

# IOAPA 15<sup>th</sup> SESSION

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## 1. INTRODUCTION – AN UNFORGETTABLE SESSION

The 15<sup>th</sup> IOAPA Session, from 15-22 July 2017, was an unforgettable session. 21 past IOA participants from 14 countries attended in Olympia. We presented our work, we had great discussion groups about the future of IOAPA and the global Olympic family and we had the chance to attend the General Assembly of IOAPA.

The IOA was very helpful once again for providing the Academy to hold our working session. The IOA Dean, Dr. Kostas Georgiadis, participated in the panel discussion during the Opening Ceremony and we are grateful for the IOA's continued support.

The presentations by the participants were really interesting which included topics related to Olympism and the Olympics. Furthermore, the local archeologist and IOA-Master graduate Konstantinos Antonopoulos organized a tour in Ancient Elis. The sports and social activities included sports like volleyball, traditional dances, running and Tai Chi. The beach excursion, Olympic quiz and the social evenings were also very successful.

A new Executive Committee was elected through a majority vote. The new Executive Board will be working very hard over the next two years in order to meet the IOAPA goals set during the session and ensure long term sustainability.



### 2. OPENING CEREMONY- 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

On 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Opening Ceremony of the 15<sup>th</sup> IOAPA session took place. The President of IOAPA, Richard Koo, welcomed the participants of the 2017 Session and participated at the panel discussion with the Dean of the IOA Dr. Kostas Georgiadis and the former IOAPA President Laurel Brassey Iversen.

The panel discussion of the opening meeting of the IOAPA Session discussed the following points:

#### 1. How to increase membership:

- Enhance cooperation between the IOA and IOAPA
- IOA could recognize the IOAPA Session as an “Official Session” lending more credence to the organization
- More active role of IOAPA “recruiters” during other official IOA sessions
- Cooperation with the World Olympian’s Association to increase membership in both associations (IOAPA and WOA)
- More active engagement of Country Coordinators follow with participants after various IOA sessions
- Approach NOCs to suggest paying for IOAPA memberships for their delegates each year

#### 2. How to increase participation in the IOAPA Session, as attendance was significantly lower than in past years:

- It is time to revisit some old/former ideas that might work well for the IOAPA now
- Need a good theme for the session -- perhaps use the same general topic as the IOA Session
- Change the organization of the program -- start in another city and travel to Olympia
- Study the statistics that show why people come to the Academy
- Better promotion of IOAPA activities/activities of members
- Earlier confirmation of session dates to enhance organization and attendance
- Consider always scheduling IOAPA session immediately following the YP session.



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### 3. Cooperation between the IOA and IOAPA:

- Provide quarterly reports to the IOA showing what members are doing in their countries
- IOAPA Service project to be done at the IOA during the IOAPA Session by its members, in cooperation with the IOA who will help define the project
- The United Nations is very interested in how the IOA teaches values. Identify teachers who can teach Olympic Values
- IOA still trying to develop NOAs within NOCs. IOAPA members can help and volunteer their assistance.

Concluding the traditional ceremony, the group walked to pay respects at the Coubertin Steel, the John Ketseas and Carl Diem Monument and the Hans Van Haute tree. Their contributions to the founding of the Olympic movement, the International Olympic Academy and IOAPA, respectively, were remembered.



## 3. EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS 2015-2017

### President's Report – RICHARD KOO (CANADA)

As I embarked on the Presidency of IOAPA in 2015, there were a number of critical administrative issues that were affecting the efficient operation of the organisation. Our main goal during this term (apart from the statutory requirement of organising the Session every 2 years and the hosting of a reunion at the Olympic games) was to rebuild IOAPA's systems so the organisation would have a strong administrative and financial foundation in order to carry out its mission in the years to come.

Along with the efforts of those elected to the Executive Committee in 2015, the IOAPA Executive Committee undertook a number of initiatives over the past 2 years directed towards rebuilding its operational systems and undertook additional initiatives that we felt were in the best interests of our Members.

As passed by resolution of the General Assembly in August 2015, our first task was to review all lifetime memberships sold between 2011–2015 and complete the processing of those credit card payments. All affected members were contacted and asked to re-enter payment info. Those that did not respond after multiple attempts were removed from the membership database. As a result, the number of members dropped from close to 1100 to just under 900. However as per IOAPA statutes all these members have now paid their dues and are in good standing.

As part of the administrative rebuild, we also modernised our website to make it more user friendly and simplified the membership registration process with an instant payment confirmation system via PayPal. Good progress has been made on revamping the membership database, validating contact information and country of residence in order to allow a more robust member outreach by our country coordinators.

We have greatly improved our social media presence (Facebook, Twitter), using these platforms to inform our members about relevant conferences, opportunities and job offers.

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We also tried to solve some longstanding administrative matters like the IOAPA bank accounts, taxation issues etc. Unfortunately during the election in 2015 there was certain legal documentation that was not properly certified, which hampered efforts to generate a Power of Attorney at the Greece Consulate in Toronto which would have allowed me to transfer administrative functions regarding banking and taxation issues to someone in Greece. These issues remain outstanding but if the Executive Committee election is documented properly for 2017, these issues such as the Greek taxation issues should be resolved in the course of the next term. I am happy to report that we have made some process improvements such as linking PayPal to our IOAPA bank accounts. With the banking situation in a more stable environment than it was in 2013, we also have plans to repatriate IOAPA funds that currently sit in a private bank account in Germany back to the general IOAPA bank account in Greece.

Finally, the IOAPA Reunion in Rio of 2016 was very successful. In partnership and with the great support of the World Olympians Association, IOAPA brought together more than 70 IOAPA Members who were at the Rio Olympics. Organising such a successful reunion in Rio is an achievement we are quite proud of and is a concrete way to keep our alumni network alive.

