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## **INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY**

### **ACTIVITIES 2015**

The International Olympic Academy has the pleasure to relay to you information concerning its activities in 2015:

**1. 13th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMIES**

*Saturday 02/05/2015 – Saturday 09/05/2015*

**2. 55th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS**

*Saturday 23/05/2015 – Saturday 06/06/2015*

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3. **11th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR EDUCATORS AND OFFICIALS OF HIGHER INSTITUTES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

*Friday 10/07/2015 – Friday 17/07/2015*

4. **22nd INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON OLYMPIC STUDIES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS**

*Tuesday 01/09/2015 – Wednesday 30/09/2015*

5. **MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME:**

*"Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events" of the Sports Organization and Management Department of the University of Peloponnese in collaboration with the IOA.*

*Current Master's Degree Programme*

*1st Semester: 18/09/2014 – 21/11/2014*

*2nd Semester: 19/3/2015 – 24/05/2015*

*3rd Semester: Master thesis*

You may find attached herewith, detailed analysis of the aforementioned activities, as well as the relevant participant's personal history forms.

Kindest regards,



Isidoros KOUVELOΣ

Enclosures

## **1. 13<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMIES**

### **DATES OF THE SESSION**

Arrival in Athens:	Saturday, 2 May 2015
Departure for Olympia:	Sunday, 3 May 2015
Works of the Session:	Sunday, 3 May–Thursday, 7 May 2015
Departure from Olympia:	Friday, 8 May 2015
Departure from Athens:	Saturday, 9 May 2015

**MAIN TOPIC**        *“Olympic Values”*

**SPECIAL TOPIC**    *“The value of excellence as an educational tool”.*

### **ENROLLMENT**

**A. Each National Olympic Academy** may enter the Session with a maximum of **two (2)** representatives. Please, bear in mind that it is imperative that the President or Director of the NOA attends the Session.

The full price of the air-ticket (economy class) for **one participant per NOA** will be reimbursed by Olympic Solidarity upon completion of the Session, provided that the NOC submits, **directly to Olympic Solidarity** (and not through the IOA), **a standard financial report** duly filled and signed, in line with the Olympic Solidarity financial guidelines 2013-2016. The IOA will confirm participation of the delegate concerned to Olympic Solidarity. **No reimbursement will be effected for the ticket of the eventual second participant.**

### **FINAL ENROLLMENT DATE**

Participation forms, which you may find enclosed herewith, must be submitted by **10 February 2015 at the latest.**

We have noticed in the past that many NOAs do not submit the application forms in due time. We hereby would like to bring to your attention that **no application submitted after the expiry date will be considered.**

## **LANGUAGE**

English, French and Greek will be the working languages of the Session. **Simultaneous translation** in the three languages will be provided. All correspondence should be effected in one of these three languages.

## **SHORT PAPERS/ PRESENTATIONS**

During the Session, NOA representatives may present a brief report on the activities their NOAs have undertaken in the previous year(s), as well as on their NOAs' targets, priorities and progress with regard to Olympic Education and the promotion of the Olympic Movement.

The IOA strongly encourages NOA representatives to make such presentations during the Session.

## **PAPER SUBMISSION**

A copy of the paper, in electronic format, in a standard word-processing programme (Word), must be sent to the IOA.

Papers must be presented in one of the three official languages of the IOA.

Papers should not exceed two (2) pages. Every NOA will have ten minutes at its disposal.

The deadline for sending in the final Word document in electronic format is set for **10 March 2015**.

## **ACCOMMODATION / BOARDING**

Accommodation and boarding expenses of the participants, both in Athens (**only for the nights of 2 May and 8 May 2015**), and in Olympia, for the duration of the Session, will be at the charge of the International Olympic Academy. **Any additional overnight stay in Athens must be taken in charge by the participant.**

Participants who need a VISA to enter Greece should address themselves to the Greek Embassy of their country, where they will submit their application along with an invitation letter from the IOA. Should there be no Greek Embassy in

some countries, a VISA from an Embassy of any country member of the European Union could be accepted.

### **LOCAL TRANSPORT**

The IOA will undertake all local transports.

