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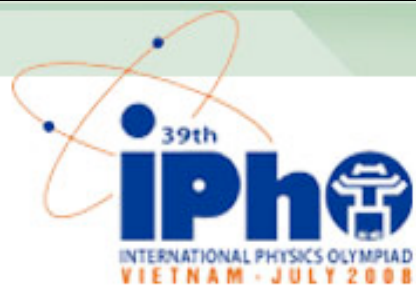
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## IPhO 2008 (Hanoi, Vietnam) in numbers:

- 82 countries, 633 participants (usually 5 students, 2 leaders, some observers/visitors)
- 46 gold, 47 silver, 78 bronze, 87 honourable mentions



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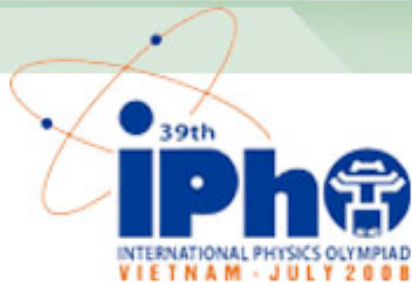


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La Thanh Hotel (3\*)  
Students





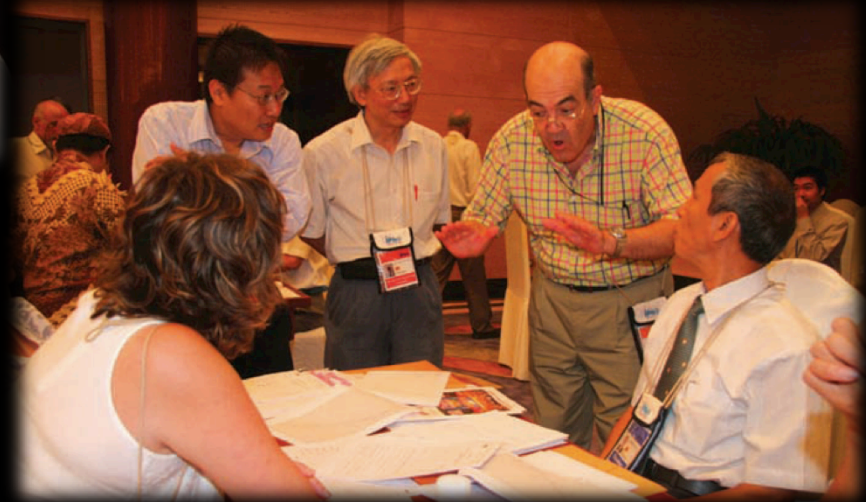
Nobel price lecture from J.Friedman  
(evening lecture)



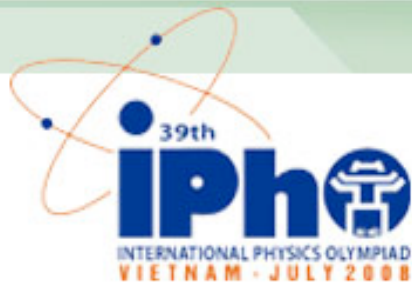


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Thang Loi Hotel (4\*)  
*Rated rather like 3\**  
*Leaders & Observers*  
*(visitors and some observers*  
*in other hotel)*





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New president elected: Hans Jordens (The Netherlands).

Main objectives:

- find financial support from organizations like EU or UN
- advisory role to local organization
- install a presidential bureau

Selected for a period of 5 years.

Specific for Belgium is our good personal connection with him.

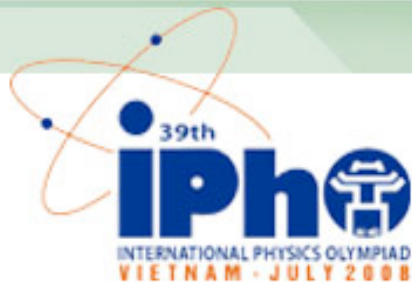


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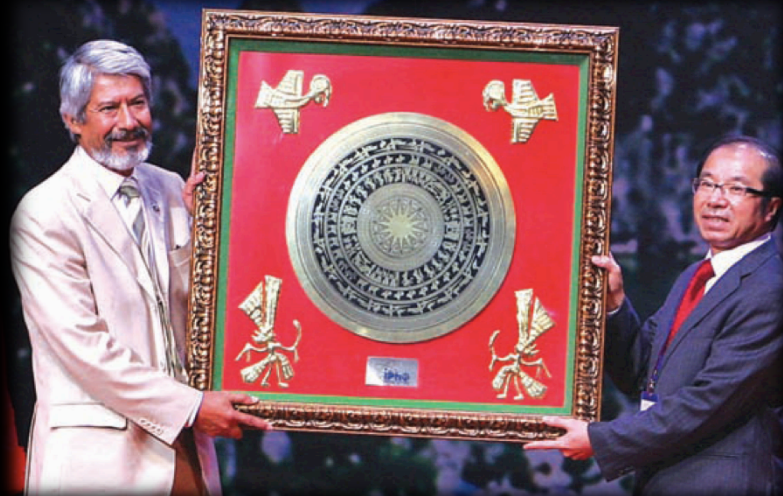
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## Result of observations & discussion with participants :

- Financial plan of 2.7M euro is high (equivalent to >400 euro per person per day)
- Should be reduced in a creative way before continuing
- Tendency to focus on physics gathering rather than luxury
- Do not focus too much on fancy excursions, but rather on creating a stimulating forum for discussions of any kind (eg. external company for extra/alternative excursions)
- People prefer to have their hotel close to the meeting room
- Media involvement focused on opening and closing ceremony
- Get a large amount of volunteers for every aspect of the event (more than 200 in Hanoi)
- Inject enough physics related activities in the student program