

# 12<sup>TH</sup> IOAPA SESSION

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### A PLEASANT AND FRUITFUL SESSION

The 12<sup>th</sup> IOAPA session has been a very fruitful and hard-working session. A total of 32 past IOA participants met in Olympia and had the chance to find themselves once more in this “holy” place, remember, interact, discuss, share experiences and catch-up. The IOA was very helpful in allowing us the Academy to hold our working session and the Honorary Dean, Professor Kostas Georgiadis, met and had dinner with us in Athens at the last day of the session. A lot of interesting issues were discussed during the session, like the torch-bearing opportunities for IOAPA members in the future Olympics, a potential recognition of the IOAPA as an affiliated organization of the IOC and the enhancement of the Arete Newsletter. The statutes and the voting procedure were also discussed.

The sports and social activities were once more of special value for the session and included extraordinary sports, like fistball and bumbball, traditional dances and tai chi as the morning exercise activity. The Russian and Iranian social evenings were very successful and there was, also, a big number of presentations by the participants that covered a big range of Olympic-related issues.

A new executive Committee was also elected through a simple majority vote. The new Executive Committee is expected to work really hard the next two years in order to meet the IOAPA goals set during the session. They really seem to be a young and very promising team which will hopefully write a new brilliant page in the history of IOAPA.





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## 2. OPENING CEREMONY

On Sunday, the 10th July 2011, at 6.00 pm the opening ceremony of the 12th IOAPA session took place. The participants who were present at the time (see full list of participants in Appendix 1) met at the Old Lecture Hall. The ceremony opened with a short speech by the Vice-President of IOAPA, Nicolette Wolf from Austria. The Vice-President welcomed the participants in Olympia, referred to the program and wished the participants a nice and fruitful session. Afterwards, Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA) took the floor and delivered a speech about the history of the IOAPA. Laurel referred to the foundation of the IOAPA and the first sessions. She spoke about the activities of the IOAPA, the first difficulties such as trying to operate an international association with so many restrictions. With a very limited budget, international telephone calls were not feasible so the Executive Committee had to communicate by regular mail delivery, thereby adding precious time to each and every decision needed. Newsletters were also mailed in the same way adding to the expenses. She explained her personal involvement in the IOA and the IOAPA. Information about the history of the IOAPA can be found on the website.

Afterwards the participants were divided into pairs. Each participant had to present his/her partner. After that the group walked to the monument of Pierre de Coubertin. Katerina Papachristou from Greece, Luc Silance from Belgium and Elisabeth Hanley from the US read the poem of Takis Doxas "Light of Olympia" in Greek, French and English respectively. Nicolette from Austria and Ulrich from Germany left an olive wreath in honour of Pierre de Coubertin. Afterwards, the group moved to the monument of John Ketseas and Carl Diem. Carolin Bischof from Germany and Evgeny Markin from Russia left a bunch of flowers by this monument and Vagelis Alexandrakis from Greece spoke about John Ketseas and Carl Diem, highlighting their contribution to the foundation of the International Olympic Academy.

Finally, the group moved to Hans Van Haute tree. Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA) left an arrangement of flowers picked at the Academy and explained the significance of the Hans Van Haute tree. She referred to his contribution to the foundation of the IOAPA as the "Driving Force" behind the concept and its realization. All were saddened by his illness and untimely death shortly after the formation of the IOAPA but he left an inspirational legacy for the newly created organization. The IOAPA created the HANS VAN HAUTE scholarship to provide financial assistance for one or two members to attend the IOAPA session. More information may also be found on the website. Later, the participants moved to the cafeteria where they had the chance to have some drinks offered by the IOAPA.



## 3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 3.1. President's Report, Hector Arguelles (Spain)

Dear friends,

We reached our 22nd anniversary and our 12th IOAPA Session with 802 members, 137 of them are new members that registered over the last term. It follows a list of the major activities carried out by the IOAPA during the 2009-2011. That should give a good overview of the level of activity of the IOAPA Executive Committee:

- IOAPA reunion in Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games, February 2010
- IOAPA reunion in Singapore 2010 YOG, August 2010
- IOAPA Session, June 2011
- Strengthen relations and collaboration with the IOA, IOC, CIPC and ISOH
- Regular editions of Arete with an improved format and layout
- Online presence maintained through our website and our groups at Facebook and LinkedIn
- Regular news and updates through the mailgroup
- Academic network circulating news on conferences and jobs.

Additionally we have finished with the legal registration process of IOAPA as a non-for-profit organization in Greece. That is a necessary step for other future important milestones for IOAPA. Needless to say that this has been possible only with an amazing team of dedicated people volunteering time and resources for the association. Thank you to Anne, Axel, Daniele, Kell, Marko, Nicolette, Thomas, Vagelis and Vigdis for your great contribution and teamwork.

I hope that you as IOAPA members have benefited from those services provided to you by the Executive Committee team.

It is also worth to mention the very collaborative approach of the new IOA leadership. I am confident that IOAPA will continue growing due to our strong base of projects and the good relationships with our mother institution.

All the best,

Hector Arguelles,

IOAPA President 2009-2011

## **3.2. Vice-president's Report, Nicolette Wolf (Austria)**

No report presented

## **3.3. Secretary's Report, Vigdis Vatshaug (Norway)**

Dear Olympic Friends,

I really wish I was in Olympia right now reading this message to you in person! During my third term as Secretary I have focused on the internal communication for the IOAPA Executive Committee by organizing the e-mail meetings and sending out the welcome letters when we get new members. Due to my settlement in Costa Rica and the nature of our business here I find that I have had less time to focus on my IOAPA assignment. Therefore I am not standing for re-election this year.

### **E-mail meetings**

The routine we established 6 years ago with the e-mail meetings has proved a viable way of communication for the Executive Committee. It helps us keep some structure to the communication, and ensure that the whole Executive Committee is informed at all times. The e-mail meetings are opened by the Secretary every second to fourth month with a set agenda. All Executive Committee members then engage in the debate through e-mails within a set time limit (one to two weeks).

Another good aspect with the e-mail meetings is that we now have the minutes to look at for the discussions that took place over the last 6 years. I would recommend continuing with this work manner.

### **Action Plan**

The action plan is included in each e-mail meeting, and the Executive Committee members give updates on the progress on their specific action points. This helps keeping focus as well as we can see our progress.

### **Procedure for following up new members**

I send out a welcome mail to new members as soon as they are registered. The welcome mail has some general information about IOAPA and also contacts details to the Executive Committee, and information about the next IOAPA session and the Arête.

### **Membership**

In the last IOAPA session the membership rules was changed. The only membership category is a life time membership. We therefore had to send out information to all members (present and those with their membership expired).



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Finally I would like to thank you all for your dedication at being here at this session by making financial sacrifices and by contributing your time to the IOAPA. I wish you all a great session.

Vigdis Vatshaug

Secretary IOAPA

July 2011

## **3.4. Treasurer's Report, Daniele Nati (Italy)**

Dear IOAPA members,

Hereby I would like to report about the activities as IOAPA Treasurer between July 2009 und July 2011.

### **Looking for a New Account**

After being elected in 2009 I started an Initiative to open a bank account in Germany. For this I used sites to compare the costs like <http://www.konto.com/girokonto.html> since we needed a comparison of fees and range of products for our needs. I further contacted directly banks I had contacts with, such as Berliner Volksbank and Deutsche Bank.

I found specifically a bank specialized in associations, Skatbank. After a lot of letters, Emails and calls they stated that they could not offer this service to foreign associations, because of the huge amount of paperwork. They also put this statement on their homepage. See <https://ssl.skatbank.de/content/vereine>

Berliner Volksbank and the other Banks told me further that they needed the legal proof of a registration in Greece. Therefore I could not act further, since I needed to provide the papers regarding a registration in Greece.

At the same time I created an IOAPA Paypal Account for the Association. This account was blocked as well, because – again – I needed to proof that IOAPA legally existed.

Since we needed to carry payments through we decided together to use temporarily a bank account here in Germany. With this account I already had a working Paypal account set. Only the address had to be changed from my private Email to [paypal@ioapa.org](mailto:paypal@ioapa.org). Any further action can only be taken after having the registration in Greece done.

### **Outstanding Bills**

Because of the problems related to the account it was not possible to proceed with many payments and debt collecting. This may be a problem in the future especially for the bills regarding the 2009 Session. The new treasurer will have to deal with this issue.

Still, some payments were possible, through the private bank account.

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## Memberships

From 2009 to 2011 16 people contacted me directly in order to become members. With some I tried the procedure of Paypal payment; one did a bank wire transfer. Credit card payment was not possible, because this is not permitted on a private account in Germany.

## Future

In my opinion the major issues should be solved with the legal registration in Greece. Still it will be a challenge to collect the outstanding payments after the registration.

The best option is probably to open the bank account in Greece (of course with English website and online banking). It definitely makes sense, because the IOAPA is registered in Greece and probably after the registration we still will need some paperwork done between the bank and the state as well as the association.

I hope this report answers all the open questions. Of course I am willing to answer personally further questions in Olympia or by email.

I was happy and proud to work with you guys in the past two years. Even if – due to the long registration process in Greece – I could not implement many financial aspects of the job I am looking forward to a change in the efficiency after the successful registration.

Sincerely,

Daniele Nati

## 3.5. IOA Liaison's Report, Vagelis Alexandrakis (Greece)

Dear Olympic Friends

The main task of this role was the registration of the IOAPA. This required the release of a court decision which would provide the IOAPA with the right to be registered as a legal entity in Greece. First of all there were some preliminary issues to be tackled, like which would be the legal seat of the IOAPA as Olympia could not work. Finally, it was decided that the legal seat of the organization would be the law firm of the Greek lawyer and IOAPA member Sandy Stathopoulou that had a great contribution to the whole procedure.

We prepared with Sandy the necessary documents for the application for a Court ruling. The trial was held in March 2011 and the Court ruling was released at the end of May 2011. The court ruling gave us the right to register the IOAPA as a legal entity in Greece.

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Since then, there were a few formalities to be taken care of, such as the serving of the above court ruling to the competent regional authorities as well as its publication in a daily newspaper and the Judicial Publications Bulletin. Afterwards all the above documents and publications needed to be taken to the Associations Registry and be applied for the registration of IOAPA. Sandy took care of all the aforementioned formalities.

After that, the competent tax office needs to approve of our books of account and this is necessary for the opening of a bank account. At this point some issues have arisen as the tax office required the national tax number of the president of the IOAPA (Hector). Hector did not have one, as he is not Greek, so he will have to create one, which will probably take some time (a few weeks). Afterwards we will be able to create a bank account.

As part of this role I had also to make the hotel and the bus reservation for the session. So, after having made a research about the prices and in cooperation with other members of the Committee, we proceeded to the bus and hotel reservation.

Many thanks are due to Sandy for her hard work. Without her contribution, the registration of the IOAPA would probably had not been possible.

Thank you

Vagelis

### **3.6. Internet Officer's Report, Kell B. Larsen (Denmark)**

My work during this term involved the maintenance of the IOAPA website. This includes keeping the information on the site up to date, updating the list of Country Representatives and the list of Conferences in Sport.

This term special emphasis has been put on the layout of the webpage with the list of Conferences in Sport. This layout was renewed to match the layout of the rest of ioapa.org.

I would like to thank Ansen Sligar who made the website very straight forward and easy to master and Hector Arguelles who helped me all along. Finally my thanks go to the rest of Executive Committee and all of the IOAPA – You continue to inspire me.

Kell B. Larsen

Internet Officer

## 3.7. Newsletter Editor's Report, Anne Warner (Canada)

### New Initiatives from 2009-2011:

- New layout to enhance readability and make more visually appealing
- Effort to include more pictures
- A question and answer section in an attempt to enhance member interactivity

### New Initiative planned for next term:

Country profile in which a certain country that is represented by IOAPA members is profiled and members from that country can talk about the state of sport/physical activity in their country (ex: traditional games, sporting events being hosted etc.). This is an attempt to get members involved and educate other members about other countries.

