

IOAPA 16th Session

June 17-22, 2019

IOAPA 2019 CONFERENCE REPORT



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1. 2019 SESSION PROGRAM



IOAPA SESSION 2019 PROGRAMME

Sunday, 16 June 2019 (arrival day)	
ACCOMMODATION IN ATHENS Participants are required to make their own reservations.	
Arrival of the participants	
20:00	Meeting at the Monastiraki Metro Station and Dinner at a restaurant near there (Athens)


Monday, 17 June 2019 (Day 1)	
08:00	Departure by bus to Olympia from Metaxourgeio Metro Station
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.
18:00	Welcome Address - Richard Koo
18:10	Introduction of participants
18:25	Historical Background - Laurel Iversen
18:40	Fostering Membership - Jordan Yar Lev and Caroline Bujold
19:00	Utilizing Partnerships with the IOA and other sport/Olympic Organisations - Richard Koo
19:30	Expectations for the IOAPA Session - Laurel Iversen
19:40	IOAPA Hosted Refreshments - Executive Committee
20:00	Dinner
21:00	"Olympic Quiz" (by Yarden Har Lev)

* Bar open until 21:00 (9pm)

Tuesday, 18 June 2019 (Day 2)	
06:45	Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)
08:15	Breakfast
09:00	Introduction to the IOAPA General Assembly by Richard Koo

09:15	IOAPA General Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	WORKSHOP - IOAPA Initiatives (IOAPA & Country initiatives) by Laurel Iversen
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Dance Workshop (by Elizabeth Hanley)
18:00	Basketball (by Mehra Neeraj Kumar)
20:00	Dinner
20:45	Evening Pool Party

* Bar closed from 15:00 to 18:00 (3pm to 6pm).

<u>Wednesday, 19 June 2019 (Day 3 day)</u>	
06:45	Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)
08:15	Breakfast
09:00	Academic Presentations & Follow-up Discussions by Participants
09:30	<i>Education for Peace</i> by Amaya Cobar Aura Beatriz
10:00	<i>A Hermeneutical Analysis of Olympism</i> by Rafael Mendoza González
10:30	<i>Olympic Values Education Programme as an Important Tool to Promote the Olympic Movement in Puerto Rico</i> by Natalia Ramirez Irizarry
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Academic Presentations & Follow-up Discussions by Participants
11:30	<i>International goal-oriented sport policy: approaches and first recommendation for the Olympic Movement</i> by Klaus Roland Krimmer
13:00	Forum – Olympic Sports Role in International Diplomacy (IOA Coordinators)
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Dance Workshop
18:00	Sport Activities or Pool
20:00	Dinner @ 

* Secretariat open from 07:00 to 15:00 (7am to 3pm)

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Thursday, 20 June 2019 (Day 4 day)	
06:45	Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)
08:15	Breakfast
09:00	Academic Presentations & Follow-up Discussions by Participants <i>Olympism and India</i> by Mehra Neeraj Kumar
09:30	<i>Lead the Change, Be the Change</i> by Yarden Har Lev
10:00	<i>Sports and Politics</i> by Srimal Wickremasinghe
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Academic Presentations & Follow-up Discussions by Participants <i>Comparing Pierre de Coubertin to Danish philosophers or sports promoters and how they influenced sports in the Danish school system</i> by Tove Stadil Thomassen
11:30	Nomination Procedures for Executive Board
13:00	Lunch
14:30	Free Afternoon
18:00	Sport Activities or Pool
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Social Evening & Hans van Haute Fundraising Auction

* Bar closed from 15:00 to 18:00 (3pm to 6pm).

* Secretariat open from 07:00 to 15:00 (7am to 3pm).

Friday, 21 June 2019 (Day 5)	
06:45	Morning Run or Tai Chi (optional)
08:15	Breakfast
09:00	Election of IOAPA Officers 2019-2021
10:30	Coffee Break
11:00	Summary of goals & priorities for 2019-2021 – Voting on “Action Plan 2019-2021”
12:00	Closing Remarks, Distribution of Diplomas & Closing Ceremony
13:00	Lunch
14:30	First meeting of the Executive Committee 2019-2021 Free afternoon for other participants
18:00	Sport Activities or Pool
20:00	Dinner
21:00	Group night out at Zorbas!!

* Bar closed from 15:00 to 18:00 (3pm to 6pm).

* Secretariat open from 07:00 to 15:00 (7am to 3pm)

Saturday, 22 June 2019 (Day 6)

07:00	Breakfast
08:00	Departure to Athens
12:45	Arrival at Athens Eleftherios Venizelos International Airport
14:00	Arrival in Central Athens, Metaxourgeio Metro Station
19:00	Meeting point Metaxourgeio Metro Station
20:00	Dinner at the Dean's House



2. SUMMARY

“Do what you love, love what you do, do what you love for as long as you love it” ...anonymous

This sums up the undying commitment of the attendees to the 30 – Year Anniversary Session of the IOAPA, which was held at the IOA premises in mid-June. Representing 16 countries, 22 participants journeyed to the place, which many have labeled “Second Home” for a rekindling of the Olympic Spirit. Many new members attended their first IOAPA Session, but the core of the association was well represented as well.

