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1. Another Fruitful IOAPA Conference in Olympia



The 9th IOAPA conference has been another hard-working session for all the participants. This year the workings of the conference and the topics discussed were long and interesting but at the same time very time consuming. A smaller group of IOAPA members, 34 in all, attended this year's conference and I am happy to say that there was an excellent interaction between all those present.

Mr. Nikos Filaretos and Dr. Kostas Georgiadis once again were very generous and helpful in giving us the Academy to be able to hold our working session. However our session was shortened by one day due to difficult circumstances.

Dr Kostas Georgiadis opened the session with his welcome speech and participated actively in the session. This was later followed by various suggestions of how the IOA and IOAPA could help each other to achieve common aims. In fact it was decided by the members that a proposal will be presented to the Ephoria listing various items that could be done by the IOA and IOAPA in the interest of both associations. These would take the cooperation with the IOA and IOAPA to new levels.

Plans to increase the IOAPA membership, incorporate the IOAPA, create the IOAPA image and logo, create an expert database of our members as well as plans to participate in the Torino Torch Relay were discussed. The development of the Internet Website, Country Representatives, marketing and networking was also discussed at some length and solutions were suggested.

The IOAPA byelaws were discussed and changes were effected. It was also decided that the membership fee would now be denominated in Euro and this would amount to €30 for two years.

The new IOAPA Executive Committee was elected through a simple majority vote on the last day of the conference. Unfortunately three important members of the Executive Committee decided not to seek re-election and consequently a new and younger Executive Committee has been elected by the IOAPA members present at the conference. These new members should combine well with the experienced members who have remained in the Executive Committee to create a compact and active team that should take the IOAPA to new heights. On a personal note I will be taking up a new challenge as IOAPA Treasurer. Paul Baldacchino has decided not to seek re-election due to pressing work commitments and since there was nobody interested in taking up this post I decided to fill this void in the interest of the

IOAPA and its members. Consequently this will be my last message as IOAPA Vice President. However I know that the newly elected Vice President, my good friend Panos Vasilaras, will be doing an excellent job.

The new Executive Committee is composed of:

President	Jeremy Cross	UK
Vice President	Panos Vasilaras	Greece
Secretary	Vigdis Vatshaug	Norway
Treasurer	Carlo Farrugia	Malta
Newsletter Editor	Cesar Torres	Argentina
Website Officer	Hector Arguelles	Spain
IOA Liaison	Giota Dandoulaki	Greece
Country Rep Officer	Andrea Fatzer	Switzerland
Marketing Officer	Axel Bammer	Austria

All the sport, dancing and social evening activities were held once again and we all enjoyed them very much.

A big thank you to all those that participated and contributed to this years' conference and let us hope that the next one in 2007 will be even better with more IOAPA members.

Keep on working for the Olympic movement and keep up the good work. See you in 2007 or before if the right opportunity presents itself. Good luck in your commitments.

Carlo Farrugia
Vice President/ IOAPA Session Chair
20 August 2005

2. Opening ceremony

For the Opening Ceremony of the 9th IOAPA Conference, the Vice President, Mr. Carlo Farrugia and the Dean of the International Olympic Academy, Dr. Kostas Georgiadis, made opening remarks and the Board Members were introduced. Dr. Georgiadis gave his address and then there was a procession to the Stele of Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

The traditional wreath was laid to rest on the Stele by three representatives; Mrs. Elizabeth Hanley from the USA, Reelee Remmelkoo from Estonia and Poul Bouberg from Denmark. Mrs. Hanley spoke about Baron Coubertin's ideals of fair play, friendship, justice, brotherhood and especially peace in the world, and that we, as ambassadors and International Olympic Academy Past Participants, hope to further and bring into play these same ideals in the forthcoming conference.



Germany, Mette Lindstrøm from Denmark and Vigdis Vatshaug from Norway. Ms. Lindstrøm's speech:

*I hear the sound of Olympia
I feel the rhythm of this place*

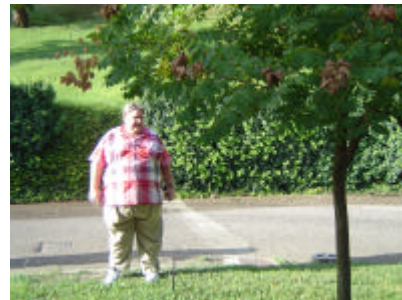
*It seems so short since we were gathered here
but yet great history has been written since
then. Olympia is new born. The games have
returned!*

*I hope we will feel new born here with passion
and energy in the spirit of Olympism.*

The procession then moved to the Memorial of John Ketses and Carl Diem, the founders of the International Olympic Academy. The representatives, who laid flowers on this marble reminder, were Kristina Bohnstedt from

*As said before: "What we do in life echoes into
eternity"*

The procession ended at the Hans van Haute memorial tree, where Rusty Wilson spoke about the creation of the IOAPA through Hans van Haute's initiative and motivation.



3. Introduction and background

The 9th IOAPA session was hosted shortly after the IOA session for Young Participants at the Olympic Academy in Greece. The present IOAPA Executive Committee was introduced to the conference as follows:

President	Laurel Brassey Iversen	USA
Vice President/IOAPA Session Chair	Carlo Farrugia	Malta
Secretary	Jeremy Cross	UK
Treasurer	Paul Baldacchino	Malta
IOA Liaison	Penelope Amelidou	Greece
Newsletter Editor	Cesar Torres	Argentina
Website Coordinator	Hector Arguelles	Spain
Country Coordinator	Lone Jakobsen	Denmark
Marketing Officer	Igor Lanzoni	Italy

The Executive Committee gave a general introduction of what IOAPA is, and what the focus of the Association has been over the last two years through a presentation by Rusty Wilson (Chapter 3.1). The Vice President presented the program for the 9th IOAPA session (Appendix 1) and the 36 attending IOAPA members (Appendix 6) were introduced and welcomed.

3.1 IOAPA history

The International Olympic Academy Participants Association: A history of dedication to Olympism.
by Rusty Wilson (USA)

"I like to believe in the sturdiness of an enterprise that begins modestly." Pierre de Coubertin

From 19-24 July 1989, 61 former International Olympic Academy delegates met in Olympia to renew friendships and share memories. Five days later we emerged a part of the Olympic Movement - the International Olympic Academy Alumni Association, known today as the International Olympic Academy Participants Association. The IOAPA has grown from those humble beginnings into an organization, representing countries on every continent in the world, which believes in Olympism and wishes to keep it an active part of its members' lives.

The seeds of the IOAPA were sewn, innocently enough, at a social evening during the 25th General Session of the IOA. On Monday, 8 July 1985, almost exactly 20-years ago in the parking lot just outside those doors, four participants were chosen to speak as fast as they could for one minute on a subject of their choice. Hans Van Haute, a Belgian delegate, chose as his topic "The New Olympic Movement," which had more to do with the extracurricular activities at the river, cafes and other locales around Olympia than with Olympism itself.

After that evening the phrase became the unofficial theme of the session. As groups got together for late night escapades they would always announce another meeting of "The New Olympic Movement." As time wore on everyone realized that there was more to the phrase than anyone had earlier thought. What the participants were experiencing in "The New Olympic Movement" was Olympism - pure and simple.

At the closing ceremonies of the 25th General Session, Dr. Nikolaos Nissiotis, IOA President, pleased with the creation of "The New Olympic Movement," said, ". . . we shall be separated only by geographical distances but not by the spirit of Olympism which shall keep us all united here, as Olympians, forever."

Inspired by these words, Hans Van Haute created a newsletter, which he distributed at his own expense, for four years to ensure everyone stayed in touch.

Unbeknownst to the 1985 group, IOA participants from 1986 headed by Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA), Ingolfur Hannesson (ISL) and Yiannis Zoumpoulis (GRE) met with Dr. Nissiotis about a possible reunion. He encouraged the idea and promised the IOA facilities free of charge for an IOA alumni meeting.

In October 1986 Hannesson began publishing a newsletter for the '86 delegates. After the first two issues Zoumpoulis informed Hannesson of the activities of Hans Van Haute and the 1985 group. Ultimately Van Haute and Hannesson contacted each other and discussed coordinating their efforts. By this time the 1987 IOA participants also expressed interest in a reunion. Almost immediately Paul Baldacchino, an '87 delegate from Malta, joined forces with the '85 and '86 groups and the efforts for a reunion gained greater impetus.

In March 1988 Hannesson and Zoumpoulis met in Athens with, IOC member, Mr. Nikos Filaretos, then IOA President following the death of Dr. Nissiotis in an automobile accident. Many topics were discussed, among them the final plans for a reunion in 1989. Invaluable support came when Mr.

Filaretos sent a formal letter on 27 March 1989 informing all NOCs and NOAs around the world about the upcoming meeting and value of such an endeavour to the Olympic Movement.

Recognizing Hans Van Haute's dedication to the birth of the IOAPA, there was a strong movement at that first conference to make him the organization's first president - but Hans refused. Not long after the conference everyone learned that Hans was suffering from cancer. On 13 June 1991, just weeks before the second alumni conference, news came that Hans had lost his battle with cancer.

The IOA and IOAPA are independent organizations joined by mutual interests and goals, specifically the spread of Olympism and Olympic Education. This independence is reflected by the fact that we do not receive financial support from the IOA. However, in recognition of our dedication and hard work to preserve the work of the Academy the IOA generously allows us to use the IOA facilities for conferences. This is also a benefit to the IOA because they can keep track of past participants and use the IOAPA as a source for discussion coordinators and lecturers at IOA General Sessions and other events around the world.