### Challenges 2009-2011:

- 1) Getting articles from a variety of members!
- 2) Member interactivity
- 3) Time constraints (it's a big job and could use some help)

### Ways to tackle challenges:

- 1) Getting country coordinators involved in requesting articles from their peers  
Executive Committee asking their network to write articles  
Anne sending out an email to the listserv asking members for contributions
- 2) The initiative of a question and answer section in the newsletter was semi-successful. It worked for one newsletter and not the other.  
Any ideas?
- 3) I spend a lot of time editing English and it would be very helpful to have someone assist with this process.  
It would also great if I had someone helping out in getting articles

### Other Ideas?

If you could spend a few minutes discussing ways to improve the newsletter that would be great! I'm very open to comments or suggestions to increase member involvement and interactivity, and to make the newsletter as interesting as possible for the members. What kind of stories do people want more of?

Anne Warner, Newsletter Editor



### 3.8. Research Coordinator, Thomas Junod (Switzerland)

The IOAPA General Assembly decided four years ago in Olympia to include a new position of Research coordinator in the Committee of the association. In doing so the General Assembly wanted to promote the sharing of academic knowledge related to Olympic education, the Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement in general between the members of IOAPA. Four years later I strongly believe that this should still be one of the roles of the IOAPA since many of us are doing research about Olympism and the Olympics, or at least are interested in broadening our knowledge in these domains.

Over the last two years, my activity as Research coordinator has mainly consisted in providing the members of IOAPA with a list of academic conferences related to the Olympics and sport in general and organised by various universities and organisations worldwide. An updated list of academic events has been sent to the members approximately every third month. The list is also available on [iopa.org](http://iopa.org) in the section of the website accessible by the members only. This service seems to be appreciated by IOAPA members. After each new edition of the list I usually receive positive feedback from various members. Members involved in the organisations of such conferences are also informing me about their next conferences, which allows me to include these events in the list.

A second important service is the list of hyperlinks pointing towards job vacancies/HR webpages of all Olympic sport international federations. The list also includes similar links towards other important sports organisations. This list is available on [iopa.org](http://iopa.org) in the section accessible by the members only. In addition information about PhD or job opportunities in universities (all connected with sport) has been regularly sent to IOAPA members. I do not really know if this service has been used and appreciated by the members as I have received very little feedback regarding this domain of activity.

Another idea connected to the position of Research coordinator was to incorporate a short academic article in each edition of the Arete. An even more ambitious plan was to create on [iopa.org](http://iopa.org) a database including academic articles written by IOAPA members. Unfortunately very few IOAPA members responded to our calls for academic articles which did not allow us to complete these objectives. The General Assembly should decide if the Committee should continue its efforts in this direction.

Unfortunately my current professional responsibilities will not allow me to dedicate time enough to the proper delivery of these services in the future. For this reason and despite I really enjoyed the four years spent in the Committee of IOAPA, I have decided not to present my candidature again for the position of Research coordinator. Of course, I commit myself to pass all the information and documents to the person you will elect to replace me. To conclude I would like to thank you again for your trust in my capabilities over the last four years. I hope I have met your expectations with the service delivered. Let me also warmly thank my colleagues of the IOAPA Committee for the excellent cooperation we have had over the last years. Regretting not being with you this time, I wish you a fruitful IOAPA session on both academic and much less serious sides.

Yours in Olympism,

Thomas Junod

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### 3.9. Country Coordinator's Report, Marko Levovnik (Slovenia)

Dear IOAPA friends.

First of all, I have to say that I am very happy to be here in Olympia again, and, of course, very honoured to be a part of the 12th IOAPA Session as an Executive Committee member.

At the 2007 Session I was elected as an IOAPA Country (Representative) Coordinator. Now, after four years of activities, my duty is to give you a short report about my work inside IOAPA.

Shortly after the new Executive Committee in 2009 was elected, an action plan was created outlining our intended activities and duties for the next two years.

One of my first duties, four years ago, was to renew and update the list of Country Representatives. IOAPA now has 70 Country Representatives at this moment, but there is only around 5-10 of those who remain actively productive in their respective countries.

At that time (in 2008) I also compiled a National IOAPA Guidebook for all the Country Representatives, with the aim to help them to establish a national group of the ex-participants of the IOA Seminars. In the last two years there were almost no activities on this field.

I encouraged all Country Representatives to write me about their activities in their Countries. This is, of course, a continuous task. Our wish is that all their news from around the world is published in Arete, the IOAPA Newspaper, so that all the members can read, get familiar with, and learn about the activities of their colleagues.

During the creation process of our web site I had an idea to create IOAPA groups on the social and business networks on the Internet. I created groups on two of today's most common social networks. Facebook and LinkedIn. The Facebook group comprises about 480 members, and on LinkedIn something more than 50. Here I have to add that not all of the Facebook IOAPA group members are really members of IOAPA (70% of them).

Along the new IOAPA Web Site, which will help us to communicate quicker and easier with all the members, these networking groups were a huge step forward in binding the members together.

I think that some of the above mentioned / important issues regarding the country representatives, should be discussed during the 12th IOAPA session.

So, that was on the one hand, a short two-year period. On the other hand I think that all the Executive Committee members showed a great and enthusiastic teamwork, which I hope, would continue to develop in the next two years and beyond.

Marko Levovnik

Country Coordinator

### 3.10. Marketing Officer's Report, Axel Bammer (Austria)

Dear friends,

I am happy to report the main activities undertaken during my third term as Marketing Officer of the IOAPA.

During the last two years these were the most prominent initiatives carried out:

- IOAPA motto competition (Currently the last 10 mottos selected)
- Creation of IOAPA pins. These are to be handed in to every new member and to those attending the IOAPA Sessions. The pins are designed with the IOAPA logo.
- Update of IOAPA letterhead and office materials with our logo design and template.
- Analysed possibilities of sponsorship for IOAPA. These are on hold while we are undertaking IOC recognition. We will evaluate possible constraints after that resolution.

I wish I could be there with you. I would be happy to receive any feedback on the marketing side of IOAPA.

Best regards,

Axel Bammer

## 4. PRESENTATIONS BY THE PARTICIPANTS

### 4.1. An Example Of Role Reversal In Olympic Education, The Students Become The Teachers. Laurel Brassey-Iversen (USA)

I take no credit or responsibility in the contents of this paper other than reformatting it to enable me to present it during the session. I was one of the primary sources that the students interviewed and so I became involved once again in the Olympic Boycott of 1980. I applaud their “Will to Win” and thought it is a perfect example of Olympic Education in a reverse role where the students are teaching the adults and educating, in this case, an American public who never knew the entire story. If anyone should be interested I have their entire list of sources which is quite impressive.

This paper was accompanied by the video of the student’s Gold Medal Performance.

The content below is taken directly from the student’s paper. The five young people are Mikela Chatfield, Thomas Day, Maxwell Major, Alfreda Shelton and Nick Young

**“It’s not the Olympics that make the Olympian, it’s the journey.” – Jesse Owens**

We chose the topic of the Moscow Olympic Boycott because it perfectly fit the History Day theme: Debate and Diplomacy. Not only was this historical event based on international politics, a heated debate in 1980, it is still an area of controversy and sensitive discussion today. For example, in the recent 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, talk of a boycott circulated due to Chinese human rights policies. As a team, we were also highly interested in the Olympic Movement.

We started researching the Olympic Boycott in December 2010. We gathered general information on the internet, checked out books from the public library, and visited the San Diego State University Library. During this initial stage, we made wish lists of people we wanted to interview and places we wanted to visit. In January, we focused on contacting primary source interviews. We googled names and were often able to get phone numbers, email addresses, or Facebook matches that led us to establish personal contacts. We took copious notes through over 30 interviews conducted in person, on the phone or via Skype. If we came across a powerful quote, we wrote it down on a note card. When we were ready to begin writing our script, we used these quotes to help us tell the story of the boycott authentically and eloquently.

As we conducted interviews with Olympians, it became clear to us how deeply emotional this debate still is. Whether we spoke to wrestler Gene Mills about his anger and bitterness or to Holly Hatton about her devastation and depression, their emotions were palpable. We thought we could best tell their stories through live performance.

Many of the materials used in our performance are authentic props and costume pieces on loan from 1980 Olympians. The Congressional Gold Medal used in our performance was given to 1,500-meter runner Steve Scott by President Carter. Both athletic suits worn by the girls are authentic and on loan from volleyball player Debbie Green and swimmer Stephanie Elkins. The Olympic patches on the boys’ athletic suits are also authentic. We recycled the three-panel partition from stock scenery used in previous school



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productions and we painted the partition with help from the art teacher at our school. The flag on the centre panel was donated to us by the United States Olympic Committee.

The title of our performance is inspired by a quote from Presidential Counsellor Lloyd Cutler. He said the boycott was “preserving Olympic principles, not destroying them.” In our research, we found this quote to be the crux of the debate. All parties involved, the athletes, the USOC, and the administration, believed that they were promoting Olympic principles of freedom and friendship exemplifying diplomacy. Whether or not politics has a place in sports continues to be a current debate. Indeed, the Moscow Boycott, the only Olympic boycott to have even occurred in United States history, continues to be a source of reflection and learning.

The following content is from the super teacher, Hillary Gaddis, who coached the students to the national championship.

We competed in the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest at County and state levels, winning each. The national competition was held in June, 2011 at the University of Maryland at College Park. The performance entry, entitled “Preserving Olympic Principles: The 1980 Moscow Games” has also been recognized for its outstanding use of primary source documentation and authentic materials.

The students have immersed themselves in the heated debate among the athletes, the USOC, and the Carter administration regarding United States attendance at the Games of the XXII Olympiad. Among the over 30 interviews conducted via skype, phone, correspondence and in person, they have spoken with former USOC spokesperson Mike Moran, IOC member Anita DeFrantz, Romanian gymnast and 1980 competitor Nadia Comaneci, and President Jimmy Carter himself.

We are so honoured to represent San Diego County, the state of California, and the 650 members of the 1980 United States Olympic Team. Since beginning our research in November 2010, we have recognized how emotional and meaningful the events of the 1980 Olympic boycott still are. To the many athletes who sacrificed their Olympic dreams in support of their country, 1980 Moscow Games will never be forgotten. We acknowledge our role in keeping their stories alive and we compete with every intention of recognizing the 1980 Olympians as heroes.

We competed against 87 other junior group performance teams in the preliminary round and then advanced to the finals round to compete against the top 14 teams in the country. We were the first team scheduled to perform during the finals rounds and it took place in a very large theatre. While we were confident that our performance, bibliography, research, and student interviews were exceptional, there were many impressive teams of students. It was truly a celebration of education and history.

On the morning of the awards ceremony, we all had butterflies. Emotions ran high among the students as they realized that all of their hard work for the past 8 months was culminating. They expressed wanting "the win" for me, for their parents, for their school, for themselves, and for all the athletes who deserved to complete in the 1980 summer games. We listened on edge as the third place team was called, the second place team was called, and finally...we were announced as the first place team. The announcer literally said, "And the Gold goes to...Day-McKellar Preparatory School, Mikela Chatfield, Thomas Day,

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Maxwell Major, Alfreda Shelton, and Nick Young for their performance entitled "Preserving Olympic Principles: The 1980 Moscow Games!" We all jumped up and down and screamed! The students hurried down the steps of the stadium, hit the ground floor, and ran all the way to the podium to accept their gold medals. Tears flowed and we held each other for a long time. It was a triumphant moment!

In addition to the big win, our time in Maryland was made incredibly special due to the support and presence of two 1980 Olympic Team members. Swimmers Craig Beardsley and John Moffet were in the audience for both the preliminary and finals rounds of competition. I can't image that any other History Day team brought living primary sources with them to competition! John, a television producer by trade, joined us with the purpose of incorporating us in a passion project documentary about the 1980 boycott. He filmed the competition, our preparation rehearsals, and conducted interviews with the students and myself. It was truly an honour to have both him and Craig in Maryland.

While this accomplishment signifies the end of the road for us, the whirlwind still continues. Only hours after the awards ceremony, we were able to speak with Olympic journalist Alan Abrahamson and conduct an interview with him over the phone. He posted this follow-up article on his website. The link is: <http://3wiresports.com/2011/06/16/a-gold-medal-salute-to-the-1980-u-s-olympic-team/>. You can also read the original article that we interviewed for before the national competition at <http://3wiresports.com/2011/05/26/the-ongoing-history-of-the-1980-u-s-olympic-team/>. When we arrived home in San Diego that evening, we were greeted by a cheering group of families and a local news crew. We were featured that evening on the 11pm news and re-aired the next morning. The link to the performance is <http://gallery.me.com/marcmckellar/100233>

I cannot overstate the amount of support that we have felt from you and the Olympic community. Our greatest strength in competition and the most valuable part of the learning process was, by far, our primary source interviews. We feel connected to each of you and the students have mentioned that our first place win feels like vindication for your sacrifice. You are forever heroes in our eyes!



