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*"When the finger
points at the moon,
the idiot looks at the
finger."
~ a Chinese proverb*

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11th IOAPA Session, 24 – 30 June 2009 Olympia, Greece

"IOAPA and the Olympic movement in the 21st century – Olympic education around the world"

IOAPA is pleased to announce its 20 year reunion. We therefore cordially invite all our members to participate at our 11th session held in Olympia, Greece from 24th to 30th June 2009.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Please send a short abstract (max. 200 words) of your paper/report/presentation and a few biographical notes to nicolette-wolf@ioapa.org by **8 June 2009**.

Tell us about Olympic education in your country, your school or club. Present an Olympic day. Show us your last project / research work on the Olympic movement. What are the current issues, challenges and possibilities?

Celebrate with us IOAPA's 20th ANNIVERSARY and enjoy a well rounded program of lectures, discussions, sports, archeological sites, social evenings and the election of the next IOAPA Executive Committee. Look for the newly excavated hippodrome at the archeological site of Ancient Olympia.

BUS SCHEDULE:

24 June 2009: departure from Athens at 7:30 a.m. in front of Hotel Attalos. Visit to Isthmia. Arrival at the IOA in Olympia for lunch.

30 June 2009: departure from the IOA in Olympia after breakfast around 8:30 a.m.. arrival in Athens around 2:00 p.m.

DINNER IN ATHENS: 23 June 2009 :

7:30 p.m.: meet for drinks and enjoy the splendid view of the Acropolis at the roof top lounge of Hotel Attalos, 29 Athinas Street, Monastiraki.

8:00 p.m.: meet at the reception of the hotel. We will walk to a restaurant in the Plaka area to have dinner together.

10 YEAR MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE:

IOAPA recognizes long standing members with a 10 year memento. Those who have been members since 1998 or 1999 and attend the 2009 session will be recognized. Please tell us that you are eligible and coming!

(See application on pages 6&7)

NEW IOAPA WEB PAGE

Dear IOAPA members,

We are very proud to announce that the new IOAPA web page is launched: www.ioapa.org This is a completely new version that opens many possibilities for all of you and for the Association too. We hope you will enjoy and interact with the new website, and pass it on!

Just a little background; we started the improvements of the web page in an effort to design a unique source of information, that would not only be attractive for our members but also to other people and organizations that have interest in Olympic education, IOA and IOAPA. The internet is a very important and powerful media, and to IOAPA it is vital for us to communicate with our members from all over the world.

The new website will allow you to interact with other fellow members. This feature together with some of the sections on the web page are for members only.

To retrieve your password go to the following URL <http://www.ioapa.org/component/comprofiler/lostpassword.html>

Thank you for taking the time to read this mail group message and we hope that you will enjoy the new web page, and gain some insights as to what one can do creatively within our organization.

Yours in Olympism,

IOAPA Executive Committee

Dear IOAPA friends,

I am looking for dynamic and reliable people (ideally university students or recent graduates) who could undertake some short research projects (data collection, provide us with information on specific topics) in Poland and Ukraine with the perspective of UEFA EURO 2012TM.

I am looking for people living in these countries and speaking Polish and/or Ukrainian and/or Russian. English is a must.

If you are interested or should you know such a person, please send me a CV to: thomas.junod@uefa.ch

Yours Sincerely,

Thomas Junod

UEFA Universities Coordinator

NEW ADDRESS:

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The President's Message

Dear IOAPA members,

Hope this message finds you all well wherever you are around the world. As you know through the last IOAPA Mailgroup messages, activity continues at full swing at the IOAPA Committee.

I hope that you are enjoying the new IOAPA website. I believe this completely new version will make a difference for the Association. All of you should have received by now a login and password to access your profile and the private areas of the site. I would like to kindly ask you to keep your data up to date, that will be only in the benefit of all of us. The new website uses state-of-the-art technologies that will allow us in the future to add new features that you consider useful. Your ideas in this regard are more than welcome. The new website has been a common project of many of us at the IOAPA Committee requiring lot of time and effort. I would like to thank everybody for the great work in this regard. And specially I would like to say a big thank you to IOAPA member Ansen Sligar from US Virgin Islands, who helped us enormously with the web design and with many technicalities.