At this time I would like to thank all members of the IOAPA Executive Committee for their hard work effort during the 2015–2017. It has been a privilege to serve alongside you, and I commend you all for your passion in supporting IOAPA and the Olympic Movement. Efharisto!

### **Vice President's Report – HELEN CURTIS (UNITED KINGDOM)**

During tenure as Vice President, the role has involved maintaining and fostering opportunities to support the membership both internally and externally. This has included communicating and organising activities such as, the production of the 2015 Conference Report, management of the IOAPA Reunion in Rio (2016), contributing to the IOA Journal and convening the 2017 IOAPA Session Programme. None of these would have been possible without the collaboration and contribution from the Executive Committee, for which the Vice President is grateful. Please see below for further details of Vice President activities:



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## 2015 Conference Report:

The first requirement as Vice President (2015–17) was the production and editing of the IOAPA 2015 Conference Report. This included the collating of Executive Board Reports 2013–15 and writing the review of the IOAPA 14th SESSION 9–16 August 2015. Furthermore, a summary of the 2015–17 Action Plan was detailed. The report was made available to membership via email and online:

[http://ioapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/05/IOAPA\\_2015\\_Conference\\_Report.pdf](http://ioapa.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/05/IOAPA_2015_Conference_Report.pdf)

## IOAPA Reunion in Rio:

As IOAPA Vice President and an academic researcher, the Summer Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro provided an opportunity to enhance collaboration with fellow members, academics and partner organisations. This involved presenting research and representing the IOAPA at several academic conferences. The Games also provided opportunities for IOAPA members to meet and share memories. Numerous presenters had attended IOA sessions and made reference to the impact it had on their Olympic studies and teaching.

Furthermore, this Vice President was responsible for convening the IOAPA Reunion in Rio. In participation with the World Olympians Association (WOA), the IOAPA reunion took place on Sun 14th August 2016 at the Olympians Reunion Centre by EY. Located at the iconic sports venue The Flamengo Club (Clube de Regatas do Flamengo) it was a fantastic location to welcome IOA friends.

It was a great success with approximately 60 people attending and many countries represented. The informal style created a great atmosphere with lots of activity as old and new friends connected over their IOA experiences. Anthony Ledgard, Secretary General of the World Olympians Association and IOA alumni, welcomed IOAPA members and reiterated the importance of having a space to share Olympic experiences during Games time. Furthermore, he noted the role that IOA and IOAPA can play in fostering and maintaining the spirit of the Games. IOAPA are grateful to WOA for allowing us to use the venue and for their generous hospitality. We intend to develop this collaboration and look forward to connecting members at future Games.

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An IOAPA Paralympic Games reunion was also held in Rio. These events, along with others that involve active members, highlight the way the Games can foster international collaboration and dialogue.

### IOA Journal Contributions:

Contributed and edited articles for the IOA Journal, maintaining communications with alumni, NOA's and NOC's etc.

- *Curtis, H. (2016) 'IOAPA members share experiences during Rio 2016' International Olympic Academy Journal 10, October 2016, pp. 90–93. Saiti Publications S.A.*
- *IOAPA Executive Committee (2015) 'Past IOA Participants re-live the dream in Olympia!' International Olympic Academy Journal 8, October 2015, pp 84–87. Saiti Publications S.A.*

### IOAPA Session 2017:

Working alongside the Executive Committee, this Vice President was responsible for the organisation of the biannual IOAPA Session in Olympia. For the 2017 IOAPA Session, it included management of the academic session programme and participant activities. Furthermore, the introduction of the session theme, 'Governance in Sport and the Olympic Movement', paralleled the IOA annual theme. Aiming to increase the academic focus, themed panel and forum discussions were also introduced into the proceedings. These included:

- Panel Discussion: "Fostering IOAPA membership and utilising partnerships with the IOA and other sport / Olympic organisations."
- Forum Discussion: "Governance of the Olympic Games and the Impact of Legacy

Whilst other presentations were also encouraged, we hope that the theme and discussions provide a welcomed focus for the academic section of the programme.

We are grateful to the IOA, Mr Michalis Fyssentzidis, IOA President, and Prof. Athanassios Striggas, IOA Vice President, for their support of the session.

The role of Vice President, alongside the President and Executive Committee, has also involved

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establishing and maintaining partnerships with Olympic related partners and organisations. These have included working with World Olympians Association, supporting partnerships at Olympic Games and fostering opportunities for reunions during Games time as noted above. Furthermore, the Olympic Studies Centre in Lausanne has reiterated their continued support to members, for academic and educational purposes. Our partnership includes IOAPA's promotion and communication of the Olympic Studies Centre Grant programmes.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the Executive Committee and I look forward to continuing to support the IOAPA.

### **Secretary's Report - SANDY STATHOPOULOU (GREECE)**

During the two-year period of my term, I tried my best to contribute to the promotion of our association's goals and activities, mainly by making myself available to any I.O.A.P.A. member who needed my assistance in Greece.

In particular, I was responsible for all necessary actions regarding the bimonthly meetings of the Executive Committee, such as the preparation of the agenda, its submission to other members of the E.C. (President, Vice-President and Internet Coordinator) for approval and sending invitations with the meeting link to the other members of the I.O.A.P.A. Executive Committee.

I also contributed to the preparation of the 2017 I.O.A.P.A. session in Greece, by helping with the necessary hotel and bus reservations for the participants' stay in Athens and trip to Olympia. Regretfully, I have not yet succeeded in carrying out two very important responsibilities I had undertaken towards the association the previous term, namely the re-activation of our bank account and the resolution of I.O.A.P.A.'s taxation issues. Unfortunately, we were unable to obtain a Power of Attorney from the Greek Consulate in Toronto, where the I.O.A.P.A. President resides, due to lack of the necessary documents.