### **INTERNET**

Kindly note that, from the summer of 2001 onwards, the works of the IOA Sessions are transmitted live on the Internet. This offers to thousands of people the opportunity to follow the Sessions from home and take active part in them, by presenting their questions and remarks. For those interested, the IOA address on the Internet is the following: [www.ioa-sessions.org](http://www.ioa-sessions.org).

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## 2. 55<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

### **DATES OF THE SESSION**

Arrival in Athens:	Saturday, 23 May 2015
Opening Ceremony (in Athens):	Sunday, 24 May 2015
Departure for Olympia:	Monday, 25 May 2015
Works of the Session:	Tuesday, 26 May-Thursday, 4 June 2015
Departure from Olympia:	Friday, 5 June 2015
Departure from Athens:	Saturday, 6 June 2015

**MAIN TOPIC**                      *“Olympic Movement”*

**SPECIAL TOPIC**                      *“Olympic Movement: The process of renewal and adaptation”.*

### **ENROLLMENT**

Participants should be **strictly 20 to 35 years old** and should have shown *a special interest in the aims of the IOA*, as well as in **current issues of Olympism**. **In case a participant is under or over the age limit, kindly note that the IOA will be forced to cancel his/her participation at any time during the session.**

Moreover, they should have a genuine interest in the educational aspects of the activities organized in the course of the Session. **NOCs and NOAs are kindly requested to provide their delegates with all the necessary information and hold briefings on the educational role of the IOA prior to the participants' departure.**

The NOCs should collaborate with the NOAs for the selection of the candidates, who should not exceed the number of **three (3) persons**.

Priority during enrollment will be **strictly observed**, subject to the date of receipt of the participation form. Furthermore, priority will be given to those NOCs who have already established a National Olympic Academy and whose nominees **have already participated in one National Session**.

It must be taken into account that the total number of beds available, in both dormitories and double rooms, is limited to 200 units and, therefore, **priority, in this case too, will be strictly observed**.

We would like to remind you that persons who have previously attended an Annual Session for Young Participants of the IOA **will not be accepted** in this particular Session again.

#### **FINAL ENROLLMENT DATE**

**Participation forms**, which you may find enclosed herewith, must be submitted to the IOA by **Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2015 at the latest**. The above deadline will be strictly observed.

We have noticed in the past that many NOCs and NOAs do not submit the application forms in due time. We hereby would like to bring to your attention that **no application submitted after the expiry date will be considered**.

#### **LANGUAGE**

**All correspondence** between the IOA and NOCs or NOAs, must be effected either **in French or in English**, which, together with **Greek**, are the official languages of the IOA. **Kindly note that no correspondence in any other language will be taken into consideration**.

English, French and Greek will be the working languages of the Session. Simultaneous translation in these languages will be provided. The texts of the lectures will be available in French, English and Greek.

Participants must have an **excellent knowledge of either English or French**, since they are expected to take active part in the discussion groups which follow the lectures. This is the quintessence of the IOA's activities, i.e., to get people from all over the world to know and contact each other.

We have repeatedly noticed in the past that quite a few participants cannot understand or speak either English or French and consequently, they are unable to participate fully in the works of the Session. Therefore, all NOCs and NOAs are kindly requested **not to send over delegates who do not speak fluently at least one of the above two languages. In an opposite case, please kindly note that the IOA will be forced to cancel their participation at any time during the session.**

In order for their participants to be accepted in the Session, NOCs or NOAs must submit the relevant certificate of studies in either English or French.

### **SHORT PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS**

The IOA strongly encourages Olympic medallists and/or athletes who have participated in the Olympic Games to make presentations on topics related to their Olympic experience.

### **PAPER SUBMISSION**

An electronic copy of the paper, in a standard word-processing programme (Word), must be sent to the IOA. Papers must be presented in one of the three official languages of the IOA. Papers should not exceed two (2) pages (8 minutes maximum).

The deadline for sending the final draft of the paper is set for **Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March 2015.**

The IOA is going to select the papers that are going to be presented during the Session.