Perhaps the highlight of the IOAPA's existence came at the 1995 conference when, in recognition to our dedication to Olympism, Athanasios Kritsinelis, technical director of the Olympic flame lighting and relay, invited the IOAPA to participate in the Greek leg of the Olympic flame relay for the Centennial Olympic Games. Eight months later 42 IOAPA members travelled to Olympia, at their own expense, to witness one of the most spectacular traditions in the world, the lighting of the Olympic flame. The next day, 31 March 1996, all those in attendance took turns carrying the flame for approximately 12 kilometres over historic Mt. Taigetos in pouring rain. Following their leg on the relay the delegates regrouped in Athens on April 6th where they were guests of the IOA and the Hellenic Olympic Committee at the Centennial Celebrations of the Games of the 1st Olympiad at the Panathenaic Stadium.

The International Olympic Academy Participants Association has become what Dr. Nissiotis prophetically predicted at the 1985 IOA Closing Ceremonies, ". . . a miniature replica of the universal family, a family which you will form beyond and over the level of any religious, political and racial discrimination."

3.2 Address by the IOA Dean, Dr. Kostas Georgiadis

The Dean of the IOA, Dr. Kostas Georgiadis, welcomed the participants to the Ninth Session. He commented upon the evolution of the relationship between the IOA and the IOAPA and mentioned that the current IOA situation, that of the IOA privatising and becoming more independent of the Hellenic Olympic Association, meant that there may be challenges ahead for both the IOA and the IOAPA. However, he concluded very positively and stated that he was firmly behind the IOAPA and would fight on its behalf in the future.

4. Reports

4.1 President's report

We have accomplished some things in the past two years, which we have been working on for quite some time. We finally established the on-line credit card payment for members. There are areas where we continue to struggle, such as increasing memberships, and having the control we need with our

internet site which is part of the IOA's official site. Just recently we have made some progress in that area. We still need to develop some fund raising strategies, for the projects that we undertake. The membership fees alone are simply not enough to sustain us.

In a few days, we will select a new president and other Executive Board members and they will start a new term of office. I am confident that we will organize ourselves so that we are in a position to realistically achieve the goals that we will set for the association.

Of course, there was a lot of activity surrounding the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. In fact, the IOAPA was more visible than ever before. Many members served in positions during the Games, many others were volunteers and staffed the Youth Camp. Others attended the Games as members of their NOC's and many came as spectators.

Nearly 100 former IOA participants attended our reunion during the Olympics at the Athens Tennis Club. You will hear more about that later in the session.

We were not as active as an association as we have been in the past but many of our members are becoming more involved in their own countries and are spreading the work of the IOAPA at home, which is one of our biggest goals.

Our relationship with the IOA remains very good although I think rising costs will force us to explore other venues for our bi-annual meeting. The fact that the IOAPA has survived for 16 years is a true testament to the dedication and spirit within each of you. I hope that we can continue to grow as an association and improve the services we can offer to the Olympic Family.

Please keep in mind as we begin this session, and plan for the future, that this is a strictly volunteer, global organization, with no source of consistent funding. Our goals are to foster Olympic Education throughout the world and provide a network of communication for interested people. Our membership is restricted to only those who have attended an official session of the IOA.

In closing my report, I would like to mention the exceptional work of a few people. Dr. Cesar Torres has taken our newsletter to a new level of professionalism. I look forward to each issue. We passed out over 200 copies of the latest edition at the Young Participant's Session. I want to commend Jeremy on his diligence during the 1st year of his term. He ran into some difficulty keeping up his level of production while he finished his studies and started a new job, but I am assured he is ready to resume his former pace.

I would like to also take note of the work done by Hector with the web page, Lone with the country representatives, and Paul for the records and work of the treasurer and Carlo who organized the conference. These people are very consistent in their response and attention to matters concerning the IOAPA. As you know Panos joined us half way through but made helped out tremendously in our relationship with the IOA,

It has been a sincere pleasure to work with such a fantastic group of people. I am very fortunate not only to work with such fine people but to know you as friends. Thank you for your support and kindness.

Of course, very little of this would be possible without the continuing encouragement from Mr. Nikos Filaretos and Dr. Kostas Georgiadis. These two men have mentored the IOAPA and me throughout these past 16 years and during my 10 years as IOAPA President. I am so proud to have had this opportunity to work with them and to know them as friends. This is a period of time that will remain one

of the highlights of my life. The years of immersion into the IOA, soaking in the waves of incredible, wonderful people from all over the world, the education that I have received during this time are gifts that I am forever grateful for.

Thanks you for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. It has been pure joy. I am at your service and hope to have many more years with you together in our great IOAPA.

With Olympic Spirit,

Laurel Brassey Iversen
President

4.2 Vice President's report

Here we are once again in Olympia. I am happy to have managed to be here once again since this year my sport commitments were going to keep me away from this session. On a positive note I would like to mention the good work done by the Executive Board in managing to have many IOAPA members working as volunteers during the last Olympic Games held in Athens last year. This was possible through the intervention of the IOA and in particular of Dr Kostas Georgiadis who is always here amongst us to help us and to guide us.

During the Olympic Games the IOAPA held a reunion for those members of the IOAPA who were present at the Games. It was a very special occasion and we all enjoyed being here and working on a voluntary basis for such an epic event as the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. In addition the IOAPA also managed to organise the IOAPA Winter Session. This was possible because Axel Bammer and his team did an excellent job.

However we also need to address other aspects if we want the IOAPA to survive. The Olympic spirit is very much alive within us when we are here in Olympia but with the passing of days, weeks and months this spirit slowly but surely fades. Unfortunately we have Executive Board members who due to work or personal commitments disappear after some time and do not contribute to the IOAPA workload. This has happened over and over again in different Executive Boards throughout these years. This is a severe handicap for the IOAPA and those members amongst you who would like to be elected in the new Executive Board should be ready to give their contribution until the next IOAPA session in two years time and not until we leave Olympia. In the past people who have contributed a lot to the IOAPA have left, some for personal reasons and others to make way for younger blood. This year we are once again faced with a similar if not more drastic situation since both Laurel and Paul have decided not to seek re-election. Both these EB members have been in the IOAPA for a long number of years and their experience will be very difficult to replace. This will leave a big void in the IOAPA Executive Board that needs to be filled with those amongst you who are ready to give their commitment for the next two years.

As you can see around you the number of participants at our sessions decrease every year. These are partly due to the increased commitments of each participant in his/her country as well as the increase in the expenses to come here for four days out of our own pocket to be here together and to rekindle our Olympic spirit and try and take the IOAPA to new heights. We have to address this problem as early as possible.

On a personal note the basketball fraternity in Malta has continued with its successes and the female national senior team has managed to qualify with the final eight teams for the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne for the first time in its history. This is an enormous achievement for a country with a population of only 400,000.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your dedication at being here at this session by making financial sacrifices and by contributing your time to the IOAPA. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Board who were always there to help and especially Laurel and Paul who have given a great contribution to the IOAPA. Thank you very much.

Carlo Farrugia
Vice President IOAPA
11 August 2005

4.3 Secretary's report

Over the past two years I have been working on a variety of IOAPA tasks:

Membership database

After being elected at the 2003 IOAPA Session I spent some time looking at the membership database and found two things; firstly that only 63% of members had a valid email address and secondly that the overwhelming majority of renewals came from members with up-to-date emails. Therefore, I spent a considerable amount of time chasing emails so that as of August 2005 we have 92% of members having valid emails in the database. Overall, we have grown the membership over the past two years from 177 to 230 (including 14 'Sport for All', 3 Life and 11 Honorary memberships). Although our renewal numbers have not been great, this membership is made up of 161 existing members and 69 new members.

IOAPA Strategic plan

Following the various discussions at the 2003 Session, I reviewed and developed the proposals that resulted into a two-year Strategic Plan. This was circulated amongst the Committee and posted on our website. However, even though it provided a useful rationale and structure for our work, more effort will be needed in the future to communicate this type of document to the membership.

IOA By-laws

Again, the 2003 Session gave rise to a number of By-law changes and By-law change recommendations to be developed and taken to the 2005 conference.

E-circulars

Over the first year of my term as Secretary I put together 2 E-Circulars to communicate news between the publications of the Arête newsletter. However, this was then superseded by the great innovation developed by Hector of setting up an IOAPA mail group.

IOAPA online database research

From 2004 to 2005 my main focus was on researching the possibility of setting up an online database to make the application, renewal, and data sharing process more effective and efficient. There are various online systems that international organisations use and, with the help of Hector Arguelles and

Nikolai Bolke (Germany, IOA 2004) we have developed a structure for a database and some providers who may be able to help set this up in the future for a reduced fee.

In summary, I would recommend that we focus on growing our membership (especially through renewals), that we develop and implement a more rigorously communicated Strategic Plan, and that we continue to look to maximise our use of the internet to communicate with our international members.

4.4 Treasurer's report

Dear Olympic Friends,

I just wish I was reading this message in person! I have attended almost all the IOAPA conferences since the inaugural session in 1989 and Olympia is now a special place for me.

At the moment, I am not in the best position to be of service to you and the IOAPA. I am often away from home on short trips in connection with my work as well as on bowling tournaments. Thus, sometimes I find it difficult to keep up with replies to e-mails and requests for information on memberships. Therefore its best if a new official takes over these duties. I will support the new treasurer.

As for our financial situation, one can notice a trend in the reduction of income. If IOAPA could work on memberships and particularly on renewals, we could raise sufficient funds to subsidise events and to help members that may have difficulty to pay. To this extend we already provide membership under the 'Sport for all Category' and we have also set up a special fund.

The major expenses in the last two years concerned the IOAPA reunion held at the ATHENS 2004 Olympic Games and the costs of the IOAPA conferences. The IOAPA will also assist in this year's event and will subsidise the first Euro 1,000 of the bill for the IOA facilities as well as the cost of the bus and the other ancillary expenses.

IOAPA is now saving money (and effort) since we commenced circulating the newsletter online.

Last year we also commenced receiving payment for memberships via credit cards. The process is secure and simple but only 22 members have taken advantage of this system.

I would suggest that the conference votes to convert our U.S. Dollar account into a Euro account as it would simplify record keeping and reduce bank charges, given that the bulk of our income and expenditure is in Euros.

