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Dear Odyssey of the Mind International World Finals Team,

It is with great pleasure that we invite your team to participate in the Odyssey of the Mind 2018 World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, from May 23 to May 26, 2018. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 and the Awards Ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 26.

Included in this section are the forms for World Finals registration, room and board reservations, transportation information, announcements about special events, the Coaches Competition problem, and other valuable information. You will receive an official schedule of events when you arrive on campus. Your team's competition schedule will be posted on our website the beginning of May at: www.odysseyofthemind.com/wf2018

Please register online through our website at www.odysseyofthemind.com **IMMEDIATELY. NO PAYMENT IS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.** You will need to be on campus starting Wednesday, May 23 through Sunday, May 27. Therefore, Package 1A is the package you should select. We are holding space in the university residence halls for international teams. Please let us know if you need an invitation letter. **Bring the completed Media and Medical Release Forms, as well as the Team Contract with you to Registration.**

All participants are responsible for obtaining their own travel and/or health insurance coverage while attending the 2018 World Finals at Iowa State University. All medical bills incurred will be the responsibility of the person receiving treatment and CCI assumes no responsibility for any bills incurred.

All teams should complete the Housing Grant Application offered by Creative Opportunities Unlimited (COU) at www.creativeopportunities.org, or by logging onto our website at www.odysseyofthemind.com and clicking on the link for COU. Only teams that are scheduled to compete at World Finals are eligible to apply for the COU grant. Questions regarding COU Housing Grants should be submitted directly to COU through the above-referenced website.

A Buddy Team is a U.S. team that is competing at World Finals and has volunteered to help you while you are on campus. They will assist your team in getting around campus, obtaining any materials or services you may need, and making you feel welcome. You may apply for a Buddy Team when completing your Team Registration Form.

There will be a meeting for all International (non-English speaking) teams with the International Problem Captains at 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 23. It is important that your coaches, team members and interpreters attend this meeting.

Please note that team members cannot practice on the actual competition site. Any team observed by an official doing so will be given an unsportsmanlike penalty. Practice facilities will not be provided.

Since competition takes place over three days, it is difficult for team members to keep the spontaneous problems secret. However, please remember that any competitor overheard revealing the spontaneous problem given in competition will subject his/her team to penalty or disqualification. In addition, should a competitor hear the problem before competing, adjustments may be made in scores or scores may be eliminated to overcome this advanced knowledge.

We hope you are looking forward to your participation. We are looking forward to hosting you.

Sincerely,

Samuel W. Micklus
Program Director