Although a somewhat small group, there was great energy and participation, as demonstrated in the election of five new people on the Executive Committee. The group was completely cohesive, making the most of the days of the session (one day shorter than usual due to scheduling).

Two Hans van Haute scholarships for the session were awarded to Natalie Ramirez Irizarty (PTR) and Roland Kremmer (GER). The Scholarship was started in 2001 and provides financial assistance to participants who might not otherwise be able to attend. Each recipient is required to prepare and present a paper at the session.

The Opening Session was filled with IOA and IOAPA protocol, three open forums on an Introduction and History of the Association, Fostering Membership and Utilizing Partnerships, and the ever-popular Olympic Quiz facilitated by Yarden Har Lev (ISR). For all of the expertise in Olympic matters, it was found that there is more to learn! The first session concluded with refreshments hosted by the Executive Committee.

In the succeeding days, the group dispensing with the General Assembly and dived right into a Workshop on IOAPA Initiatives and Country Coordinators. Working groups were formed and ideas were reported back to the assembly. A new initiative from Richard Koo (CAN) and Caroline Bujold (CAN) was brought before the members. *This memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) sets out the terms of collaboration in the delivery of Olympic Education programs between the Canadian Olympic Committee (“COC”) and International Olympic Academy Participants Association (“IOAPA”).* Details are being worked out and if successful, the MOU could be a template for other NOC’s and NOA’s.

Unable to secure a guest speaker, the Executive Committee encouraged more presentations by members and each day’s meeting was punctuated by the varying reports of members’ activities in their countries or their area of expertise.

Nomination procedures for the election of the Executive Committee and the various duties of the positions were discussed. A few days between nominations and elections helped members prepare for the elections.

The excellent timing of the session following the IOA Young Participant's Session facilitated the attendance of six coordinators who stayed on in Olympia. Five of those coordinators, Richard Koo (CAN), Xavier Jeannin (FRA), Yarden Har Lev (ISR), Rafael Mendoza (MEX), and Johathan Ruwuya (ZIM) presented a workshop in direct correlation to the theme of the YP Session, *Sport and International Diplomacy*. This was a fantastic opportunity for them and for the group to gain insight into the academic discussions of the preceding IOA Session.

Election of the new Executive Committee took place on the last day of the session. The outgoing committee was praised and by the members present for an outstanding two years of service and continued dedication to the IOAPA. The new Executive committee was elected.

Richard Koo (CAN)	President
Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA)	Vice President
Caroline Bujold (CAN)	Secretary
Ulrich Rosen (GER)	Treasurer
Yarden Har Lev (ISR)	Newsletter Editor
Xavier Jeannin (FRA)	Marketing Officer
Fabio Silva (POR)	Internet Coordinator *
Omnia Fakhry Draz (EGY)	Head of Country Coordinators
Neeraj Kumar Mehra (IND)	Research Coordinator
George Margaritis (GRE)	IOA Liaison
Hector Arguelles (SPA)	Past President

* The position of Internet coordinator was filled during the first Executive Committee Meeting.

Once again, the IOAPA Hans van Haute Scholarship Auction brought a number of interesting items. The fierce bidding and competitive nature of the group raised more than 300 Euro for the fund.

The days were filled with meetings of the IOAPA in the mornings, afternoons spent in the dance workshop (Elizabeth Hanley (USA)) and evenings socializing.

The traditional Pool Party of the IOAPA was one of the best in memory as well as the dinner at Magna Grecia, and evenings under the stars at Zorba's and on the cafeteria steps.

The IOAPA thanks the Euphoria of the IOA and the staff of the academy for their support. The rekindling of the Olympic Spirit, of old friendships, and the cultivation of new friendships in the idyllic and spiritual setting of Ancient Olympia and the familiar sensations of the IOA cannot be understated.

Respectfully Submitted:

Laurel Brassey Iversen, OLY

IOAPA Vice President



3. OPENING SESSION

3.1 PARTICIPANT LIST

First Name	Last Name	Country
Aura Beatriz	Amaya Cobar	Spain
Laurel	Brassey Iversen	United States
Caroline	Bujold	Canada
Jim	Carrabre	Canada
Omnia	Fakhry Draz	Egypt
Lucia	Giamberardino	Argentina
Elizabeth	Hanley	United States
Yarden	Har Lev	Israel
Xavier	Jeannin	France
Richard	Koo	Canada
Roland	Krimmer	Germany
George	Margaritis	Greece
Neeraj Kumar	Mehra	India
Rafael	Mendoza González	Mexico
Natalia	Ramirez Irizarry	Puerto Rico
Ulrich	Rosen	Germany
Jonathan	Ruwuya	Zimbabwe
Armen	Sarkisian	Uruguay
Glen	Sefcik	United States
Tove	Stadil Thomassen	Denmark
Kostas	Vasileiou	Greece
Srimal	Wickremasinghe	United Kingdom