In general, throughout this two-year period I made an effort to participate in all our on-line meetings and communicate with other Executive Committee members whenever there was the need to resolve a specific matter.

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I hope that my contribution has been adequate and I'm looking forward to working again with our members and contributing to the functions of our association, in Greece or elsewhere, as a member of the E.C. or not.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the other Executive Committee members for their hard work, collaboration and enthusiasm and I regret that I won't be able to join you all in Olympia this time.

### **Treasurer's Report - DANIELE NATI (ITALY)**

#### Overall

- We have almost no costs and a constant income due to memberships.
- The use of Paypal, even given the high costs, is the best and most comfortable option.
- The blockade of the Greek bank account is still a massive problem.
- We have a good development in membership fees. Income of the past years was:
  - o 1276,20 (2015)
  - o 1133,40 (2016)
  - o 577,61 (2017, June 30<sup>th</sup>)

Euro respectively.

- The funds transferred during the Greek financial to the German bank account allowed operations to happen.
- June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have the following amounts on the bank accounts:
  - o 12489,29 Euro on German bank account
  - o 4669,96 on the Greek bank account
  - o 1436,86 Euro on Paypal
  - o Obviously, we need to pay for the expenses for the IOAPA Session.
- New regulations and requirements will make the job for the treasurer not easier in the next years and will require in my view a physical presence in Greece: Probably it makes sense to have a person living in Greece to do the job.

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## Memberships

Here are the figures on memberships between 2009 and 2017 (June 30<sup>th</sup>):

|      | <u>Amount<br/>Paid</u> | <u>Memberships</u> | <u>Paid</u> | <u>Not<br/>paid</u> | <u>Amount<br/>open</u> |
|------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2017 | 577,61                 | 15                 | 15          | 0                   | 0                      |
| 2016 | 1133,4                 | 33                 | 31          | 2                   | 80                     |
| 2015 | 1276,2                 | 39                 | 31          | 8                   | 320                    |
| 2014 | 1900,2                 | 50                 | 47          | 2                   | 80                     |
| 2013 | 596,37                 | 30                 | 15          | 15                  | 480                    |
| 2012 | 358,09                 | 27                 | 10          | 17                  | 680                    |
| 2011 | 1815                   | 88                 | 62          | 26                  | 970                    |
| 2010 | 1188,1                 | 68                 | 51          | 17                  | 680                    |
| 2009 | 1350                   | 70                 | 70          | 0                   | 0                      |
|      | <u>10195</u>           | <u>420</u>         | <u>332</u>  | <u>87</u>           | <u>3290</u>            |

In the past years, payments were mostly made through Paypal. Most of the open membership fees from the past come from the problems with credit card cashing. We tried to contact all the people years ago, and cleaned up the data sheet on memberships.

## Future financial issues to consider/take care of

- Paypal and bank account are good and reliable payment options but have fees that vary. Transactions in either ways cause different costs depending on the country and account type. It would make sense to discuss about a rise in membership fees from 40 to 45 Euro to cover those costs.
- Suggestion: Rise Membership fees to 45 Euro.
- The massive regulations in Greece cause a lot of work and restrictions. But it will probably help to have a treasurer physically present in Greece.
- After the election of new ExCo I would like to transfer the money in Germany somewhere else by end of August.
- For the next IOAPA session I would recommend not to take care of the hotel reservations in Athens. It is a lot of work; most people prefer to have their own hotel and we risk to bear the costs.

## **Country Co-ordinator's Report - VITA BALSYTE (LITHUANIA)**

During the 2015 IOAPA Session I suggested to continue as IOAPA's Head of Country and Regional Coordinators. I was elected in June 2015 for the period of two years.



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The main goals as the Head of Country and Regional Coordinators was to increase the Country Coordinators' network, ensure that all the Coordinators are active and willing to cooperate and help the local IOAPA members, organize activities, collaborate with National Olympic Committees and National Olympic Academies, if possible.

My main activities during the course of two year was to keep in touch with the country coordinators and accept the new country coordinators and help them to start their activities. What is more, during the 2016 Joint International Session for Directors of NOAs, Members and Staff of NOCs and IFs together with Anfisa I did the presentation of IOAPA and had an opportunity to attend the IOAPA Reunion in Rio.

The new Country Coordinators who joined the network are from Russia, Lebanon, Island, Hungary, Israel, Netherlands.

Unfortunately, due to my work and study commitments I was not able to ensure active communication with the current Country Coordinators. Therefore, I will not propose my candidature for the 2017 – 2019 IOAPA Executive Board.

I am convinced that the network of IOAPA Country Coordinators will develop and the newly appointed Head of Country Coordinators will manage to increase the quality and quantity of the coordination. I will personally will gladly continue to be responsible for IOAPA Lithuania.

I wish everyone a successful Session and General Assembly.

### **Marketing Officer's Report – ANFISA KASYANOVA (BELARUS)**

- Undertaken position in 2016
- Updating IOAPA PowerPoint presentation for IOA Sessions attendees
- Making the IOAPA presentation at IOA Sessions 2016 (Directors, Young Participants, Master's Programme 2015–2016 & 2016–2017)
- Arranging presenters of the IOAPA presentation at IOA Sessions 2017 (Directors, Young Participants)
- Producing IOAPA banner and arranging it placement (cafeteria area and in front of new lecture hall) during all IOA Sessions in 2016–2017 years

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- Communication with ExCom on new takeaway brochure. Finally was not produced and in 2016 and 2017 old IOAPA brochure was used for the IOA Sessions distribution in 2016–2017 years.