I wish you all a great conference and I look forward to receiving the conference report and catching up with what is going on. I hope to perhaps meet some of you at the TORINO WINTER GAMES.

Best regards,

Paul Baldacchino
Malta
7 August 2005

4.5 Newsletter Editor's report

In 2003, I was elected editor of Areté for the 2003-2005 period. I am very pleased to report that during this period Areté was published in a timely manner three times per year. One of my goals as new editor was to include more articles written by IOAPA members who have never contributed to the newsletter before. In doing so I also tried to expand the country of origin of the contributors. I believe that I made significant progress in this respect.

Although I had plenty of material to publish, I kept encouraging IOAPA members to send their contributions to the newsletter. One section of the newsletter I would like to see growing is "What Have They Been Doing? News from IOAPA Members." This is the section in which the membership is informed about the personal and professional news of our members. Many IOAPA members are involved in exciting and important projects in the Olympic Movement across the world. I believe it is very important to notify and publicize all these developments. I plan to keep working on the growth of this section.

All in all, I am satisfied with my performance as editor in the 2003-2005 period. To conclude, I would like to thank Dr. Rusty Wilson, who preceded me as editor of Areté, for his support and advice. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Board and the IOAPA members who make Areté possible.

Sincerely,
Dr. Cesar R. Torres

4.6 Website / internet Officer's report

Dear Olympic friends,

After two years at the Internet Co-ordination of IOAPA, I am glad to be back in Olympia with all of you and present the main achievements done along this term:

Website: Following the agreement reached during the last IOAPA session with Theo Breuers, webmaster of www.ioa-sessions.org, we moved the contents of our website to a section of his, one of the two official IOA websites. New contents and updates have been provided to Theo Breuers on a regular basis. At the present moment, around 90 % of what can be considered basic information of the Association is included in the website. Meanwhile, our own domain, www.ioapa.org, has been kept, and in there, has been placed a entry/link page pointing directly to the our section at www.ioa-sessions.org

E-Mail: A new generic e-mail address info@ioapa.org has been activated and included in www.ioapa.org as contact address for anybody visiting our website.

E-mail addresses from the domain ioapa.org have been provided to all the IOAPA Executive Board members, giving uniformity to our contact details and increasing the professional appearance of all our communications.

Mail group: In May 2004 a new service was launched, the IOAPA Mail group, since then it has allowed all IOAPA members, send his news, share information and ask for help. Evaluation done among Mail group users reflected big satisfaction with its results, especially, regarding the several help enquiries received during the preparations for Athens Olympic Games. In addition, the mail group has unified the way IOAPA Board communicates with its members, as it is used for A Areté and e-circulars distribution.

Finally, IOAPA has been included in the Olympic Studies **International Directory** maintained by the Olympic Studies Centre of Barcelona. The entry of the Association at the directory can be consulted at <http://olympicstudies.uab.es/directory/institution.asp?CODENUMBER=2416>

In overall, the current presence of IOAPA at the Internet is, no doubt, much better as the original one two years ago. It is also worth to mention, that none of the actions developed has had any economic cost for IOAPA. Nevertheless, we are far from having an excellent website and also still remain to offer our members, some other services that will definitely make the difference in our association. I am referring mainly to a professional database. Plans to tackle all these deficiencies are already ongoing and hopefully will turn into reality before the end of the next two years term.

Yours
Héctor Argüelles (ESP)

4.7 Marketing Officer's report

No report presented

4.8 Country Representative Coordinator's report

The results from the questionnaire sent out to all country representatives were presented (see appendix 13.2). The handbook was revised by the Head Country/Regional Coordinator. We have identified IOAPA country coordinators in 34 countries during the two year period.

5. Presentations and reports by sub-committees

5.1 The Hans van Haute Fund

Report by Elisabeth Hanley

Hans van Haute Scholarship Fund (IOAPA 2003 meeting)

Issues to be addressed:

- How to raise money? (private donations, corporations, Olympic Solidarity for airline tickets, contact Belgian Olympic Committee for donation – Hans was from Belgium)
- Criteria for applying for scholarship money?*
- How to spread the word? (through Areté, IOA/IOAPA website)

Comments:

- Olympic Solidarity was eliminated from the objectives, since there is no possibility of financial assistance from this IOC department.
- Request of air miles donations (through frequent flyer programs) from IOAPA members will be requested through Areté.
- No awards were made for the 2005 IOAPA session.

- 2005-2007 Committee: Elizabeth Hanley, Harald Regensberger*, Nancy Apostolopoulou – no chairman appointed. (*not in attendance at 2005 IOAPA session)

Criteria for scholarship applications:

- must be members of IOAPA (past IOA participants, coordinators, or lecturers)
- must demonstrate weak financial situation (e.g. student, member from a developing country, unemployed)
- must include a statement about financial situation and reason for applying for the scholarship (include personal character references)
- must include a presentation at the IOAPA session (what is this person doing in his/her country?)

Application:

- The application will appear in the spring Areté newsletter – in time for people to apply for the IOAPA session (usually in July or August) – application will be sent to the Chair of the IOAPA Scholarship Committee – Harald Regensberger for 2003. 2005?)
- The recipient(s) will be reimbursed upon arrival at the IOAPA session by the IOAPA Treasurer.
- The amount of scholarship award(s) will be a portion of the travel expenses – to be determined by the limits of the IOAPA budget.
- The number of people to receive an award will depend on the IOAPA budget.
- In extenuating circumstances, a person who receives a scholarship one time may be allowed to apply again in the future.
- A scholarship will not necessarily be awarded for every IOAPA session. (If, for example, Olympic Solidarity awards air tickets, then IOAPA will not give scholarships that year.)

5.2 IOA-IOAPA Reunion 2004 at the Athens Olympic Games

Report by Elisabeth Hanley

It was a memorable reunion for everyone who attended! The event was held on Sunday 22 August from 1400 to 1700 at the Athens Tennis Club (The Visa Olympians Reunion Center) – just a short walk from the 1896 Panathenaic Stadium. Members of IOAPA took turns welcoming guests to the reunion, and there were an estimated 100+ who attended. It was exciting to see so many friends from so many countries, some of whom we had not seen for years! Represented were Kostas Georgiadis (Dean of the IOA), lecturers, participants, and guests.

A special presentation was made to our IOAPA President, Laurel Brassey Iversen, for her continued dedication over the years to the IOA, IOAPA, and the Olympic Movement. Laurel is an Olympian. She was a member of the USA 1980 women's volleyball team that was not allowed to participate in the Moscow Olympic Games; however, she remained active and was rewarded with membership on the 1988 volleyball team that competed in Seoul, South Korea. A photo of Laurel at the ancient site in Olympia, in a frame engraved with her Olympic achievements, was presented to her by IOAPA member, Elisabeth Hanley.

Good food, good drink, and good conversation made for an exceptional day in Athens! The warmth of the Greek sun matched the warmth of our enduring friendships.

6. Discussion groups

The Strategic Plan from the group work at the IOAPA work session in 2003 was reviewed and new ideas and initiatives were brought forth. The participants chose topics of interest and worked in groups making action plans. These actions planned are included in the IOAPA Action Plan 2005 (the Action Plan can be downloaded from the IOAPA web page and it has been distributed to all the members through the mail group).

The topics the participants worked with:

- Assist in creating a network of Olympic Educators
 - To facilitate the availability of Olympic Educational materials and expertise

- Hans Van Haute Scholarship Fund
 - Financial aid to eligible IOAPA members to attend IOAPA conference
 - Raise additional funds

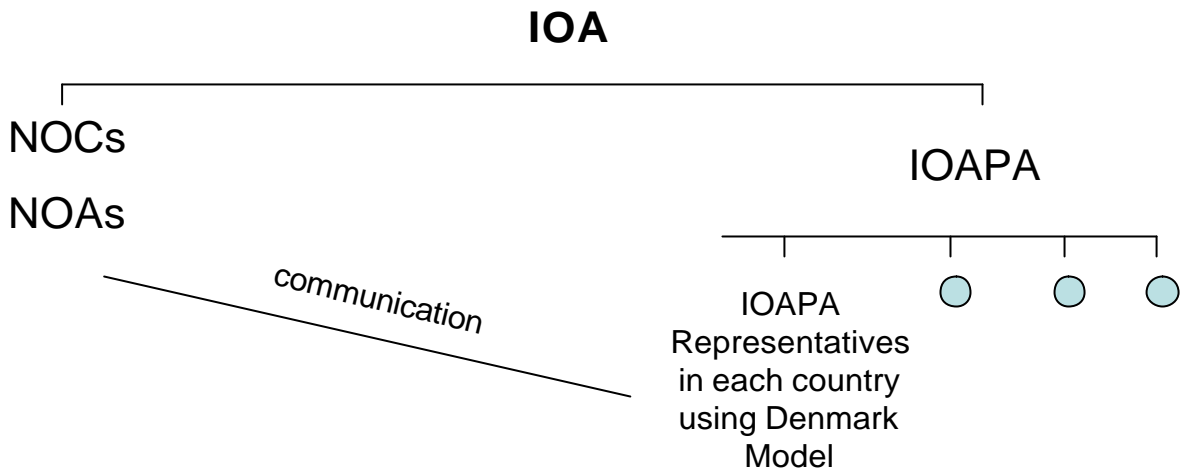
- Internal marketing
 - Logo
 - Incorporate IOAPA
 - Database of all past participants from 1961.
 - Official stationary
 - Have a centralised contact point between IOAPA and IOA

- Ensure IOAPA involvement at each of the IOA's sessions.
 - To create visual aid for presenter, and encourage membership
 - To standardize the information given and also aid in the interest in the presentation
 - Update IOA handbook

- To offer expertise from IOAPA members to international organizations and presenting IOAPA worldwide
 - Collecting data of other international organizations using sports as a means to promote peace, health and development (promoting the Olympic values) to be attached to the IOAPA webpage
 - Give IOAPA members an overview on how to be a part of initiatives by organizations worldwide (job opportunities, internships, volunteering) – improving the benefits of an IOAPA membership

- Increasing IOAPA memberships
 - Before IOA session: Contacting participants once they are selected for the session
 - During the IOA session: Collecting data (e-mail contact), giving information about IOAPA, make participants sign up as members of IOAPA
 - After the IOA session: keeping in contact with people who are not members yet
 - Increase number of national representatives
 - Encourage establishment of national IOAPAs

IOAPA national representatives and national IOAPAs:



7. Member presentations

7.1 Torino 2006 – Possibility to volunteer for IOAPA members

By Igor Lanzoni, Italy

Two ways of getting involved in the Torino 2006 Games are through the Torch relay and the Kids village.

