

## IOAPA Session 2013 – Re-live your Olympic Dream!

Dear Olympic friends,

As IOAPA member you have the chance to come back to the IOA next June! We hope to see you there. This document intends to outline what to expect from the IOAPA Session and to answer potential questions you might have.

### What

The IOAPA Session is an opportunity to rekindle your Olympic spirit, reconnect with friends from your IOA session and make new ones from all over the world. As part of the Session the General Assembly of the IOAPA takes place and new officers are elected for a two year term. The program will balance lectures and workshops during the mornings with free time and sports during the afternoons and evenings. A draft program is already available [here](#).

### Where and When:

The IOAPA bus will depart from central Athens to Olympia on 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8am. We will spend the next six days at the IOA in Olympia and come back by bus on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July arriving in central Athens ca. 2pm. You can spend in Athens the nights before and after the trip to Olympia with the IOAPA group. You will find the details in the [registration form](#).

### Practical Contribution:

We welcome your contribution to the program. Especially if you can share Olympic education practices in your country (e.g. NOA, Olympic Day) or teach some sport discipline, morning exercises session etc. please let us know in the registration form.

### Conference Costs:

Full details on costs are provided on the registration form. As a reference if you would like to keep your budget to a minimum these would be your budget:

- 6 nights at the IOA in a dorm room: FREE
- Transportation Athens-Olympia and back on IOAPA bus: FREE
- Full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner) at the IOA during 6 days: 120 Euros
- Conference fee: 50 Euros

To those 170 Euros you would need to add the return trip from your home to Athens, accommodation in Athens for the nights before and after travelling to Olympia (if needed) and out of pocket expenses.

## FAQ – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **I need an official invitation to obtain a visa before I can travel to Greece. How do I get it?**

Please write an email to IOAPA Session Chair Carolin Bischof [carolin@ioapa.org](mailto:carolin@ioapa.org) with your request and she will be able to provide you with an invitation letter.

### **Can I bring my spouse or partner to the Session?**

Participation in the IOAPA Session is strictly limited to those that have taken part in an official IOA session.

### **How many people participate in the IOAPA Session?**

Based in previous sessions attendance and in interest level for this year's Session we are expecting approx. 50 members to take part in the IOAPA Session in Olympia.

### **I can stay only during part of the session, is that possible?**

While we highly encourage for all participants to stay during the whole session, we understand that sometimes that is not possible. We will be able to accommodate partial stays at the IOA in Olympia. However please note that we cannot provide with transport between Athens and Olympia outside the IOAPA bus itinerary mentioned in the registration form.

### **I will not be able to catch the IOAPA bus for travelling between Athens and Olympia. Which are my options?**

By bus from Athens to Pyrgos and then from Pyrgos To Olympia

- Athens to Pyrgos. Costs of the trip approx. 25 Eur. Duration of the trip approx. 4 hours
- Pyrgos to Olympia. Costs of the trip 2,20 Eur. Duration of the trip approx. 40 min

Similar costs, duration and itinerary for the trip between Olympia and Athens by bus

By taxi between Athens and Olympia. Duration ca. 3:45 min. Costs of the trip ca: 150 Eur (one way) ; ca 300 Euros round trip.

Please note that this information is provided for informational purposes only and you are solely responsible for those travelling arrangements.

### **I do not have the financial means to attend the session can the IOAPA help me cover the costs?**

The IOAPA is in the process to award Hans Van Haute Scholarships to those that have applied for help before the March 15th application deadline. For anybody else that will not be recipient of a Hans Van Haute Scholarship, the IOAPA cannot cover any of the costs involved in the participations of the session.