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*Sport is the bloom and
glow of a perfect health.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

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The 46th IOA International Session for Young Participants: Sharing and Spreading the Olympic Spirit

Yulia Bredneva (UZB)



Once again, the IOA and the Hellenic Olympic Committee have extended their lavish hospitality by giving to 175 representatives from 99 countries the opportunity to attend the 46th IOA's International Session for Young Participants. The main subject of the Session was "Olympism" and the special subject was "Sport and Ethics". Thirteen lectures were delivered by distinguished lecturers, IOC members, university professors, and sport experts, who contributed so generously to the development of the Session and led its work to great success.

For the two weeks of the Session's work, athletes, coaches, sport administrators, sport journalists, students, medical staff, discussion group coordinators, and volunteers from different parts of the world found their shared home at the IOA's magnificent premises in Ancient Olympia. Taking advantage of this opportunity, I would like to express on behalf of all the 46th Session's participants our deepest gratitude to the IOA, the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Olympic Solidarity, and every person who contributed to make this Session possible.

The Session gave us unforgettable impressions: one would never forget

standing at the Ancient Stadium in Olympia, where the Olympic Games were held in antiquity; the knowledge of Olympism shared by the lecturers; the important exchange during the group discussions; the international understanding and the feeling of being a FAMILY, which was particularly represented at the social evenings; the atmosphere of inspiration and something mysterious in the air when so many talented people shared their feelings during the poetry workshop; the will for teaching and being taught at the dance workshop; participating in the sport activities, when we made another effort to harmonize the qualities of body, will, and mind and implement the principle of Fair Play. Could one ever forget the emotions of the phrase "No Flash!""? Sport combined with education and culture gave us a feeling of enormous joy.

The Session succeeded in every way. In the aim to educate and spread fundamental human values, and contribute to international communication. We all gathered by virtue of and for Olympism. Being "a state of mind" and "a philosophy of life", Olympism granted us the most important values of being open-minded, open-hearted,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jeremy Cross (GBR)



"Collaboration" seems to be one of the key themes of IOAPA Executive Committee work at the moment. We are currently in discussion with a whole host of organisations in order to form partnerships to benefit you all.

For example, we have been talking with the creator of the "World Peace Park" in Olympia, Peter Schleicher. This concept - to build a "living monument to those who have competed and will participate in the Olympic ideal of peace" - already has the support of the IOA President, the Olympia Major, and the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Sport for Development and Peace. On a similar peace theme, your Country Coordinator Andrea Fatzer, is in contact with the project manager of "Exchange for Peace" (www.ecfp.org) whose aim is to build tolerance, respect, and understanding between different cultures and nations. Similarly, your Internet Coordinator, Héctor Argüelles, recently made a presentation at the Pierre de Coubertin Committee Assembly in Cologne and reports that possible collaborations will be discussed in their meeting in 2007. One collaboration for the future is with the Beijing 2008 Organising Committee. If any of you are involved or have any friends in China who we could contact, please do let us know. I'm confident that these partnerships will provide tangible projects for you to be involved in over the next few years.

Our oldest and most important collaboration, of course, is with the International Olympic Academy itself. We are currently in the process of asking the new IOA leadership to confirm dates for the 2007 IOAPA at the Academy. These will be approved by the next IOA Ephoria and we will let you know the dates and details as soon as we can so that you can get it in your diary.

Finally, I would like to thank our Marketing Coordinator, Axel Bammer, for facilitating the Logo Competition which has been a wonderful example of IOAPA collaboration. Not only were there 61 competition entries but also 78 IOAPA members from approximately 36 different countries voted to produce our three winners. Fantastic! Many thanks to Axel, to all of you who voted, and especially to all of you who participated in the competition. As the quote says, "The most important thing is not the winning but the taking part".

Here's to even more collaboration in the future!

Warmest wishes,

Jeremy Cross

If you have any thoughts, comments or feedback on how to improve the organisation contact me at jeremy@ioapa.org

Website News Héctor Argüelles (ESP)



Dear IOAPA members,

As promised in the last issue of Arete, many new contents have been added to our website. You can check what is new at www.ioapa.org Of special interest are the many new sections under the menus "Sessions" and "Projects". We will continue updating and upgrading the website over the next months. I will be happy to receive any interesting piece of information for the website that you may have at hector@ioapa.org And remember to check periodically your www.ioapa.org

Warm regards,

Héctor Argüelles - hector@ioapa.org

Theo Aggelis - In memoriam

Word has probably traveled around, of the unexpected and unfortunate death of Theo Aggelis early this year. Theo worked many years for the IOA and served in several of its sessions. Those of us who had the blessing of meeting Theo will remember him as an intelligent, kind, and gentle person. Theo loved his work at the IOA. We will greatly miss him.