TORCH RELAY TORINO 2006

CRITERIA	PLACES: 8
	30 APPLICATIONS as TORCHBEARERS
	Period: January -February 2006
	Time Limit before end of September 2005

The criteria for selection of IOAPA members were discussed during the session. In case more than 8 members are interested, the following criteria will be followed:

Criteria for participating in the Torino 2006 Olympic Torch Relay

1. Prioritise IOAPA members who have not participated before in a Torch Relay
2. Applicants should be registered as IOAPA members by the 2005 IOAPA Conference

According to the slots that we might acquire and the interest shown by the IOAPA members, a lottery will be held as mentioned above. If the number of slots is equal to the members that will show interest to participating, then we will not have a lottery. If the number of slots is bigger than the interested members, there should be a back up list).

Kids VILLAGE 2006

CRITERIA

PLACES: 6
APPLICATIONS AS COORDINATOR Kids Camp
Period: 20-25 days February 2006
Training Program: Obligatory 2-3 days (intensive program)
Period: December 2005 (8/12 or 18/12???)
Time Limit before end of November 2005

7.2 IOAPA.dk – National IOAPA in Denmark

By Lone Jacobsen and Poul Broberg, Denmark

IOAPA.dk is an Internet forum and an online networking community, which is open to anyone, who has been to one of the sessions at the IOA.

The IOAPA.dk wants to involve Danish IOA participants, who have the knowledge of Olympism through the IOA sessions.

The mission of the IOAPA.dk is to spread the understanding of Olympism to schools, sporting organisations and individuals.

The main strategy of the IOAPA.dk is to become more visible in Denmark via our website. The website contains news from the international Olympic community, countdowns to the main Olympic events, feature articles about the aspects of Olympism, members own Olympic experiences and the only existing Olympic encyclopaedia in Danish.

All members of IOAPA.dk have an individual password, which allows them to post news and articles on the website. The websites "members only" section does also contain a forum, where members can communicate directly to each other by posting a message, which can be read by all members on their individual email accounts. The website is edited by a member of IOAPA.dk.

The editing and the constant updating of news from the Olympic movement makes the IOAPA.dk an attractive source of information not only for members, but also for students, volunteers in the Danish sports community and the various sports federations, which are represented at the summer or winter Olympics.

The website and the active online communication between the members of the IOAPA.dk are the base of all external activities that the members of IOAPA.dk are involved in such as organising Olympic Youth Camp for high school students, preparing an Olympic Quiz and activities for the Danish Handball Federation, deliver presentations at universities and sports folk high schools, writing feature articles to newspapers and magazines and finally briefing the future IOA participants.

7.3 The 3rd IOAPA Olympic Winter Session in Austria

By Axel Bammer, Austria

Facts of the 3rd IOAPA Winter-Session:

- 15th to the 22nd of January 2005
- Innsbruck / Austria
- 30 participants / 4 coordinators
- Observer status at the Winter-Universiade which took place in Innsbruck
- Main topic „Judge – natural track“ – lecture by Konrad Pamer and Reinhard Gruber
- Lecture about the IOAPA by Dr. Jeremy Cross and Hector Arguelles
- Lecture about the Winter-Universiade by Martin Schnitzer
- Excursion to the University of sport of Innsbruck
- skiing / spinning / meditative evening / social evenings

Sponsors:

Official Main Sponsor: Stadt Innsbruck / Intersport

Official Sponsor: Erste Bank / Universiade

Official Partner: Austrian Olympic Committee / Austrian Airlines / Lauretana-Mineralwater/
Power Bar / Team Active / PROFS

Next Steps:

- IOAPA Winter-Session every 2 years (next Session 2007)
- Inviting participants from two IOA-Sessions (2005 + 2006)
- Including other Austrian IOA-Participants in the IOAPA Winter-Session
- Correspondence and cooperation with National Olympic Committees
- Negotiations with the Austrian province of Carinthia and the Swiss Olympic association (Andrea Fatzer) about the next IOAPA Winter-Session
- Finding more sponsors to reduce the price for each participant
- Using the logo in every written communication
- Being part of the website of the IOAPA
- Inventing a fund (1.000.- Euro in the pot) to support underprivileged participants to come to the IOAPA Winter-Session

7.4 IOAPA presence at the Olympic Youth Camp in Athens 2004

By Hector Arguelles, Spain

Athens 2004 Olympic Youth Camp gathered more than 450 youngsters between 16 and 18 years old representing almost all the 202 NOCs participating in the Olympic Games. The participants were selected by their NOCs and they should accomplish at least one of the next criteria: be an athlete with promising career, be involved in youth organisations or have good curriculum at schools.

The OYC was run over two weeks with a full programme of activities, including watching sport competitions at the Olympic Games, sport and cultural workshops, UNICEF activities, visit to the Olympic Village, sightseeing in Athens, excursion to Olympia and a Greek island...

The workforce running the OYC was composed by 10 ATHOC paid staff and 100 volunteers. IOAPA contributed directly to the OYC with up to 10 IOAPA members who were volunteering there. Among the

tasks of the IOAPA volunteers were the running of the workshops and presentations about the Olympic Movement included in the programme. Some of the IOAPA volunteers were selected by ATHOC for being present there as Olympic Movement experts in their condition of IOA graduates. In overall, it was an extraordinary experience for being involved in the Games and use our Olympic expertise with the youth of the world.

This constitutes a great example on how IOAPA can be directly involved and offer its expertise during the Olympic Games. The OYC as the only one official Olympic Education activity held during the Olympic Games appears to be an activity in which IOAPA should try to continue its direct participation. IOAPA as an association should try to get collaboration agreements with the OCOGS for their mutual benefit.

Short briefing compiled by Hector Arguelles (ESP)

Other IOAPA members present at Athens 2004 OYC were:

Carly Adams (CAN)

Axel Bammer (AUT)

Michael Croes (ARU)

Jeremy Cross (GBR)

Andri Iacovidou (CYP)

Roberto Mesquita (BRA)

Teresa Müller (GER)

Alberto Pellico (MEX)

Vigdis Vatshaug (NOR)

7.5 School Olympic Games in Estonia in 2004

By Reelee Remmelkoor, National Olympic Academy of Estonia

The National Olympic Academy of Estonia (EOA) initiated the voluntary movement of School Olympic Games in Estonia already in 1996. In 2003 the EOA decided to enhance the status of the School Olympic Games from a local activity to the level of nation-wide movement covering all 15 counties of Estonia.

The project 2004 was carried out in five main stages. Stage 1 consisted of compiling and issuing teaching materials on Olympic education as well as the internet webpage of the EOA (<http://www.eoa.org.ee>). For example, a new book for organisers of the games was compiled and issued - *"Handbook of the School Olympic Games"* - , which provides valuable practical advice and help for teachers and other people involved in the preparation of the School Olympic Games.

During Stage 2 three courses of Olympic education under the title *"Olympic Education in school. Organising of the School Olympic Games"* were conducted for teachers, potential organisers of the School Olympic Games. In order to attract as many teachers as possible, the courses took place in three cities of Estonia, centres of the respective regions: Tallinn, Pärnu and Tartu.

In Stage 3 the EOA organised the contest for the projects of the School Olympic Games. All schools in Estonia were invited to participate by sending their application, the programme and the budget of the School Olympic Games to the EOA. The committee of six experts was appointed by the Board of the

EOA for evaluating the School Olympic projects which arrived from numerous schools from 13 counties of Estonia.

In Stage 4 the School Olympic Games were carried out by 54 schools and kindergartens in 12 counties of Estonia with the support of the EOA. Altogether 7640 children took part in the School Olympic Games in Estonia in 2004. All these Games were visited and evaluated by the experts of the EOA and the organisers presented a report after the games to the EOA. Without exceptions the games were highly educational, spreading excitement, interest and joy. Two School Olympic Games were organised on the international level: children from Poland and Turkey performed their national dances in the Opening Ceremony of the School Olympic Games of Rakvere Town Primary School and teams from Finland and Sweden took part in the School Olympic Games in Ülenurme Gymnasium.

In Stage 5 the results of the first year of the project were analysed and preliminary conclusions drawn during the two-day summer school of the EOA held on 3-4 September 2004. In group discussions the practical experience of the local organisers of the games was summarised and concrete proposals for the further development of the project were formulated.

7.6 Using sport as a tool in development work in Kosovo

By Marc-Andre Buchwalder, United Nations Mission in Kosovo

The International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005) in Kosovo and the relation of the International Olympic Committee to the United Nations

The United Nations and the International Olympic Committee

Since 1993 with General Assembly Resolutions 48/11 (Observance of Olympic Truce) and 50/13 (The Olympic Ideal), the United Nations "support the IOC's efforts in fostering cooperation and international understanding."¹ The recognition of the importance of sport for building a more peaceful world has also been addressed at further Assembly Sessions of the UN.

"... Olympic Ideals are also United Nations Ideals: tolerance, equality, fair play, and, most of all, peace. Together, the Olympics and the United Nations can be a winning team."²

Since 2001 a Special Adviser, Adolf Ogi, to the UN Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace is appointed to help promoting Sports. The UN Office for Sport is based in the Palais de Nations in Geneva/Switzerland. At the same premises the Head Office for the UN International Year of Sport and Physical Education (IYSPE 2005) can be found.

