



The association AYPT – *Forschungsforum junger Physiker* hereby announces the following

Policy Regarding the Participation of International Teams in the Austrian Young Physicists' Tournament.

In its meeting on October 07th 2007 the Executive Committee of the aforementioned association has discussed the issue of international (= non-Austrian) teams participating in the Austrian Young Physicists' Tournament (hereafter referred to as "AYPT"). After careful consideration the Executive Committee has reached the following conclusions:

1. There is no intention to make the AYPT a rival to the International Young Physicists' Tournament (hereafter referred to as "IYPT"). The association clearly recognizes the IYPT as the international, world-championship tournament.
2. International (= non-Austrian) teams are invited to the AYPT for the following reasons:
 - a. Since Austria is a comparatively small country, the participation of international teams shall make the tournament bigger and therefore more interesting and challenging to the participants.
 - b. YPT associations of cooperating and befriended countries shall have the opportunity to send younger and less experienced teams than their national team (which is going to the IYPT) to an international competition, so that these students also get the benefit, reward and experience of participating in an international competition.
 - c. Countries, which have never participated in the IYPT or can, for some reasons (e.g. travel costs, visa problems), not participate in the IYPT in the respective year, shall be given the opportunity to participate in an international competition as well.
3. Teams which have already won a national pre-selection tournament in their respective country, or teams which have been selected to represent their country in the IYPT are not eligible for participating in the AYPT.
4. All international teams participating in the AYPT are requested to fully understand and acknowledge this policy.

This policy is in force effective immediately and until further notice. It has been established by the Executive Committee of the AYPT and may be changed only by the Executive Committee.

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