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EDITORIAL

Yarden Har Lev (ISR)



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to December 2022 issue of the Arete Newsletter!

Recently the IOAPA Executive Committee took the decision to split the Biennial IOAPA Session into two parts. The first part will be online and will consist of the Business Meeting and Virtual Election of new officers. As you can see on pages 12-14, we provided useful information about the IOAPA on-line portion of the Session, the in-person Olympia Session and application process for the Hans van Haute Scholarship. The dates for each session will be confirmed in early January.

In this edition, you can read a variety of interesting articles such as a summary of eventful days in Olympia at the International Olympic Academy by the **Roland Krimmer**; an inspirational article about the night class on the marble steps of the Academy by **Laurel Brassey Iversen**; an important piece of information regarding prevention of competition manipulation by **Jacqueline Simoneau**; and Olympic education resources of the Canadian Olympic Committee. In addition, follow up on recent IOAPA news and opportunities collected by Research Coordinator **Julien Buhajezuk**. We wish to keep you updated always.

I would like to encourage you all, dear IOAPA members, to take an active role in our association. Make your voice heard and let all your Olympic friends know about your passionate work for the Olympic Movement, whether it is by writing articles for the newsletter, attending IOAPA Sessions or sharing Olympic knowledge with others. **We look forward to your contribution.**

Please do not miss our next edition scheduled for Spring 2023; note that the submission deadline for articles is February 28. Finally, I would like to thank all those who contributed to the production of this newsletter.

Have a successful new year and happy reading!

With Olympic regards,

Yarden Har Lev

Arete Newsletter Editor

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Richard Koo (CAN)



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Dear IOAPA members and readers of Arete:

As we come to the end of 2022, we have much to be thankful for and even more to look forward to as we prepare to welcome 2023. From a successful Olympic Winter Games in Beijing to the reopening of in-person sessions at the IOA, we are beginning to see the resumption of gatherings around the world after the height of the COVID-19 crisis.

Yet there is also still much concern for the safety of millions around the world, and we continue to keep the people under the threat of war or persecution around the world in our thoughts.

As we look forward to 2023, IOAPA will continue its mission to bring more IOA alumni together, first with news of the upcoming 18th IOAPA Session. From the innovations we brought during the pandemic, we are excited to announce a two-part Session incorporating both the immensely successful online meeting first piloted in 2021 as well as our traditional in-person session at the IOA campus in Olympia.

As part of this expanded program, we will also be launching the call for applications this month for the Hans van Haute Scholarship, which for the first time ever will include funding for both accommodation and flights for the chosen recipient and furthering our ongoing commitment to increasing access to the session. I would once again like to thank the generous support of our friends at Agriturismo Magna Grecia for making this initiative possible.

There will be many other announcements in the weeks ahead, but in the meantime, I would like to wish you all a peaceful and joyous holiday season, and a happy and healthy 2023.

Yours in Olympism,

Richard Koo

IOAPA President

Eventful Days in Olympia at the International Olympic Academy

Roland Krimmer (GER)

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A new format awaited nearly one hundred students, professors and teachers over seven days at the cradle of the Olympic Education and Movement - Olympia. The journey of this year's educational program of the German Olympic Academy (DOA) started from the capital city of Greece, Athens to Olympia via Corinth and Epidauros and then returning to Athens via Delphi.

For the very first time, the event was aimed at the traditional "Teacher Training" but also included the traditional "Olympic Seminar" for students and professors from different universities which were launched in 1992 respectively in 1999.

To begin, there was a visit to the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first modern Olympic Games in 1896 and the so-called "Second International Games in Athens" in 1906 took place. The DOA team welcomed teachers from all over Germany and students plus professors from eight universities - Augsburg, Göttingen, Leipzig, Mainz, Marburg and Regensburg, as well as Ludwigsburg and Cologne. The guided tours through the ancient sites of Epidauros, Olympia and Delphi were given by Prof. Dr. Manfred Laemmer, Deputy Chairman of the DOA, and Dr. Ansgar Molzberger from the Institute for Sports History of the German Sport University Cologne. Prof. Dr. Manfred Laemmer emphasized the inspiring effect of the historical sites as they connect with the ancient cult and competition sites. These were certainly the outstanding highlights of the educational seminar. Additionally, the visits gave all participants a unique insight into Greek sport and sacred festival culture.