The students and their teacher



The Gold Medallists!

### **4.2. The Ancient Olympic Truce in Modern-Day Peacekeeping: Revisiting Ekecheiria, Cindy Burleson (USA)**

#### **Abstract**

This paper explores if and how Ekecheiria, or Olympic Truce, can contribute to the development of a global culture of peace. Olympic Truce was the basis for the Olympic Games in ancient times. In a period of constant war, it became necessary for Greece to establish the Ekecheiria, or truce, to ensure competition would take place under conditions of fairness and the order of administered rules. This paper examines two modern case studies, one of the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympic Games and a second of the OLOS Foundation in Italy, to examine the role the ancient Olympic Truce plays in contemporary diplomatic relations. It is argued that the first case study offers an example of the Olympic Truce's application in Mary Kaldor's theoretical old war, whereas the second case study points towards how the Olympic Truce could potentially open a robust peacekeeping theatre for the United Nations.

Note: This lecture was delivered through Skype

### **4.3. NOC Activities in Russia: Modern Approach. Yuriy Papenov and Evgeny Markin (Russia)**

This year Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) celebrates its 100th anniversary. ROC has acquired new “look” this year and new structure. Many activities covered by ROC must be organized in Russia: Forum “Ready for Work and Defense” (May), XXIIth All-Russian Olympic Day (June), The modern outdoor exhibition of stained-glass windows «Inspired by Olympic Games» (August), the international sports forum “Russia–Country of Sports” in Saransk (September), The General Assembly of EOC in Sochi (November), The Olympic Ball (November) and many other different national and international competitions (more than 100) dedicated to 100th anniversary of ROC.

On 25th of June Olympic Day was celebrated in Moscow. It was named XXII All-Russian Olympic Day. It was the largest Olympic Day in Russia ever – there were many funny competitions, famous Olympic champions told stories about their Olympic past, football matches between Russian celebrities and Olympic champions etc. The Olympic Day was held at the “Luzhniki” Olympic stadium which was the main area during the Games of the XXII Olympiad. Most of the Russian regions celebrated Olympic Day together with other World.

ROC pays a high attention to the Olympic education in Russia and spreading Olympic Values. There are many events take place in Russia annually: Olympic Scientific Session for students and young scientists, Olympic lessons in elementary and secondary schools and in kindergartens in the form of games and performances dedicated to Olympism.

ROC takes proactive position on international arena of sports management. ROC representatives take part in many international sport and administrative events and develop connection with other NOCs. Only this year 16 agreements with other NOCs have been signed.

This year is really important for ROC in case of activity for Olympism promotion in Russia. Especially on the eve of XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi in 2014 where we hope to see you all!

### **4.4. A Winter Olympic Week in a Primary School. Ulrike Schmiegel-Homann (Germany)**

I come from the north of Germany (little snow and an average temperature of about 0° c in winter times) and my school is situated in a small village near the coast of the North Sea. It's a primary school with 120 pupils (boys and girls).

The first time I was confronted with the idea of Olympic education was in 2001 in Olympia with over 60 teachers from all over Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

Since that time I (headmistress) was involved in the Olympic idea with my school.

So we had several projects during the following Olympic Games.

The last project week was 2011 during the Olympic winter games in Vancouver.



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We were inspired by a brochure given to us by the German Olympic Academy. In there we found many ideas for a project to interest our pupils in the Olympic idea.

Now I will give you an overview of our special winter Olympic week:

On Monday we had an opening ceremony in our gym (school and local club centre) , where the children (boys and girls from class 1 ) lit the symbolic Olympic fire made out of paper in the art lessons ...

Then all children, teachers and parents sang together the national anthem of Germany and we heard the anthem of Canada.

From Monday to Thursday we had training sessions with all classes, the children learned lots of things about the host country, the Olympic Movement, dances, painting, to make poems, cooking and so on.

Some pupils of class 4 built a reporter – team and made interviews every day with teachers and pupils about their progress and how they felt in preparation for the competition on Friday.

The ladies from our school charity association served each day fruit and mineral water for all children.

At the end of the week, on Friday, we started with the competition of all classes.

There was biathlon, ski jumping, skating, bobsleigh and luge.

Finally there was a great demonstration together with parents and friends of the school in the gym. The children entered the hall with flags of all nations, presented their projects and came all together for a country dance ,each class built one of the Olympic rings.

As a final we sang all together the German anthem. It was a great adventure for all of us (teachers, children and helping hands) and we are looking forward to the DOA brochure for London 2012. Then the school will plan and run a new summer Olympic project.

## **4.5. Sportschools in Denmark. Henrik Lange Sørensen (Denmark)**

Goals - Team Danmark

- Good results at Olympic WC and EC (index)
- Develop “true” sportspeople (platforms)
- Focus on talent development
- Working with 18 elite municipalities (12-18 years old)

Elite municipalities and elite centres in Denmark-goal of municipalities

- Elite organisation within a municipality
- Talent to do their best in sport
- Have national and international events

## Talent culture-sport and education

### Challenges

- Problems in working with children
- Specific training

### Sports school 2009-2011

- 10920 students!!
- 33 sports schools
- 19 schools with basic sports classes
- 18 schools with elite classes

### Elite clubs

- 3 times training a week from 8-10 pm
- Good coaches – environment

### Positive for schoolwork / education plans

### School prospective

- School
- Normal Danish School – public 90%
- Students – 13-20 years old
- No need to be a good student
- Commitment
- Understanding for clubs and training

### Eliteidræt Esbjerg

- Direct funding 300.000 Euros (yearly)
- Development – school/clubs-others
- Political commitment

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## 5. IOAPA ACTION PLAN 2009-2011

Hector presented the excel table the Executive Committee is using in the regular e mail meetings. Hector asked for general comments, and for each activity if it should be kept as a prioritized action, and if yes, if any modifications are needed.

Actions in Green have been completed; those in yellow have been partially completed; those in red had not been successful.

### IOAPA Action Plan 2009-2011

Action	Subtasks	Responsible	Consulted	Status
IOAPA Session 20011		Nicolette		
	Hans Vans Haute Fund	Nicolette/Betz	Anne/Daniele/Hector	2 grants conceded / 1 accepted
	Session organization	Nicolette	Hector/Vagelis	We are here!
Communication with IOAPA members		EC		
	Arete Newsletter	Anne		Done
	Mailgroup	Kell/Hector		Ongoing - Done
	IOAPA presentations at IOA sessions 2010 / 2011	EC		Only in YP
Strengthen relationship and collaboration with IOA		Hector/Vagelis		
	Periodical report to the IOA	Hector		Reports sent
	Send specific collaboration proposals to IOA	Hector		IOAPA Session / Communication / Torch Relay / Banner / IOC Recognition
Relation with IOC		Hector		
	Establish IOC-IOAPA contact	Hector	Thomas	In contact with Nuria Puig - Next steps for IOC recognition received
Establish Relations with other Olympic Education institutions		Hector		
	CIPC (Coubertin Committee)	Hector	Thomas	Ongoing. Coubertin award from CIPC in collaboration with IOAPA presented to IOAPA members. Included a link in CIPC website to IOAPA website. CIPC material included in Arete.
	ISOH (International Society of Olympic Historians)	Hector		Ongoing: IOAPA link at ISOH website. Hector will write an article on IOAPA for the next Journal of Olympic History edition.
Website		Kell		
	Website maintenance	Kell/Hector	EC	Ongoing.
Country Representative Network		Marko		
	Maintaining a mailist with the country coords and keep periodical contact with them	Marko		Ongoing.
	Collect periodically the most relevant activities from the countries	Marko		Ongoing.
	Maintenance of IOAPA groups in Facebook and LinkedIn	Marko		Ongoing
Universities Research Network		Thomas		
	Conferences Information	Thomas		Ongoing
	Jobs availability	Thomas		Ongoing
	Masters Programs	Thomas		To be posted in website
	Scientific Articles	Thomas		Cancelled
Vancouver 2010 Involvement		EC		
	Volunteering	Lisa	Hector	Tried. Didn't work
	Meeting	Lisa/Katherine	Hector	Done
Singapore 2010 Involvement		EC		
	Meeting	Carlo	Hector	Done

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IOAPA Registration as legal entity	Vagelis		
IOAPA Registration as legal entity	Vagelis/Sandy	Thomas/EC	Done
Develop IOAPA image	Axel		
IOAPA pins	Axel		Done
IOAPA Motto competition	Axel		List of last 10 ready. Being analyzed by Vagelis to avoid legal issues.
Develop Sponsorship strategy	Axel		Postponed
IOAPA Internal tasks	EC		
IOAPA Accounts 2011	Daniele		Done
Opening new Bank Account	Daniele		To open Bank account Registration must be done.
Transfer IOAPA Accounts	Daniele	Carlo	Will be done after opening of bank account.
Payments possible through paypal	Daniele		Done
EC Meetings	Vigdis		Done - 8 meetings
Members database maintenance	Hector		Permanent task: ongoing / Now online accessible though website
Miscellaneous	EC		
			Ongoing, Vigdis: I have finished what I can several months ago, but I am waiting for some important input from Nicolette in order to finish it
IOAPA Session Report 2009	Vigdis	Nicolette	
			Everyone is responsible for keeping the files of interest regarding his/her Committee position. When a new person is selected for a position the files should be transferred to the new responsible together with some guidelines on how things were done
Protocol / Archives	All EC	Vigdis	



## 6. IOAPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Executive Committee presented to the members of the General Assembly the General Assembly Agenda which was the following:

Wednesday 13th July at 11:00am

- a) Approval of the minutes of the previous GA;
- b) Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly;
- c) Approval of the accounts of IOAPA and discharge of the Executive Committee;
- d) Amendments of the Statutes;
- e) Proposals from the General Assembly;
- f) Nomination of the Executive Committee Members;

Thursday 14th July at 8:30am

- g) Election of the Executive Committee Members;
- h) Miscellaneous;

So, firstly the participants had to approve the minutes of the previous General Assembly (2009) and the Agenda itself.

The votes were as following:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the previous GA
  - 25 in favor
  - 0 against
  - 2 abstentions
  
- b) Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly;
  - 27 in favor
  - 0 against
  - 0 abstentions

The rest of the General Assembly points are described along the next chapters and in the analytical minutes further below.

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## 7. APPROVAL OF THE IOAPA ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer, Daniele Nati (ITA) presented to the members of the General Assembly the accounts of the IOAPA.