3. OPENING SESSION

3.2. OLYMPIC QUIZ

The Olympic Quiz at IOAPA Session 2019 was produced and led by **Yarden Har Lev** (ISR). This year the quiz dealt with women and Olympic sports, which included 3 stages as follows:

LEVEL – 1	
How many colors are there on the Olympic flag?	6
What is the name of the only Egypt athlete who participated in the Winter Olympic Games (1984) for his country?	Jamil El Reedy
In which Olympic games did delegates from all five continents participate for the first time?	Stockholm 1912
What was the first Olympic Games in which each delegation included at least one female athlete?	London 2012
For a period of time, in which team sport was India dominant in the Olympics?	Field hockey
From 1896 to present day, how many presidents of the International Olympic Committee have there been?	9
The Canadian athlete Clara Hughes is best known for what accomplishment?	Winning Olympic medals in both winter and summer OG
In which Olympic Games did Argentina's men's team win the gold medal in basketball?	Athens 2004
What is the name of the first official Olympic mascot?	Waldi
In which Olympic Games did the delegation from Israel include more female than male athletes?	Rio 2016
In which of these sports has Denmark won the most Olympic medals?	Sailing
Between which span of Olympic Games were medals awarded in art competitions?	Stockholm 1912 – London 1948
How many Olympic medals has Uruguay won until present?	10
Rio 2016 was the first time that a female athlete from Puerto Rico won an Olympic medal. In which sport did she win gold?	Tennis
What is the oldest men's Olympic record in an athletics discipline that is part of the current Olympic program?	Long jump
In which Olympic Games was there no Olympic champion in the women's 100 meters due to admitting to steroid use?	Sydney 2000

LEVEL – 1

Women's football was added to the Olympic program in 1996, which three countries have won gold medals?	USA, Norway, Germany
Who is the most decorated athlete in the history of the Winter Olympic Games?	Marit Bjorgan (NOR)
When was the first time that a woman lit the Olympic Cauldron at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games?	Mexico City 1968
Which American female athlete was awarded the Rio 2016 Fair Play Award for her sportsmanship during the Games?	Abbey D'Agostino

LEVEL – 2

(BASED ON THREE SHORT VIDEO-CLIPS)

MOVIE NO. 1

Who are the female Judokas in this video and which countries did they represent?	Yael Arad, Israel; Catherine Fleury, France
As seen in the video, in which Olympic Games did they participate?	Barcelona 1992
Which medal did each of them win at the end of this competition?	Catherine Fleury, Gold; Yael Arad, Silver
When was women's judo added to the Olympic program?	Barcelona 1992

MOVIE NO. 2

Who are the female Fencers in this video and which countries did they represent?	Ilona Elek, Hungary; Helene Mayer, Germany
As seen in the video, in which Olympic Games did they participate?	Berlin 1936
Who was the winner of this competition?	Ilona Elek
What was the unique historical achievement attributed to the winner of this competition?	The first female fencer to win two Olympic gold medals as well as the first to win gold medals before and after the World War II

LEVEL – 2

(BASED ON THREE SHORT VIDEO-CLIPS)

MOVIE NO. 3

Which two volleyball teams are seen in this video?	Japan and Soviet Union
In which Olympic Games did they participate?	Tokyo 1964
Which team won this match and what was the result?	Japan, 3-0
What is the unique historical feature of this tournament?	The first women's volleyball tournament at the Olympics

LEVEL – 3

As a part of the IOC policy for gender equality, list 10 sports for women (not disciplines) that have been added to the Olympic program from Sydney 2000 to Tokyo 2020.

BMX racing, Bobsleigh, Boxing, Karate, Marathon swimming, Modern pentathlon, Rugby sevens, Skateboarding, Skeleton, Ski jumping, Sport climbing, Surfing, Taekwondo, Trampoline, Triathlon, Water polo, Weightlifting, Wrestling

Links to movie no.1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvBAJ2EaiRU>

Links to movie no.2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YU9RThycbw>

Links to movie no.3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coM7vkwh3js&t=54s>



4. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA

IOAPA SESSION 2019 IOAPA General Assembly

AGENDA

1. President's Opening Remarks
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Activity Reports by IOAPA Executive Committee Members
4. Update on IOAPA Accounts, Financial and Greek Taxation Issues
5. Update on the HVH Fund
6. Discharge of IOAPA Executive Committee Members
7. IOAPA Elections: Procedure & Positions
8. Proposed Action Plan 2019-2021
9. Election Panel & Daily Chairs
10. Miscellaneous



5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

5.1. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

5.1.1. President's Report - Richard Koo (CAN)

Dear Members,

During the 2017-2019 term of IOAPA Executive Committee, we continued making progress in two key areas – modernisation of our administrative practices, and building on our outreach to potential partner organisations to further facilitate networking and learning opportunities for our members.