The hotspot of the educational trip was the recently redesigned International Olympic Academy in Olympia. The scholars were offered a varied program over four intense days, which had specific themes like "The Olympic Movement between the Idea of Peace and Political Reality", "Human Rights and the Olympic Games", "Governance and Economy" and "Olympics and Ecological Sustainability". The icings on the cakes of this extraordinary seminar were the guest lectures by Prof. Angela Schneider (Western University, Canada), Helen Gampper (LOC European Championships 2022) and Georgina Grenon (LOC Paris 2024). But also, the seminars, discussions, pros and cons debates as well as explanatory videos were very well prepared by the students and their professors. Parallel to the program of the universities, six workshops were offered especially for teachers. Among other things, they dealt with the DOA's teaching materials "Olympia ruft: Mach mit!", with fair play in sport and future scenarios of the Olympic Movement. The aim was to gain an understanding of Olympic education in order to transfer this knowledge into the classroom.

Night Class on the Marble Steps

Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA)

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As an IOA participant in 1986, I was inspired to rekindle the Olympic Flame that was extinguish by the 1980 Boycott. I returned to competition and ultimately participated in the Seoul Olympic Games. That first experience at the IOA proved a pivotal point in my life and was the beginning of a great love affair with the IOA. As an elite athlete I felt a deep connection to the birthplace of the noble ideals of Olympism. During that first session, Professor Nissiotis encouraged us to form an alumni organization for the IOA. I was a founding member and the first President of the IOAPA which has existed ever since.

I returned to Olympia 18 times in 23 years as a coordinator and IOAPA member, each time easily transitioning from my normal life into the idyllic surroundings of the Academy. Olympia is like a second skin, with her perfect fit. Wrapped in her embrace, we shared unforgettable experiences and formed enduring friendships.

Many of my best memories took place on the Marble Steps. A “Great Cultural Exchange” took place there every night. It was Facebook LIVE! The atmosphere was stunning with stars so thick and close you could reach up and grab a handful. Initially bonded only by sport, we grew together in respect and tolerance for each other. We shared our emotions and cultures in our lives’ stories. Laughing, singing, talking, we stayed until the wee hours of the morning, savoring every moment. (We said: you can always sleep in July).

Our passions were exposed and we began to realize that we had more commonality, than differences. We began to live within the spirit of Olympism; not only discuss it, argue its merits and shortcomings, but really embrace its philosophy. To really know and understand people whom you thought so completely different from yourself, to empathize with them, to exchange your thoughts and feelings freely, to agree or disagree, and ultimately accept them as equals, is a powerful and life-changing experience. Here are three examples:

Tolerance: There was a Korean boy in my group, who had such a hard time to speak English. At the end of the session, he asked to share something. He struggled to speak and everyone leaned in closer to hear every halting word. He said he was terrified to come to Greece, his first time away from his homeland. There were no other Korean participants. He was afraid no one would talk to him and he would be so lonely and unhappy. But he felt like he was part of a family in the group and he was so happy that everyone tried so hard to help him understand and included him in the group. He was so motivated to return home to study and share his experience. We all cried.





Joy in Effort: There was a sweet young boy from Zambia, whose face was dark as the night and his smile as bright as the stars. He was always happy and overflowed with confidence. He showed me pictures of his country and told me that his parents were dead. He was raising his younger siblings while working as a policeman and training in judo. He told me, he felt so blessed and indeed he was. There was joy in everything he did and it radiated through him.

Understanding: There used to be a fair amount of grumbling about the breakfast at the IOA. Our young friend from Cuba told us how he loved the breakfast so much every morning. He told us that normally he only had some sugar water and maybe a piece of bread for breakfast. No one complained about breakfast anymore after that.

