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MAGIC OLYMPIA

The International Olympic Academy (IOA), next to the peaceful and magic Cronos Hill of Antiquity, was the site of this year's CESH Congress. The IOA provides modern conference facilities, simultaneous translations into three languages (English, French and Greek) and a most stimulating atmosphere to discuss Olympic matters. The friendly and competent staff of the IOA provided – as always – impeccable logistic services for high level discussions. The Democritus University of Thrace (in Northern Greece), and particularly CESH Vice-President Evangelos Albanidis and his collaborators, assured a well devised programme with two parallel sessions, one dealing with the Olympic Games of Antiquity and the other with the modern Olympics. A large number of Greek participants were a vivid proof that the Study of the Olympics is flourishing in the home of the Ancient games and the gracious host of the upcoming Olympics of 2004. The scientific programme was put together by a Committee that consisted of the leading scholars of CESH and the Hellenic Society of Sport History and Philosophy, with its President Ioannis Mouratidis. The material of the Congress, particularly the Abstracts, are still on the homepage of the congress www.phyed.duth.gr/cesh2003/.

As in the previous congresses CESH showed that it is a young and growing organization. There were many young investigators, three of them winning this year's prizes, the Franz Nachtegal Award of the Danish Gymnastics Federation, the Michele DiDonato Award of the Centro Studi per l'Educazione fisica e l'attività sportiva di Firenze, of the Centro Studi per lo sport "Il gabbiano" of Crotona (next year's organiser of the 9th CESH Congress) and of the Journal Lancillotto e Nausica: Daphné Bolz, of the University Marc Bloc of Strasbourg, with an interesting paper on the use of Ancient Greek mythology in

Connection with the Olympic Games of 1936, Barbara Rieger of the German Sport University in Cologne with her work on the Ancient Greek starting devices for the sprint start, Nicolas Choutas and Agapi Mantziiori of the Democritus University of Thrace, with their work on cultural aspects of the Olympic Games and on Ancient Greek sculptures.

Of the invited paper, Christina Koulouri, of the University of Thrace, spoke about the historiography of the Games in the past three centuries. Wolfgang Decker, of the German Sport University in Cologne, delivered this year's "Horst Ueberhorst Honorary Address" on the Ancient Olympic victors. Angelos Ipsilantis, Advisor to the Greek Foreign Minister about the Olympic Games, spoke about the importance of the Olympic Truce in the new Millennium (the 2004 Olympics will have the highest security budget of all times). CESH has a non-re-electable presidency of two years. President-Elect Jim Riordan (University of Stirling, Scotland) followed Teresa Gonzalez Aja (Technical University of Madrid) for the next two years, while Angela Teja, followed up the line as the new President-Elect to serve as active President from 2006-08. The College of Fellows, the backbone of CESH, co-opted Kenth Sjöblom of Finland, CESH-Congress organiser Evangelos Albanidis and Ruta Mazeikiene of Lithuania. Again our sincere thanks to our friend Evangelos Albanidis and all his collaborators for doing such a wonderful job and passing on the CESH baton to Crotona (Calabria, Italy)

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE

The Ninth CESH-Congress will take place in Crotona, the historic Croton of Magna Graecia September 23-26, 2004. At the sole of the boot of Italy this is one of the most beautiful and historically rich regions of the Mediterranean Sea. This city will provide a place with Mediterranean charm, historic richness, and modern facilities – and the hospitality so

typical for the Mediterranean. The City has a long tradition of giving hospitality to people from afar. It has always been a meeting place of Cultures, and still is a place where strangers meet. CESH has always been a place for the integration of strangers from many European and other countries. It has offered a helping hand to scholars young and old and provided them with a chance to exchange ideas and integrate: Different point of views, different methods, different experiences, but with the common goal to work together for a better future has been at the centre of CESH from the very beginning, and it is present in its motto: *Cognita historia futurum figurare*. The main theme of the Congress will therefore be INTERCULTURALITY and its expression in different fields (gender, sport and the military, mass-media, sport and different ideologies, sport education etc.). This will particularly give the space for intercultural exchange and for Comparative Studies. There will be a section on the study of intercultural exchange in Antiquity – when this area was of historical significance for the first time. The University of Cassino will be in charge of the scientific programme. All students and scholars of sport history and of all European Universities are cordially invited. **The Abstracts should be handed in on 15 April 2004.** Favourable hotel prices are available at this time of the year, but early reservation is strongly recommended. The first Call for Papers is on the official CESH homepage, on the homepage for the Conference and additional information can be acquired from the President of the organising committee Angela Teja: anteja@libero.it and cesh2004@yahoo.com.