On the administrative and governance front, progress was made in several key areas. The issues we have had with our frozen bank accounts in Greece have finally been resolved after many years of frustration. We have also resolved the issue of back taxes that were owed by the organisation dating back to 2011. I want to make a special acknowledgement to Treasurer Sandy Stathopoulou for her tireless work on this file over these many years.

On governance, we conducted a review of all positions on the EC, with the goal of modernising the job descriptions to better fit the current roles and requirements of the organisation. Specifically, the positions involving communications to our members (newsletter editor, marketing, internet) were revised to provide efficiencies in content generation in the current era of social media. Positions involving senior officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary-General, Treasurer) were revised to reflect current responsibilities.

The second key area the EC was to build on outreach and engagement. Over the course of this term I accepted invitations to conferences in India and speaking opportunities at a university in Chinese Taipei, aiming to build relationships and a presence for the organisation outside of the membership. We have also been working with the IOA Journal to ensure that IOAPA content appears in every edition, furthering our presence to interested readers and subscribers within the Olympic movement.

On a strategic level, we have been examining potential partnerships with other organisations to further leverage learning and sharing opportunities in the field of Olympic education. We continue to cultivate our existing partnerships with on the education side with the IOA, Pierre de Coubertin Society and the International Society of Historians. More recently however, we have been working with the Canadian

Olympic Committee to draft a proposed memorandum of understanding that would promote sharing of their education programs to our membership. If this pilot agreement is successful, we would hope to replicate the MOU model with more NOCs and NOAs to further facilitate the sharing of best practices in the Olympic education space.

Finally, our membership is strong, having far surpassed our annual target of 50 new members with close to 70 new registrations in 2018, and an average of 53.5 new members from 2017-2019. Reunions in Pyeongchang (thanks to our partners at Canada Olympic House) as well as an informal gathering at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires were well received. These major events helped drive interest in our organisation and also contributed to the record-setting new registration levels in that year.

In closing, I wish to once again acknowledge the tireless efforts of our Executive Committee 2017-2019 for their work in supporting our organisation and our members as we continue to live the values and experiences of the IOA in our daily lives. It has been a pleasure once again working with you as your president, and I wish everyone success as we continue to move the association and Olympism forward around the world.

Regards,
Richard Koo
IOAPA President 2017-2019

5.1.2. Vice-President's Report - Kostas Vasileiou (GRE)

Dear Olympic friends,

Firstly, I would like to thank all the IOAPA Members and the Members of the IOAPA Board, for their co-operation and support for the period 2017-2019.

Those are my main activities as Vice President.

- Production and editing of the IOAPA 2017 IOAPA's Report. You can find the report to our official website.
- Secure of number of Accreditation Cards to our Members by the Hellenic Olympic Committee, in order to attend and join the unique experience of the

Lighting Ceremony of the Olympic Flame in Ancient Olympia for the Winter Olympics 2018.

- Presentation of the IOAPA work during the Session for Directors of the National Olympic Academies.
- Support to the President and the other members of the Board for the period 2017-2019.
- Support to the members worldwide that needed my assistance for IOA, Olympia and Greece.
- Organization of the biannual IOAPA Session in Olympia for June 2019. (Management, logistics, programme etc).

Yours in Olympism,

Kostas Vasileiou
IOAPA Vice President 2017-19

5.1.3. Secretary's Report - Daniele Nati (ITA)

5.1.4 Treasurer's Report - Sandy Stathopoulou (GRE)

Hereby I would like to report about the activities as IOAPA Secretary (with Treasurer responsibilities) between July 2017 and June 2019.

Overall

- We have almost no costs and a constant income due to memberships. Basically, we have a constant income over 1000 Euro and yearly costs around 500, mostly one reunion and minor expenses.
- 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 ongoing. The funds transferred from the Greek to the German bank account allowed operations to happen. 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.
- We have a good development in membership fees. Income of the past years was:
 - o 1540,63 (2017)
 - o 2521,24 (2018)
 - o 302,44 (2019, until June 1st)

Euro respectively.

- 2018 was a record high with 67 new members and more than 2500 Euro membership fees, also due to the successful reunion in PyeongChang.
- 2019, June 1st, we have the following amounts on the bank accounts:
 - o 11976,36 Euro on German bank account
 - o 4670,82 on the Greek bank account
 - o 3646,40 Euro on Paypal
 - o Obviously, we need to pay for the expenses for the upcoming IOAPA Session.