Volunteering as a coordinator, it was very rewarding for me to watch these young people change in just two-week's time: to have helped facilitate their Olympic education; to see them "Get it!" Nothing is better than encouraging people to be their very best! We coaxed them to discuss everything, try all the sports, arts, dances, games and foods. We told them to eat in Miraka (Elis), dance at 'Zorbas' until the wee hours, and then walk back home on the pitch-black road to the Academy, and hear the frogs under the bridge. Our mantra was 'Learn and play now, sleep later, and be in the Lecture hall at 8:30 am.

Recently, I sat atop the Marble Steps and for the first time I could see the Kronion Hill, the West Hill, the East Hill and all the way to the road below because fires had burned so many of the beautiful trees. The landscape had changed, but the spirituality of the place remained, untouched. Tiny new pines were beginning to emerge on the West Hill where my favorite hut had burned to the ground. The human values of Olympism continue to thrive, nurtured by exceptional people from every corner of the world. The Marble Steps await the next generation.



Prevention of Competition Manipulation

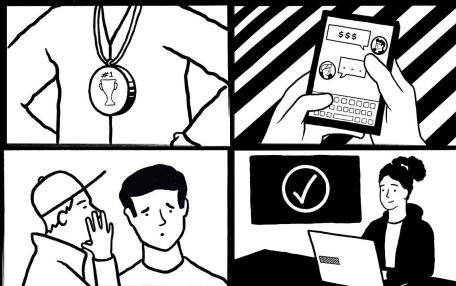
Jacqueline Simoneau (CAN)

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After competing at two Olympic games, I was under the impression that I had a pretty good grasp of the ins and the outs around competing at the Olympic Games: the training, mental preparation, building working relationships with the team around you, anti-doping regulations etc.. It is only after over a decade in sport that I found out about match manipulation and the implications involving athletes. I have the immense honour to be a Believe in Sport Ambassador. My aim as an ambassador is to educate athletes and targeted partners on the implications of competition manipulation so that we can all have a safe and fair field of play. In this educational piece article, I will go over what is match manipulation and some of the key information that stakeholders such as athletes, coaches, staff and close entourage should be aware of (information and images courtesy of the IOC).

What is Competition Manipulation

- Manipulation of Competitions (or commonly referred to as “match-fixing”) has become a major threat to the integrity of sport.
 - If the course or result of a competition is fixed in advance, sport becomes meaningless and loses one of its most unique attributes – unpredictability.
 - Match-fixing is when the result of a competition is partially or completely decided in advance, and has a pre-determined outcome. Competition manipulation occurs when a participant in a sports competition deliberately underperforms or knowingly makes an incorrect decision, in order to impact the competition, in order to obtain an undue benefit.
 - **Official definition:** “Competition manipulation is an intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of a sports competition, in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the sports competition, with a view to obtaining an undue benefit for oneself or for other.” - *Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sport Competitions, 2014*
 - Competition manipulation is increasingly becoming more and more common which can be attributed to a number of factors, including the increase in popularity of sports betting and the ease of accessibility to athletes via digital communication.
 - Most common reason for match fixing or competition manipulation is to obtain a financial advantage. Other reasons can include gaining a future advantage, such as a better draft pick or a less eminent opponent in a play-off, depending on the sport.
 - Most athletes do not believe that competition manipulation is a risk to their sport or that they could be targeted by someone coercing them to manipulate their competition.
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**PROTECT YOURSELF.
KNOW THE RULES.**

Find out more about
competition manipulation.

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- Unfortunately, a majority of the athletes or entourage that breach the rules of competition manipulation are not individuals who intended on doing anything malicious or realized their activity could bring their sport or nation into disrepute.
- Rather it is often individuals who had not received education on this topic and were never made aware of the rules or risks, which made them easy targets to be coerced by others into fixing their match.

