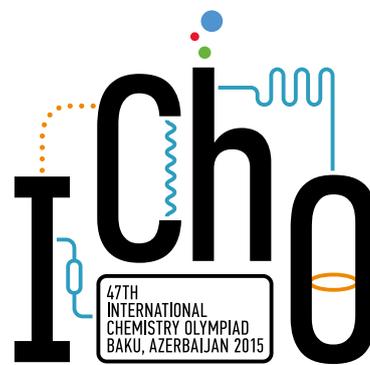


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LIFE IS A HUGE LAB



CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 47th IChO



Professor, Dr. Nargiz Pashayeva
President of the 47th International Chemistry Olympiad
Rector of Baku Branch of Moscow State University
Corresponding member of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences

Dear students, our future and hope, it is my pleasure to greet you and to say – good job! I would like to share my appreciation with all our guests, who have accepted our invitation and have come here, with those, who support us on this day and welcome our current idea.

We have together ended the intense, exciting and ever changing week, which was full of different shades. What have we learned during this week? We have learned that life is really a huge lab, as we have written in our motto. And we have witnessed again that the most expensive and the only irreplaceable instrument of this lab is human brain. And we have found out that human is the catalyst of all processes, going on the Earth.

I have been watching you during your exams, particularly at the practical exam. And I have noticed you trying to work hard and to concentrate on your tasks. And this process reminded me an Azerbaijani proverb: "Caution is the feature of a hero". While I have been looking at you during your practical exam I have paraphrased it: "Caution is the feature of both a hero and a chemist". Because after you leave your chemical lab, you will open the door into a greater lab, which is called life. Most of you complained about the lack of time after your practical exam. But believe the experience of those who are elder – there is never enough time in our life. Time is a sacred category as Dante said. For everything in our life has to pass the test of time and this is the most important and the only reliable test. I wish the time to be always on your side



and to be your number one assistant and supporter in your further success.

Dear participants, I want to say that you are on the right way, you have made a right choice. Your choice is science, your choice is chemistry. And I want you to be loyal to this choice of yours. Good luck to you!

48th IChO...



The 48th International Chemistry Olympiad will be held in Karachi, Pakistan, in 2016. The flag of the IChO was handed over to Pakistan at the Farewell party of the 47th IChO in Baku.



Weather for 29 July

26°C / 34°C

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Duckhwan Lee, chairman of the Steering Committee of the International Chemistry Olympiad, professor at Sogang University (South Korea)

I am sure that all of you had a wonderful time here in Baku, Azerbaijan. For students the tasks happened to be a bit difficult. But you are not supposed to solve easy tasks. Easy tasks are not for you. You are so good. You have responsibility to deal with hard ones. So do not be disappointed at such difficult questions. Anyway you have done very well.

It was a perfect Olympiad. It is the best one within 12 years I witnessed and participated in my life.

We congratulate you for a wonderful performance. Those of you who do not get medals, do not get disappointed. You are not at the final stage of the competition. The IChO is just the beginning of your life.

The chemistry is the most difficult subject in science to study. And if you can do something very well in chemistry, you can do everything.

It was also a great opportunity for us to appreciate the beauty of Azerbaijan. It was a great pleasure for all of us to have a chance to experience the wonderful city of Baku, wonderful competition, rich and various landscape, historical and cultural heritage, generosity and hospitality of the people at Baku Branch of Moscow State University and everyone in the street. It was a great pleasure for us to be here in Baku, Azerbaijan. We will keep all this in our memory for a long time.

I have to say that Rector Nargiz Pashayeva is a very, very good manager and organizer not only for her own University, but also for this wonderful international event with more than 500 people from all over the world. It was a very complicated event, but she was able to manage it in a really wonderful and professional way.