The analytical accounts are summarized in the following table:

### IOAPA ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AS AT July 6th 2011 in Euro

	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>July 2010</u>	<u>July 2009</u>	<u>Mar-09</u>
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions/fees CASH	0	1068,09	0,00	2.119,73
CC Payments	0	0	1.215,58	
CC Payments	0	0	475,67	
Subscription CC not Cashed	405,00	530,00	590,00	
Donations	0	10	10	
Bank Interest	0	22,78	0	71,39
IOAPA Session Cash	240	0	0,00	
IOAPA Session CC		0	1.710,00	
Session Fees	0	0	1.050,00	
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>240,00</b>	<b>1.090,87</b>	<b>1.691,25</b>	<b>2.191,12</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Communications (newsletter/postage)				
Bank Charges MAL Memberships 2010		13,53		
Bank Charges MAL Transfer GER		30		
Bank Charges GER/MAL		4,9		201,57
Brochure				
Stationery				290
Sundry expenses				350
Vancouver 2010 Meeting	103			
Singapore 2010 Meeting	308,41			
Web Site				
IOAPA 2009 Bags/Expenses	115,8	656,34		
IOAPA Conference Costs To be paid			2.340,00	
Axel Bammer IOAPA Pins		573,86		
Axel Bammer Refund Lifetime Membership		100		
Reimbursements Robert Marxen		240		
Reimbursement Philani Nongogo		150		
Court Registration Costs to Sandy Stathopoulou	350			
<b>Total Expenditure:</b>	<b>877,21</b>	<b>1.768,63</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>841,57</b>

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### Surplus/(deficit)

Add Opening Balance

Closing Balance

Germany Bank Account

### Total Bank Account Malta 1

<b>-637,21</b>	<b>-677,76</b>	<b>1.691,25</b>	<b>1.349,55</b>
8.417,16	9.094,92	7.403,67	9.260,23
7.779,95	8.417,16	9.094,92	10.609,78
680,53			
<b>7.099,42</b>			

### IOAPA Total Assets

Closing Bank Account1 Malta EUR

Closing Bank Account Germany EUR

Closing Bank Account2 Malta EUR

### Total

Bank Account Without HvH

Hans van Haute Fund

Hans van Haute Fund not Paid

To be Cashed current

To be Cashed accumulated

less donations to be made

less bills unpaid

### IOAPA FUNDS Euro

Additional account in US Dollar:

IOAPA FUNDS US Dollar

7.099,42	7.403,67	7.403,67	7.403,67
680,53			
59,43	59,43	59,43	59,43
<b>7.839,38</b>			
7.009,15			
830,23	830,23	730,23	1085,23
20,00	0,00	0,00	0
405,00	540,00	3.360,00	
3.900,00	3.360,00		
2.340,00	2.340,00		
<b>9.804,38</b>			<b>6.377,87</b>
<b>4.281,30</b>	<b>4.281,30</b>	<b>4.281,30</b>	<b>4.281,30</b>

Afterwards, the general Assembly was asked to vote for the approval of the accounts. The results of this vote were as follows:

Approval of the accounts of IOAPA discharge of the Executive Committee;

27 in favor

0 against

0 abstentions

## 8. ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### 8.1. Nominations

The procedure of the elections for the new executive committee members began on Wednesday, the 13th of July. The General Assembly assigned Lone Jakobsen from Denmark and Ernst Almhofer from Austria with chairing the elections and being in charge of organizing and running the elections. So, they took the floor and explained the nomination procedure and the competence of each role to the participants as well as the election procedure. For each position participants could nominate themselves or nominate somebody else. The following day there would be a vote for each position.

The procedure began right afterwards. For the position of the President, Daniele (ITA) nominated Hector (ESP). For the position of the Vice-President, Ian (UK) nominated Carolin (GER) and Srimal (SRI) nominated Nicolette (AUT). For the position of the secretary, Hector nominated Vagelis (GRE). For the position of the treasurer Vagelis (GRE) nominated Daniele (ITA). For the position of the Newsletter Editor, Hector read the email that Anne (CAN) had sent nominating herself, Likewise, for the positions of the marketing coordinator and Greek liason, Hector read the messages that Axel (AUT) and Sandy (GRE) had sent respectively nominating themselves. For the position of the Country Coordinator, Marko nominated himself and for the position of the research coordinator, Carolin (GER) nominated Ian (UK) and Farzad (IRI) nominated himself.

The nominations were as following:

POSITION	NOMINEE(S)
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Hector</b>
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Carolin, Nicolette</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Vagelis</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Daniele</b>
<b>NEWSLETTER EDITOR</b>	<b>Anne</b>
<b>COUNTRY COORDINATOR</b>	<b>Marko</b>
<b>MARKETING COORDINATOR</b>	<b>Axel</b>
<b>RESEARCH COORDINATOR</b>	<b>Ian, Farzad</b>
<b>GREEK LIASON</b>	<b>Sandy</b>

Later, the nominees were asked to deliver a short speech stating the reasons why they would like to be voted.

### 8.2. Elections

The elections were held on Thursday, the 14th July at 8.30 in the morning at the Old Lecture Hall. The procedure began at 08.30am. 27 participants signed up for the procedure. Lone and Ernst were in charge for managing and running and for the counting of the votes.

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The results of the elections were as following:

- President – Hector  
24 in favour  
3 against  
0 abstentions
- Vice president  
14 Carolin  
13 Nicolette
- Secretary – Vagelis  
27 in favour  
0 against  
0 abstentions
- Newsletters – Anne  
17 in favour  
0 against  
10 abstentions
- Marketing – Axel  
24 in favour  
2 against  
1 abstention
- Treasurer – Daniele  
22 in favour  
1 against  
4 abstentions
- Research Coordinator  
18 Farzad  
9 Ian
- Internet Coordinator – Akhry  
22 in favour  
1 against  
4 abstentions
- Head of Country Coordinators – Marko  
22 in favour  
2 against  
3 abstentions

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- Greek Liaison – Sandy  
21 in favour  
0 against  
6 abstentions

**Effectively, the new Executive Committee for the years 2011-2013 is as follows**

POSITION	NOMINEE(S)
PRESIDENT	Hector
VICE-PRESIDENT	Carolyn
SECRETARY	Vagelis
TREASURER	Daniele
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	Anne
COUNTRY COORDINATOR	Marko
MARKETING COORDINATOR	Axel
RESEARCH COORDINATOR	Farzad
GREEK LIASON	Sandy



### 9. DISCUSSIONS ON THE STATUTES

(The full version of the approved by the Court Statutes can be found in the Appendix 3)

The Statutes of the IOAPA triggered a lot of discussions throughout the session. The current statutes were approved in the IOAPA session 2009. With the diligence of Sandy and Vagelis they were also approved by the Greek Courts in June 2011 (see Appendix 3). Article 10 which set a quorum of 1/10 members (The General Assembly of the IOAPA is in quorum when one tenth (1/10) of its members who have paid their membership fee are present. In case a member wishes to take part in a General Assembly meeting but cannot be physically present at it, he/she can participate via the internet) concerned some of the members, including Luc Silance (BEL). On Wednesday, 13th of July, the issue of a potential amendment of the statutes was on the agenda. Some of the members were worried that it was virtually impossible for an IOAPA session to gather 80 participants (10% of current IOAPA members) and therefore the General Assembly would never have the possibility to be in quorum. Therefore, decisions could risk to be challenged before the Greek Courts. Sandy (GRE) explained that this provision was included because otherwise the Court might have rejected the statutes on the grounds of non-democratic character of the IOAPA. The Executive Committee asked for proposals in writing which would be discussed the following day. The discussions continued on Thursday 14th July and Friday 15th July. Hector suggested that a goodwill motion could be a solution. Ulrich from Germany was for the amendment of the statutes, since this would guarantee the legitimacy of the General Assembly decisions. On the other hand, a potential amendment of the statutes would be time-consuming and expensive and, as Sandy explained a different version of the statutes might not be approved by the Court.

The members agreed to vote for a goodwill motion. Daniele suggested that the motion should include a reference about a second general assembly in case the quorum is not reached. Betz suggested that if the first quorum is not met, a second general assembly is met automatically 15 minutes after the first general assembly. The name of the motion was suggested to be quorum motion instead of goodwill motion. Luc and Beth worked together and drafted the motion which was as follows:

#### QUORUM MOTION

The IOAPA Statutes include the quorums required for the formation of the General Assembly and for the modifications of the Statutes. These quorums are required by Greek law practice. They had to be included for IOAPA to be registered as a legal entity in Greece.

Given the number of members of the IOAPA, the General Assembly gathered on 15th July 2011 acknowledges these quorums may not be reached in all occasions.

This General Assembly decides: when in future another General Assembly is convened and the required quorum is not reached, a new General Assembly will be convened 15 min later and will be valid. This procedure will be stated in the invitation to the General Assembly.

The general assembly voted about the motion. 23 of the present members voted in favour of the motion and there was one abstention.

## 10. GROUP DISCUSSIONS

### 10.1. Marketing Discussion Groups

Below is an outline of the conclusions of the Marketing Discussion Groups. IOAPA encourages the next Marketing Officer to undertake the proposals below:

#### Marketing Discussion Group 1

Sponsoring makes sense, but first Legal registration AND IOC-Recognition must be achieved. Recognition is Business-Card for talks. Later, after IOC-Seal, Sponsorships will not be the problem. After recognition sponsorship would have to be previously approved by IOA and IOC.

Which Materials can be sponsored?:

- - Computers
- - T-Shirts
- - Equipment

Which projects IOAPA can finance with sponsorship money?:

- Support for Lecturers at IOAPA Session
- Support for Participants IOAPA Session (Hans van Haute)
- Education programs
- Lecturers at IOA-Session («IOAPA-Lecture»)
- Travel of Committee Members (Note, IOAPA Committee members have always travelled covering all costs from their own pockets)

Next Steps (not in timeframe):

- Marketing Officer shall create a Task-Force (5-10 people) all over the world, in order to start process.
- Checking among IOAPA relevant position.
- Identification of potential institutional and business partners fitting with IOAPA goals.

#### Marketing Discussion Group 2

In order to identify possible sponsors IOAPA might find easy to look among:

Associations related to the Academy

Companies that product items or serve markets that are directly used by IOAPA members (airlines, computer, Banks, Credit cards,...)

Before looking for sponsors IOAPA should have a clear answer to:

- 1) Which are the unique assets that will make IOAPA attractive to a sponsor?

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2) In which project(s) does IOAPA want to spend the money?

A preliminary answer to question 1):

There is strong competition to fight for the Olympic ideals but we offer consistency and continuation in reaching to young people. All within a clear relation to sports / PE.

Our main assets are the 800 members

Other asset that might attract sponsors is the website. We need more visibility within media to increase attractiveness though

A preliminary answer to question 2)

The main product that IOAPA currently runs is the IOAPA Session. To make it more attractive for the sponsors IOAPA can try and create a theme for the session. Get experts on the field.

IOAPA can also try to identify a cause that IOAPA can align with and IOAPA run it for these sponsors.

Additional considerations: IOA and eventually IOC should be consulted before signing an sponsorship agreement.

## 10.2. Internet Discussion Groups

Below is an outline of the conclusions of the Internet Discussion Groups. IOAPA encourages the next Internet Officer to undertake the proposals below:

### Internet Discussion Group 1:

There are mainly two aspects on how to improve the IOAPA website.

- 1) Increase the quantity and quality of its static content
- 2) Increase the dynamic features that make it appear as being periodically updated so users are coming back

Possibilities for 1) include:

- Upload papers of participants at IOA sessions
- Latest publications by members
- Add updated list of members (after asking for permission and without contact details)
- Educational materials from previous OG programs or links to them
- Selected bibliography in sports/Olympics/Olympic education

Possibilities for 2) include:

- Increase news by showing participants meeting at Games and other reunions
- Link Twitter and FB on IOAPA website

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- Use surveys feature

Additional points:

- Identify the goals between fb and IOAPA website
- An IOAPA badge for members to display on their own website on their professional sites

## Internet Discussion Group 2:

- Three levels of home page creation. 1- Information/2- Interaction/3-Social Media
- Facebook has become so big and so relevant it has eaten and defeated the purpose of the interaction features of our website and all other corporate websites.
- Turn our homepage back to stage 1 – to be a more information library, provide an archive faction.
- Change FB page to a close group for interaction and create a separate fan page.

## **10.3. Arete Newsletter Discussion Group**

Group 3 discussed about the Arete Newsletter. Here is an outline of the discussions and the suggestions. There was a suggestion that there should be an update in the website. Probably we should have an editorial Committee. There was a discussion about the content. Certain participants argued that there should be no longer articles about IOA experiences as they are always more or less the same while others supported that the IOA experiences are a necessary ingredient of the newsletter. The members agreed that the articles should have an attractive title and famous IOAPA members should also write articles. We should ask our network to write something relevant. This was an important point as all the members agreed that everyone should support and encourage his/her network to write about their Olympic activities. Also the IOAPA members are a good source:

Suggestions

- Editorial Committee (both for proofreading and content seeking)
- Relevant content
- IOAPA members who have made a presentation in the session could publish a summary of their papers (selected by the editorial)

## **10.4. IOAPA Session Discussion Group**

Group 4 discussed about the IOAPA sessions and in particular how to attract more people to come to the sessions. It concluded that the program should be released earlier. There should be a topic quite in advance and also lecturers should be there (at least through Skype). Also we should try to get support by the IOC and invite IOC people in the sessions. We could also have regional representatives (e.g. Western Europe or South America) that could motivate people to come to the session. Flyers should be released on time.

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In the 2nd discussion, the group suggested that IOAPA should try to merge the session with another session whenever it fits. Also, there was discussion about the topic of the sessions. Probably there should be certain commissions within the organizations that could decide about the topic and select lecturers. The group agreed that it is a good idea to have some subcommittees to help the executive committee. There should be an org. committee in charge of organizing the program. There was a suggestion about organizing a trip to the islands after the session and the possibility to organize the session every summer but the majority of the participants thought this would be difficult.