Preparations for our 20th Anniversary Session are also on track, we are glad to have received many registrations for the 11th IOAPA Session to be held at the IOA premises in Olympia from 24th to 30th June. We look forward to meet many of you in this Olympic Education week at the IOA!

Back in February, elections were held at the International Olympic Academy for the term 2009-2013. Mr. Isidoros Kouvelos was elected new President of the IOA. From IOAPA we give our warmest welcome to Mr. Kouvelos. He has a deep understanding of the IOA and its educational role; and we are confident that he will make a great contribution to the IOA. I will meet personally with Mr. Kouvelos in June and I am sure that we will be able to reinforce the links and collaborations between the IOA and the IOAPA.

The IOAPA session will be the end of this two year term for me as IOAPA president. All objectives set two years ago are already accomplished or on track to be achieved before the Session. That will be the time for all of us to evaluate and to propose new ideas and projects for the future. Personally has been a real challenge to combine the two positions at IOAPA Committee with work and other personal commitments and projects. My full consideration and appreciation to all the team at the IOAPA Committee: Axel, Carlo, Giota, Marko, Nicolette, Rusty, Thomas and Vigdis for all the great work and cooperation. I do hope that you find our work useful for your activities.

All the best

Héctor Argüelles

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URGENT ~ IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP NEWS!!!!!!**Renewal of your IOAPA membership**

If your IOAPA membership is expiring you should have receive an email about the renewal in January. We have received a lot of renewals, but would still like to send out a reminder in this Areté. If you still need to renew your membership you can do so using the form at: http://www.ioapa.org/doc/IOAPA_Renewal_Form.doc

As an IOAPA member, you will stay updated on the IOAPA actions through the **e-mail group** and the **Areté Newsletter**. In the coming months a completely **new IOAPA website** will be available giving the IOAPA the chance to develop further its network possibilities. The website will include information and services accessible to the IOAPA members only.

We hope to see you at our bi-annual **IOAPA conference in Olympia**. In 2009 will be our 10th Session and we will celebrate IOAPA's 20th Anniversary. For people that need support to get there it will be possible to apply for funding through the **Hans van Haute fund**. If your financial situation makes it difficult to get to the sessions we advise you to apply for support. On the other hand, if you have the opportunity you can donate money to the Hans van Haute fund and help others get to the IOAPA conference.

The IOAPA has recently strengthened its relations with its natural partners: the **International Olympic Academy** and the **International Olympic Committee**. And has also established close contact with the **International Pierre de Coubertin Committee** and the **International Society of Olympic Historians**. This will raise very soon many opportunities for the better involvement of IOAPA members in the Olympic Movement.

To continue accessing to all IOAPA benefits, please use the renewal form. Your IOAPA membership will be extended for two years, or even better choose lifetime renewal for unlimited membership.

By renewing you membership you will continue to contribute to the IOAPA vision!

Yours in Olympism,

Vigdis Vatshaug

IOAPA Secretary

Postgraduate Research Grant Programme, developed by the IOC Olympic Studies Centre

The IOC Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) / Information Management Department has created an annual programme of grants intended for young researchers engaged in scholarly research on the Olympic Movement, its history and ideals, and the impact of the Olympic Games on the various aspects of contemporary society and culture.

The explanatory document and application form is available at the following web address: <http://www.olympic.org>, in the "Education / Olympic Studies Centre" section or at:
http://www.ioapa.org/doc/IOC_Postgraduate_Research_Grant_Programme_2009.pdf

Thank you,
Nuria Puig
Head of Universities Relations
Information Management Department

Representing IOAPA at the CIPC Coubertin Award

By Kristina Bohnstedt (Germany)

Using synergies between different organisations – when Hector Argüelles became the President of IOAPA he contacted Norbert Müller, President of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee (CIPC) to discuss opportunities of co-operation between the two organisations. Several ideas were worked out and when the CIPC came up with the idea to invent the Coubertin Award they wanted to co-operate with IOAPA. The Coubertin Award honours students and post graduates who focus on Coubertin related topics in their master theses and doctoral dissertations

Being a member of the CIPC and IOAPA I was asked to join the official jury of the Coubertin Award representing IOAPA. Fascinated by the idea to link the work of different organisations with similar aims I joined the jury consisting of Jean-Loup Chappelet, Jean Durry, Otto Schantz and Junko Tahara.