Spontaneous IOAPA Meeting in Lausanne

Andrea Fatzer (SUI)



It is amazing where IOAPA members travel and how easy you can meet them. The spontaneous meeting of IOAPA members that took place on June 3 in Lausanne shows how well the IOAPA network works. Earlier this Summer I found out by chance that Thierry Ntwali (YP 2002, Coordinator 2003, 2004) from Rwanda was in Lausanne for a coaching seminar. At the same time, Alexey Vasilev (YP 2002) from Latvia was also in the Olympic capital. Alexey, who is currently studying in Scotland, was doing an internship at the International Archery Federation. When I heard that Lester Antonio Ortega Lemus (YP 2002) from Guatemala was doing an internship at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, the idea of a spontaneous IOAPA meeting in Lausanne was born. I quickly contacted all Swiss IOAPA members to join us for a small get together in *Les Brasseurs*. Thanks to the IOAPA mail group some members who are not Swiss but live and work in Switzerland also joined the group. Martha McIntosh (YP 1997), a Canadian working for the IOC's Information Management Department was one of them. Martha invited all of us to visit the Olympic Museum before the meeting.

The evening gathering was very nice and the occasion for many moving discussions. As usual, old stories about the "Canadian tradition" made us laugh and sharing anecdotes we got to know people more deeply and personally. We also discussed about possible IOAPA projects in Switzerland and decided to establish a Swiss association of IOA participants. Time and again it proves that the IOA energy slumbers inside our members and that this flame is sparked and becomes a burning fire when we meet and talk about old times and the future of IOAPA.

Organize an IOAPA Meeting!

It is easy to organize an IOAPA meeting. Just get the e-mail addresses of the IOAPA members living in your country and region, and contact them. Propose a meeting time and place. Maybe you just have dinner together or perhaps you also start a new project. Just do it!

By the way, each country has (or should have) a Country Representative, who links and coordinates national IOAPA members. If you want to know your Country Representative or if you want to become a one, just contact Andrea Fatzer at andrea@ioapa.org and she will provide you further information.

Q & A with Kell B. Larsen, IOAPA.DK Webmaster Paul Broberg (DEN)



Kell B. Larsen is a member of ioapa.dk He is responsible for the development of the website. The Danish branch of IOAPA established ioapa.dk in late 2003.

How did you get the idea for the website? In November 2003, when we were founding the association, one of the other members suggested that we get a website or at least a place on the Internet to exchange information. I took on the task of examining the possibilities and that was the beginning of the ioapa.dk

How do you prevent that any of the texts placed on the website are offensive, misinforming or illegal? We have not had any problems of that sort at all. Each member has a unique username and a password for the website. This means that for every text placed on the website, we can register who wrote and edited the particular text. Besides, most of the user-behavior on the website is written to a log file so that we can go back and check for abuse. And only the Webmaster has access to editing (whereas the other members have access only to the texts they wrote themselves), which means that misprint and typographical errors are easy to correct.

How did you learn to make websites as the one you have made for ioapa.dk? It was quite a coincidence actually. When I took my minor in mathematics at the University of Copenhagen, I took a class of computer science where I learned to program and having made static websites in the past, it seemed logical.

Can you make a profit of it? Well, yes and no. The ioapa.dk website is made on a completely voluntary basis, so I have not been paid doing it, which I prefer. I see it as my contribution to the Olympic work. Later on, I have been hired to make a website for a CVU (a Danish centre for adult education). I also make websites for clubs,

unions and small or medium sized businesses, but it is still just a hobby for me.

How much time have you spent on the ioapa.dk website so far? Luckily, I do not know. Often I reuse features from one site to another, but most of the times, I start out making something for the ioapa.dk website because it is fun and it motivates me the most. Often, I then use the features from the ioapa.dk website on the other websites I am making.

How about the members without access to the Internet? In Denmark, we are so lucky that the vast majority of the population have access to the Internet. Seventy nine percent have access to the Internet from their home computer and most of the rest have access to the Internet from their workplace, school or elsewhere. Because of this, we have not yet had problems, but of course, we may be excluding some, probably mostly elders, from participating in the ioapa.dk simply because it is mostly done electronically.

Which features are you most proud of? There are many; the message board works very well, but I would have to say the Olympic Encyclopaedia. It is still not that extensive, but it has the potential to be huge. And even now, it contains many interesting pieces of information concerning Olympic issues.