### **Newsletter Editor's Report - VAGELIS ALEXANDRAKIS (GREECE)**

In August 2015, the IOAPA membership entrusted me with the task of NewsLetter Editor, a position I have held since 2011. Over these years, I took lots of pleasure in developing every single edition of the NewsLetter. I found it every time exciting to source content, identify contributors, proof-read, edit and finalise each edition.

Over the period 2015–2017, my increased obligations prevented me from keeping pace with the number of editions (4) I used to release in the previous terms. Over the term 2015–2017 I in total developed 4 editions (2 per year), which I believe were of good quality, including a good number of relevant articles.

However, it is clear that I can no longer provide the same standard of service as Arete NewsLetter Editor and I would not like to compromise quality. At the same time, I believe that after 8 years at the IOAPA Executive Committee it is now time to make space for new, enthusiastic and motivated IOAPA Members to join the Executive Committee and bring in new ideas.

I take this opportunity to thank all ExCo Members I have collaborated with over the past 8 years for the fruitful cooperation. We have lots of achievements to look back on. I wish the new ExCo Members best of luck and all the success on all projects and initiatives and I will always remain at full disposal for any help or support I can provide.

Most importantly, I wish all participants of the IOAPA Session to make the most of it, enjoy their time in Olympia and re-live the Olympia dream! I am very sorry I cannot join you this year!

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## IOA Liaison's Report – ANFISA KASYANOVA (BELARUS)

- Communications with the IOA for different organizational matters, assisting other ExCom members when tasks are related to IOA
- Attending IOA sessions representing IOAPA (2016: Directors, YP, Masters 2015–2016 & 2016–2017; 2017: Directors)
- Collecting participants lists of IOA Sessions to send membership invitation
- Assisting in IOAPA Session arrangements

## Internet Coordinator's Report – CAROLINE BUJOLD (CANADA)

It has been my pleasure for the past two years to act as Internet Coordinator. Many big projects were tackled and completed that will hopefully make the member experience better.

The most important tasks were actually a combination of two major overhaul: website redesign and online registration.

Improvement to the membership application had been a long time coming and coincided with the necessity to upgrade and somewhat redesign our website. First and foremost, I would like to thank Ansen Sligar for his continued work with us on anything related to technologies. Without his expertise and volunteer time, this endeavour would not have been possible.

But before we could get to that stage, there was cleaning to be done in the database. Due to difficulties processing credit card payments for a few years in a row, our database was definitely not up to date. There was also the fact that every time a person applied for membership, three Executive Committee Member had a specific task to complete, in order for the new member to be fully integrated in the database. Needless to say, it was a tedious and sometimes imperfect process and unfortunately, we probably lost some members along the way. But for the many who persevered, thank you for your patience, we really appreciate it.

It took a few brainstorming sessions and skype meetings to get things underway. Luckily, we were

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able to launch the new website (Wordpress), as well as the new automated online membership application, just in time for the 2016 Youth Participant Session. The registration process is now much simpler and doesn't require extra work from Board Members. It is linked to our new Mailchimp account as well (Mailing List). Members who would not have access to the technology needed to register online, can still send us their application form and payment through other means. Since we implemented the new system, 45 new members have registered.

In the process of cleaning up our membership, we also requested active members login the website and enter as much information as possible, but mainly update their email, password and country of origin (email was sent 15th November 2016). We also reached out directly to members we could find on Facebook, to get their updated information. This process is still ongoing and will greatly benefit the Country Coordinators, to which we will now be able to provide a list of members by country.

On the communication side of things, social media accounts were consolidated and cleaned up. We use these platforms mainly to communicate news and opportunities about the Olympic and Paralympic movements and the world of amateur sport in general. All Executive Committee Members contribute to various degrees in gathering the information we regularly publish. All these improvements should increase our efficiency and help better connect with our current and potential members. We will build on these tools in the next cycle t( hopefully do more outreach.

The Internet Coordinator responsibilities include:

- Updating and maintaining our membership database;
- Sending the Arete Newsletter and email updates to members periodically;
- Updating the IOAPA website and Mailchimp account;
- Actively looking for relevant news and events and publishing on social media;
- Participating in the Executive Committee meetings

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**Research Coordinator – Hugh Dugan (USA)**

No report submitted



### 4. PRESENTATIONS BY THE PARTICIPANTS

Participants of the 2017 IOAPA Session were encouraged to contribute to the proceedings and present a topic of interest. There were a wide range of presentations delivered, highlighting the diversity of knowledge and experience.

The list of presentations is detailed below. Please contact the IOAPA Executive Committee if you would like to view a presentation in full.

- **Drugs in Sport and Politics**, *by Srimal Wickremasinghe*
- **Leadership Principles for Sport Coaches & Administrators**, *by Glen Sefcik*
- **The Municipal Governance of Barcelona '92: in pursuit of a more sustainable city**, *by Alberto Aragón Pérez*
- **Forum – Sport and Governance** *with Alberto Aragón Pérez*
- **Olympism and Dance: The International Connection**, *by Elizabeth Hanley*
- **Promotion of Amateur Sport on the Example of Rhythmic Gymnastics in Russia**, *by Ekaterina Gorokhova (2017 Hans van Haute Scholar)*
- **Keep the Sacred Flame Eternally Burning**, *by Konstantinos Antonopoulos*
- **Laser-Run as the development tool of the Olympic sport Modern Pentathlon**, *by Anfisa Kasyanova*
- **The New Norwegian Olympic Museum**, *by Mari Stakston*
- **The Olympic Quiz as a Pedagogical Tool for Olympic Studies: Concept, Model and Application** *by Yarden Har Lev*
- **How to Transfer Visualisation in Sports to Your Life**, *by Diana Engetschwiler (2017 Hans van Haute Scholar)*

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## 5. IOAPA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The IOAPA General Assembly took place on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at International Olympic Academy, Ancient Olympia.