The first Coubertin Award was announced worldwide in 2007/08. The selected eight master theses and four doctoral dissertations among all submitted works were handed in by graduates of nine different countries representing Asia, America and Europe.

On 24th April 2009 IOC President Jacques Rogge awarded the winners of the Coubertin Award at the IOC Headquarter in Lausanne. Jacques Rogge emphasised the importance of young people analysing Coubertin's thoughts and ideals as there are still a vision of the Olympic Movement nowadays.

The winners of the Coubertin Award were Dikaia Chatziefstathiou (Loughborough, now Canterbury Christ Church



left to right: Baron Geoffroy de Navacelle de Coubertin, Dikaia Chatziefstathiou (winner, category doctoral dissertations), IOC President Jacques Rogge



(from left to right): Baron Geoffroy de Navacelle de Coubertin, Melanie Becker (winner, category master theses), IOC President Jacques Rogge and CIPC President Norbert Müller

University) about "The changing Nature of the Ideology of Olympism in the Modern Olympic Era" (category doctoral dissertations) and Melanie Becker (University Mainz) about "Pierre de Coubertin's Relation to Maurice Pottecher's People's Theatre and its Impact on the Inclusion of Art in the Modern Olympic Movement" (category master theses). Dikaia was participant in the IOA Young Participants' Session in 1997 and in the IOA Post Graduate Seminar 2002.

Congratulation to the winners on behalf of IOAPA!

Registration Form

Please fill out the registration form and return it to IOAPA Vice-President Ms. Nicolette Wolf at nicolettewolf@ioapa.org as soon as possible. Registration is valid only with payment of the participation fee of €50. **Deadline for registration and payment is May 2009.**

Ms.	Mr.		
Last name:		First name:	
Address:			
City:		Zip code:	
Country:			
Email:		Tel/Fax:	
Nationality:			

Participation at the IOA:		
Year(s):	Session:	Young Participant

I will present a paper/report at the session.	Yes	No	
Topic of paper/report:			
I am willing to assist in the following activi-			
Sports	Yes	No	
Social evening	Yes	No	
Pool party	Yes	No	
Typing of report	Yes	No	
Dance group	Yes	No	

IOAPA will provide bus transportation free of charge from Athens to Olympia and back.

I will take the IOAPA bus: Athens to Olympia on June 24	Yes	No
I will take the IOAPA bus: Olympia to Athens on June 30	Yes	No

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Accommodation:

In Athens, IOAPA has reserved a block of rooms at a discounted rate at the Hotel Attalos for the dates before and after the session. Bus transportation will take off from the hotel and return there.

Hotel Attalos

29 Athinas Street, Monastiraki, 10554 Athens

www.attaloshotel.com

Single: €57

Double (to share): €70,50

Triple (to share): €82,50

Breakfast: €8 per person / per day

Please book a room for:			
23rd to 24th June:	Single	Double	Triple
30th June to 1st July:	Single	Double	Triple

Please note: Your Credit Card Number is needed for reservation purposes only. Hotel bill has to be paid individually at the hotel. Your credit card will be charged with the cost of one night only if you have to cancel your participation in the IOAPA conference later than 6th of June 2009.

In Olympia, the IOA provides free accommodation in dormitories.

Extra charge for: Double room €25 per person per night (p.p./ p.n.)

Single room €40 p.p./ p.n.

Costs for food per person per day: €20

Please book the following for the complete session:		
Dormitory and food	€20 p.p./p.n.	€120
Double room and food	€45 p.p./p.n.	€270
Single room and food	€60 p.p./p.n.	€360

Participation fee: €50

I authorize you to charge my Visa Mastercard Diners Club

IOAPA Slogan Competition

Dear IOAPA members!

