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Subject: Classification of Difficulty Level of IPhO Problems

Dear Friends:

The issue of classifying difficulty level of IPhO problems has been raised and discussed several times in International Board meetings for the last few years. Prof. Andrzej Kotlicki (Canada) approaches the issue with a good idea. We are pleased to forward his message to all leaders as the following:

"We are trying to create guidelines for formulating the IPhO questions to help the future organizers. We need your help to establish what standards you would like to see in future. Please send us the 3 theoretical and 3 experimental IPhO problems, which you consider the best in our history. All the problems are available on our web site. Please do not send the text of the problems - just the year and the problem number to Andrzej Kotlicki <kotlicki@phas.ubc.ca>."

We would like to thank Andrzej for his endeavor on this issue. Please respond his request at your earliest convenience.

Best wishes,

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Hans Jordens
President of IPhOs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ming-Juey Lin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ming-Juey Lin
Secretary of IPhOs