Memberships

Here are the figures on memberships between 2009 and 2019 (June 1st):

-	Amount Paid	Memberships	Paid	Not paid	Amount open
2019	302,44	8	8	0	0
2018	2521,2	67	67	0	0
2017	1540,6	40	40	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
	10195	420	332	87	3290

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 way 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 at the next IOAPA Session.
- **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 will transfer 1/3 of the money in Germany to the account of the next treasurer. The rest will be transferred to Paypal (1/3) as well as to the Greek account (1/3). **Please provide me with the bank details of the new elected treasurer by June 30th, 2019.** If I do not get a name, I will transfer all the money to the Paypal Account of IOAPA as default.
- I also need the post address of the new treasurer, to send the documents related to the position.
- Consider implementing the Canadian NOA model (membership paid by the NOA as part of IOA session costs and automatic membership for all participants) to other NOAs.

Sincerely,
Daniele

Notes from Sandy Stathopoulou (taken from minutes of most recent EC meeting):

Taxation issues of IOAPA in Greece and bank account re-activation:

Sandy: So far, I have paid a fine of 102,40 euros for delayed submission of tax declaration for IOAPA for the previous year. I have given all details regarding IOAPA to the accountant and she has started working on tax declarations for previous years. She will soon answer me whether there are more fines to pay to the tax authorities or not.

Sandy: The bank account is re-activated (before submission of the tax slip)! Regarding the taxation issues, I am waiting for news from the accountant. As soon as she concludes submission of tax declarations, I will let you know.

5.1.5 Newsletter Editor's Report - Yarden Har Lev (ISR)

In 2017, I was elected to the position of the Arete Newsletter Editor for a period of two years. I knew in advance that this is a challenging and very demanding role that can be quite time-consuming, while on the other hand it would give me a lot of satisfaction in the process of initial planning, editing content, writing articles, demonstrating creativity in the design of every edition and getting know deeply with people, researchers and stakeholders in the Olympic movement.

The main goal as the Arete Newsletter Editor is to be responsible for collecting and editing the news and announcements of the association, which shall be disseminated at least three times per year. Moreover, a significant part of the editor role is to recruit IOAPA member for writing articles as well as to encourage them to share their activities in promoting the Olympic ideals worldwide. In addition, the Newsletter Editor work closely with the Executive Board according the area of each position. I would like to use this platform to thank in particular to Richard Koo (CAN), Caroline Bujold (CAN) and Héctor Argüelles (ESP) for your consistent support in all the editions of the Arete Newsletter over the past two years.

Since I was elected, in total 5 editions were released. First, I created a new design and layout for the newsletter so that it can be more attractive and appealing. Then, for each edition I looked for including relevant content, news and opportunities according to the IOAPA activities, IOA Sessions and important events in the Olympic Movement, such as the Olympic Games. During my first term, I contacted a number of people to contribute the newsletter and the compliance was very good. Moreover, last year, I had the privilege of acting as a coordinator at YPS2018. As editor of the newsletter, I took the opportunity when I was around 200 young people from all over the world to find interesting stories, which could be published, in the summer edition as well as recruit new IOAPA members through their involvement in the newsletter. In fact, I returned home with materials for 3 editions. Also, during my time in Olympia, I came up with ideas for new sections that might upgrade the quality of the newsletter, such as Olympic poems and interviews with Olympic athletes. The feedback I received has been positive and therefore I decided this year to keep this strategy because I aspire to continue as Arete Newsletter Editor in the next two years.

On this occasion, I would like to THANK all contributors and all readers of the Arete Newsletter. It has been a real pleasure for me!

Yours in Olympism,
Yarden Har Lev

5.1.6. Internet Coordinator's Report - Caroline Bujold (CAN)

It has been my pleasure for the past four years to act as Internet Coordinator.

First and foremost, I would like to thank Ansen Sligar (ISV) for his continued work with us on anything related to technologies. I would also like to thank Ekaterina Gorokhova (RUS) who took over our new Instagram account. Thank you both for your continued support.

There are three main responsibilities to this job:

1. Communicate regularly with members (call for papers, upcoming events, scholarships, volunteer or job opportunities, news. etc.);
2. Maintain our website, mailing list and database;
3. Set up registrations for our Sessions and Reunions.

To do so, we use many platforms to communicate news and opportunities to our members: our website, our Newsletter, regular emails as well as social media (mainly Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). All Executive Committee Members contribute to various degrees in gathering the information we regularly publish. We also try to encourage online discussions on social media through our Facebook group.

Maintenance of our platforms is also very important, as it contributes to our members' experience and is our first contact with potential members.

To recruit new members, presentations are done at the different IOA Sessions (see marketing report). We also send an introduction email to Youth Session Participants to invite them to join the IOAPA.

This year, a Communications Sub-Committee was formed to revise all our promotion and marketing duties and activities. The following actions were taken following the conclusion of the meeting:

- Promotion opportunities identified;
- Materials updated;
- Roles and responsibilities refined;
- Research Coordinator becomes Research and Partnerships Coordinator.