After the great success of the Logo-competition, the IOAPA Executive Committee feels that our organisation needs a short but meaningful slogan which defines IOAPA in just a few words.

We therefore want to invite you to the official IOAPA Slogan-Competition. Please read the following instructions and guidelines to this competition and share your ideas and slogans with us.

We have a wealth of talent available to us, and a wonderful opportunity to create a lasting legacy. For all those who enter the competition, there is the chance for personal achievement, whilst at the same time, the opportunity to create something which benefits all IOAPA-members in the future.

Purpose:

The logo was the first step of acknowledging IOAPA inside and outside our organisation in a better way and to create a product which can be easily recognised and communicated to our members and partners like the IOA and the IOC. A slogan should now tell what IOAPA stands for and why this alumni association is so unique and special!

The mission statement is important and necessary, but is too long to be used in every presentation like word-document / business cards / etc.

IOAPA Mission statement:

“To foster an **international** and **multicultural** Olympic fellowship of IOA past participants, **providing tools and resources** to facilitate Olympic education and support Olympism worldwide.“

Requirements:

Maximum of 5 words

The slogan should easily show the “soul” of IOAPA

Examples:

Keep the flame burning!

Olympic friends in every country!

Experiencing the Olympic spirit!

Deadline:

Please send in your slogan(s) via e-mail to our Marketing officer under axel@ioapa.org until **10 June 2009**.

Beside the slogan(s), please state 1) your first name 2) your surname 3) your country 4) the year of IOA-participation 5) your contact details (phone / e-mail / address)

Decision process:

The IOAPA Executive committee will make a pre-selection of 5 to 10 slogans. These slogans will be announced through the IOAPA mail group one week after the deadline of the competition.

All IOAPA-members can vote once on the best three slogans (best slogan = 3 points / 2nd = 2 points / 3rd = 1 point) by sending an e-mail to axel@ioapa.org.

After another three weeks (approx. end of April) the slogan with the most votes is winning the competition.

Prizes:

- 1st 10 years of free IOAPA membership
- 2nd 6 years of free IOAPA membership
- 3rd 4 years of free IOAPA membership

We hope that many of you will take part in this competition and we are sure that many inspiring slogans will be sent in! Be creative and surprise us with your suggestions!

Good Luck! Your Executive committee

Logo design competition entry form

Please fill in the details below and enclose it with the e-mail of your entry.

Name:

Year of IOA-participation:

Address:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

I hereby agree to assign the rights of my created slogan(s) to the International Olympic Academy Participants Association if chosen as one of the winners.

Date

Signature

Implementing Olympic Ideals – My New Job at the Scort Foundation

When the paths of Olympic Friends Keep Crossing by *Kristina Bohnstedt (Germany)*

I have always been fascinated by the Olympic Movement and its special spirit. I enjoyed taking part in Olympic related lectures during my studies at the University of Mainz, watching the Games was a must. In 2004 I got the chance to participate in the Post Graduate Seminar at the International Olympic Academy. A lifetime experience – meeting people from different cultures who also believe in the power of sport. A network of motivated and engaged people and friends was born. After finishing my master in sport science I started to work as scientific assistant at the University of Mainz. Working for Prof. Müller and being part of the Research Team Olympia meant a close relation to the Olympic Movement. A fascinating job focusing on Olympic Research, sport ethics and sport sociology. But, preparing lectures, sitting in the library, studying different theoretical approaches, spending time with SPSS became too theoretical for me after nearly four years. I wanted to contribute my share in using the power of sport for the good of children and youth.

In 2008 I decided to change to a more practical oriented job. I was regularly in contact with Marc-André Buchwalder who studied with me at Mainz University. Both of us went to IOA, we were engaged in the Research Team Olympia and travelled to the Olympic Games in Athens, Turin and Beijing. Together with Hanspeter Rothmund Marc set up a foundation in 2007. When offered a job at this foundation I could not say no. Working with a friend and implementing together a vision we often discussed about seemed to be a very good option. In October 2008 I moved to Switzerland and started working for the Scort Foundation in Liechtenstein. And guess what – I still work together with Prof. Müller because he is in the foundation's board of directors and supports our work. So with Prof. Müller and IOAPA there is still a strong link to the "Olympic World".

