



## **Isidoros Kouvelos**

### **Curriculum Vitae**

**Isidoros Kouvelos** was born in Athens.

He obtained his BA in Shipping and Ship Broking at the *City of London Polytechnic*.

He is married, since 1998, to Dora Bakoyannis, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mayor of Athens during the 2004 Olympic Games.

He has three children, two girls and a boy, from his first marriage.

#### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

In 2001, Isidoros Kouvelos established in Kenya the “EXPRESS SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS” LTD., President and CEO of which was until 2016.

In 1998, he established his own shipping company “ISK SHIPPING LTD”, which he runs until today. The company deals with chartering and sale and purchase of vessels on exclusive basis for Ship-owner clients with vessels of 5,000 mt up to Capesize as well as Charterers who deal mainly with soda ash, steels and various chemical product shipments from Mediterranean to South America, Far East to West Coast America as well as other routes.

At the end of 1976, he established a corporate shipping company namely “SOUGERKA MARITIME CO. LTD.”, dealing with chartering, management and sale and purchase of vessels. Over the period 1976–1998 the company managed between 80 to 100 vessels, from 5000 mt up to Capesize.

#### **SPORTS ADMINISTRATION EXPERIENCE**

In February 2009, the Plenary Session of the Hellenic Olympic Committee elected Isidoros Kouvelos **President of the International Olympic Academy** and in July of the

same year, he was unanimously elected **President of the National Olympic Academy** of Greece for the period 2009-2013. In 2013, he was unanimously re-elected in both positions for another four years term. In October 2017, he was elected, once again, **President of the International Olympic Academy** for the period 2017-2020.

He initiated, in collaboration with the University of Peloponnese, the International Postgraduate Program in Olympic Studies (**Master's Degree**) entitled "**Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events**" that commenced in October 2009 at the IOA premises in Ancient Olympia.

Isidoros Kouvelos has achieved during his Presidency to upgrade the physiognomy and the role of the IOA in the Olympic Movement, expanding its relations with many National Olympic Academies, well-known Universities and other Educational Institutions, thus creating a solid network for the continuous dissemination of the Olympic Values through numerous Seminars and Conferences.

At the ICMG General Assembly, in June 2009, in Pescara, he was unanimously elected **Secretary General of the ICMG Executive Committee**, a position that was renewed in 2013 for another four years term.

In 2009, Isidoros Kouvelos was appointed as **Member of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education** and once more, in 2015, he was appointed as **Member** of the newly established **IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission**, while in 2018 he was appointed as Member of the IOC Olympic Education Commission.

In 2011, the IOC President appointed him as **Member of the Board of the International Olympic Truce Foundation**, an appointment that was renewed recently for the current term.

He participated in the Olympic Games of Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016 as **Chef de Mission of the Greek Delegation**.

Since 2005, he has been member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee and **1st Vice-President of the HOC** and **Vice-President of the International Olympic Academy** till 2009.

In October 2006, he was appointed by the Greek Government **President of the Bid Committee for the Mediterranean Games "Volos 2013"** and in the next year in Pescara, Italy, he succeeded to gain the trust of the ICMG General Assembly winning the equivalent and strong candidacies of Rijeka (Croatia) and Mersin (Turkey).

From 2001 he has been elected **President of the Hellenic Equestrian Federation**.

Isidoros Kouvelos has been involved in Sports Administration since 1981, when he founded the "Thiseas S.C." basketball club, achieving in five years to elevate the club in five categories of the Hellenic Championship. From 1989 to 1995, he was Vice-Chairman of the historic "Panionios S.C." of Athens and Captain of its professional basketball team winning the National Cup in 1991, qualifying to Final Four round of the European Korac Cup in 1994 and participating in the European Basketball League 1994 – 1995.

## **HONOURS**

In October 2014, he was awarded with the honorary title of "Honoris Professor" by the Kazakh Academy of Sports and Tourism.

In September 2011, he was awarded with the honorary title of "Doctor Honoris Causa" by the State University of Physical Education and Sports of the Republic of Moldova.

In October 2010, the National University of Physical Education and Sports of Ukraine awarded him with the honorary title of "Doctor Honoris Causa".