Competition Manipulation and Doping

- Most sport persons are aware of doping, the associated rules and the risks involved, many athletes & entourage don't often have much education on the topic of competition manipulation.
- While doping is cheating to win a competition or to have an unfair advantage over other competitors, competition manipulation is also cheating to deliberately lose a competition, or parts of the competition.
- It is often a surprise to athletes and officials when they are informed that a violation of the rules on competition manipulation is considered equally as serious as a violation of doping rules, and that the possible sanctions which include fines, sport bans and jail time, are applicable for both.

The OM Unit PMC

- The IOC is committed to fighting all forms of cheating that threaten both integrity and the essence of sport, including Competition Manipulation.
- The Olympic Movement Unit on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions (OM Unit PMC) was established by the IOC in 2017, on the recommendation of the International Forum for Sports Integrity (IFSI).
- The Unit works with all Olympic Stakeholders in preventing Competition Manipulation, and has established model rules, a robust awareness raising campaign, and an intelligence system for the entire Olympic Movement.

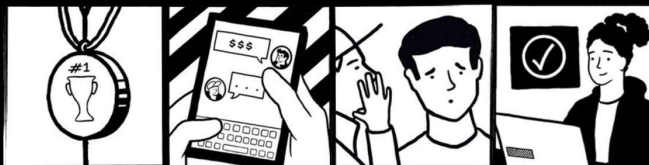
Educational Campaign

- The Unit's educational campaigns (Believe in Sport and Make the Right Decision) aim to raise awareness among athletes, entourage and officials of the threat of competition manipulation.
- An array of resources area available for sport organizers to access and use in their athlete and entourage education plans to promote the Code of Conduct, which is at the heart of the campaign.



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- As part of the Believe in Sport campaign, a group of active and retired athletes act as Ambassadors against competition manipulation, and promote the messaging around the rules and risks to their fellow athletes.

Further Information

- Protecting clean athletes and keeping sport fair are top priorities for the IOC.
- For more information about the OM Unit PMC, or any of its' activities you can visit the [website](https://olympic.org/omunitpmc) or alternatively contact the team via OMUnitPMC@olympic.org

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

**PROTECT YOURSELF.
KNOW THE RULES ON COMPETITION MANIPULATION.**

RULE #1



DON'T FIX

the competition and
always do your best.

RULE #2



DON'T BET

on your own sport or any event
at the Olympic Games.

RULE #3



DON'T SHARE

information about health
issues and sport tactics.

RULE #4



SPEAK UP

if you witness or suspect competition
manipulation, you must report it.
ioc.integrityline.org

What is Competition Manipulation?

Competition Manipulation is the act of intentionally altering the course of a match or competition. This could include an athlete losing a match on purpose in order to face an easier opponent in the next round, or to make money (through a bet or an offer from a corruptor). Another example could be of a referee making an incorrect call on purpose in exchange of any kind of benefit.

Be careful. Breaching the rules on Competition Manipulation can be subject to heavy sanctions, even if you didn't directly manipulate the match.

Further information

More information is available at:
olympics.com/athlete365/competition-manipulation

Got more questions?

Don't hesitate to contact us at:
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What is competition manipulation?

Do you really know what is
competition manipulation?
You can make a difference,
watch this short video.

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BE YOU
BELIEVE IN SPORT**

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As the 2022 year comes to an end, we've taken the time to reflect on all the accomplishments of Olympic Education in Canada this year. Through much reflection, three moments were highlighted this year as being not only successful in quality of development and reach, but also as having a meaningful impact. In February, in honour of Black History Month, the Canadian Olympic School Program (COSP) proudly added two new stories of Team Canada athletes who have left a legacy in Canada to the Black History Month Collection. Driven by their values, commitment, and quest for personal excellence, students were inspired by some of the nation's greatest role models and ambassadors, Donovan Bailey and Dawn Richardson Wilson. The full Black History Month collection had over 15,000 downloads and an estimated reach of 375,000. Through sharing these captivating stories, the COSP aims to foster an understanding and appreciation in the next generation of Canadians of the contributions made by Black Canadians to sport and to the history of our nation. In working with various marketing, sport, and community partners, a June Celebration Guide and Calendar were developed to support educators in navigating the exciting month of June. A Komak Colouring Book was also specifically designed to celebrate Olympic Day, encouraging students to join the journey of discovering and learning about new sports. In early September, the COSP launched the Indigenous Legacies through Sport series, where the stories of two distinct Indigenous Team Canada athletes were proudly featured in honour of Truth and Reconciliation Week. Jesse Cockney and Jillian Weir shared their personal journeys and achievements while bringing their Indigenous voices to the forefront. Students and teachers explored the themes of gratitude and inclusion, making links between their world, curriculum, and stories. The full COSP Library, including the resources mentioned above, is available for free in English and French at olympic.ca/education.