How do we attract new members? There was a suggestion that there should be a presentation in all the IOA sessions. In the website there should be more pictures/videos from the session. IOAPA members should mobilize our Olympic friends. Also flyers

Immediately send notification, program. Speakers in advance.

Committee to organize the session. Already 5 volunteers

The group ended up with the following suggestions:

- Creation of an organizing subcommittee which will support the Vice-President in the organization of the session and in the selection of speakers and topic of the session
- Draft Program , dates and topic 6-8 months in advance
- Presentation-promotion in all the IOA sessions- promotion at a national level (NOAs and NOCs)
- Organizing committee selected during the IOAPA session, after the election

## 11. GOALS 2011-2013

IOAPA President, Hector Arguelles explained the main goals for the new term 2011-2013:

### 1) **Evaluation and enhancement of current projects**

A questionnaire will be prepared and distributed to all IOAPA members with the aim of evaluating all current IOAPA services and projects. Based on the feedback of that evaluation and the input from the discussion groups held during the IOAPA session, current activities will be enhanced and adjusted to the needs of the members.

### 2) **IOC official recognition of the IOAPA**

After the registration as a legal non-for profit entity in Greece IOAPA will file in the application to become an IOC officially recognized organization. The recognition would bring additional visibility and legitimacy to the organization. That will help IOAPA to grow in quantity and quality of members and therefore to enhance the network in itself. Additionally, the recognition would potentially open the doors to additional collaborations like for example to volunteer at or to be part of the Olympic education activities of the Youth Olympic Games.

### 3) **New services and additional information through internet**

Being an international network, internet is and should be one of the main focuses of the organization. The IOAPA counts with several members that are experts in IT. They will discuss new possibilities for the presence of IOAPA over the internet with the intention of extending the current services and adding new ones.



## 12. CREATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES

On Friday, 15th July, the Ex. Committee took the decision to create certain subcommittees to be in charge of different activities that IOAPA would like to be involved in. These Subcommittees are aimed to help the IOAPA Executive Committee in accomplishing some specific tasks where extra hands are needed and welcome. So, by decision of the General assembly the following subcommittees were created:

- Hans Van Haute Fund Committee  
Betz Hanley
- Arete Newsletter Subcommittee  
Betz Hanley  
  
James Lynch  
  
Yesim Albayrak Kuruoglu
- London 2012 Subcommittee  
Ian Britain
- IOAPA Session  
Betz Hanley  
  
Laurel Iversen  
  
James Lynch  
  
Lone Jakobsen
- Membership Survey  
James Lynch

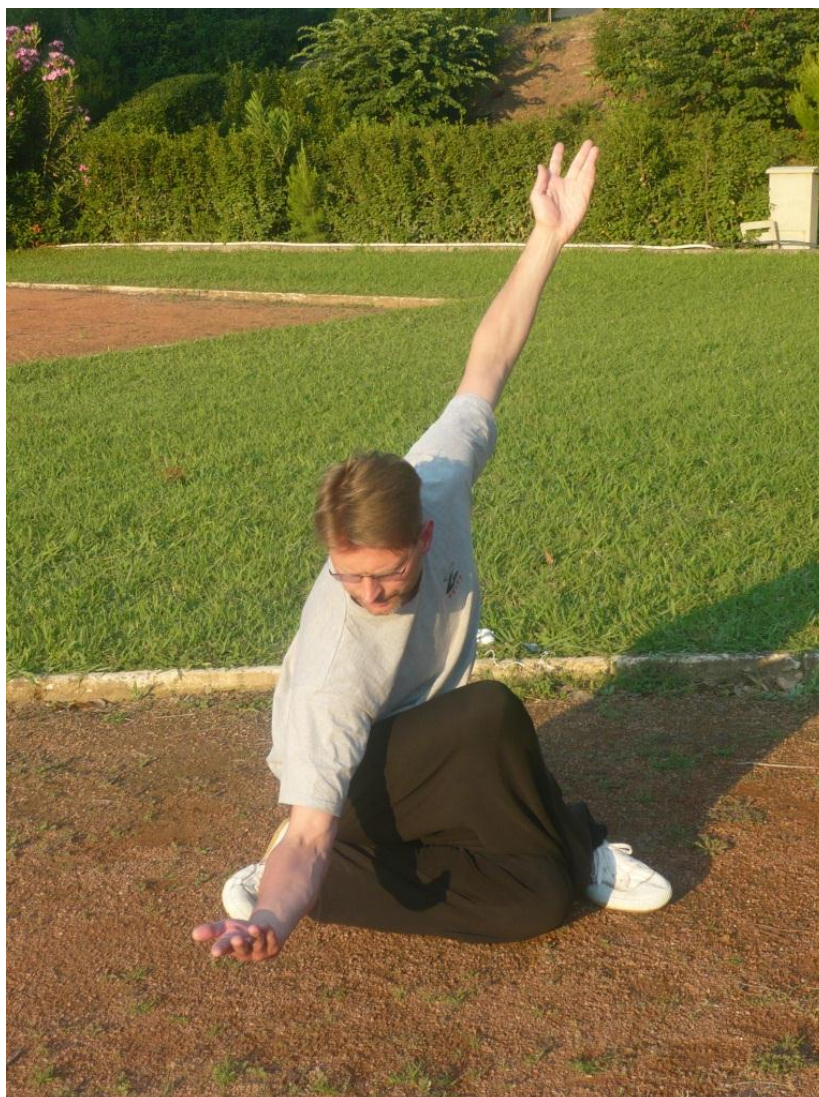
### 13. SPORTS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### 13.1. Morning Exercises

Every morning the participants had the chance to get involved in a very special activity: Tai chi! Ulrich from Germany, an expert in this art and in the Chinese culture in general, came up with the idea of demonstrating some tai chi techniques and instructing the participants. Tai chi is an Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. It is also typically practiced for a variety of other personal reasons: its hard and soft martial art technique, demonstration competitions, and longevity. As a consequence, a multitude of training forms exist, both traditional and modern, which correspond to those aims. Some of Taijiquan's training forms are especially known for being practiced at what most people categorize as slow movement.

In fact, Ulrich went even further as the content of his sessions was a mix of tai chi and qigong. Qigong is a part of the traditional Chinese medicine.

The participants loved this morning exercise and despite the early time, the participation was extensive. A big “thanks” is due to Ulrich for his great initiative!



### 13.2. Sports Activities

The prevalent team-sports played by the participants during the session were fistball, instructed by Ernst (AUT) and bumball, instructed by Lone (DEN).

**Fistball** is a sport which is of European origin and is similar to volleyball in that player tries to hit a ball over a net. It belongs to the group of games wherein a ball gets hit across a net from one half of the field of play to the other. As in tennis and volleyball, the aim is to place the ball in the opponents' half in such a way as to not allow them to reach it - even after a bounce. The ball is hit with fists or arms. After passing the net, the ball may be contacted up to three times by the five players on each team - with a bounce being permissible before each contact.

Ernst had brought and installed all the equipment required. The participants enjoyed a lot this sport and this is the spent more than one evening playing and the participation was massive.



**Bumball**, which is now a tradition in the IOAPA sessions, was played once more by the participants. The participants took the equipment kept in the IOA premises secretariat and Lone explained the rules. The participants were divided in two teams and a very tough game started! The participants enjoyed the game a lot!

Individual sports, such as running, swimming also formed part of the activities of some participants.





### 13.3. Social and Artistic Activities

#### Social

Of course, social activities could not be absent from such a session. On Monday, 11th of July, a pool party was organized mainly by Marko and Daniele. The participants had the chance to chat and chill out by the pool at a very beautiful Greek-summer evening. Sangria, wine and other drinks along with nice music kept an excellent company to the participants who all enjoyed very much this activity.

Evenings at Zorbas are always a big attraction of the IOA and IOAPA sessions. So were they in the IOAPA session 2011! Most of the participants spent at least a couple of nights at Zorbas having some drinks, getting to know each other better and, of course, dancing.

The greatest social initiative of the session, though, was a dinner at a traditional Greek tavern in Olympia. The participants had the opportunity to taste some traditional Greek delicacies and, most importantly, to perform traditional Greek dances. Almost all the participants took part in the dances and had a wonderful time.





### Artistic activities

The Dancing workshop organized by Betz and Laurel was also very successful. Many participants took part in it and demonstrated what they learnt in the social evening that took place on Friday, the 15th of July at the Old Lecture Hall! A breath-taking performance of Kula dance by Laurel and her team and the traditional Greek dances led by Betz triggered enthusiasm among the participants who all tried to take part in the performance



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## **Russian Social Evening**

The social evening organized by Evgeny and Juriy from Russia was considered as one of the best moments of the session. The two Russian participants after offering some Russian Water, involved the participants in a Games which tested the participants' knowledge about Russia. The winners were awarded special traditional Russian gifts. Afterwards, they involved the participants in an Olympic quiz! The questions were related to the Olympics and, mostly, to the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics. Daniele and Marko were the two winners.

## **Iranian Social Evening**

Farzad and Naghmeh from Iran also organized a very special social evening. They welcomed the participants at 9pm on Tuesday night at the Old Lecture Hall and offered them traditional drinks and food from Iran! Later, they performed some traditional dances from their country and encouraged the participants to dance as well! And so they did!



### 14. CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony started at 11.30 am on Friday the 16th of July 2011. The ceremony began with the distribution of the participation diplomas. Nicolette Wolf from Austria and Vagelis Alexandrakis from Greece distributed the diplomas to the participants. Afterwards, the participants were kindly requested to complete the evaluation reports of the session. The reports were prepared by James Lynch from USA. A sample of the report can be found at the Appendix 4.

Later, Hector Arguelles from Spain, the President of IOAPA, made the final speech. He thanked everyone for the active participation, noting that most had come from far away making time from their job responsibilities. Hector mentioned the great support of the Ephoria of the IOA for allowing the IOAPA Session to be organized in Olympia in such favourable conditions for the members. The IOA staff was also recognized for the dedication and positive attitude throughout the session. The leaving members of the Executive Committee were thanked as well. Hector was very enthusiastic with the new team elected at the Executive Committee and optimistic about achieving the main goals for the next term: maintain all the current projects, be officially recognized by the IOC and increase the breadth and depth of the IOAPA Network over the internet. He concluded alluding to the special value that Olympia represents for everyone in the room and inviting everyone to be back in two-year time for another great week of Olympic Education.

Finally, the Olympic Anthem was played.

## 15. ANALYTICAL MINUTES

### 15.1. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Hector** welcomed the participants, explained the procedures and the program

**Laurel** explained that there will be a different moderator for each day and that there should be one person speaking per time

**Hector** referred to the election procedure. Lone and Ernst were suggested to be election chairpersons, they accepted and the motion was approved by everyone. Akhry and Vagelis will be keeping the minutes.

**Hector** proceeded to the reading of the reports of the Committee members and starts by reading his report. He mentioned that there are approximately 70 new members after the YP session. He referred to the gathering of the IOAPA members in the Vancouver Olympics. There was also a big meeting in the Youth Olympic Games. He mentioned that the relation with the IOA and the IOC is strengthened. There was a very fruitful meeting with the IOA president. He referred to the excellent lay out of the Arete newsletter. He also referred to the contribution of the new media platforms. Additionally, he referred to the legal registration which was completed recently.

**Laurel** mentioned that this was one of the primary aims of the IOAPA since the very beginning and this is a huge accomplishment.

**Hector** explained that this is vital for the opening of a bank account in Greece with online services and also for the IOC recognition.

**Laurel** added that this gives a certain importance to the organization when association with other organizations.

**Hector** went on by saying that this was an accomplishment of the entire team of the committee.

**Nicolette** thanked Hector for the cooperation and the participants for coming. She said that she wanted to make contacts, so she attended various NOAs and conferences (e.g. one in Australia). She mentioned that everybody was very excited to hear about IOAPA. She also attended events increasing awareness of the IOAPA. She also dealt with the organization of the session. First of all she should set the date. She had to write a lot of invitation letters and help with VISAs. She tried to search for speakers. She tried to have a person from the BOA but finally he didn't make it but she managed to get some lecturers by skype. She also referred to the scholarship fund. They were two applicants who were both granted with 500 \$. They were really grateful for that but sadly they could not make it as they needed a full funding. Finally, she thanked the Committee and she invited the participants to join the committee.