FUTURE TASKS:

Mailchimp account: We have 1063 people on our mailing list, but only 846 subscribers. That means that there are 217 email addresses are not working. The List should be cleaned by reaching out through other means (social media or other) with the members.

GDRP and Privacy Policy: Finalize updating GDRP + Privacy Policy for IOAPA.

Caroline Bujold

5.1.7 Head of Country Coordinators' Report - Alberto Aragon Perez (ESP)

First of all, I must start my report of the assumed tasks as IOAPA Country Coordinator apologizing for my lack of activity in the last months. I was elected for this position in July 2017 for a period of two years. However, I was not able lately to continue with my responsibilities due to personal reasons and, mostly, because of the changes that I lived last autumn: PhD defense, new job and I moved to a different city.

Anyway, I consider that my role was properly developed since the assumption of the position until Summer of 2018. For this reason, I am going to summarize in this report the main tasks that the still current Country Coordinator carried out:

- Creation of a database with all the participants in every IOA session since 1961. In order to provide accurate data to national representatives with potential and current IOAPA members from her/his country, this database allows to filter chronologically and by nations.
- Correspondence with previous country representatives, after reviewing all the documents produced by Vita Balsyte, in order to ask them if they wanted to prorogate their position as national representatives until summer 2019.
- Exchange of emails with Vita, for a transfer of knowledge on this position.
- Creation of a database with national representatives, following the guidelines established by Vita.
- Recruitment of new national representatives' due different methods and approaches. Between summers of 2017 and 2018, there are almost 30 new representatives. Communication with them via email or Skype (in some cases, in live) for explaining their role and, which is more important, for exchanging ideas and ways to implement good and affordable objectives according to each national scenario.
- New version of the IOAPA National Representatives Guidebook, which contains the main facts and explanations on this role.
- Frequent communication with the IOAPA President, Richard Koo, for debating ideas and for proposing ways to implement the role and participation of the national representatives.
- Collaboration (in a first phase) for the development of the IOAPA Reunion in Buenos Aires.
- Constant communication with the IOAPA Editor, Jordan Har Lev, for giving visibility to the position of national representative in ARETE.
- Creation of an online chat (via Google Docs) for creating a network of IOAPA national representatives, in order to exchange ideas, activities and experiences. Unfortunately, despite the potential of this idea, was not well supported by me after summer.

Best regards,
Alberto Aragón-Pérez, SPAIN
IOAPA Country Coordinator

5.1.8. IOA Liaison's Report - Panagiotis Trikaliotis (GRE)

To be honest I do not feel like I did anything special these 2 years, however I can assure you that we have the support of the IOA President and Honorary Dean for our initiatives and activities. Furthermore, we have the support of the IOA staff who advocate for our presence at the Academy.



5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

5.2. HANS VAN HAUTE SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT COMMITTEE

HANS VAN HAUTE SCHOLARSHIP 2019 REPORT

The 2019 HvH Scholarship Committee consisted of Elizabeth Hanley (USA), Chair; Jordan Har Lev (ISR); and Kostas Vasileiou (GRE). Our committee met via email and Hanley also communicated with Daniel Nati (ITA), Secretary; Richard Koo (CAN), President); and Caroline Bujold (CAN), Internet Coordinator to keep them informed throughout the process. Four applications were received by the deadline of 17 April 2019: Natalie I. Ramirez-Irizarty (PTR), Muharam Mchume (TAN), Neeraj Kumar Mehra (IND) and Roland Krimmer (GER)

Applicants were informed that a decision would be made by the end of April. All application information was forwarded to Har Lev and Vasileiou for their evaluation. Decisions were made on Monday 29 April and Hanley sent emails to the awardees. The following award decisions were made by the committee: #1 to Natalia I. Ramirez-Irizarty (PTR) and #2 Muharam Mchume (TAN). #3 was Roland Krimmer (GER) and #4 was Neeraj Kumar Mehra. All four applicants presented outstanding applications! Natalia I. Ramirez-Irizarty accepted the HvH Scholarship award as did Muharam Mchume. Due to economic restraints, Muharam had to decline. Roland Krimmer (GER) accepted the scholarship and attended the session.

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 brief existence, the fund has offered assistance to:

- 2 persons: 2003, 2013, 2017, and 2019 IOAPA sessions
- 1 person: 2009 and 2015 IOAPA sessions

Elizabeth A. Hanley (USA), Chair HvH Scholarship Committee
Yarden Har Lev (ISR)
Kostas Vasileiou (GRE)

5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS

5.3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICER'S DUTIES, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION PROCEDURES FUND REPORT COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS' DUTIES, NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES

From Statutes Article 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.