2023 IOAPA Session Information

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Recently the IOAPA Executive Committee took the decision to split the Biennial IOAPA Session into two parts. The first part will be online and will consist of the Business Meeting and Virtual Election of new officers. As you can see from the outline below, we still want to provide some content other than strictly business. We are working to secure a great keynote speaker and possibly one or two other guests as well including some social and cultural content. The dates for each session will be confirmed in early January.

On-Line Session

Tentative Dates: 3-4 days April 13-16 (approximately 4 hours per day)

Content:


- Keynote Speaker
- General Assembly
- On-Line Elections (new EC to take over at end of Live Session in Olympia)
- Olympic Quiz
- Workouts
- Other fun events such as Food ART or Dance Workshop
- Social meetings

Our traditional session will take place in Olympia and will include many workshops and guest speakers as well as cultural, art and sports activities and a “Give Back” project for the IOA. Once we have secured the dates from the IOA we can begin to solidify the program.

Olympia Session

Tentative Dates: June 4-11 Arrival in Athens 4th of June, Departure from Olympia 11th of June

Content:

- Morning Workouts
 - Guest Speakers - 3 or 4. Topics to be determined Confirmed: Alexandra de Navacelle -Update on Paris 2024 and possible collaboration at the Coubertin museum
 - Workshops - 3 with different Speakers Confirmed: Cindy Stinger - Event organization
 - Olympic Quiz
 - Sports
 - Art, and Dance Workshop, Music Workshop
 - Eurovision contest
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- HvH Scholarship Winner(s) presentation(s)
- HvH Scholarship Live Auction
- Member Presentations
- Magna Grecia Evening
- Pool Party
- Academy Giving Back Projects
 - Make the social evening backdrops which were destroyed during the renovations. Would require getting materials, building a few pieces and painting. Would take some pre-planning but could be possible. Session Planning Committee is working on the feasibility of this idea.
 - Provide games for the bar area and a bookshelf to store these items
 - Provide sports equipment

A stop in Nemea or other location on the way to Olympia is something that could be possible. We could arrive later in Olympia, have the first evening very casual in the premises and start the Opening Ceremony the next day.

We encourage everyone to attend both the online business meeting and election, as well as the Olympia Session. The newly renovated facilities of the IOA await your return. It's been too long since we have been away from Olympia and our friends.

Hans Van Haute Fund

Every second year, the International Olympic Academy Participants Association holds its session on the premises of the International Olympic Academy, in Ancient Olympia. Since 2013, the **Hans Van Haute Fund** was established to enable participants with limited financial means to attend the IOAPA session. More information about the fund and the scholarship is available below.

As you know, many businesses and organizations were hit hard during the pandemic. The IOAPA had to host its Session online, thus not opening the Hans van Haute Fund that year.

Meanwhile, our long standing friends at [Magna Grecia](#), still had their olive oil stocks lingering for lack of tourism in the region. Some IOAPA members decided to devise a project to sell the oil in Hawaii (Kauai Island) and in State College, Pennsylvania, as well as a few other places in the United States, by ordering full cases of oil thereby reducing the shipping costs.





This made the wonderful olive oil available at a reasonable cost.

They also decided that 15% of the sales from the products would go back to the IOAPA to fund the **Hans Van Haute Scholarship**, enabling the IOAPA to bring one or two individuals from underrepresented nations back to the IOA. This initiative supports the [IOAPA Declaration on Racism and Inclusivity](#) that was issued in July 2020.