**Laurel** asked about the timing of the HVH scholarship. How much time before the session this was.

**Nicolette** answered that this was about one week before the session. She said that it is true that this should have happened much earlier.

**Laurel** noted that people need time once they find out that they have got a scholarship.

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**Nicolette** mentioned that they should also have taken care of their private funding as well.

**Betz** suggested that the scholarship should be advertised in the Arete newsletter.

**Hector** confirmed that he took note of this suggestion.

**Hector** went on by reading the report of **Vigdis**. She wished she could have been in Olympia. She was in charge of the email meetings. She explained the responsibilities of the role and finally she thanked all the IOAPA members and wished the participants a great session.

**Laurel** mentioned that since Vigdis has all the minutes of the meetings, the IOAPA should have access to these archives.

**Yesim** asked for clarifications about the lifetime membership.

**Hector** clarified that old members became automatically lifetime members and that there is not an expiry date in the membership.

**Marko** said that he is very happy to be back in Olympia. He has been the country coordinator for the last 4 years. He said that the problem is that there are only 5-10 active country representatives. He said that he tried to gather all the ex IOA participants in Slovenia and they helped the NOA and NOC in different programs like the Olympic Day Run. He also however as the years go by there are less CR active. He referred to the Facebook page and the relation between the Facebook group members and the real members, as not all the Facebook members are actual IOAPA members. He mentioned that this is also a question to discuss during the session. He pointed out that the Facebook group is always active while the website is kind of stable. So there should be discussions about the structure of the website.

**Daniele** asked whether IOAPA could ask for membership from the Facebook group members that are not members.

**Daniele** went on with his report. He referred to the legal registration. He mentioned that there were issues with opening account in Germany. They required official translation of Greek documents. There was a bank transfer from a bank account from Malta to a German bank account. The IOAPA encouraged people to pay by cash instead of a credit card. They also tried to open an account with PAYPAL. However there are some outstanding payments. The idea now is to open a bank account in Greece. Transfer the money from the accounts in Malta and Germany to the new account and operate from there through online services that the current IOAPA account in Malta is lacking. He finished by saying the he is very happy to be in Olympia again.

**Lone** asked for the balance and Daniele presented it.

**Vagelis** read his report and gave updates about the legal registration.

**Kell** (report read by Hector) gave updates on the internet. He mentioned that he has only limited timing and probably he should not run again.

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**Axel (report read by Hector)** was the marketing officer for 6 years. He could not make it for the session

**Anne (report read by Hector)** said hello to everyone. She changed the layout in order to enhance the interactivity. She mentioned that she could use some help. She asked for some assistance in terms of content and proof reading.

**Hector** thanked Anne for her work in the newsletter.

**Hector** referred to his meeting with the President of the IOA and some discussions with the Director of the IOA. IOAPA will be in the circular letter of the IOA and there will be some promotion in the main IOA communication. They promised that the IOAPA banner will be fixed permanently in the cafeteria. Hector said that things are moving ahead well.

**Luc** asked about contacts with the IOC Commission

**Hector** named some persons of the IOC that are in good relation with the IOAPA.

**Hector** also mentioned that the IOAPA session will be visible in the website [www.ioa-sessions.org](http://www.ioa-sessions.org) after the collaboration of Theo Breuers.

**Hector** finally spoke about the recognition of the IOC and the next steps.

**Hector** gave updates about the work done so far and issues to be discussed during the session.

**Hector** read the report of Thomas. Thomas referred to the work done by him the last four years, which mainly involved updates about Olympic related conferences, scholarships and job opportunities. He also had some ideas about the creation of an academic database which was not materialized.

-BREAK-

**Hector** explained the program of the afternoon and the following day.

**Hector** explained that the objectives of the IOAPA should go on consistently. The IOC recognition is something vital as well as the building the network further. The promotion of internet services to the members should be in his view the main focus of the association going forward. Sponsorship issues should be also discussed. He mentioned also the issue of having the session at the same time with other IOA sessions.

The participants split up in smaller groups to discuss marketing and sponsorship issues, newsletter issues and internet promotion.

**Group #1** discussed about marketing

**Group #2** Discussed about the website.

**Group #3** Discussed about the Arete Newsletter.

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**Group #4** Discussed about the IOAPA sessions and in particular how to attract more people to come to the sessions

### 15.2. Tuesday 12th July

**Daniele** welcomed the participants and cited some changes in the program. The day would start with some presentations. After the break the group would be divided in 3 working groups that would discuss certain topics, such as marketing, new media and the improvement of the IOAPA session.

**Hector** also welcomed the group and made some announcements about procedural issues, such as the laundry and the morning exercises. He also stated that after the morning session he would provide the members with info about the IOAPA. He finally spoke about the social evenings and encourages the participants to perform.

**Lone** congratulated the committee for the well-organised pool-party of the previous night.

**Hector** announced the agenda of the general assembly as specified in the statutes. Hector continued by saying that there would be an analysis of the roles of the Committee before the nominations and the election of the new committee.

**Luc** said that there were 3 problems: statutes, nominations and language. Regarding the statutes, Luc explained that the participants at that point were the general assembly and were in position to decide on any issue. The general assembly has the exclusive power to decide about a change in the statutes. Another point is the election of the members of the executive committee. There are certain positions and candidates do not have necessary to be in the general assembly. However, they should present their candidature in writing in advance. SMS is also considered to be an accepted practice. About the elections he cited article 12 of the statutes. The term used “absolute majority” means more than 50% of the votes. In case there are 3 candidates, there should be more than 50% of the votes for the first candidates, or there should be a second round with the two prevalent candidates.

**Lone and Ernst** went through the different duties. They analysed the roles of the 10 officers. The president should be in charge of the day to day operations and will represent the IOAPA. The Vice-President will assist the president in the day to day activities and will be in charge of organizing the IOAPA sessions. The secretary shall be responsible for all correspondence, help the newsletter editor and will organize approximately 8 meetings per year. The treasurer shall collect all the money and make the payments and write the financial reports. The IOA liaison shall be a person living in Greece and will help in the organization of the IOAPA. The newsletter editor shall be preparing the newsletter and will be collecting the news. The internet coordinator shall be responsible for the creation of the website. The country coordinator shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the country/regional IOAPA coordinators. The marketing officer shall be responsible of identifying and securing money and sponsorship. The research coordinator shall be responsible of advising IOAPA members wishing attending research seminars in sporting issues.

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**Laurel** stated that the purpose of this was for participants to know the different roles and run for a position if they want to.

**Daniele** gave the floor to Ulrike for her presentation.

**Ulrike** made a presentation about Olympic week (3 and 4 March 2010) in her school in Germany. The Olympic week included many different activities and competitions. At the end all the children got a certificate and the children holding hands formed the five interlocking rings. She stated that it was a nice adventure for all the children. They are planning to run a new summer Olympic week.

**Daniele** thanked Ulrike and gave the floor to Henrik.

**Henrik** gave a presentation about elite sports schools in Denmark.

**Daniele** thanked Henrik and asked Luc to take the floor.

**Luc** made a presentation about the everyday life of lawyers. He shared some stories. He cited an incident when in Brussels an athlete had accidentally hit another athlete with the shot put. He had to face charges. This is when a lawyer has to intervene in order to defend such an athlete. Luc had to ask for witnesses and had to find ways to explain the court how such incidents can happen in the court. Another time a skier was not allowed to participate in the Games because of professionalism. The lawyers had to intervene. The IOC and all its members were sued. The lawyers asked the incorporation in the Olympic Charter of the legal nature of the IOC. So, the IOC stated that it is a legal person, an association. The members have no liability for what the association does. The members cannot be sued personally. He also referred to doing issues and the whereabouts system.

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**Laurel** spoke about her experience in the US Olympic team. She also displayed a relative video. She spoke also about the US boycott in the 1980 Olympics.

**Daniele** thanked Laurel and divided the group in 3 discussion groups

Group #1 Discussed about the IOAPA session.

Group #2 Discussed about internet.

Group #3 Discussed about marketing and sponsorship opportunities.

The content of the discussions can be found in detail above

### 15.3. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**Vagelis** welcomed the group and explained the program of the day

**Akhry** said goodbye to everyone as he had to go



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**Evgeny and Yuriy** gave a presentation about the activities and the projects of the Russian Olympic Academy as well as about the Olympic education in Russia

**Vagelis** thanked them and asked Nicolette to take the floor

**Nicolette** gave a presentation about the contribution of the Austrian NOA the last 30 years to the IOA with special regards to Innsbruck 2012 Youth Olympic Games

**Vagelis** thanked Nicolette and gave the floor to Jim Parry

**Jim Parry** gave a presentation through Skype about the Youth Olympic Games. He spoke about the program, the values and the events of these Games.

**Vagelis** thanked Jim and gave the floor to Hector for some announcements

**Hector** made some announcements regarding certain procedural issues

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**Vagelis** read the agenda and then proceeded in the voting of each point of the agenda. The first point (approval of the minutes of the previous GA) was voted (there were 2 abstentions). The second point (approval of the agenda of the GA) was voted for by all the participants. The third point comprised two sub-points. The first sub-point (approval of the accounts of IOAPA) was also voted for by all the participants and so was the second sub-point (discharge of the executive committee). As regards the fourth point, the amendment of the Statutes, the Ex committee asked for proposals in writing which would be discussed the following day. The fifth point was the proposals from the General Assembly in four specific topics.

## 15.4. Thursday 14th July

**Marko** welcomed the members and explained the election procedures. The procedure started with the election for the President. Hector was the only nominee. The absolute majority voted for Hector.

The procedure continued with the election for the Vice-President. The nominees were Carolin and Nicolette. The absolute majority was in favour of Carolin (14 for Carolin, 13 for Nicolette). The procedure continued with the election of the General Secretary. Vagelis was the only candidate and was elected unanimously (27 votes).

Since two members of the assembly were missing and arrived late, there was a question posed whether the procedure should be repeated. The election committee offered them the possibility to start voting from that moment onwards but they refused. The next vote was for the position of the treasurer. Daniele was the only candidate and got the absolute majority of the votes and was elected. The next vote was for the position of the Greek liaison. Sandy was the only candidate and was elected. The next vote was for the position of the Internet coordinator. Akhry was the only candidate for this position and got elected with 21 votes. The next vote was for the position of the country coordinator. Marko was again the only candidate and got elected with 24 positive votes. The next vote was for the position of marketing coordinator. Axel

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was the only candidate and was elected with 21 positive votes. The next vote was for the position of research coordinator. There were two candidates: Farzad and Ian. Farzad got 18 votes and Ian got 9. So, the procedure was completed.

**Luc** spoke about a potential amendment of the statutes.

**Sandy** analysed the statutes as approved by the Court and the necessary modifications that had to be made in order to be sure that the Court would accept the statutes. The basic modifications concerned the quorum and the change of the legal seat which was decided to be the legal office of Sandy.

### 15.5. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

**Hector** welcomed the participants and gave the floor to Beth and James.

**Betz and James** gave a presentation about the US Olympic Academy. They pointed out that there is no status and no NOA in the US. They concluded that proceeding gradually by stages has always seemed the best way of going about any large-scale enterprise expected to last.

**Laurel** mentioned that there was actually an Olympic Academy in the years 1996-2000 which was functioning very well but stopped working.

**Cindy Burleson** delivered her presentation about the Olympic Truce through Skype. She referred to the observer status of the IOC in the UN. The question posed is whether the security Council of the UN should be involved in terms of the establishment of the institution of the Olympic Truce. She referred to the UN General Assembly resolutions.

**Ulrich** asked a question about the good wars, like peace keeping operations. Should they also be submitted to a strict Olympic truce?

**Vagelis** asked whether we should stay in the current system of UN resolutions instead of the involvement of the Security Council.

**Cindy Burleson** replied that the UN resolutions are not binding. So, there should be a binding procedure.

**Srimal** made a presentation about his Olympic involvement

**Farzad** delivered a presentation about social approach of the Olympic Games. He referred to sports philosophy and metaphysics. He stated that sport derives from the society. There is violence in streets and therefore there can be violence at sports as well, as sport is connected to the society.