What's next? I have several ideas. Considering all the information available on the website, it should have a complete search engine covering the entire website. That is my next project. Besides, I would love having some motion pictures on the front page, maybe a video-clip from Olympia or a slideshow of Olympic values. Another thing is the help file that consists of a simple link to my personal e-mail address. I would prefer something more user-friendly, maybe with some text explaining how to use the website and how to get the most out of it . . .

Translation: Line Røber-Christensen

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responsive, tolerant, sociable, inquisitive, and enterprising. We did not only learn about Olympism, we FELT its spirit, which filled and enriched our souls. The amazing feeling of understanding these universal values, of being touched by Olympism, and becoming part of its world, gave us the inspiration and the strength to share and spread the Olympic spirit and its ideals.

By participating in the Session, we not only lived mutual respect and solidarity, but sincerely opened our hearts to each other by being always ready to listen, understand, and help. We all spoke different languages, we were educated in different cultures and religions, but by building the Bridge of International Friendship we managed to find a common language to communicate—the language of our sincere hearts opened to each other and to the whole world! And that was another goal scored by Olympism!

Now there are many e-mails to already full in-boxes, amazing photos exchanged, gifts and souvenirs sent, phone calls made—we still keep in our hearts wonderful memories of the Session! It is time for us to capitalize the experience gained at the IOA and make our own contribution to further spread the Olympic ideals. We were given the honorable mission to share and to spread the Olympic Spirit, and we are inspired to struggle for a healthy society living in a better world.

Yulia Bredneva

Pictures from the 46th IOA International Session for Young Participants



What Have They Been Doing?

News from IOAPA Members

Late in April, **Sarah Chung** (MAS) was inducted into the International Taekwondo Hall of Fame for her achievements and contributions to taekwondo. You can read more about Sarah's sport career in <http://lacancha.com/greatest.html> (scroll down and look for Malaysia and then for Sarah Chung). Sara can be reached at sean_sarahxiao@yahoo.ca Congratulations Sarah!

Marion Grethen (LUX), secretary general of the Luxembourg Basketball Federation, has been recently reelected for a third period in the Board of FIBA Europe. At the first Board Meeting, she was also appointed as one of the four members of FIBA Europe to the Central Board of FIBA World. Marion can be reached at marion.grethen@europarl.europa.eu or mgrethen@pt.lu Keep up the good work!

On May 13, **Silvia B. Dalotto** (ARG) was inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame for her achievements and contributions to marathon swimming. Silvia's "name, along with over 175 of the world's greatest achievers and contributors in marathon swimming, will be permanently inscribed on the SEA GODDESS, the official trophy for the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame." Congratulations Silvia!



Silvia B. Dalotto with Olympic champions Kieren Perkins and Tom Dolan the day she was inducted into the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame

Laurel Brassey-Iversen (USA) has returned to her beloved sport of volleyball. Laurel had the honor to work with the US Women's Volleyball Team as Team Leader during its recent participation in the World Grand Prix in Southeast Asia. Well done Laurel and welcome to the courts once again!



Laurel Brassey-Iversen (red shirt on the left) with the US Women's Volleyball Team during a stop in Macau

Mette Lindstrøm's children, Dicte and Bastian, smiling at home. Dicte will turn two in October



On July 10, **Mette Lindstrøm (DEN)** gave birth to Bastian, a beautiful baby boy. Bastian was kind enough to let his mother watch the final game of the Men's Football World Cup! Congratulations to Mette and her family!

New job? New arrival in the family? Got an award? Participated in an Olympic-related event? Simply e-mail your news and notes to ctorres@ioapa.org and the editor will share your accomplishments in a future issue of Arete.

IOAPA Winter Session 2007



The next IOAPA Winter Session will take place next March in Carynthia, Austria

When?	March 3-7, 2007
Where?	The Cube Hotel — Nassfeld Tropölach 152 9620 Hermagor Austria
Services included:	- Accommodation - Full Board - Six-day skiing pass - Six-day ski rental - Ski lessons
Price per person:	€ 590 (excluding air and transfer from/to hotel)

If you are interested in participating in the IOAPA Winter Session 2007 please contact Axel Bammer as soon as possible at axel@ioapa.org

Did you know?

That the Olympic Museum in Lausanne has seen a record number of daily visitors since the beginning of August. While the number varies in general between 300 and 500, the number has largely exceeded 600 during the week, with peaks above 1.000 at the weekend. On Sunday August 13, no fewer than 1.424 visited the Olympic Museum!

The source of the information is the IOC web page: www.olympics.org