## **EXPENSES**

### **A) TRANSPORT**

Olympic Solidarity will cover 50% of the cost of the air-ticket for **one female and/or one male participant per NOC**. The cost of the air-ticket for any additional participant must be covered by the NOC.

The reimbursement by Olympic Solidarity of the 50% of the air-ticket(s) (standard economy class) to the NOC will be effected following the end of the Session and upon submission of a **standard financial report** duly filled and signed, in line with the Olympic Solidarity financial guidelines 2013-2016. The NOCs must submit **the financial report directly to Olympic Solidarity** and without any interference on the part of the IOA. The IOA will submit to Olympic Solidarity the final list of participants upon completion of the Session.

**The IOA will take care of the participants' local transport from the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May** (date set for the arrival of the participants in Athens) **to the 6<sup>th</sup> of June** (date set for departure). **In the case of arrivals or departures earlier or later than the dates mentioned above, the IOA will not meet the participants at the airport, nor will it take care of their accommodation, boarding or transportation until the dates set for their accommodation at the hotel.** The same applies to later departures.

### **B) ACCOMMODATION / BOARDING**

Accommodation and boarding expenses of the participants, both in Athens (**only for the nights of May 23<sup>rd</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**) and in Olympia, for the duration of the Session, will be at the charge of the International Olympic Academy. **Any additional overnight stay in Athens must be taken in charge by the participants.**

- 1. No financial assistance whatsoever can be provided to the participants.**
2. Participants who need a VISA to enter Greece should address themselves to the Greek Embassy of their country, where they will submit their application

along with an invitation letter from the IOA. Should there be no Greek Embassy in some countries, a VISA from an Embassy of any country member of the European Union could be accepted. May we remind you once again that **any cost concerning the issuing of such a VISA should be borne by the participants themselves.**

### **C) PARTICIPATION FEES**

Participation fees for **one male and/or one female participant(s)** per NOC are covered by **Olympic Solidarity.**

**The NOCs** must cover the participation fees, **amounting to 1000 Euros per person,** for any **additional** male or female participant.

The payment of the participation fees (1000 Euros per person) for any additional participant must be effected **at least ten (10) days prior** to the opening of the Session via crossed cheque or bank transfer made payable to the International Olympic Academy's account:

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY

ALPHA BANK

SPYROU MERKOURI BRANCH

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### **INTERNET**

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## **INFORMATION**

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**3. 11th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR EDUCATORS AND OFFICIALS  
OF HIGHER INSTITUTES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

**DATES OF THE SESSION**

Arrival in Athens:	Friday, 10 July 2015
Departure for Olympia:	Saturday, 11 July 2015
Works of the Session:	Sunday, 12 – Wednesday 15, July 2015
Departure from Olympia to Athens:	Thursday, 16 July 2015
Departure from Athens:	Friday, 17 July 2015

**MAIN TOPIC**                    *“Olympic Movement”*

**SPECIAL TOPIC**                *“Sport as a tool for sustainability and development”*

**ENROLLMENT**

Priority for enrollment will be given according to the date of receipt of the participation form.

- a) Each **HIGHER INSTITUTE OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION** may register one (1) representative of the academic staff.
- b) Each **NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE** together with its **NATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY** may register a maximum of two (2) educators.

All charges concerning the air-tickets of your delegates should be borne by the NOC/NOA or the University. The IOA will provide full hospitality to the participants from **10 to 17 July 2015.**

**FINAL ENROLLMENT DATE**

Participation forms, which are enclosed, must be submitted by **Friday, 13 March 2015 at the latest.**

We have noticed in the past that many NOCs or NOAs do not submit the application forms in due time. We hereby would like to bring to your attention that **no application submitted after the expiry date will be considered.**

### **LANGUAGE**

English, French and Greek will be the working languages of the Session. **Simultaneous translation** in the three languages will be provided. All correspondence should be effected in one of these three languages.

### **SHORT PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS**

The I.O.A. strongly encourages the participants to make presentations strictly on topics related to the special topic of the Session.

### **PAPER SUBMISSION**

A copy of the paper, in electronic format, in a standard word-processing programme (Word), must be sent to the IOA.