The International Year of Sport and Physical Education in Kosovo³

A strategy paper for the *International Year of Sport and Physical Education* (IYSPE 2005) has been written by the Department of Sports in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports.

¹ United Nations Informations Centre Athens/ International Olympic Truce Centre, *United Nations and Olympic Truce*, 2001, 24

² Excerpt from General Secretary Kofi Annan's message to the Games of the XXVII Olympiad, Sydney, Australia, 15 September

³ Excerpt of a paper presented by United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), Marc-Andre Buchwalder – UNMIK Sports Adviser for Integration, at the International Conference "Sport and Peace" in Moscow, October 2-5, 2005.

The aim of IYSPE in Kosovo is to implement highly sustainable projects, through which sport can contribute to creating a more peaceful society.

As a main event for IYSPE 2005, a group of international trainers of the highest level of youth football staged a camp for kids from 14 to 17 years of age. At the same time, during this four days camp in Pristina/Pristinë and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë, the international experts from England, Germany, Netherlands and Switzerland trained local coaches and referees on modern methods. Total participation numbered: 300 youth football players, 50 coaches and 50 referees from Kosovo. Local TV and radio broadcast live from the grounds, and newspapers had special pages related to the event.

This football project was created under the patronage of Mr. Adolf Ogi, Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Sport for Development and Peace and was meant to show to people of all ethnic groups the positive values in sport. Kosovo federations will hopefully use such initiatives as an example for future schools in various sports. All international coaches were open to additional discussions with local sport authorities and officials.

Other projects for IYSPE 2005 in Kosovo are: extended efforts in projects on Integration through Sport with the budget of the Department of Sport; an international Youth Ski Slalom competition with neighbouring countries including Kosovo-Serbian participants; International Pristina/Pristinë Half Marathon "Run for Peace and Tolerance"; a sport-for-all cross-country run, "Crossing into a Better Future" organized by a mixed group of Kosovo-Albanians and Kosovo-Serbs for participants of all ages connecting cultural heritage and sport with a run to an ancient castle in a beautiful, natural environment.

Sports for peace and reconciliation⁴

UNMIK has utilized sports as a medium to promote peace in Kosovo since 1999. Sport as a symbol of peace was promoted in organizing various sporting events immediately after the war in the province. Several clubs, federations and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) were encouraged to conduct sporting activities throughout the province.

Sport was also used as a medium for reconciliation between the communities. Throughout the 1990's, members of the two major communities (Kosovo-Serbs and Kosovo-Albanians) in Kosovo were segregated in all aspects of life. Given this background, it was very important to bring people together through a neutral medium, such as sport – but this was not easy either.

Apart from playing in serious competitions, like those organized via sports leagues, there are a number of events and tournaments in which teams from various communities have participated. The effort to bring different communities together on the sports field comes not only from the Kosovo sports bodies themselves, but also from several international NGOs, which have contributed enormously in this process. In spite of these efforts, the progress is not to the satisfaction of any level of community integration in the field of sports, due to prevailing prejudices, inhibition, suspicion and other concerns like security and freedom of movement.

Conclusion⁵

Unlike in the past, the international community should utilize sport as a major medium to promote peace, tolerance, cultural diversity and other Olympic values. The International Olympic Committee should take a more proactive role in post-conflict areas to promote these values.

^{4,5} Excerpt of a paper presented by United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), Marc-Andre Buchwalder – UNMIK Sports Adviser for Integration, at the International Conference "Sport and Peace" in Moscow, October 2-5, 2005.

7.7 Sport in Saudi Arabia

By Abdulelah Almuina, Saudi Arabia

In 1964 a national sport organization founded in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia which was called: The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee. Such Committee recognized in the year 1965 by the International Olympic Committee for indefinite period.

The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee is the higher sport authority in the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Its first president was the late Prince Faisal Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz and now His Royal Highness Prince Sultan Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz is the President and His Royal Highness Prince Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz is the Vice-President.

The logo of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee consists of the following: the palm tree, the five rings, which represent the five continents in the middle of the palm tree and two intersected swords underneath the palm tree.

The goals of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee is to implement the International Olympic Committee's bylaws and ethic, it also aims at strengthening the relationship with the International Olympic Committee.

His Royal Highness Prince Sultan Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz is the President General of Youth Welfare and His Royal Highness Prince Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz is the Vice President General of Youth Welfare and member of the International Olympic Committee since the year 2002.

The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee participated at international level during the Olympic Games held in Sydney 2002. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's delegation achieved silver medal in the 400m athletics, which was registered for athlete/ Hadi Soan, also, the Kingdom achieved Bronze medal through its rider/ Khalid Al Eid in Equestrian single competition.

The Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee also participated in the Olympic Games held in Athens 2004, the head of the kingdom's delegation was His Royal Highness Prince Nawaf Bin Faisal Bin Fahad Bin Abdulaziz. The Saudi delegation participated in the Games through the following sports: Equestrian, Athletics, Weightlifting, Shooting, Swimming, Table Tennis and Sports of Special Needs.

7.8 Visit from Vice Mayor in Olympia

The Vice Major of Olympia spoke briefly to the participants mentioning an ongoing project that links the people of Olympia with the people of Olympic Games cities. For example, in the 2004 Torch Relay, a Chinese boy was chosen to be a torchbearer through Olympia.

8. IOAPA Bye Laws

8.1 Bye Laws proposals (Friday)

Proposal by: Jeremy Cross

A proposal to add an article about the Bye Laws (see attached Appendix 4)

There was a discussion about definitions of 'significant' and 'non-significant' and whether this was necessary. It was concluded that the Committee should seek legal advice on the whole Bye Laws document

- Proposal withdrawn

Proposal by: Paul Baldacchino (via Carlo Farrugia)

Proposal to change the IOAPA account from US dollars to Euros

- Passed (unanimous)

Proposal by: Andrea Fatzer

A proposal for changing the membership types was tabled and discussed. It was decided that the proposal would be worked on and presented in Bye Laws proposal Session 2

8.2 Bye Laws proposals (Saturday)

Proposal by: Alastair Cameron

A proposal for changes to membership criteria was presented and discussed (see attached Appendix 4)

- Passed (unanimous)

Proposal by: Jeremy Cross

Proposal to change all terms to maintain grammatical consistency

- Passed (unanimous)

Proposal by: Elisabeth Hanley

A proposal for a new elections procedure (see attached Appendix 4)

Comments from discussion:

- There are practical issues and this has not worked in the past
- We would miss people who go the main session that year
- If the reason for the procedure is time to know people then
- Do people need to be proposed and seconded by others?
- It would be most democratic for people to have the option of proposing themselves
- Proposal withdrawn

Proposal by: Hector Arguelles

A proposal concerning Internet Co-ordinator (see attached Appendix 4)

- Passed (unanimous)

9. Election of new IOAPA Executive Committee members

9.1 Voting procedure

- Decided by simple majority
- If there is no complete majority by the first ballot the vote shall be recast. If there are more than 2 candidates then the one with least votes shall drop out and there will be a 2nd round of voting to decide the position
- All positions are to be voted for in secret or by a show of hands where the position is not contested and there is only one candidate

9.2 Nominations and election

President

Jeremy Cross, United Kingdom (23 for) **Elected**

Igor Lanzoni, Italy (11 for)

Abstentions: 2

Vice President

Panos Vasilaras, Greece (24) **Elected**

Vigdis Vatshaug, Norway (12)

Secretary

Elisabeth A. Hanley, USA (16 for)

Vigdis Vatshaug, Norway (18 for) **Elected**

Abstentions: 2

Treasurer

Carlo Farrugia, Malta (35 for, 1 abstentions) **Elected**

Newsletter

Cesar Torres, Argentina (35 for, 1 abstention) **Elected**

IOA Liaison

Panagiota Dandoulaki, Greece (35 for, 1 abstention) **Elected**

Internet

Hector Arguelles, Spain (36 for) **Elected**

Marketing

Axel Bammer, Austria (32 for, 4 abstentions) **Elected**

Country co-ordinator

Andrea Fatzer, Switzerland (36 for) **Elected**

9.3 New 2005 IOAPA Executive Committee

President	Jeremy Cross	UK
Vice President	Panos Vasilaras	Greece
Secretary	Vigdis Vatshaug	Norway
Treasurer	Carlo Farrugia	Malta
Newsletter Editor	Cesar Torres	Argentina
Website Officer	Hector Arguelles	Spain
IOA Liaison	Giota Dandoulaki	Greece
Country Rep Officer	Andrea Fatzer	Switzerland
Marketing Officer	Axel Bammer	Austria



10. Planting of memorial rose bushes

Two dear IOAPA members have passed away and all the delegates participated in a memorial ceremony where we planted a rose bush for each of them outside the old lecture hall. Laurel Brassey Iversen and Alistair Cameron planted the rose bushes and offered some words:

Laurel's words:

"Mariela Spasova and Geoff Yarema met during the 1986 IOA Session for Young Participants. Mariela was a World Champion in Rhythmic Gymnastics from Bulgaria and had the opportunity to travel to North America where she was an original member of the Cirque du Soleil Acrobatic Company. She and Geoff became reacquainted and later married, setting up their home in Manhattan Beach, California. Mariela passed away a couple of years ago. Geoff and Mariela have a beautiful daughter, Valerie".



Alistairs words:

"I first met Keith Sambo as part of the pre-planning for the Olympic Youth Camp I was organising as part of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. From the first time I met him I was struck by his infectious sense of humor and zest for life. Over the next couple of years I had many meetings with him and he was very much an instrumental part in the success of the OYC 2000. Keith was also a great ambassador for the Aboriginal people of Australia. He worked hard to help his people achieve better things in life and he did this primarily through sport.

After the Games in Sydney Keith and I worked together again on the inaugural Australian Youth Olympic festival. It was during this time he asked me about my trip to Olympia back in 1998 and how it came about. At the time I thought to myself what a great candidate Keith would be for the Session for Young Participants. I nominated him through my Olympic connections and then things took off from there, Keith did all the rest of the work from there. He was short-listed and then was sent to the session in 2002. So impressed were people that he was invited back as a coordinator for the next two years. He was very popular amongst those he met.