**Hector** proceeded to the discussion of the statutes and explained some problems that the quorum might arise and proposed a goodwill motion as a possible solution

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**Ulrich** suggested that there should be a stronger bye-law and the statutes should be changed.

**Sandy** replied that a different version of the statutes could not be approved of by the Court.

**Luc** asked what the purpose of the motion is and he suggested that in the convocation that if the quorum is not met, the general assembly will be valid. He asked where the motion would be placed

**Hector** answered that the motion will be placed in the minutes.

**Daniele** suggested that the motion should include a reference about a second general assembly in case the quorum is not reached.

**Betz** suggested that if the first quorum is not met, a second general assembly is met automatically 30 minutes after the first general assembly. Also suggested the name of the motion to be quorum motion.

**Luc and Betz** cooperated for the final draft of the motion.

The final draft was as follows:

### QUORUM MOTION

The IOAPA Statutes include the quorums required for the formation of the General Assembly and for the modifications of the Statutes. These quorums are required by Greek law practice. They had to be included for IOAPA to be registered as a legal entity in Greece.

Given the number of members of the IOAPA, the General Assembly gathered on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2011 acknowledges these quorums may not be reached in all occasions.

This General Assembly decides: when in future another General Assembly is convened and the required quorum is not reached, a new General Assembly will be convened 15 min later and will be valid. This procedure will be stated in the invitation to the General Assembly.

The general assembly voted about the motion. 23 of the present members voted in favour of the motion and there was one abstention.

**Betz** proposed an Annex for the election procedure. The Annex proposed was as follows:

#### *Voting procedure for IOAPA Elections*

- 1- *All eligible voters present at an IOAPA Session shall be notified of the day and time of IOAPA Executive Committee elections no later than the day of the opening ceremony of the IOAPA Session.*
- 2- *Any member eligible to vote must sign the election registration form no later than five minutes prior to the stated time of the election mentioned in point 1.*
- 3- *Anyone not signing in by the five minute time limit will not, under any circumstances, be eligible to vote in the election.*

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4- *If for any reason, the day or time of the election has to be amended or changed, point 2 shall still apply to the new time and/or date.*

The General Assembly voted in favour of the Annex unanimously.

**Hector** spoke briefly about the volunteering for 2012 as well as certain things about the program.

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**Hector** also raised the issue of volunteering. He has spoken with the responsible person of the BOA and there is a chance that IOAPA members that have already applied will be placed in desired positions.

**Hector** also raised the issue of a meeting in London 2012.

**Ian** replied that his university has a campus in East London and probably he could arrange a meeting there for free.

**Laurel** stated that she has some tickets but the problem will be the accommodation. Participants should get some help in finding a good and economical accommodation, as many members are not familiar with parts of the cities.

**Ian** was appointed as a coordinator for the arrangements for the London 2012 Olympics.

**Hector** also spoke about the torch relay. The President of the IOA may be in the Committee of the Torch Relay. So, he could probably help so that IOAPA members can get some spots. Hector suggested that there should be a pure lottery.

**Lone** commented that people who have run before, should not be in the lottery.

The members of the GA agreed on that.

**Laurel** said that we should not accept applications to run with the torch from members registered after that. Only members that were registered before the release should be accepted in the lottery.

**Hector** and the other participants agreed.

**Hector** continued with the forming of the subcommittees.

**Angela** asked whether it would be good to send Arete newsletter to all the IOA participants but most of the members thought that this would not be so appropriate.

**Hector** asked for people to volunteer in general for the association.

Afterwards questionnaires were distributed and completed by the participants for the evaluation of the session.

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**Hector** made the final speech thanking everyone for the participation, the ex-Committee members as well as the new ones, the staff of the premises and he also referred to the special value that Olympia represents for everyone.

At the end the diplomas were distributed to the participants of the session and the Olympic Anthem was played.

-END OF SESSION-

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## APPENDICES

### A.1. List of Participants

	First Name	Family Name	Country	IOA
1	Yesim	Albayrak Kuruoglu	TUR	1997 YP, 1999YP-Co,1998 PG
2	Vagelis	Alexandrakis	GRE	2008, 09 PG, 2009, 2010, 2011YP-Co
3	Ernst	Almhofer	AUT	1984 YP, 1995-2007 IOAPA
4	Akhry	Ameer	SRI	2009YP,2009/10 MA, 2010 YP-Co
5	Hector	Arguelles	ESP	2002 YP, 2004,05 PG,2006-11 YP-Co, 2003-11 IOAPA
6	Angela	Binetti	ITA	1992 YP, 1993 IOAPA
7	Carolin	Bischof	GER	2008 PG, 2009 IOAPA, 2010 German National Session
8	Laurel	Brassey Iversen	USA	1986 YP, 97-2007 YP-Co, 1989-2005,2009 IOAPA
9	Ian	Brittain	GBR	1992 YP, 1999-2004 YP, 1997, 98 PG
10	Farzad	Ghafouri	IRI	1999YP, 2002PG, 2007, 09 IOAPA
11	Elisabeth	Hanley	USA	1981,83,86,00 YP-Lect, 92,95-98 YP-Co, 89-07 IOAPA
12	Thomas	Idskov	DEN	1988 YP, 1993,95,97,2001,05 IOAPA
13	Lone	Jakobsen	DEN	1991YP,Directors,Ger Educators, 1993-2009 IOAPA
14	Naghmeah	Kariminezhad	IRI	2002 YP, 2003,04 YP-Co
15	Henrik	Lange Sørensen	DEN	1995 YP
16	Marko	Levovnik	SLO	2005 PG, 2008 Educators, 2007, 09 IOAPA
17	James	Lynch	USA	2008 Educators
18	Evgeny	Markin	RUS	2009 YP
19	Daniele	Nati	ITA	2003YP, 2009 IOAPA
20	Susanne	Nögel	GER	2005 German Educators
21	Katherine	Papachristou	GRE	2007 PG, 2009 IOAPA
22	Yuriy	Papenov	RUS	2010 YP
23	Ulrich	Rosen	GER	1995 YP, 1999,2001,03 IOAPA
24	Ulrike	Schmiegell-Homann	GER	2001 German Educators
25	Luc	Silance	BEL	1971,73,76,77,81,83,84,85,86,.....
26	Sandy	Stathopoulou	GRE	2004 YP, 2007 IOAPA, 2009 IOAPA
27	Konstantinos	Vasileiou	GRE	2008 PG, 2009,10 MA, 2009 YP, 2009 IOAPA
28	Marilena	Voyat	ITA	1985 YP, 1989-2001, 2005-09 IOAPA
29	Srimal	Wickremasinghe	SRI	1985 YP, 1991,92 YP-Co,1989-2003 IOAPA
30	Nicolette	Wolf	AUT	1987 YP, 2003 Ger Educators,1997-03, 07,09 IOAPA
31	Thomas	Wörz	AUT	1988 YP, 1993-97,2001,03,07,09 IOAPA
32	Angelos	Zarimpas	GRE	2009,10 MA

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## A.2. Program

### INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS ASSOCIATION

#### TWELFTH WORKING SESSION OF THE IOAPA

10 - 16 July 2011

#### Saturday 9th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
19:00	Drinks	Attalos Rooftop
20:00	Meeting for Dinner in Plaka area	Attalos Lobby

#### PROGRAM DAY 1 - Sunday 10th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8:00	Departure to Olympia	Attalos Hotel
13:30	Arrival in Olympia - Lunch	Cafeteria
17:00	Opening Session Olympic Anthem Welcome by IOAPA Vice-President Orientation and background of IOAPA Self Introduction by members Presentation of conference schedule	Old Lecture Hall
18:15	Protocol  Laying of Wreath Laying of Flowers Traditional Photo  Visit to Han Van Haute Tree	Coubertin Grove Carl Diem Marble Steps Old Lecture Hall
19:00	Refreshments - Welcome Drinks	Bar
20:00	Dinner	Cafeteria
21:00	Ice Breaker	Bar



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## PROGRAM DAY 2 - Monday 11th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:00	Morning Exercise	Marble Steps
7:30	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:30	IOAPA Conference Reports of Executive committee Explanation of simplified Rules of Order for meetings Election of Election chairman	Old Lecture Hall
9:00	Evaluation of Targets achieved from 2009-2011 Ongoing IOAPA Projects New Marketing Ideas/Social Media/Facebook & Twitter	Old Lecture Hall
10:30	Break	Bar
11:00	Goals for 2012 and 2013	Old Lecture Hall
11:30	Goals for the future - Discussion groups	Old Lecture Hall
13:00	Lunch	Cafeteria
14:00	Dance Workshop : Betz Hanley	Old Lecture Hall
18:00	Sports Activities Bumball: Lone Jakobsen Team- building activities : Thomas Wörz	Fields
20:00	Dinner	Cafeteria
21:30	IOAPA Social Evening - Pool Party	Pool

## PROGRAM DAY 3 - Tuesday 12th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:00	Morning Exercise	Marble Steps

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7:30	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:30	Commemorative Group Photo  Explanation of nominations procedures and offices Explanation of election procedure	Old Lecture Hall
9:00	Presentations by Participants - Theme: Olympic Education Ulrike Schmiegel-Homann: "Olympic Week in a German Elementary School" Henrik Lange Sørensen: "Sportschools in Denmark" Luc Silance: "Lawyers and sport"	Old Lecture Hall
10:30	Break	Bar
11:00	Laurel Brassey Iversen: "US History Day Competition - 980 Boycott" Short Video Discussion Groups: Marketing, IOA Session, Internet	Old Lecture Hall
13:00	Lunch	Cafeteria
14:00	Dance Workshop : Betz Hanley  Afternoon free : Beach, Library, Olympia, Pool, etc. Swimming, beach volleyball, bike tour, etc.	Old Lecture Hall
20:00	Dinner	Cafeteria
21:00	Social Evening - Iranian night	Bar

## PROGRAM DAY 4 - Wednesday 13th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:00	Morning Exercise	Marble Steps
7:30	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:30	Presentations by Participants Yuriy Papenoy: Evgeny Markin: NOC Activities in Russia, modern approach Nicolette Wolf: The Austrian NOA 30 years, Contributions to IOA, Innsbruck 2012	Old Lecture Hall
9:30	Guest Speaker Jim Parry via Skype	Old Lecture Hall

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10:30	Break	Cafeteria
11:00	General Assembly Agenda Nominations for new officers	Old Lecture Hall
13:00	Lunch	Cafeteria
14:00	Dance Workshop	Old Lecture Hall
	Afternoon free	
18:00	Sports & Arts Fistball: Ernst Almhofer, Thomas Wörz	Fields
20:00	Dinner	Cafeteria
21:00	Social Evening - Russian Night	Cafeteria
22:30	Zorbas	Ancient Olympia

### PROGRAM DAY 5 - Thursday 14th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:00	Morning Exercise	Marble Steps
7:30	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:30	Election of new officers	Old Lecture Hall
9:15	Presentation of new officers	
9:30	Visit to Archeological Site	Olympia
13:00	Lunch New Executive Committee Planning Session	Bar Bar
14:00	Dance Workshop : Betz Hanley	Old Lecture Hall
15:00	Swimming	Pool
18:00	Sports & Arts Volleyball	Fields

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Soccer

19:00	Depart for Floka to visit Agriturismo Magna Grecia farm & dinner	By cab and car
22:00	Return from Olympia to Academy	

## PROGRAM DAY 6 - Friday 15th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:00	Morning Exercise	Marble Steps
7:30	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:30	Presentations by the participants Farzad Ghafouri: "Social approaches of the Olympic Games" Srimal Wickremasinghe : "Life after IOA" James Jynch: Elisabeth Hanley: Update of Status of US NOA Cindy Burleson: "The Ancient Olympic Truce in Modern-day Peacekeeping: Revisiting Ekecheiria"	
9:30	Discussion groups: Volunteering, Torch Relay, IOC Recognition, NOA Activities Nominations of subcommittees Evaluations	
11:00	Break	Bar
11:30	Closing Ceremony Presentation of participants diplomas Address and Conclusions by the President Olympic Anthem	Old lecture hall
13:00	Lunch	Cafeteria
14:00	Dance Workshop : Betz Hanley	Old Lecture Hall
15:00	Swimming	Pool
	Afternoon free	
18:00	Sports & Arts Athletics : Srimal Wickremasinghe	Fields
20:00	Dinner	Cafeteria
21:00	Social Evening	Oval

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Participants' contributions  
Dance Performance

## PROGRAM DAY 7 - Saturday 16th July

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:30	Breakfast	Cafeteria
8:00	Departure from Olympia	
13:30	Arrival in Athens	Attalos Hotel

## A.3. IOAPA Statutes

Art 1.

