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INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY

ACTIVITIES 2008

The International Olympic Academy has the pleasure to relay to you information on its following activities to take place in 2008:

1. 9th JOINT INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR PRESIDENTS or DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMIES and OFFICIALS OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

Monday 12/5/08- Monday 19/5/08
(pages 3-5)

2. 48th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS

Wednesday 11/6/08-Wednesday 25/6/08
(pages 6-9)

3. 16th INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON OLYMPIC STUDIES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Tuesday 1/7/08-Wednesday 30/7/08
(pages 10-11)

4. 8th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR EDUCATORS & OFFICIALS OF HIGHER INSTITUTES OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Thursday 10/7/08-Thursday 17/7/08
(pages 12 -13)

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

Kindest regards,

Minos X. KYRIAKOU
IOA President

Enclosures

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2] **48th INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR YOUNG PARTICIPANTS**

DATES OF THE SESSION

Arrival in Athens:	June 11 th , 2008
Opening Ceremony (in Athens):	June 12 th , 2008
Departure for Olympia:	June 13 th , 2008
Works of the Session:	June 13 th – June 23 rd , 2008
Departure from Olympia:	June 24 th , 2008
Departure from Athens:	June 25 th , 2008

MAIN TOPIC *Olympism*

SPECIAL TOPIC *Humanism and Olympic Movement.*

ENROLLMENT

Participants should be **20 to 35 years old** and should have shown a special interest in the aims of the IOA, as well as in current issues of Olympism. Moreover, they should have a genuine interest in the educational aspects of the activities organised in the course of the Session, as well. **NOCs and NOAs are kindly requested to provide their delegates with all the necessary information and hold briefings on the educational role of the IOA prior to the participants' departure.**

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

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

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

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

FINAL ENROLLMENT DATE

Participation forms, which you may find enclosed herewith, must be submitted to the IOA ***by 29th February 2008 at the latest***. The above deadline will be strictly observed.

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

LANGUAGE

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

English, French and Greek will be the working languages of the 48th Session. Simultaneous translation in these languages will be provided. The texts of the lectures will be available in French, English and Greek.

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

We have repeatedly noticed in the past that quite a few participants cannot understand or speak either English or French and consequently, they are unable to participate fully in the discussion groups. Therefore, all NOCs and NOAs are kindly requested to **avoid sending over delegates who do not speak fluently at least one of the above two languages.**

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

SHORT PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

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

PAPER SUBMISSION

A hard copy of the paper, along with a diskette (PC) in a standard word-processing programme (Word), must be sent to the IOA.

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

Papers should not exceed two (2) pages (7 minutes maximum).

The deadline for sending the hard copy and diskette with the final draft of the paper is set for ***29th February 2008.***

EXPENSES

A) TRANSPORT

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

The reimbursement by Olympic Solidarity of the 50% of the air-ticket(s) to the NOCs will be effected following the end of the Session and upon submission of a photocopy of the air-ticket(s) by the NOCs **directly to Olympic Solidarity and without any interference whatsoever on the part of the IOA**. The IOA will submit to Olympic Solidarity the final list of participants after the end of the Session.

The IOA will take care of all local transports.

The IOA will take care of the participants' transport from 11th June (date set for the arrival of the participants in Athens) **to 25th June** (date set for departure). In the case of arrivals or departures earlier or later than the dates mentioned above, the IOA will not meet the participants at the airport, nor will it take care of their accommodation, boarding or transportation until the dates set for their accommodation at the hotel. The same applies to later departures.

B) ACCOMMODATION / BOARDING

Accommodation and boarding expenses of the participants, both in Athens (**only for the nights of June 11th, June 12th and June 24th, 2008**) and in Olympia, for the duration of the Session, will be at the charge of the International Olympic Academy. **Any additional overnight stay in Athens must be taken in charge by the participants.**

1. No financial assistance whatsoever can be provided to the participants.

2. Participants who need a VISA to enter Greece should address themselves to the Greek Embassy of their country, where they will submit their application along with an invitation letter from the IOA. Should there be no Greek Embassy in some countries, a VISA from an Embassy of any country member of the European Union could be accepted. May we remind you once again that any cost concerning the issuing of such a VISA should be borne by the participants themselves.

C) PARTICIPATION

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

The NOCs must cover the participation fees, **amounting to 850 Euros per person**, for any additional male or female participant.

The payment of the participation fees (850 Euros per person) for any additional participant must be effected at least ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Session via crossed cheque or bank transfer made payable to the International Olympic Academy account:

INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY
ALPHA BANK
SPYROU MERKOURI BRANCH
Account number: 362-00-2002-003736
IBAN GR87 0140 3620 3620 0200 2003 736
SWIFT (BIC): CR BAGRAAXXX

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