Scort is an independent non-profit foundation that organises and supports socially-oriented sport activities for children and youth. Our work's focus is the good of children and youth in difficult living conditions and the promotion of integration, peace building and development initiatives. Everybody in the office is convinced that sport is something special – it can create a break from worries and bring a smile to children's faces. Sport can playfully teach core values and gives the young generation confidence and hope. Children learn to deal with victories and defeats, to solve problems and to accept rules. Sport offers the possibility to meet without prejudices and to open up new horizons.

The ideals of the Olympic Movement and Scort are pretty similar. Jacques Rogge just stated: "If young people learn to respect each other thanks to sport, they will then be ready to contribute to building a better society." Scort also uses this positive energy of sport by focusing on social initiatives through football.

To achieve its objectives Scort set up the "Football Clubs for Development and Peace" partnership programme and organises within this programme in co-operation with well known European football clubs social football initiatives. The clubs (e.g. FC



Basel, Werder Bremen, Bayer 04 Leverkusen, Liverpool FC) provide coaches and trainers for coaches who carry out focused sport initiatives to support local development and peace initiatives. In Kosovo and Sudan we educate youth from different ethnic groups as football coaches. They have the task to set up their own football groups for younger children, to take over responsibility in their own community and to act as role models for their younger peers. That way, they act as multipliers for our projects' ideas. Value education, peer-to-peer education, capacity building and integration

Kristina Bohnstedt with young Sudanese of different ethnic groups who are educated as coaches and role models for younger children

through football – the targets of those two projects. In addition to that we organise the 3rd Special Youth Camp taking place in June. This is a camp for children and youth with a mental and/or physical disability. The programme includes football trainings led by specialised coaches and social/cultural activities. Some of the children experience playing football for the first time in their life.

To promote the idea of social engagement through football our foundation organises the “International Forum on Football for the Community” taking place in Bad Ragaz, Switzerland on July 30th and 31st 2009.

Implementing a vision always means setting up a strong network. Marc and I look forward to using the synergies of IOAPA and Scort for the good of children and youth in difficult living conditions worldwide. Join the team!

For more information, please refer to our websites:

Scort Foundation: www.scort-go-for-it.org

International Forum on Football for the Community: www.football4community.org

Contact: kristina.bohnstedt@scort-go-for-it.org

HANS VAN HAUTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Elizabeth Hanley, Chairperson 2007-2009

The Hans van Haute Scholarship Fund, established during the 2001 IOAPA session, was named in honor of the main force behind the creation of our association. Hans was an IOA participant from Belgium in 1985; however, he died in 1991 after attending the inaugural IOAPA session in 1989 due to cancer.

Created in Hans' memory, the purpose of this fund is to aid those former IOA participants, coordinators, or lecturers who would like to attend an IOAPA session but cannot do so due to lack of financial resources. During its short existence, the fund was able to offer assistance to two people for the 2003 IOAPA session. No scholarships were awarded for the 2005 session or the 2007 session.

What are the criteria for someone who wants to apply?

must be a current IOAPA member

must demonstrate financial need (unemployment, student, etc.) and documentation may be requested by the committee
must submit a presentation on what he/she is doing, or has done, regarding Olympism in his/her country at the IOAPA session.

Any scholarship awarded will vary with the amount of money available and will only be a portion of the amount needed. No one will be funded completely.

Those interested in applying to the scholarship during IOAPA Session 2009, please write an email to Elizabeth Hanley (eah3@psu.edu) by May 25th including:

- Name
- Nationality
- Reason to apply for the scholarship (explain weak financial situation)
- Description of involvement with the Olympic Movement

Further documentation might be required to those shortlisted.

2007-2009 Hans van Haute Scholarship Fund Committee:

Elizabeth Hanley (chairperson) -USA

NOTE: Please donate to this fund! Donations, great or small, will be appreciated. Send all donations to the IOAPA Treasurer, Carlo Faruggia
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