### NAME AND INCORPORATION

The International Olympic Academy Participants Association (IOAPA) is an association in accordance with art. 78 et seq. of the Greek Civil Code. IOAPA observes strict racial, gender, political and religious neutrality.

The name of the association in English is “International Olympic Academy Participants Association” and – because of its international character – shall be abbreviated in all languages as IOAPA.

Art. 2

### OFFICIAL SEAT

The Official Seat of IOAPA shall be the offices situated in 4, Botasi street, 106 82, Athens, Greece.

IOAPA shall be established for an indefinite period.

Art. 3

### MISSION AND PURPOSE – MEANS OF FULFILLMENT

The mission of IOAPA is to foster an international and multicultural Olympic fellowship of IOA past participants, providing tools and resources to facilitate Olympic education and support Olympism worldwide.

The purpose of IOAPA is to further the cause of Olympism, which its members will try to fulfill mainly but not exclusively:

- a) By providing support to, and a network of, national and international contacts for participants of the International Olympic Academy in their continuing task of spreading Olympism;
- a) By providing support and assistance to National Olympic Academies;
- b) By providing commentary, assistance and advice to the International Olympic Academy;
- c) By organizing IOAPA Sessions at which Members of IOAPA may share practical experience with respect to the task of spreading Olympism, and rekindle enthusiasm for that task, through personal contact with other Members of IOAPA; and
- d) By facilitating the exchange of information between Members of IOAPA.

Art. 4

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership of IOAPA is available to all whom have attended any of the Sessions conducted by the International Olympic Academy or as set out below. Membership is limited to physical person.

There are two categories of Members:

- a) Regular Members. The membership must be requested in written form to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has the right to accept or deny the membership request.
- a) Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and presented to the General Assembly. Honorary membership must be approved by a vote passed by two-third (2/3) of the present Members of the General Assembly.

The honorary members shall have no financial obligations towards the association.

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The honorary members shall have the right to participate in the General Assembly meetings as well as attend the elections procedures, however, they shall not be entitled to vote or stand for election.

Art. 5

## MEMBERS' RIGHTS

The members of the association shall be entitled to:

- a) Equally take part in the General Assembly meetings, on the condition that they have paid their membership fees.
- b) Express their opinion through voting.
- c) Elect the members of the Executive Committee.
- d) Be elected as members of the Executive Committee.
- e) Enjoy the benefits as well as any right emanating from their membership.
- f) Freely withdraw from the association.

The members who have withdrawn from the association can be re-registered.

Art. 6

## MEMBERS' OBLIGATIONS

The members of the association must:

- a) Contribute to the fulfillment of the association's mission and purpose.
- b) Take part in the association's actions.
- c) Pay their fees to the association.
- d) Display comradeship and solidarity to one another.
- e) Abide to the associations legislation, the provisions of the present statutes, the principles of the association and the decisions of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.

Art. 7

## RESIGNATION – EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS

A membership will be terminated by the Member's resignation or by the exclusion of the Member by the General Assembly.

A Member may withdraw from IOAPA by communicating his/her decision in writing to the IOAPA Executive Committee.

A Member may be excluded from IOAPA if he/she seriously breached the Statutes or a decision made under them, including if he/she has not paid the fee owed to IOAPA. The exclusion shall only be pronounced by a resolution passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the present Members of the General Assembly.

Art. 8

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES

The association's financial resources are:

- a) The membership fees, as specified by the General Assembly.
- b) Revenues from the association's assets.
- c) Donations, inherited assets, bequests and subsidies offered to the association, which are accepted by Executive Committee decision and, in case such a decision cannot be reached, by decision of the General Assembly.

Art. 9

## ORGANS

The organs through which IOAPA may act shall be:



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- a) The General Assembly and
- b) The Executive Committee.

Art. 10

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly shall be the supreme organ of IOAPA and has the power to make any decision concerning the Association. The General Assembly may delegate some of its powers to the Executive Committee.

The General Assembly of the IOAPA is in quorum when one tenth (1/10) of its members who have paid their membership fee are present. In case a member wishes to take part in a General Assembly meeting but cannot be physically present at it, he/she can participate via the internet.

A General Assembly may be an Ordinary or an Extraordinary General Assembly.

An Ordinary General Assembly shall be held every second odd year. Notice of the IOAPA General Assembly shall be given to the Members in writing at least two (2) months in advance stating the items of the agenda.

An Extraordinary General Assembly may be convened at any time by the Executive Committee or on the demand of one-tenth (1/10) of the Members, stating the items to be placed on the agenda.

The place where the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be held will be determined by the Executive Committee. The Extraordinary General Assembly shall take place between two (2) and four (4) months after the submission of the Members' demand. All Members shall be notified of the Extraordinary General Assembly in writing at least two (2) months in advance.

The official language of the General Assembly meeting shall be English.

Apart from exceptions defined in the Statutes, the General Assembly shall make its decisions by absolute majority of the present Members.

Modifications to the Statutes shall require presence of half and approval of at least three quarters (3/4) of the association members.

Art. 11

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY POWERS AND DUTIES

Matters within the power of the General Assembly shall be the:

- Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly;
- a) Defining the fundamental goals and strategy of IOAPA;
- b) Decision on the exclusion of Members;
- c) Decision on the appointment of Honorary Members;
- d) Approval of the accounts of IOAPA and discharge of the Executive Committee;
- e) The acceptance of inheritances, bequests, donations and subsidies;
- f) Election of the Executive Committee Members;
- g) The supervision and control over the Executive Committee;
- h) Modification of the Statutes;

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- i) Decision on the dissolution of IOAPA;
- j) Decision on the change of the association's purpose and mission;
- k) Exercise of any other competence specifically attributed to it by the Statutes, regulations and directives of IOAPA.

Art. 12

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee is the executive organ of IOAPA.

The Members of the Executive Committee are elected for a period of two (2) years. They are eligible for reelection at the end of any term of office.

The Members of IOAPA and of the Executive Committee are not personally liable for any obligations and debts of IOAPA.

The official language of the Executive Committee meetings shall be English.

Art. 13

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICES**

The Executive Committee shall be made of between five (5) and ten (10) members.

The Executive Committee may be composed of the following functions:

- a) President;
- a) Vice-president/IOAPA Chair;
- b) Secretary;
- c) Treasurer;
- d) IOA Liaison Officer;
- e) Newsletter Editor;
- f) Internet/Website Coordinator;
- g) Head of Country & Regional Coordinators;
- h) Marketing Officer; and
- i) Research Coordinator.

Art. 14

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DUTIES**

The President shall mainly be responsible for:

- a) The convocation, together with the Secretary, of the Executive Committee as well as the General Assembly meetings;
- a) The execution of the Executive Committee as well as the General Assembly decisions;
- b) The representation of the association before any state authorities and public services, courts of law as well as in its transactions with third parties, unless the Executive Committee or the General Assembly decide otherwise.
- c) The Vice-president shall substitute the President when the latter is absent or impeded and shall be

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responsible for any special duties assigned to him/her by the President.

The Secretary shall mainly be responsible for the association's correspondence, the keeping and updating of the association's official books and the recording in the minutes of the decisions taken during the Executive Committee and the General Assembly meetings.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the association's finances and, whenever asked by the Executive Committee or the General Assembly, he/she shall be obliged to supply information on any detail concerning the financial status of the association.

The General Assembly shall decide on any other special duties of the other Executive Committee officials.

Art. 15

## **VOTING PROCEDURE**

Elections to the Executive Committee shall be held by secret ballot.

Members wanting to run for a position but who are unable to attend the General Assembly shall write a nomination letter in advance to the Executive Committee expressing their interest for the position.

For elections to the Executive Committee, an absolute majority of the Members present at the General Assembly is required. In the event the absolute majority is not reached in the first round, a second round shall be organized between the two candidates receiving the most votes under the rule of the relative majority.

Apart from exceptions defined in the Statutes, all Members of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to vote in all matters to be considered by the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee will have only one vote.

Art. 16

## **RESIGNATION – EXCLUSION OF E.C. MEMBERS**

Every member of the Executive Committee might resign by writing a letter to the president. If the president resigns he or she should address the vice-president, in that case the vice-president becomes automatically the president. The other members of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to select among the members of IOAPA a person to replace any officer resigning.

In the event that, in the opinion of the required majority of the Executive Committee, any Member of the Executive Committee is unable to complete a term of office, or perform his/her duties to the fullest of his/her abilities, the other Members of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to select among the Members of IOAPA a person to replace such officer. Such a decision shall require the approval of at least two-third (2/3) of the members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be entitled to carry out such a vote and select a substitute only in the case any member fails to follow and report on his/her activities to the rest of the Executive Committee for a period of three (3) months or seriously breached the Statutes or a decision made under them.

Art. 17

## **E.C. DECISION PROCEDURE**

Apart from exceptions defined in the Statutes, the Executive Committee shall make its decisions by simple majority of the present members in the meetings. In case of a tie, the vote of the president is the deciding vote. The meetings are called by the president. The Executive Committee is in quorum when at least six (6) of its members are present. Instead of a physical-presence meeting, the Executive Committee can organize an email meeting. The email meeting is started by the secretary following the request of the president. Once the agenda of the email meeting has been

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sent to all members of the Executive Committee, the approximate duration of the responses for the members of the Executive Committee will be ten (10) days, where all the Executive Committee members shall debate and report on all on-going issues of IOAPA. The email meeting shall be closed by the president.

Art. 18

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POWERS AND DUTIES**

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- To manage the association;
- a) To organize an IOAPA Session every second year and convene the General Assembly.
- b) To implement the decisions of the General Assembly, if necessary by issuing regulations and directives to pursue them;
- c) To handle the financial management of the association's assets;
- d) To inform the General Assembly of the activities it undertook since the last General Assembly;
- e) To present the accounts of IOAPA for the last two (2) years to the General Assembly and a budget for the next two (2) years. The financial year begins on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. The records of accounting shall be expressed in Euro;
- f) To maintain records of accounting so that the financial position of IOAPA can be ascertained at all times;
- g) Decision to appoint Committees, Panels or Working Groups to study particular topics or problems and/or to present a report to the next General Assembly;
- h) To represent IOAPA before the International Olympic Academy, the International Olympic Committee and other third parties; to take decisions concerning the representation of IOAPA before any third party or state authorities as well as court or out-of-court procedures.
- i) To pass decision to all cases that do not come within the responsibility of the General Assembly or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes;
- j) To accept or deny the regular IOAPA membership;
- k) To decide on the size, shape and text of the association's official stamp.

Art. 19

## **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

IOAPA may only be dissolved only by the General Assembly. Dissolution requires presence of half and approval of three-quarters (3/4) of the association members.

In the event of dissolution, the General Assembly shall decide to transfer the assets of IOAPA, if any, to an organization representing the Olympic ideals.

Art. 20

## **FINAL PROVISION**

The present statutes consists of twenty (20) articles, it is approved today in Athens by the IOAPA founding members and is signed by them as follows:

### **THE FOUNDING MEMBERS**

**Athens, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2010**

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## A.4. IOAPA Session Evaluation Form

Please circle the years you have previously attended:

1989   1991   1993   1995   1997   1999   2001   2003   2005   2007   2009

Please rate your overall satisfaction for each item		Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Applicable
1.	Information received prior to conference	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Registration process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Program facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Technical equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Quality of speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Overall quality of presentations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.	Refreshments/meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us how much you agree or disagree with the following.		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
9.	The content of the sessions was appropriate and informative.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	The program was well organized.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.	The Executive Committee members were polite and helpful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.	Speakers were knowledgeable and informative.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.	The by-law review process was appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.	The nomination process was appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.	The election process was appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.	The discussion groups were useful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.	The Session met my overall expectations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.	The social/sporting program met my expectations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19.	I like the idea of Lecturers using Skype if they cannot come here.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. Did the program contribute to your professional and/or personal growth? How?

21. What did you like most about the meeting?

22. What did you like least about the meeting?

23. What themes would you like considered for future IOAPA Sessions?