From Statutes Article 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:

1. President;
2. Vice-president/IOAPA Chair;
3. Secretary;
4. Treasurer;
5. IOA Liaison Officer;
6. Newsletter Editor;
7. Internet/Website Coordinator;
8. Head of Country & Regional Coordinators;
9. Marketing Officer; and
10. Research Coordinator.

From IOAPA Statutes Article 14: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS DUTIES

The President shall mainly be responsible for:

1. The convocation, together with the Secretary, of the Executive Committee as well as the General Assembly meetings;
2. The execution of the Executive Committee as well as the General Assembly decisions;

3. 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.
4. The Vice-president shall substitute the President when the latter is absent or impeded and shall be 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.

From IOAPA Statutes Article 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.

From IOAPA Statutes Article 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.

VOTING PROCEDURE ANNEX - Approved at IOAPA General Assembly 2011

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.
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.

QUORUM MOTION- Approved at IOAPA General Assembly 2011

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.

6. PROPOSED IOAPA ACTION PLAN 2019 - 2021

CORE DELIVERABLES & PRIORITIES 2019 - 2021

- Ensure proper membership services
- Increase new membership registrations – target: 50 New Members per year
- Internet presence (social media platforms)
- Solve all financial and taxation pending issues
- Create an effective network of Country Coordinators
- Communications: Arete Newsletter (3-4 times a year, news items on website, info via mailgroup)
- Support efforts to build maintain strong links between IOA initiatives and IOAPA members / IOA Past Participants, as well as other partners
- IOAPA Reunion at Tokyo Olympics 2020, as well as other less formal gathering at YOG and other Games
- Preparation of an attractive IOAPA Session in 2021

POSITION	ACTIVITIES & Key Tasks
PRESIDENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervise the strategy and the work of all Executive Committee Members • Follow-up with tasks • Communicate with the IOA (and other organisations) at a higher level • Represent the IOAPA in various meetings • Monitor international developments and propose actions where necessary • Coordinate the organisation of the IOAPA reunion in Tokyo 2020 (in coordination with the Vice President) • seek out official partnerships with other related organisations and develop strategic plans to develop official collaborations with partner organisations, with assistance from the Research and Partnerships Officer
VICE-PRESIDENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the President in his/her duties • Coordinate the organisation of the IOAPA session 2021, report on the event • Coordinate the organisation of IOAPA reunion in Tokyo 2020 (in coordination with the President)

SECRETARY GENERAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise Executive Committee Online Meetings • Minutes-keeping • Draft working documents as necessary • Reconcile Greek Taxation and other legal issues affecting IOAPA • General assistance to other tasks
TREASURER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive membership payments (confirming with Internet Coordinator) • Prepare an annual budget and a budget for the IOAPA Session and other events (e.g. Reunion) • Make all payments to all suppliers • Coordinate with the Bank when necessary • Take care of taxation issues (in cooperation with other ExCom Members e.g. Secretary or IOA Liaison Officer)
NEWSLETTER EDITOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release 3-4 editions per year • Coordinate publication of content/article for the IOA Journal • Propose news items for the website • Propose info to be relayed via the mailgroup and social media (in cooperation with Internet Coordinator)
INTERNET OFFICER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm new members to the mailing list, assist members with technical issues • Manage membership database, update country of origin fields (with cooperation of Head of Country Coordinators) • Regularly update the website and add news items • Manage social media communications with regular postings
RESEARCH AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor international sporting industry and identify relevant opportunities (job openings, internships, studentships, volunteerism opportunities, etc.) • Send the info to Internet Coordinator and Newsletter Editor for posting via mailgroup/ website / social media / Newsletter • Assist the President in initiating efforts to build and maintain strong relationships with partner organisations such as WOA, NOAs and other relevant partners.

HEAD OF COUNTRY COORDINATORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update the list of country coordinators and maintain contact with them • Identify Country Coordinators • Encourage them to organise initiatives/ contribute to the Newsletter • Assist with identification of country of origin of all members (in cooperation with Internet Coordinator), provide country-specific lists of members to Country Coordinators
MARKETING OFFICER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative thinking on how to attract new Members • Take the lead on producing gifts/handouts to Members/participants • Reviser Powerpoint Presentations, videos, leaflets etc. and introduce the IOAPA to participants during IOA Official Sessions (in collaboration with IOA Liaison).
IOA LIAISON OFFICER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main contact with the IOA • Coordinate / assist in all Greek-based activities • Ensure and schedule IOAPA presence / presentation at each official IOA Session (for the purposes of membership recruitment) (in collaboration with Marketing Officer). • Assistance with the organisation of IOAPA Session 2020
PAST PRESIDENT (NON-VOTING MEMBER)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counsel the current Executive Committee, especially the president



7. IOAPA & COUNTRY COORDINATOR 'NOAPA' INITIATIVES WORKSHOP

IOAPA INITIATIVES AND COUNTRY COORDINATORS (NOAPA) INITIATIVES

- IOAPA document available on our website for Country Coordinators
- Country Coordinators also receive an official letter confirming their status that they can present to their NOC and/or NOA to introduce themselves
- Country Coordinators can send the IOAPA Session Report to their NOC/NOA as information and part of their plan.
- The Session Report is usually ready and sent to members a few months after the Session.
- Create local IOAPA (National IOAPA) - Create a Committee that is engaged with past participants.