What happened after that I am not really sure. Somewhere along the way Keith got lost and from his perspective his life was a mess. As is often the case in these situations he did not reach out to those who loved and respected him for help and guidance, something any of us would have gladly given in return for all that he gave us. He took matters and his own life into his hands and that's where the story ends. I miss him; I miss our phone conversations, "Which way bro?" was often what he would ask by way of greeting. I can only hope he is up there somewhere looking down on us with that big broad grin".

11. Evaluation of 9th IOAPA working session by participants

The aim was to let all participants reflect on what they have experienced and learnt during the session, and to visualise what they would like to bring with them and what they would like to "leave behind in rubbish bin".

Method of working:

Each participant was given post-it notes. Individually they wrote the main things they are positive about and will bring with them from the session and use at home. They should also write down things they are

not so happy about and would rather "leave behind". Each participant then stick the post-its on the flipchart paper with the drawings; 1) A participant with a huge suitcase 2) A participant that is throwing stuff in a rubbish bin.

Below is the things that came up from the participants at this session. They have been organised according to some main topics. The number in brackets indicate how many people that wrote that exact point.

11.1 What have been useful?

What will you bring with you back home in your "luggage"?

Friendships!

- Meet again with friends (15) and make new friends (18)

Involvement!

- Involvement of new and old members and good spirit between members
- Energy and many creative and involved participants
- The beneficial personal networking, creates a lot of inspiration
- Many new (young) members (2)
- Meet people with the same interest
- As always – great people / motivated people (5)

Work manner!

- Group work (small groups + freedom for working groups) (8)
- Chair Jeremy – alternative ways of working (2) e.g. Open discussion (2)
- Concrete tasks (like writing down strategies) (4)
- Exchange of ideas
- To give more space at free experiences
- Evaluation of our work
- Programme involving the members / Small, intensive group
- Kostas involving (3)
- Good social programme / informal social gatherings (4)
- Work was done / Action

Programme content!

- Update strategic plan / new vision (and projects) for the future (8)
- Setting realistic goals/small changes at a time (3)
- Getting news of the Olympic Movement (2)
- More understanding of the IOAPA
- Partnership agreement with IOA /Meeting with Kostas (2)
- Presentations by individuals about what they are doing (eg Kosovo, Estonia, IOAPA.dk etc)
- The speech by the vice-mayor from Olympia
- Planting roses (2)
- Denmark's model of a national IOAPA
- New ideas (3)

Output!

- Thinking ahead towards the future of IOAPA (2)
- Re-kindled flame (passion /excitement/motivation/enthusiasm) (4)

- Great and committed team at the new Executive Committee (2)
- Sense of community with a common goal
- Meeting expert people in the conference (2)
- Useful and helpful contacts. E.g Contacts – Doha 2006 (2)
- Improving my skills
- Revisiting IOA (2)
- To give peace a chance
- Optimism that in 2 years a lot of things will be done
- Motivation which I have after this session will help me starting the work around IOAPA in my country (2)

11.2 What has not been useful?

What have been a waist /rubbish you could have done without? What did you miss?

Jammed programme!

- Too less organised sport (3) and not enough pool time (2)
- Social activities
- Not enough breaks /programme was jammed with activities (4)
- Not enough consecutive hours of free time (2)
- Too rushed, we need more time

Programme content!

- Extra presentations from e.g. ATHOC or relevant themes where lacking
- Vice mayor of Olympia (2)
- Too many hours discussion the Torino Torch Relay (4)
- Presentations should be related to the session theme and programme
- Committee reports (more details, e.g. membership database – say what all the work involved)

Work manner!

- The lack of chairpersons who could keep the discussions focussed and on the track (3)
- Too little group work or two by two. Too much time in the conference hall
- Administration (e.g. loosing time with distributing paper material)
- A lot of theory – less action (2)
- Discussing about spontaneous proposals (should be done before session – everybody will get them and can think about it)
- Too long discussions / too much time on discussions that just went round in circles (2)
- Too many changes in the programme / if programme changes it must be made clear at the beginning of the day (4)
- Time must be prioritised on most important tasks
- Executive Committee members not present for the whole time – or late for sessions
- Presentations (keep before elections as these may give people information on who to vote for)

Internal politics and election procedure!

- Internal politics around the Executive Committee positions /disagreements (5)
- Olympic ideals put aside for personal gain
- Making choices and voting according to personal benefit
- 1 member of the new executive committee left before programme was over
- The election and nomination procedure (4)
- The approach to the elections of new Executive Committee members

Output!

- Thinking about vast over-optimistic changes / being unrealistic
- Theoretical not practical goals which we want to achieve and which are not realistic

Facilities/service at IOA!

- The printers at the IOA
- Food!! And amount we had to pay (6)

12 Conclusion

12.1 Closing address of the IOAPA President

I would like to use this speech to say some heart felt thank you's to a number of people...

Firstly, a big thank you to the IOA, the President and the staff for allowing us to use the premises and for their help during our session. You have been very helpful and accommodating as always. I would especially like to thank the Dean, Kostas, for his time, his contributions during the session and his continued support of our organization.

Secondly, I would like to thank the previous members of the outgoing executive board, (or should I now say committee after the By-Law name change!) for their work over the past two years in particular, of course, to Laurel who has led us so courageously for so long.

And finally, I would like to thank all of you here at the Session for showing your love and commitment to the Olympic Idea by being here and being so active and engaged during the programme. I know that we have faced some challenges over the last few days but I truly feel that we have emerged out of the tunnel on the other side and that together we are now ready to go full steam ahead in acting on our projects and visions. As the new President of IOAPA, I challenge you all to take personal responsibility for developing the association. I am very excited about the prospect of working with a really committed and talented new committee and I know that they will be supporting you as best as they can.

Thank you once again and I wish you all the very best over the next 2 years before we meet again.

13. Appendices

13.1 Appenix1 – IOAPA Conference programme

9th WORKING SESSION OF THE IOAPA

11-15 AUGUST 2005

Wednesday 10 August

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2000	Dinner in Plaka area for those arriving early in Athens (Meeting at 2000hrs at Niki Hotel)	At Niki Hotel

PROGRAMME DAY 1- Thursday 11 August

Session Chairperson – Carlo Farrugia

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	Departure to Olympia by bus (from Athens)	Near Niki Hotel
1330	Arrival in Olympia - Lunch	

Settling in and rest

1400	Executive Board Meeting	Old Library
16:30	Opening Session	Old Lecture Hall
	Opening Ceremony – Olympic Hymn	
	Welcome by President IOAPA	
	Introduction and address by IOA President Mr Nikos Filaretos	
	Introduction and address by IOA Dean Dr. Georgiadis	
	Orientation & Background about the IOAPA (Rusty Wilson)	
	Self introduction by all members	
	Introduction of conference programme	
	Reports by Executive Board Members	
	Traditional Photo	Cafeteria Stairs
	Laying of wreath stele of Pierre de Coubertain (Reele Remmelkoor/Thomas Idskov)	
	Speech Elizabeth Hanley	
	Laying of Flowers at Carl Diem Monument (Leslie Spencer/Erling Joensen)	
	Speech Mette Lindstroem	
	Visit to Hans Van Haute Memorial Tree	
	Speech Laurel Iversen	
19:00	Refreshments offered by the Executive Board	Bar
20:00	Dinner	Cafeteria
21:30	Ice Breaker (Elizabeth Hanley/Laurel Brassey)	Eucalyptus Groove

PROGRAMME DAY 2 - Friday 12 August

Session Chairperson – Jeremy Cross

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	Breakfast	Cafeteria
0825	Assembly in Hall	Old Lecture Hall
0830	Evaluation of targets achieved in 2003 Conference	
0945	Discussion and exchange of ideas between all members of the IOAPA	
1030	Coffee Break	
1045	What do we want to achieve till 2007 and beyond (small groups)	
1145	Reports by small groups	
1245	Report of the Van Haute Scholarship Fund (Elizabeth Hanley)	
1300	Lunch	Cafeteria

Session Chairperson – Lone Jakobsen

1500	Presentations from Athens 2004 (Betz, Laurel, Cesar, Hector, Panos, Carlo)	Old Lecture Hall
1630	Torino 2006, Torch Relay, Winter Session	
1800	Sports/Arts/Dancing groups	
2000	Dinner Cafeteria	
2130	Pool Party (Hector/Jeremy/Vigdis)	

PROGRAMME DAY 3 - Saturday 13 August

Session Chairperson – Hector Arguelles

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	Breakfast	Cafeteria
0825	Assembly in Hall	Old Lecture Hall
0830	Suggestions and changes to the bye laws of the IOAPA Nominations for the new Executive Board Appointment of election panel	
1030	Coffee Break	
1045	Discussion with IOA Dean Dr Georgiadis	
1145	IOAPA 2007 and future conferences	Old Lecture Hall
1300	Lunch Cafeteria	

Session Chairperson – Igor Lanzoni

1400	Presentation of Memento to 10 year members Presentation of participation certificates	Old Lecture Hall
1415	Further development of IOAPA website Sponsorships and marketing of IOAPA	
1630	Sports/Arts/Dancing groups	
2000	Dinner Cafeteria	
2130	Free evening	

PROGRAMME DAY 4 - Sunday 14 August

Session Chairperson – Laurel Iversen

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	Breakfast	Cafeteria
0825	Assembly in Hall	Old Lecture Hall
0830	Election of the new Executive Board members	
0945	Brainstorming session New Executive Board work for the coming two years	
1030	Coffee Break	
1045	Presentations of IOAPA strategic plan for the future Beijing 2008	Old Lecture Hall
1300	Lunch	Cafeteria

Session Chairperson – Cesar Torres

1500	Free open discussion and brain storming session	
1630	Closing speeches by IOA Dean and IOAPA President	Old Lecture Hall
1730	Sports/Arts/Dancing groups	
2000	Dinner	Cafeteria
2130	Social Evening and Farewell Party (Elizabeth/Michael/Pia/Hector)	

Monday 15 August

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	Breakfast	Cafeteria
0930	Departure from Olympia to Athens by bus	
1500	Arrival in Athens - Departures	
2000	Dinner in Plaka area for those remaining in Athens	

13.2 Appendix2 – Letter to Country Representatives and summary of answers

Letter to the IOAPA Country Representatives 2004:

Hello dear Olympic friend

I want to thank you for your interest in helping the IOAPA as a country representative.

