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Zebaze Kana, Executive Secretary of UNESCO's International Basic Sciences Programme (IBSP). "UNESCO is delighted to collaborate with 1001 Inventions to further promote innovative ways in teaching basic sciences with special emphasis in hands-on approach."

"1001 Inventions is delighted to continue to partner with UNESCO and support IYPT2019 public engagement efforts" said Ahmed Salim, 1001 Inventions Co-Founder and Managing Director. "We are very excited to launch a new global educational initiative presenting fascinating journeys of discovery in Chemistry. Through exciting learning experiences, we aim to help inspire a new generation to learn more about basic sciences and its importance for sustainable development while recognising humanity's shared scientific heritage."

The launch will include an event organized for schools and youth, and the initiative will be rolled out around the world in partnership with science centres, science festivals, museums, educational institutions, digital and social media platforms.

About 1001 Inventions - 1001 Inventions is an award-winning, British based organization that creates international educational campaigns and engaging transmedia productions aiming to raise awareness of the contributions to science, technology and culture from the Golden Age of Muslim Civilization. 1001 Inventions has engaged with over 350 million people across the globe working with a network of international partners, including UNESCO, National Geographic and leading academics to produce interactive exhibits, short films, live shows, books and classroom learning materials that are being used by hundreds of thousands of educators around the world. http://www.1001inventions.com/

https://www.iypt2019.org/2018/10/29/unesco-and-1001-inventions-join-forces-for-iypt2019

Stamps International

See also www.iupac.org/ publications/ci/indexes/stamps.html

Olympic Gold

he International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) is an annual worldwide competition for high school students in which their chemical knowledge and skills are tested through a series of theoretical and practical problems. first IChO was held in Prague in 1968 with three teams of six students representing Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Poland. Humble beginnings perhaps, but interest in the IChO rose quickly and, by 1980, a total of 52 competitors from 13 countries attended the 12th IChO, held for the

first time outside Eastern Europe, in Linz, Austria. Participation expanded steadily in the ensuing years and 186 students from 47 countries were present at the 30th IChO in Melbourne, Australia, in 1998.

The postage stamp illustrated in this note, the first ever issued to honor a Chemistry Olympiad, was released on 15 June 2018 to commemorate the 50th



IChO, which was jointly hosted for the first time by two countries, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. It took place on 19-29 July 2018, organized by Comenius University in Bratislava and the University of Chemistry and Technology in Prague, institutions that shared the management of both technical sessions and social events. Significantly, the 50th IChO had a record attendance of 300 students from 76 countries, a fitting milestone for the golden anniversary of the International Chemistry Olympiads.

The 51st IChO will take place in Paris on 21-30 July 2019, just a few days after the IUPAC World Congress

and General Assembly, yet another reason to celebrate chemistry during the International Year of the Periodic Table. Dmitri Mendeleev, 150 years after introducing the first version of the modern periodic table, would be so proud of the students competing at the IChO!

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