PREPARATION OF YOUNG PARTICIPANTS FOR THE YPS

- Some Country Coordinator are able to participate in the preparation of YP before they attend the IOA.
- The Handbook has been updated for the preparation of the YP for their Session.
- Talk about to YP participants about the IOAPA before they go to the IOA.
- Some NOC/NOA even pay for their membership.

THE ROLE OF THE IOAPA COUNTRY COORDINATOR

- The Country Coordinators are nominated, not elected.
- Some are recognized by their NOC/NOA, but they need to introduce themselves. Others have no connection with their NOC/NOA.
- Country Coordinators should give some thought to what they want to do in this position and develop a plan to present to their NOC/NOA, explaining what they can do to collaborate with their organization.
- Omnia Fakhry Draz (EGY) - Suggestion: IOAPA could have regional/continental coordinators, by language (Arabic, Spanish, etc.) and/or by region (Africa, South-America, etc.).
- Jordan Har Lev (ISR) - Maybe the role needs to be reformulated.
- Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA) - Suggestion to have a Sub-Committee to define the Head of Country Coordinators better.
- (GRE) - Suggestion to have two coordinators that have an alternate two-year mandate, so the new coordinator, can learn from the present coordinator for

one year and take the lead on year two.

- It would be great if the IOA would communicate the names and role of the IOAPA and country coordinators to NOC/NOAs. The Executive Committee would have to communicate with the IOA President to get this moved forward.
- Members Jordan, Omnia, Neeraj, George discussed the definition and the role of the Head of Countries Coordinators and came up with recommendations below:

Redefine:

1. *Role (qualities and responsibilities) of the Head of Countries Coordinators, Continentals Coordinators, Countries Coordinators.*
2. *Organizational structure.*
3. *Guidelines for the positions and the workflow of the mechanism.*
4. *Setting goals and regulation for the positions.*
5. *Link between the board and the Continentals & Countries Coordinators.*

Crate:

1. *Platform for networking (must be on-line and available for all the members).*
2. *Sub-committee: Head of Countries Coordinators and 5 Continentals Coordinators (3-4 on-line meetings a year).*



8. PRESENTATIONS BY THE PARTICIPANTS

- *A Hermeneutical Analysis of Olympism*
Rafael Mendoza Gonzales (MEX)
- *Education for Peace*
Aura Beatriz Amaya Cobar (ELS)
- *Olympism Values Promotion Tool*
Natalie Ramirez Irizarry (PTR)
- *Olympism the Danish Way*
Tove Thomassen (DEN)
- *Lead the Change, Be the Change*
Yarden Har Lev (ISR)
- *International Goal-Oriented Sport Policy: Approaches and Recommendation for the Olympic Movement*
Klaus Roland Krimmer (GER)
- *Olympism and India*
Neeraj Kumar Mehra (IND)
- *Sports and Politics*
Srimal Wickremasinghe (SRI)



9. ACTIVITIES

DANCE WORKSHOP: Greek and Latin Dance – Elizabeth Hanley (USA)

SPORT: Morning Tai Chi – Uli Rosen (GER)
Morning Run – Richard Koo (CAN)

EVENING EVENTS: Pool Party – Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA), Richard Koo (CAN)
Dinner in Floka – Magna Grecia
Dinner in Athens – Dean Kostas Georgiadis

SOCIAL EVENING: Dance Workshop Presentations and HvH Scholarship Auction



10. SESSION FINAL ACCOUNTING

FINAL ACCOUNTS

IOAPA Session Reconciliation				HVH reconciliation		
Item	Revenue	Costs	Notes	Item	Revenue	Costs
IOA accommodation		€ 4,691.20		Registration income	€ 130.00	
IOA Bus		€ 1,413.60		HvH scholarship accommodation		€ 446.40
Registrations via Paypal / cash	€ 5,993.08			HvH cash award		€ 200.00
HvH donations at registration		€ 130.00		HvH Auction	€ 307.00	
Taxi to Magna Grecia		€ 50.00				
Opening Ceremony Drinks		€ 50.00				
Sangria Party		€ 77.00				
HvH scholarship accomodation		€ (446.40)	Paid out of HvH fund			
Photographer		€ 273.00				
Magna Grecia subsidy		€ 40.00				
Wreaths		€ 90.00				
Bus income	€ 30.00					
Column totals	€ 6,023.08	€ 6,368.40		Column totals	€ 437.00	€ 646.40
Net Income (loss)		€ (345.32)		Net Income (loss)		€ (209.40)