It is a very important, and interesting, job to take on. You can be assured if you need help of any kind you will receive it either from the executive board or from other country representatives.

I would like to thank Vigdis from Norway, Milada from the Czech Republic, Silvia from Argentina, Rusty from the USA and the executive board for helping me.

As you will see, we have collected important information for you in the IOAPA manual. Please read the manual before you answer the following questions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or concerns.

And now to the questions:

A: Assessment of present situation in your country:

1) Does your country have an NOA?

If yes, can you elaborate on what they are doing and how it functions?

If no, are there any immediate plans for establishing an NOA – and how far is the process of establishing the NOA at present?

2) How are participants to the main IOA session selected in your country? How are they prepared before they go to Greece?

3) Does your NOA or the NOC ask the IOA participants to produce reports, assist in Olympic Education, etc., after attending the IOA session? Please elaborate.

4) How would you describe the relationship between your NOA and the NOC? [e.g. a) The NOA is part of the NOC's formal structure; b) the NOA is separate to the NOC, but is endorsed by the NOC nevertheless; c) the NOA is completely separate from the NOC.]

5) To what extent is your NOA aware of the mission of the IOAPA and its projects?

6) To what extent is your NOC aware of the mission of the IOAPA and its projects?

7) Do you have a role in the NOC, NOA, or other Olympic Education Programs?
If yes, please elaborate.

8) Are there any other matters about the situation in your country regarding NOA, NOC, IOAPA and Olympic Education that you would like to inform us about?

B: Recommendations for focus areas in your country:

1) Take into consideration the situation in your country and the list of possible duties of a Country Coordinator (see chapter 3 in the handbook). What should be your main focus for 2004?

2) Please elaborate on what your aims and strategies, in your selected focus areas, would be and how to reach them.

3) Do you need assistance from the IOAPA executive board (Head of Country/regional Coordinators) or any other Country Representatives? If yes, what kind of assistance?

4) What kind of support can you offer other country representatives? (i.e. - If you have started your own NOA, helped organise an Olympic session or national IOAPA meeting.)

I need to have your comments as soon as possible. Please send them to my email address: lone@ioapa.dk

I will collect the information and send a report to all of you as soon as possible!

Looking forward to work with you – let us begin right now!!!!

Best regards from

Lone Jacobsen
IOAPA country coordinator
Denmark, July 2005.

IOAPA Country Representatives August 2005

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The following Country Representatives have reported back during springtime 2005:

Norway, Argentina, Czech Republic, Mexico, Hong Kong, Spain, Cuba, USA, Denmark, Great Britain, Ecuador, Sudan, Austria, Cameroun, New Zealand, Aruba.

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IOA Sessions: 1994 (Young participants) – 2001 (Guest)

Our mail group- Ex alumnos mexicanos de la Academia Olímpica Internacional
http://mx.groups.yahoo.com/group/Exalumnos_de_la_AOImx

South Africa

Name: Ms Tshikani Baloyi

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The National Olympic Academy of South Africa (NOASA) was formed in 1990. Two sessions were held after its inauguration but fizzled out. It was revived in 2000 in Potchefstroom. The Academy sessions are held annually in Potchefstroom for National Federations, Schools and Teachers. Due to South Africa's isolation during the apartheid era South Africans have lost out on Olympism. The National Academy Session are being used to educate especially the youth of South Africa on Olympism. NOASA is a sub-committee of the National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCSA) and has received tremendous support from the NOCSA Board. NOASA is responsible for selecting candidates who attend the Annual IOA sessions. The IOA participants are therefore urged to assist NOASA with growing the knowledge of Olympism in our country through lectures and workshops. We are also privileged to have Dr Sam Ramsamy IOC member and NOCSA President as a member of the IOC Education Commission and has lectured at the IOA sessions who assists us and is the Chair of the NOASA Commission. To continue with this program we are in the process of negotiating with former Olympians to assist us with the Education on the different Provinces in South Africa. We are hoping that this process will succeed.

New Zealand:

Full name Greta Larmer

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Country New Zealand

The New Zealand International Olympic Academy Participants' Association was formed in 2002. We appreciate the ongoing support we receive from New Zealand's National Olympic Academy, which is responsible for maintaining and developing co-operation with the International Olympic Academy. The first New Zealand connection to the IOA was in 1971, when Peter Snell presented a lecture entitled "Experiences in connection with the preparation and participation in the Olympic Games" at the 11th Session for Young Participants. From 1971 to the present time (March 2005) a total of 61 New Zealanders have attended an IOA Session; including educators, athletes, students, sports administrators, journalists and NOC/NOA personnel. Many of our participants from previous years are still involved with the Olympic Movement in New Zealand today.

Denmark

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The Danish National Olympic Academy (DOA) was established in 1986 by the Danish Olympic Committee.

In 1993 The Danish Sports Confederation and the Danish Olympic Committee merged forming the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark.(DIF), which is housed in the "House of Sport" in Brøndby near Copenhagen.

The DOA is directed by its members; these people are selected by the executive board of the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark. In 1999 there was a structural change; today members of the DOA represent different groups and/or interests.

United States of America

Elizabeth A. Hanley

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Professor emerita, Kinesiology, Penn State University

The United States Olympic Academy (USOA) was initiated in 1977 and was held annually until the early 1990s. The USOA was held at various universities and was twice hosted by the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado, home of the USOC. In 1988 Penn State University (University Park, PA) proudly hosted the USOA. When IOA participants were chosen for a particular year, they were required to attend the USOA prior to going to the IOA. Former IOA participants became a major presence at the USOA sessions and were instrumental in the USOA's projects. At the present time we are in the process of renewing the USOA and plan to hold one in 2006.

	NOA	Is IOAPA visible ?	Selection of IOA participants
Norway	Yes	A little	Annual session, candidates interviews 2005: the Norwegian Olympic Committee is not prioritising the Academy Session Annual session, candidates interviews
Argentina	Yes	A little	Annual session
Czech Republic	Yes	?	Recruited from 2 Universities
Mexico	Yes	A little	NOA President selects the part.
Hong Kong, China Fenella J.G.L. Ng fenella@netvigator.com	Yes	A little	Nominated by their Sports Associations
Spain	Yes	Trying to inform	Annual session, writing a paper, selections
Cuba	Yes	Yes	Douglas got a scholarship
USA	No	No	No idea
Denmark Lone Jakobsen ludo@stofanet.dk www.ioapa.dk	Yes	Yes, own org. www.ioapa.dk	Application (private or via association) and selections. The ioapa.dk is briefing the participants.
Great Britain	Yes	Yes	Essay competition, exception this year
Ecuador	Yes	Not much	People involved in the Olympic Movement
Sudan	Yes	A little	This year our NOC decided to cancel the English exam and to focus on briefing the nominated candidates about Olympic Movement (I gave them a lecture about the Olympic Games with special focus on the closing and opening ceremony). Lectures were followed by dividing the candidates

			into group discussion, after that we pick the most bright students for IOA main session.
Austria	Yes	Harald reports every year	In former times it was one PE-Student of each of the three Austrian PE-universities. We are no more involved in the selection procedure for this years youth session participants. (2005)
Cameroun	Yes	A little	Annual session, Nominated by NOC president
New Zealand Greta Larmer greta@olympic.org.nz	Yes	A little and growing	IOA participants are selected by the members of our NOA board. The major selection criterion is involvement in the Olympic Movement. At the present time only people from the management, membership and governance of our NOC and NOA are considered for selection.
Aruba	Yes	No, Michael is at the moment out of the country	Candidate interviews

	Country rep. position	Report after the IOA?	Support you can offer
Norway	NOA board	Yes	How to organize a session
Argentina	Lecturer/coordination/adm.secretary AOA sessions. Employed by her NOC as chief of the courses	Yes	How to organize a session
Czech Republic	Teacher at the Sports Faculty, Prague	Yes	
Mexico	No official connection with the NOC, but good connections	Yes	
Hong Kong	Volunteer for the NOC/NOA	Yes	Internet chat room within the IOAPA website
Spain	Collaborates with the NOA	Yes	IT support if needed
Cuba	Collaborates with the NOA		
USA	Not any more	Don't know	Willing to give a hand
Denmark	NOA board IOAPA.dk	Yes	How to start your own national IOAPA org. Funding from the NOA, producing Olympic educational materials, briefing the IOA part.
Great Britain		Yes	Sharing experience, inform the BOA
Ecuador	President of the NOA 1997 -2001	Participate in NOA activities	My job as a president
Sudan	Lecturer and selection of candidates	From 2004 participate in NOA activities	lectures, member of the committee that assigned the job of designing a curriculum in Olympism for primary school students (we started

			with a private school).
Austria	None	Not compulsory	How to organize a winter session
Cameroun	None	Yes	
New Zealand	One of two main co-ordinators for New Zealand IOAPA (2003-) -From March 2005 onwards, recognised by NOA board as New Zealand's country representative within the IOAPA -Reports to NOA board meetings as required on New Zealand IOAPA activities and worldwide IOAPA news -Supports the NOA in the orientation of future IOA participants -Employee of NOC – Olympic Studies Centre Manager of the Olympic Museum of the New Zealand Olympic Committee	Yes, all participants are required to submit a report to our NOA board on their return from IOA	We are still developing as a national IOAPA, but are happy to share our experience so far with others.
Aruba	Advisor, due to Michael being out of the country at the moment	Yes	Organising Sessions and Lecturing during the Sessions