### 5.1. Introduction to the IOAPA General Assembly

Richard Koo, President of IOAPA, welcomed the participants of IOAPA 2017 Session in Olympia and invited everyone to actively take part throughout the Session.

### 5.2. Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

### 5.3. Reports of the Executive Committee Members

The IOAPA Executive Committee Members, who were present at the Session, delivered their Reports.

### 5.4. Update on IOAPA Accounts & Financial Issues Greek Taxation Law and IOAPA

The association has ongoing financial stability, since IOAPA keeps 15,000-16,000 € in its bank account. However, the association's funds are divided between two bank accounts (IOAPA account in Greece and a private account in Germany), so the board has discussed which is the best way to administer the IOAPA's reserves.

The General Assembly of the 14<sup>th</sup> IOAPA Session (2015) instructed the EC to examine ways to permanently move IOAPA funds to an offshore bank account due to financial and banking concerns in Greece. Upon examination of this option, the EC learned that the creation of a bank account outside of Greece would be very difficult due to current anti-money-laundering laws. Canada was the one jurisdiction the EC examined where the creation of an account *could* have occurred, however the funds would have to be kept in Canadian (CAD) dollars. Given that the bulk of IOAPA's financial transactions occurs in Euros, the EC determined this option to be too great of a risk due to potential for losses in foreign exchange fees as well as fluctuating currency rates. It should also be noted that currently the funds currently held in Germany are under a private account, which in itself is a high-risk scenario which the EC does not recommend as a long term solution.

The EC therefore recommends that all IOAPA funds be repatriated to the official IOAPA bank account in Greece, as it was assessed that the risk of a Greek bank default is less than both having an offshore Canadian account with variable currency exchange losses or having the funds held offshore under a private account.

### **5.5. Discharge of IOAPA Executive Committee members**

Unanimously approved to discharge the IOAPA Executive Committee.

### **5.6. Update of the HVH Fund**

Elizabeth explains the HVH Fund's works carried out this last two years. Only two persons applied for the HVH scholarship this year (and they're participating in this session thanks to them), which is unusual because last years there were many more applications. A short debate ensued about improving this option for future sessions.

### **5.7. Explanation of IOAPA election procedures – Description of IOAPA Executive Committee roles**

General Assembly will have to elect the new Executive Committee. The next day the nomination process was to begin. The document regarding the positions and the descriptions was circulated among the General Assembly members.

President of the IOAPA. Main responsibilities: Organize the work of the Executive Board Members, be on top of all the activities, and represent the Organization.

Vice President. Main responsibilities: Support the President in his activities. Organize the next IOAPA Session and the IOAPA reunion during the Olympic Games.

Secretary. Main Responsibilities: In cooperation with Vice President, prepare the report of the Session; welcome and inform the new members; organize the work of the Executive Committee online meetings, motivate members to take part in the discussion, keep the record of the minutes of the meetings.

Treasurer. Main responsibilities: Prepare an annual budget, the budget to the IOAPA Sessions, ensure the timely payments, and coordinate with the bank if necessary.

Newsletter Editor. Main responsibilities: Produce a newsletter, find contributors to the

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newsletter, and coordinate the activities with the internet coordinator.

Internet Co-ordinator. Main responsibilities: Update the website, manage social media, login the new members, ensure that the IOAPA platform runs smoothly.

Research Co-ordinator. Main responsibilities: The Research Co-ordinator shall be responsible for encouraging and facilitating collaboration between IOAPA members conducting research on topics where the Olympic Movement may have an interest. The Research Co-ordinator shall also be responsible for advising IOAPA members wishing to attend academic programmes on sport topics. In addition, the Research Co-ordinator shall be IOAPA representative with the IOAPA university partners.

IOA Liaison. Main responsibilities: The IOA Liaison shall be a person living in Greece who shall communicate the work of the IOAPA to the IOA, bring information from the IOA to the IOAPA, and assist the IOAPA Session Chair in organizing the IOAPA Session.

Head of Country/Regional Co-ordinators. Main responsibilities: The Head of Country/Regional Co-ordinators shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the national/regional IOAPA co-ordinators. The Head Co-ordinator shall maintain and expand an active and effective IOAPA co-ordinator network in order to ensure continuous communication, exchange of good practice and recruitment/promotion of the Association.

Marketing Officer. Main responsibilities. The Officer shall brand and promote IOAPA organization, events and programs. The Marketing Officer shall be responsible for identifying and securing funding and sponsorship.

### 6. SESSION 2017 ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

- 7,157 Euro collected in payments from participants (including 560 Euro from Hans van Haute fund to cover scholarships for 2 participants)
- 535 Euro collected for HvH Fund, including 281 Euro from silent auction, 254 Euro from donations at registration and other contributions)
- Session expenses: 8,182.02 euro, including:
  - 399.84 Euro for opening party, mid-session BBQ party, wreaths for opening ceremony, Magna Grecia fees and taxi for invited IOA staff
  - 158.00 Euro in expenses for paypal fees (approximately 3.4% of all funds paid through paypal)

Note that apart from the expenses incurred from party/hospitality and PayPal, the remaining loss (approx. 470 Euro) was due to 3.5 unsold rooms at the Golden Sun Hotel

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(first day of the session) and fixed bus transport costs which required a small subsidy due to lower than projected attendance at the Session. In future, the Executive Committee recommends that hotels in Athens should be booked by participants themselves (rather than through IOAPA) in order to reduce the financial risk to the organisation.