Papers must be presented in one of the three official languages of the IOA.

Papers should not exceed two (2) pages (8 minutes maximum).

The deadline for sending in the final Word document in electronic format is set for **Friday, 27 March 2015.**

### **ACCOMMODATION / BOARDING**

Accommodation and boarding expenses of the participants, both in Athens (**only for the nights of 10 July and 16 July 2015**), and in Olympia, for the duration of the Session, will be at the charge of the International Olympic Academy. **Any additional overnight stay in Athens must be taken in charge by the participant.**

### **VISA LETTER**

Participants who need a VISA to enter Greece should address themselves to the Greek Embassy of their country, where they will submit their application along with an invitation letter from the IOA. Should there be no Greek Embassy in some countries, a VISA from an Embassy of any country member of the European

Union could be accepted. May we remind you once again that **any cost concerning the issuing of such a VISA should be borne by the participants themselves.**

### **LOCAL TRANSPORT**

The IOA will undertake all local transports.

### **INTERNET**

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#### **4. 22<sup>nd</sup> INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON OLYMPIC STUDIES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS**

##### **DATES OF THE SEMINAR**

Arrival in Athens:	Tuesday, 1 September 2015
Arrival in Olympia:	Thursday, 3 September 2015
Works of the Seminar:	Friday, 4 - Monday, 28 September 2015
Departure from Olympia:	Tuesday, 29 September 2015
Departure from Athens:	Wednesday, 30 September 2015

**MAIN TOPIC**      *“The Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement: Past, Present and Future - An Analysis from the Historical, Philosophical and Social Perspectives”*

**SPECIAL TOPIC**      *“Olympic Movement: The process of renewal and adaption”.*

This IOA Programme attracts a multicultural body of postgraduate students of the highest academic standards, who are researching topics related to sport and Olympism, and/or who wish to enhance their knowledge and do research on Olympic subjects.

##### **APPLICATIONS**

**The National Olympic Academies or the National Olympic Committees** can propose **ONE (1)** postgraduate student with outstanding academic achievement, aged **up to forty-five (45) years old**.

We suggest that the interested National Olympic Academies and National Olympic Committees collaborate with Universities and Olympic Centres of their respective countries so as to select the most competent candidate possible.

The IOA will also address **individual invitations** to Professors of Universities and Higher Institutes of Physical Education in order for them to recommend the participation of Postgraduate students.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

The submission of the application must be accompanied by:

1. a detailed CV of the candidate
2. a copy of identity card, passport or other document proving the age of the applicant
3. two passport-size photos
4. a recommendation letter from the student's Supervising Professor
5. the Olympic topic the student is doing research on
6. a two-page summary analysing the topic of the paper
7. official certificates demonstrating the proficiency of the applicant in English

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### **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

The deadline for submission of applications is set on **Friday, April 3rd 2015. No application submitted after the deadline will be accepted.**

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS**

If the candidate is finally selected, he/she will have to send the complete draft of his/her paper by **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.**



## **LANGUAGE**

All works of the Seminar are conducted in **ENGLISH**. Therefore, it is mandatory that participants are fluent in English. **Certificates that demonstrate the proficiency of the applicants in English must be submitted along with the above mentioned supporting documents.**

## **SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS**

The selection of the participants will be based on their qualifications, academic achievements, the topic of their paper and their sports background. Moreover, priority will be given to participants that are recommended by NOCs and NOAs. The total number of participants **will be up to thirty five (35) students.**

## **ACCOMMODATION / BOARDING**

Accommodation and boarding expenses of the participants, both in Athens (**only for the nights of September 1st and September 29th, 2015**), and in Olympia will be covered by the International Olympic Academy. **Any additional overnight stay in Athens must be covered by the participant.**

## **VISA LETTER**

Participants who need a VISA to enter Greece should address themselves to the Greek Embassy of their country, where they will submit their application along with an invitation letter from the IOA. Should there be no Greek Embassy in their country, they can apply for a VISA to an Embassy of any country member of the European Union. **We would like to remind you once again that any cost concerning the issuing of such a VISA should be borne by the participants.**

## **TRANSPORT**

Participants must pay for their round-trip air-ticket. All local transports, related to the official programme of the Seminar, will be undertaken by the IOA.

