam
El Salvador	Lithuania	Singapore	

Best regards,

Your IPhO 2022 team