### 7. THE HANS VAN HAUTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017

The Hans van Haute Scholarship Fund, established during the 2001 IOAPA session, was named in honor of the main force behind the creation of IOAPA . Created in Hans' memory, the purpose of this fund is to aid those former IOA participants, coordinators, or lecturers who would like to attend an IOAPA session but cannot do so due to lack of financial resources.

During its short existence, the fund has offered assistance to two people for the 2003 IOAPA Session, one person for the 2009 Session, two people for the 2013 Session and one person for the 2015 Session.

#### 7.1. 2017 Recipients

This year's recipients of the Hans van Haute Scholarship Fund were Ekaterina Gorokhova from Russia and Diana Engetschwiler from Switzerland.





### 7.2. Supporting the Fund

Our “Silent Auction” during the final Social Evening quickly raised 281 euros. Held for the first time in 2015, this has now become an integral part of our future IOAPA sessions. It was fun and lucrative for the HVH Fund. For more information about the fund and how to donate, please see: <http://www.ioapa.org/index.php/activities/fund>

## 8. WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS

During the IOAPA Session 2017, members in attendance had the opportunity to participate in structured working groups to deliberate and provide suggestions to challenges and opportunities that the association is facing.

### 8.1. Relations with the International Olympic Academy

- Ask IOA to recognize our session as official of the Academy
- Suggestion to send 2 IOAPA Members as Coordinators at the YP Sessions
- President Richard Koo and new elected Vice President Kostas Vasileiou to communicate with the IOA for our goals
- Letter to the Dean of the IOA Kostas Georgiadis by the IOAPA President

### 8.2. Membership

- 50 new members per year target
- Access to list of emails (YP session)
- Decrease fee for Membership
- Role of coordinators
- Help of National Olympic Committees (pay fee)
- Country coordinator should involve people

### 8.3. Elections system

- Physical presence for elections for 2019
- Radical Change voting system (electronically) suggested by Kostas Vasileiou and Ulrich Rosen

### 8.4. Communication

- Participants must know what we are doing through improved engagement and outreach (i.e. projects, reunions, articles, etc.)
- Send info by internet coordinator or research coordinator
- We have official page and private group
- Post info on our personal profiles
- Create electronic flyers
- Create Instagram account
- Utilisation of #IOAPA on social media accounts / communication.

### 9. IOAPA ACTION PLAN 2017-19

The main proposed ideas for the 2017 – 2019 Action Plan are:

- The two main problems are recruiting new members in effective ways and increasing the engagement of the IOAPA members. EC will work on ways to increase membership and engagement.
- There is agreement that 50 New Members per year is achievable target.
- Publishing a "call for papers" for sending articles and materials in order to encourage members to be involved and share projects that are carried out in various fields in other countries and by creating a defined "call to action" (it is important to set deadline).
- Richard sent a letter to Kostas Georgiadis with suggestions and ideas for improving future cooperation and communication lines with the IOA and IOAPA.
- The EC will discuss the election process and will examine the possibility of voting by members who don't attend the Session meeting.
- Update roles and responsibilities of EC positions by the start of the 2019 Session.
- To request recognition of the IOAPA Session as part of the official sessions of the IOA.
- Update the list of Country representatives who are already active and recruit new representatives for countries that are inactive.
- Publish abstracts from the Arete Newsletter on social media platforms in order to attract more people to read it.
- Update contact info for each member (mainly the email address) to facilitate ongoing communication and track effectiveness of email campaigns.
- Redefine the association's mission and present it clearly and attractively in

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order to recruit new IOAPA members.

| POSITION                    | ACTIVITIES & Key Tasks   |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <b>PRESIDENT</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Supervise the strategy and the work of all Executive Committee Members</li> <li>– Follow-up with tasks</li> <li>– Communicate with the IOA (and other organisations) at a higher level</li> <li>– Represent the IOAPA in various meetings</li> <li>– Monitoring of international developments and propose actions where necessary</li> <li>– Coordinate the organisation of the reunion in PyeongChang 2018</li> </ul>  |
| <b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Assist the President in his/her duties</li> <li>– Coordinate the organisation of the reunion PyeongChang 2018</li> <li>– Coordinate the organisation of the IOAPA session 2019</li> <li>– Write the IOAPA Session Report</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Secretary General</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Welcome new Members (coordination with Treasurer and Internet Coordinator)</li> <li>– Organise Executive Committee On-Line Meetings</li> <li>– Minutes-keeping</li> <li>– Drafting of working documents</li> <li>– General assistance to other tasks</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Receive membership forms – ensure payment and forward to Secretary and Internet Coordinator</li> <li>– Prepare an annual budget and a budget for the IOAPA Session and other events (e.g. Reunion)</li> <li>– Make all payments</li> <li>– Coordinate with the Bank when necessary</li> <li>– Take care of taxation issues (in cooperation with other ExCom Members – e.g. Secretary or IOA Liaison Officer)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Newsletter Editor</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Release three-four editions per year</li> <li>– Propose news items in the website</li> <li>– Propose info to be relayed via the mailgroup and social media</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Internet Coordinator</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Add new members to the mailing list and send internet codes</li> <li>– Regularly update the website and add news items</li> <li>– Managing social media communications</li> </ul>   |