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**5. MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMME (current academic year, 2014-2015) of the University of Peloponnese in cooperation with the International Olympic Academy, with the participation of 30 students from 27 different countries.**

**(The call for applications for the academic year 2015-2016 will be soon announced)**

**TITLE: "Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events"**

The Department of Sports Organization and Management (in Sparta-Greece) of the University of Peloponnese in collaboration with the International Olympic Academy organizes for the Academic year of 2014-2015 the Master's Degree Programme with the title "**Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events**".

The Master's Degree Programme for the Olympic Studies constitutes an innovation in the Olympic Movement at an international level. The educational programme is based on the three pillars of the Olympic Movement: Education, Sports and Culture, which constitute the foundation for Olympism and Olympic Pedagogy.

The philosophy of the programme is consistent with the values of the Olympic movement for the diffusion of the Olympic ideal worldwide, the promotion of knowledge and research in Olympic issues and global participation.

#### **POSTGRADUATE TITLE**

The Master's degree Programme's title is "**Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events**" (MSc)

## **OBJECTIVES**

- The promotion of knowledge and research on issues of Olympic philosophy and education, organization and management of Olympic Games, big athletic events and in general Olympic and athletic studies.
- To provide students with specialized knowledge at a postgraduate level on issues related to Olympic Studies as well as the necessary means for their academic, professional or research career.
- To provide a specialized workforce that will organize and direct Olympic and athletic institutions, promote the growth of programmes of Olympic education in international level and contribute in the creation of a scientific background for the growth and organization of sports.

## **APPLICATIONS**

The following categories of students may be admitted to the Master's Degree Programme; bachelor degree holders from Higher Educational Institutions, preferably officials of National Olympic Academies, National Olympic Committees, the International Olympic Committee and EU Committees for Education, Culture and Sport or graduates of Centers for Olympic Studies, Schools of Sports Organization and Management, Physical Education, Journalism, Economic Faculties and other Departments, as well as corresponding Departments of recognized institutions of equivalent status in Greece and abroad and degree holders from Technology Institute Departments in related subject areas. The number of students **is limited to forty (40)**.

## **DURATION OF PROGRAMME**

The duration of the programme is three (3) semesters. Students are required to attend two semesters of lectures in Greece and the third semester is done at student's place.

## **LOCATION**

The programme will take place mainly at the facilities of the International Olympic Academy in Olympia and the facilities of the University of Peloponnese in Sparta.

## **TEACHING PROGRAMME**

The presence of the students at all the lectures is mandatory and the submission of module assignments and examinations at the end of each semester as well as the dissertation project at the end of the 3rd semester will determinate the success of the participants in this programme.

### **1st Semester**

Mandatory Modules

1. The history and philosophy of sport in Antiquity: the birth of sports and its evolution.
2. The modern Olympic Games (revival, historic development of the Summer and Winter Olympic Games - social, political and cultural aspects of the Olympic Games - Olympic Institutions - Olympic Law).
3. Sport and Ethics – Olympic Philosophy.
4. Olympic Pedagogy I: Development and implementation of Olympic education programmes in school.
5. Research methods in Social Sciences and Olympic Studies.

### **2nd Semester**

Mandatory Modules

1. Olympic Pedagogy II: Development and implementation of Olympic education programmes for schools
2. Olympic Games and major sports events: organization and management
3. Sports marketing and Olympic sponsoring.

Optional Modules (2 from below)

1. Olympic Movement and International relations
2. Sports high performance: Olympic athletes and dual careers
3. Strategic and operational planning of major sports events
4. Financial management of sports organizations
5. The role, organization and operation of Olympic museums and libraries.

### **3rd semester**

Preparation, submission and presentation of Master's Thesis

All lectures will be held in English.

### **COSTS AND FEES**

The total fees for the current year's (2014-2015) Master's Degree Programme are 3000 Euros for the three semesters. The Programme is partially financed by sponsors.

### **INFORMATION**

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