SPORT AND ART

The Art Competition of the IOC took place in Italy, organised by the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI), the Italian Olympic Academy in collaboration with the Onesti Foundation. The best works will still be shown in the Accademia di Belle Arti in Rome until 15 December 2003. More information can be received by: Ugo Ristori, accademia.olimpica@virgilio.it.

NEWS

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the first sub 4 minute mile the International conference “*Roger Bannister and the Four-Minute Mile*” on the history of training, running, and the media will take place at St. Cross College in Oxford, England, May 6-7, 2004. Speakers will include John Hoberman, Allan Tomlinson, Garry Whannell, Jim Denison and Arnd Krüger. For additional information contact John Bale: j.r.bale@keele.ac.uk.

“Athletes and Athletics, 1000-1650 A.D.”, an International Conference Organized by the Centre for Reformation and Renaissance Studies, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, 17-19 June 2004.

The central focus of the conference will be the theory and practice of sport and physical education in Europe between the eleventh and the seventeenth centuries. Speakers will be examining these subjects from the point of view of both their internal functioning and their external ramifications. They will thus address questions such as the way in which athletic activities were actually performed at that time; the rules and scoring systems of competitive sports; which exercises were deemed most appropriate for strength and health, and why; the non-athletic purposes that societies and individuals assigned to games and exercise; the ways in which non-athletic criteria affected the development and understanding of sports; the symbolic and cultural meanings (both popular and aristocratic) that were imposed on sport and physical education; the effect that the practice of athletics had on non-athletic forms of behaviour and comporment. Speakers include Heiner Gillmeister, Paul Grendler, Jean-Michel Mehl, Alessandra Rizzi, and Georges Vigarello. For further information contact John McClelland, Honorary Fellow of CESH, CRRS, Victoria College, University of Toronto, Toronto M5S 1K7; or by e-mail: john.mcclelland@utoronto.ca

From 6 - 11 August 2004 the *Pre-Olympic Scientific Congress* will take place in Saloniki (Northern Greece). Ioannis Mouratidis, President of the Hellenic Soc. of Sport Hist. and-

Philos. is in charge of the organisation.
Info: preolympic2004@symvoli.com.gr.

The International Centre for Olympic Studies at The University of Western Ontario in London, Canada is pleased to announce the 7th International Symposium for Olympic Research, entitled: "Cultural Relations Old and New: The Transitory Olympic Ethos." The Symposium will be held at the Windermere Manor located on campus Thursday 21 October – Saturday 23 October 2004. The program committee welcomes detailed abstracts 750-1000 words in length to be submitted by 15 March 2004; information below. The program will be limited to 21 papers in non-competing sessions. Abstracts will be adjudicated in a process of peer review according to the clarity of the research question and main thesis, the substantive and/or theoretical contributions to the sub-disciplinary or interdisciplinary literature in any of the fields of history, sociology, philosophy, and anthropology, and the breadth of primary and secondary sources. The full papers will be edited and pre-published for symposium participants and are due on 16 July 2004. Graduate student submissions are welcome. Abstracts: Please send via Word attachment to: kbwamsley@uwo.ca on or before 15 March 2004 or by regular mail or fax (519-661-4148) to: Kevin B. Wamsley, Director Intern. Centre for Olympic St. Kinesiology The University of Western Ontario London, Canada N6A 3K7

November 19 – 21 2004 the Bi-Annual NISH Conference of the Lower Saxony Institute of Sport History will take place in Hoya, Germany. The Conference theme is Crossroads in History of Sport and Education. Lower Saxony in Northern Germany has been the area of the greatest influx of ideas from abroad and of German ideas in physical education and sport spreading north and west. For further information contact Arnd Krüger, President of NISH. Akruegel@gwdg.de or info@nish.de
11ème Carrefour d'histoire du sport, Lyon, 28-30 octobre 2004, "Sport et genre XIXe-XXe siècles", Info : Thierry Terret terret@univ-lyon1.fr

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