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| <b>Research Officer</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Monitor international sporting industry and identify relevant opportunities (job openings, internships, studentships, volunteer opportunities, etc.)</li> <li>– Send the info via mailgroup/ website / social media / Newsletter</li> <li>– Potentially circulate a bulletin once per month</li> </ul> |
| <b>Head of Country Coordinators</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Update the list of country coordinators and maintain contact with them</li> <li>– Identify Country Coordinators</li> <li>– Encourage them to organise initiatives/ contribute to the Newsletter</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Marketing Officer</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Creative thinking on how to attract new Members</li> <li>– gifts/hand-outs to Members/participants</li> <li>– develop power-point presentations, videos, leaflets etc.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>IOA Liaison Officer</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– focal point for communications with the IOA</li> <li>– co-ordinations / assisting in all Greek-based activities</li> <li>– assistance with the organisation of IOAPA Session 2019</li> </ul>   |

## 10. ELECTION OF THE NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

### 10.1. Nominations

The procedure of the elections for the new executive committee members began on 19th July 2017. The General Assembly nominated Marianne Tjornhom as chair (NOR), Srimal Wickremasinghe (SRI) and Diana Engetschwiler (SUI) as observers, to supervise the elections and being in charge of managing and running them. The nomination procedures are detailed below.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, nominations for the IOAPA Officers 2017-2019 took place. The nomination procedure was explained along with the competencies required of each role to the participants as well as the election procedure. For each position, participants could nominate themselves or nominate somebody else.

### 10.2. Elections

The elections were held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 in the morning. 20 participants

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registered for the election. Nominees were asked to deliver a short speech stating the reasons why they would like to be voted. Votes were then cast and counted by the election chairs.

The results of the elections were as following:

- President – Richard Koo -20 in favour, 0 irregular, 0 blank
- Vice President – Kostas Vasileiou – 18 in favour, 0 irregular, 2 blank
- Secretary – Daniele Nati – 14 in favour, 0 irregular, 5 blank
- Newsletter Editor – Yarden Har Lev – 20 in favour, 0 irregular, 0 blank
- Marketing Officer – Anfisa Kasyanova – 19 in favour, 0 irregular, 1 blank
- Treasurer – Sandy Stathopoulou - 19 in favour, 0 irregular, 1 blank
- Research Coordinator – Helen Curtis - 19 in favour, 0 irregular, 1 blank
- Internet Coordinator – Caroline Bujold - 20 in favour, 0 irregular, 0 blank
- Head of Country Coordinators – Alberto Aragon Perez – 15 in favour; Ekaterina Gorockhova -- 2 in favour; 0 irregular, 3 blank. Alberto elected for the position.
- IOA Liaison – Panagiotis Trikaliotis - 18 in favour, 0 irregular, 2 blank

Effective 21 July 2017, the new Executive Board for the years 2017-2019 is as follows

| POSITION              |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| PRESIDENT             | Richard Koo            |
| VICE-PRESIDENT        | Kostas Vasileiou       |
| SECRETARY             | Daniele Nati           |
| TREASURER             | Sandy Stathopoulou     |
| NEWSLETTER EDITOR     | Yarden Har Lev         |
| COUNTRY COORDINATOR   | Alberto Aragon Perez   |
| MARKETING COORDINATOR | Anfisa Kasayanova      |
| RESEARCH COORDINATOR  | Helen Curtis           |
| IOA LIASON            | Panagiotis Trikaliotis |
| INTERNET COORDINATOR  | Caroline Bujold        |

### 10.3. Procedure for future IOAPA Elections:

*Voting procedure for IOAPA Elections*

- 1- All eligible voters present at an IOAPA Session shall be notified of the day and time of



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*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.*
- 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.*

### **11. CLOSING CEREMONY - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017**

The closing ceremony started at midday on 21st July 2017. The ceremony began with a brief introduction. The President Richard Koo (CAN) with the support of newly elected Vice President Kostas Vasileiou (GRE) and reelected Internet Coordinator Caroline Bujold (CAN) distributed the diplomas to participants.

Later, Richard made the final speech. He thanked everyone for their active participation and detailed key objectives for the following two years. Noting their contribution, he thanked the departing Executive Committee members. He also thanked the IOA staff for being so accommodating and the IOA for allowing the IOAPA Session to be organized in Olympia. He concluded by wishing everyone the best in their future sporting endeavors. Finally, the Olympic Anthem was played.



## 12. ACTIVITIES

Every day the participants had the chance to get involved in a variety of activities. The activities continued to be an enjoyable part of the session.

### 12.1. Sports Activities

A variety of sports and activities were played by participants during the session, including volleyball, tai chi, running and dance.





### 12.2. Social Event and Artistic Activities

There were various activities that participants enjoyed. These included a guided tour of Ancient Elis by local archeologist and IOA-Master graduate Konstantinos Antonopoulos. The beach excursion also proved a popular opportunity to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and sunny weather.



Social activities continued to be a popular part of the session. One of the evenings included a dinner at a traditional Greek tavern in Olympia.



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Participants also enjoyed an evening party and continued their dancing skills during a night out at “Zorbas”.

The Dancing workshop organized by Betz was very successful. Many participants took part and demonstrated what they learnt in the social evening that took place.

The Olympic Quiz evening was organized by Jordan. In groups, participants were quite competitive testing their Olympic and Paralympic knowledge.