	Main focus country rep. 2004	How to reach the main focus
Norway	Inform the NOA about the IOAPA	Give a presentation of the IOAPA for the NOA Board Lobby within the Norwegian Olympic Committee
Argentina	Inform the ex IOA participants about IOAPA	Informing the participants of the IOA about IOAPA before they go to Olympia and informing all the ex participants about the news, activities and IOAPA's sessions
Czech Republic	Earn recognition by the NOA	Persuade the NOA to allow a webpage for the IOAPA under their web pages
Mexico	Produce a directory with names, emails from past participants	She has personal contacts with many past participants, use interpersonal communication
Hong Kong	Get a formal position within the NOA	Once in the committee, organize a national session to recover the "lost" IOA members
Spain	To invite all past participants – NOA	Hoping the the meeting will take place, the NOA is responsible
Cuba	The collaborators of the NOA meet every year to talk about their strategy.	
USA	Find past participants	Not sure about the strategies yet
Denmark	Promote the IOAPA.dk	Trying to get more members, contact the persons in our IOA database
Great Britain	Getting a list of all the	Liase with Jan (the director of the BOA) and use

	people, who went to the IOA	email if possible to make things easier
Ecuador	Get the ex participants together, provide them new objects. Start by getting in contact with the current structure of the NOA. Design a joint plan to spread Olympic Ideals in schools	Reactivate the works of our NOA and involve ex IOA participants in the works of the NOA
Sudan	Brief the "selected participants" for the IOA main session	
Austria	Get more members	Closer contact to the NOC to get the names

Country	Main focus 2005	How to reach the main focus
Taiwan Li-Hong (Leo) Hsu, hsuleo@mail.dyu.edu.tw http://www.dyu.edu.tw/~osc/	http://www.dyu.edu.tw/~osc/ To organize 3-4 workshops on 'Olympic Education' around Taiwan. To produce supplementary Olympic textbooks - aiming for primary and secondary school teachers . To write something on 'sport and peace' (timely work).	Produce 3-4 articles every week
Denmark	Vision meeting for ioapa.dk members to decide the main focus for 2005 –2006 Participate in the IOAPA session August 2005	We are now 14 active members in our organization and we want to become a strong org.
New Zealand	Continue to communicate with NZ IOAPA members. Develop more opportunities for them to support, and be supported by, the NOA and NOC.	Continue our existing communication to our NZ IOAPA members e.g. sending them email newsletters, our NOC magazine and invitations to appropriate NOC and NOA events. Encourage them to become more involved in the activities of the NOA and NOC.
Sudan	We are still working on that curriculum, however, the response from schools is not encouraging (especially the public one), I gave two lectures to Algabas private school students about Olympism and their information about Olympism and the Olympic movement really impressed me.	
Austria	Axel Bammer organized the	

	3rd IOAPA Winter Session in Innsbruck with about 25 participants from about 15 nations	
Hong Kong	NOC is launching an programme for HK schools to promote the East Asian Games to be held here in 2009.	80 people including past IOA participants will take part in lecturing after attending relevant training sessions. Programme will run from Sept 2005 – July 2007. Approx. 800-900 primary and secondary schools will be invited to take part. Course content includes: Olympism, Olympic Movement, 2009 East Asian Games & other Multi Sport Games
Aruba	Organising Sessions and Lecturing during the Sessions	Through contact with the NOC Board and the IOA Past Participants

	Needed assistance from the board and other country rep.?
Norway	A "book of good ideas" – only got the NOA session
Argentina	Material in Olympic education, if possible in Spanish
Czech Republic	A short movie about the IOA and IOAPA sessions. Funding for organizing an Olympic session or national IOAPA meeting
Mexico	To talk with the regional coordinator, need data and ideas
Hong Kong	Website with ideas for educational materials
Spain	
Cuba	Olympic materials/videos etc.
USA	Not sure
Denmark	Sharing good ideas
Great Britain	To hear what other people's answers are to these questions
Ecuador	Not so far, later for sure
Sudan	Exchange of ideas, especially about how to spread Olympic education in school.
Austria	Just to get a kick to move the computer and begin – here is the KICK!
Cameroun	Good computer, Books, Olympic materials/videos...
New Zealand	Just continue the existing communication, support and sharing of ideas worldwide.
Aruba	Organising a source of Olympic Academy related information: professional support, good ideas, educational material, lecturers, advisors, human resource, event volunteers, etc..

13.3 Appendix 3 – IOAPA accounts

I.O.A.P.A. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AS AT 30 July 2005

	ACTUAL Jul.05	Jul.04	Jul.03	Jul.02	BUDGET 2005/2006
INCOME					
1. Subscriptions/fees etc	2.713,01	3.019,50	3.102,46	3409,11	4.000,00
2. Donations		0	296,00	1419,00	400,00
3. Bank Interest	21,03	8,78	18,76	41,28	40,00
4. Other		0			
Total Income:	2734,04	3028,28	3417,22	4869,39	4.440,00
EXPENDITURE					
1. Communications (newsletter/postage)	0		\$936,55	\$795,66	25,00
2. Bank Charges	98,78	112,08	\$68,83	\$54,42	100,00
3. Brochure				1170,96	
4. Stationery			11,31		
5. Sundry expenses		201,0	124,86		100,00
6. Checks unpaid	60	80	90	90,0	-
7. Gifts/totes		137			50,00
8. Info letters		55			-
9. IOA main session	216,68	57,40			-
10. Conference report		23,89		115,0	50,00
11. Conference Expenses	1.249,14	\$4.262,36	\$0,00	\$3.204,89	1.300,00
12. ATEHNS 2004 Meeting	1.921,50				-
13. Web Site			69,99	1.000	100,00
Total Expenditure:	3546,10	4928,73	1301,54	6430,93	1.725,00
Surplus/(deficit)	-812,06	-1.900,45	2.115,68	-1.561,54	2.715,00
Add Opening Balance	6.936,88	8.837,33	6.721,65	8.283,19	6.124,82
Closing Balance	6.124,82	6.936,88	8.837,33	6.721,65	8.839,82
Made up of:					
Closing Bank Balance	4.754,82 *	4.736,88 *	7.937,33 *	6.721,65 *	8.839,82
add cash/checks in hand	570	2.200	900	0	-
credit card payments	800				
less bills unpaid			0	0	-
IOAPA FUNDS	6.124,82	6.936,88	8.837,33	6.721,65	8.839,82

* bank balance as at 30 July

*CLOSING BALANCE INCLUDES US\$800 for the Van Heute Fund and \$350 deposits for IOAPA conference 2005 (Hanley, Leslie Spencer, Torben X250). -Still to pay for BUS, insurance, Party, awards etc..

NOTES:

memberships:

I. memberships is shown net of exchange losses and bank clearing charges

13.4 Appendix 4 – Proposed changes to the bye laws

Proposal for addition of ‘duties of the officers Article’ in Bylaws - *passed*

ARTICLE 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Membership of the Association is available to all whom have attended any of the Sessions conducted by the International Olympic Academy or as set out below.

2.2 Categories of membership

1. Regular membership: By payment of a fee as set by the Executive Committee from time to time. This membership fee will expire on December 31st of the year following the year of signing up. Renewals will be for two years at a time. The fee is set out in Annex A.
2. Sport for All: Upon presentation of interest in the work of the Association, the Executive Committee may grant a “Sport for All” membership (no fee assessed).
3. Lifetime membership: Lifetime membership fee shall be ten times (10x) the ordinary membership fee.
4. Honorary Member: Nominated by the Executive Committee and approved by a vote of 2/3rds of a majority of the IOAPA Conference Session. A person should be someone who exemplifies the ideals of Olympism.

Proposal for addition of ‘duties of the officers Article’ in Bylaws - *passed*

ARTICLE 5.8 – IOAPA INTERNET CO-ORDINATOR

Shall act as Mail group moderator.

Shall provide IOAPA membership with all possible services that the new technologies and IOAPA resources might allow.

Proposal for addition of ‘Bylaw Article’ in Bylaws - *withdrawn*

ARTICLE 11 – BYLAWS

11.1 Changes to the Bylaws shall be defined as either ‘significant’ or ‘non-significant’. Significant changes shall include anything that changes the meaning of an article or any addition of a new Article. Non-significant changes shall include any additions/deletions due to the natural evolution of the association, e.g. new membership criteria, and general rewording and formatting for clarity and consistency.

11.2 For any significant change to be made to the Bylaws, proposals shall be voted on by members at an IOAPA Session and passed by a simple majority of those attending.

11.3 The Executive Board shall have the authority to make any non-significant change to the Bylaws at any time. Any non-significant proposals shall be voted on by the Executive Board members and passed by a simple majority. If the voting is equal the President shall have an additional casting vote.

Proposal for 2007 IOAPA Election Procedures - *withdrawn*

1. Appoint or select an Elections Coordinator – may be appointed by the President, Executive Board, or may be a volunteer from the IOAPA members in attendance.
2. Announce the procedure in the fall 2006 issue of ARETE – any IOAPA member may nominate him/herself or any other IOAPA member. The name of the nominee, a CV, and a personal statement regarding the position for which the nominee is interested must accompany the nomination. All nominations must be sent to the President by 30 April, 2007.
3. The names of all nominees will be published in the spring issue of ARETE, including the personal statement of each nominee.
4. No nominations will be accepted from the floor at the 2007 IOAPA Session; the nominations will close on 30 April 2007.
5. If a person is not elected to one position, he/she may choose to run for another position during the election.

NOTE – the procedure will be evaluated at the close of the 2007 IOAPA session and a decision made as to whether or not to continue this procedure for future IOAPA elections.

13.5 Appendix 5 – Attendency register 9th IOAPA working session

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13.6 Appendix 6 – Mementos for 10 year members

Plaques are given to those present at the session who have been members for ten years.

This year Carlo Farrugia from Malta received his plaque