The response to the project was overwhelming. From July to December of 2020, 49 cases (over 800 cans of 750 ml) flooded the Hawaiian Island of Kauai as well as some of the other islands, and also went to Pennsylvania, California, Kentucky, Colorado raising over \$3,000 for the scholarship fund.

“You can imagine how devastated and hopeless our family and workers were when our farm had to close. The IOAPA Magna Grecia project created such a beacon of light for us here in Olympia, even reaching as far as our local post office who were quite busy with all of the boxes that we shipped. Each tin of oil and each box was so lovingly prepared. We felt such gratitude to these people halfway around the world that bought olive oil from us and helped us stay positive through the pandemic. Our bond with IOAPA is one of our strongest and we are so pleased to have contributed to the Hans van Haute Scholarship. We look forward to welcoming the HvH scholarship winners and our IOAPA friends to Magna Grecia in 2023.” - Franca Magrini

With the results of this wonderful project, the IOAPA Executive Board is honoured to open the call for applications for the **Hans Van Haute Scholarship** for the 2023 IOAPA Session.

Candidates willing to apply for the scholarship shall submit the following documents:

- [Candidature questionnaire](#) duly filled.
- Recommendation letter provided by the supporting NOA/NOC, an Olympic Study Centre or another person/organization - PLEASE SEND VIA EMAIL TO hvh.ioapa@gmail.com.
- Travel plan (travel from a major airport to Athens Greece and return) with a precise cost estimation.

All documents and questions shall be submitted to hvh.ioapa@gmail.com by **31 January 2023**.

May you need any additional information, do not hesitate to visit the [IOAPA Hans van Haute webpage](#) or contact us via email.

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The IOAPA Membership Questionnaire

In order to identify potential opportunities of networking and cooperation for IOAPA members, we would like you to answer this [questionnaire](#). This will allow us to identify potential speakers and to initiate cooperation between the IOAPA network.

IOC Advanced Olympic Research Grant Program

We are pleased to inform you that the 2023/2025 edition of the Advanced Olympic Research Grant Program from the IOC Olympic Study Center has been launched. For this edition, the academic community is invited to submit proposals related to at least one of the 10 IOC priority fields grouped in the following 4 main themes:

- Athlete safeguarding, mental health and wellbeing
- Ethics and integrity
- Gender equality
- Olympism 365

Please note the following two main changes to the program: the grants will cover 2-year instead of 1-year projects and the maximum amount per grant will be USD 40,000.

This program is aimed at university professors, lecturers and research fellows who have completed their doctorate, and who currently hold an academic/research appointment/affiliation. It is also open to both individual and collective applications. You will find on [the OSC website](#) the rules and the application. The deadline for submitting applications is **30 January 2023**.

M.A. Olympic Studies

We are pleased to share with you the information concerning the next intake of the Master of Arts Olympic Studies degree program, which is implemented by the German Sport University Cologne in cooperation with five other international universities. The M.A. Olympic Studies is a fully accredited Master's degree offering a multi- and interdisciplinary approach to Olympic Studies. The next intake of the M.A. Olympic Studies will start in September 2023, with the application deadline being the 28 February 2023. For further information, please visit www.dshs-koeln.de/olympicstudies

For List of Conferences, please click [HERE](#)

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Do you manage an interesting project on Olympic Education in your country?

Do you organize a sport-related webinar during the COVID-19 time?

Do you work on an Olympism-related dissertation or paper?

SHARE with us your experiences and contribute to the ARETE NEWSLETTER!

For any ideas, do not hesitate to contact the Newsletter Editor, Yarden Har Lev at yarden@ioapa.org.

*Happy
Holidays*
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE OLYMPICS ?

What is the name of
Paris 2024 mascot?

Answer to the last newsletter: Games Wide Open

Please **SEND YOUR ANSWER** to
the newsletter editor at:
yarden@ioapa.org