I hope you enjoyed the 47th IChO. This Olympiad ran for 9 unforgettable days. The 47th IChO hosted for the first time by Azerbaijan was a significant event. I am proud to say that the competition was at a high level. I would like to gladly stress that some tasks were related to Azerbaijan. These tasks dealt with important issues for Azerbaijan – nature and industry. Hearty congratulations to the winners and best luck to you all.



Fikrat Guliyev, chairman of the Scientific Committee of the International Chemistry Olympiad, professor

AWARDING CEREMONY



Yifu Ouyang (China), the absolute winner, the top gold medalist, the best theoretician

It is a great event and a wonderful experience. I had great time here in Baku. As for the victory, I have not thought about it. I thought that the results will be worse at the theoretical exam. It turns out that I have a bit of luck on my side. This is my first time at the International Olympiad in Chemistry and my last time, as I am going to Beijing University next year. I will continue to study chemistry there. All that I can advise is that the participants of the next Olympiad should not be so nervous and try not to think about things before. When I've finished my practical exam I just simply let it go and did my best in the next exam and got this victory. Baku is a blend of the new culture and the old culture, it is very beautiful. It has its own type of architecture, drawings and art. They are all surprising and amazing.



Sergey Styopin (Azerbaijan), bronze medalist

It is my first time at the Olympiad and unfortunately my last chance to participate. I am not satisfied with the results, though it is not bad. I got bronze and missed just a couple of points to get silver. The theoretical part was harder for me. The organization was good and all our team is glad to participate in this Olympiad.



Jing Yee Kee (Singapore), silver medalist

I am very happy because I did not expect a silver medal. It was the only time participating in the Chemistry Olympiad, but I will continue my chemistry studies at the university. I think Baku and Azerbaijan in general, is very hospitable. I am very impressed with its architecture, the mix of both ancient and modern. I think the Olympiad was a wonderful experience for me.



Georg Berger (Germany), gold medalist

I have no words. It was a surprise for me. I didn't expect this result. I think that IChO is a great competition and experience for all participants. In general, I think that all was just awesome. I liked the organization, your beautiful city and country.



Asnaashari Kasra (Iran), gold medalist

I was really surprised when my name was mentioned among the gold medal winners. And I was really excited. Unfortunately, it was my first and last participation in the IChO. I will continue studying chemistry in Iran or, if it is possible, I'll study abroad. I want to say to all future participants that it is not so hard to get a medal. They just have to pay attention to their practical exam and try to make few mistakes.



Alexandru Pupeza (Moldova) silver medalist

I was very nervous before the awarding ceremony. After the theoretical exam I worried that I would not get even bronze, but I was awarded with silver and I am very happy. I plan to devote myself to chemistry in the future as I've entered the chemistry faculty at Moscow State University. I can advise people who will participate in the Olympiad in the future to study chemistry hard and to practice it more.

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Lianyun Duan (China), Head Mentor

Four gold medals is an excellent result, but I hope they'll do better in the future. This is the only first steps for them, and they have a very long way to go. They have to get the career in their minds. I didn't expect such results. I thought that some of them will get gold medals but not all of them.



Parviz Hakimov (Tajikistan), Head Mentor

We hoped for better results in this Olympiad, but as it was said by everybody, tasks were very hard, especially the experimental test. But it is also good for us, we could do better in the future IChO Olympiads. It is the 12th year of Tajikistan's participation in the IChO and earlier we had also good results and we got many medals. The next year we will also do all our best. Our bronze medalist Farukhzhon Barotov is at school now, but he plans to continue his education in chemistry in the USA or Korea. Next year, he will also participate at the Olympiad and I hope he will do his best.



Dimitrios Anastasilakis
(Greece)

29 July, 1998

Happy
Birthday

Josip Drazenovic
(Croatia)

29 July, 1996



LEARN THE AZERBAIJANI PHRASES

Əlvida	[ælvɪˈdɑ]	— Farewell!
Yaxşı yol	[jɑxʃɪˈjɔl]	— Have a nice trip!
Görüşərik	[gø:ruˈfærik]	— See you!

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