## APPENDICES

### 1. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

#### Belarus

Anfisa Kasyanova

#### Canada

Richard Koo

Caroline Bujold

#### Denmark

Erling Joensen

Tove Thomassen

#### Germany

Ulrich Rosen

#### Greece

Panagiotis Trikaliotis

Kostas Vasileiou

Aggelos Zarimpas

#### Italy

Marilena Voyat

#### Iran

Farzad Ghafouri

#### Israel

Yarden Har Lev

#### Norway

Mari Stakson

Marianne Tjornhom

#### Russia

Ekaterina Gorokhova

#### Spain

Alberto Aragón Pérez

#### Sri Lanka

Strimal Wickremasinghe

#### Switzerland

Diana Engetschwiler

#### USA

Laurel Iversen

Elisabeth Hanley

Glen Sefcik

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## 2.PROGRAMME

### Saturday, 15 July 2017 (arrival day)

#### ACCOMMODATION IN ATHENS



#### Arrival of the participants

**20.00** Meeting at the lobby of the hotel & dinner in Glyfada (Athens)

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### Sunday, 16 July 2017 (1st day)

- 08.00** Departure by bus to Olympia  
*Before checking out, participants are kindly requested to pay for their extras such as minibar, phone, etc.*
- 14.00** Arrival in Olympia
- 17.00** Opening Ceremony (Olympic Anthem, visit to Coubertin Stele, Diem and Ketseas monument, and commemorative photo at the stairs) & Introduction to the Programme
- 18.30** Welcome address by Dr. Kostas Georgiadis, Dean of the Faculty of Human Movement and Quality of Life Sciences, University of Peloponnese, Honourary Dean of the IOA.
- Panel Discussion “Fostering IOAPA membership and utilising partnerships with the IOA and other sport / Olympic organisations”
- Laurel Brassey Iversen, former IOAPA President
  - Richard Koo, IOAPA President
  - Kostas Georgiadis, Honourary Dean of the IOA
- 20.00** Dinner at the Cafeteria & Free Evening

### Monday, 17 July 2017 (2<sup>nd</sup> Day)

- 06.45** Morning Run (optional)
- 08.00** Breakfast

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**09.00** Introduction to the IOAPA General Assembly by Richard Koo

**09.15** **IOAPA General Assembly**

- Approval of the agenda of the General Assembly
- Reports of the Executive Committee Members
- Proposals from the General Assembly
- Explanation of IOAPA election procedures - Description of IOAPA Executive Committee roles
- IOAPA Session daily chairs and election panel

**10.15** Nomination Procedures for Executive Board

10.45 Coffee break

**11.00** **Drugs in Sport and Politics**, by Srimal Wickremasinghe

**11.30** **Leadership Principles for Sport Coaches & Administrators**, by Glen Sefcik

**12.00** **The Municipal Governance of Barcelona '92: in pursuit of a more sustainable city**, by Alberto Aragón Pérez

**12.30** **Forum – Sport and Governance with Alberto Aragón Pérez**

**“Governance of the Olympic Games and the Impact of Legacy”**

13.00 Lunch

**14.30** **Dance Workshop** (by Elizabeth Hanley)

**18.00** **Volleyball** (by Diana Engetschwiler)

**20.00** **Dinner & Free evening**

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## **Tuesday, 18 July 2017 (3<sup>rd</sup> Day)**

**06.45** **Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)**

**08.00** **Breakfast**

**09.00** **Examining IOAPA goals & priorities for the period 2017-2019**

**10:00** **Hans Van Haute Fund – Thoughts for the Future with Elizabeth Hanley**

10.45 Coffee break

**11.00** **Olympism and Dance: The International Connection**, by Elizabeth Hanley



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- 11.30 **Promotion of Amateur Sport on the Example of Rhythmic Gymnastics in Russia,**  
by Ekaterina Gorokhova (2017 Hans van Haute Scholar)
- 12.00 **Keep the Sacred Flame Eternally Burning,** by Konstantinos Antonopoulos
- 12.30 **Laser-Run as the development tool of the Olympic sport Modern Pentathlon,** by Anfisa Kasyanova

13.00 Lunch

- 14.30 **Dance Workshop**
- 18.00 **“Olympic Quiz” – Old Lecture Hall** (by Yarden Har Lev)
- 20.00 **Dinner**
- 21.00 **Evening BBQ / Garden Party**

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### Wednesday, 19 July 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Day)

- 06.45 **Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)**
- 08.00 **Breakfast**
- 09.00 **The New Norwegian Olympic Museum,** by Mari Stakston
- 09.30 **The Olympic Quiz as a Pedagogical Tool for Olympic Studies: Concept, Model and Application** by Yarden Har Lev
- 10.00 **How to Transfer Visualisation in Sports to Your Life,** by Diana Engetschwiler (2017 Hans van Haute Scholar)
- 10.30 **Communications Workshop with Caroline Bujold and Glen Sefcik**

11.00 Coffee Break

- 11.15 **Nominations for IOAPA Officers 2017-2019**

13.00 Lunch

- 14.30 **Free Afternoon**
- 18:00 **Sport Activities** (by Srimal Wickremasinghe)
- 20.00 **Dinner**

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21:00 Social Evening & Hans van Haute Fundraising Auction

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## Thursday, 20 July 2017 (5<sup>th</sup> Day)

06.45 Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)

08.00 Breakfast

08.30 Visit to Elis and Kourouta Beach

ALL DAY

19.30 Soap Making Activity & Dinner at



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## Friday, 21 July 2017 (6<sup>th</sup> Day)

06.45 Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)

08.00 Breakfast

09.00 Election of IOAPA Officers 2017-2019

10.45 Coffee break

11.15 Summarising the goals & priorities for the period 2017-2019 – Voting on an “Action Plan 2017-2019”

12.00 Closing Remarks, Distribution of Diplomas & Closing Ceremony

13.00 Lunch

14.30 First meeting of the Executive Committee 2017-2019

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18.00 Sport Activities

20.00 Dinner

Group night out at Zorbas!!

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### Saturday, 22 July 2017 (7<sup>th</sup> Day)

08.00 Departure to Athens

12.45 Arrival at Athens Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport

14.00 Arrival in Central Athens, Hotel Niki