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62nd INTERNATIONAL SESSION FOR YOUNG OLYMPIC AMBASSADORS (YOAs SESSION)

Devoted to the promotion of the principles and values of Olympism, the International Olympic Academy (IOA) organizes each year at its facilities in Ancient Olympia its most long-lasting session, the International Session for Young Olympic Ambassadors. The YOAs Session aims at bringing together young people from all corners of the world (athletes, sports professionals, young leaders, undergraduate and post-graduate students, educators, as well as devoted fans of sports and of the Olympic Games) in a spirit of friendship and cooperation and encourages them to build on the knowledge they acquire during their stay in Olympia, in order to become Olympic ambassadors in their countries and communities. During the 12-day session, the young delegates are introduced to Olympism and its Ideals and enrich their knowledge on Olympic issues through the dynamic interaction and dialogue with others in a culturally diverse community of participants, lecturers, staff and working group coordinators. By the end of the Session, they are full of experiences, a better version of themselves and eager to share the Olympic spirit with others back in their respected countries.

TARGET GROUP

Young people between **20 and 30 years old** (strict age range) who have a genuine interest and desire to learn and develop knowledge on Olympism, Olympic Values and the current issues of the Olympic Movement.



DATES OF THE SESSION

Arrival in Athens:	Saturday, 11 June 2022
Opening Ceremony (in Athens):	Sunday, 12 June 2022
Departure for Olympia:	Monday, 13 June 2022
Works of the Session:	Monday, 13 June – Tuesday, 21 June 2022
Departure from Olympia:	Wednesday, 22 June 2022
Departure from Athens:	Thursday, 23 June 2022

MAIN TOPIC

“The Olympic Movement and Olympism in digital era”

SPECIAL TOPIC

“The promotion of physical activity via digital engagement strategies and virtual sports”

ENROLLMENT

- A. The NOCs should collaborate with the NOAs for the selection of the candidates, who should not exceed the number of **three (3) persons**.
- B. Other organizations within the Olympic Movement (e.g. OCOGs, IFs, OSCs, IOC), may nominate up to **two (2) participants each**.
- C. **Priority** during enrollment will be given **to those who have participated in the last two years’ e-sessions (2020 and 2021) provided that they will be renominated by their NOC/NOA.**

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. We would like to remind you that people who have previously attended an on-site Session for Young Participants of the IOA will not be accepted in this Session again.

- D. Upon the submission of the online application form, participants **will be requested to submit a plan of initiatives they are going to take after the end of the session** in order to share their experience and disseminate the knowledge acquired during the



Session. The initiatives must have been agreed upon with their sponsoring institution and must include **at least three (3)** of the following:

1. Assist in implementing of minimum one programme with their NOC/NOA or their sponsoring institution.
2. Disseminate knowledge and experience acquired in the Session at either a school, sports organization, or through social media platforms (reach needs to exceed 100 people).
3. Create or become part of minimum one network for the exchange of ideas, knowledge and information on Olympic subjects (e.g. become members of the IOAPA – IOA Alumni Network).
4. Create their own research, educational or work project which is related to the IOA, sports, Olympism, Olympic Games etc.
5. Make use of the various social media platforms in order to disseminate a. the experience they have acquired during the Session and b. the work/projects/programs they have undertaken after being inspired by their participation (e.g. by creating their own YouTube channel/vlog detailing their experience, or by creating content on Facebook, Instagram etc. during and after the Session).

After the implementation of their plan of initiatives, the Young Olympic Ambassadors will be required **to send their impact reports to the IOA** who will then create a portfolio that will be forwarded to the IOC for further consideration.

NOCs, NOAs or other sponsoring institutions 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.

COVID INFORMATION

Only delegates who are **fully vaccinated** will be accepted to the IOA sessions, and applicants will be requested to upload their certificate of vaccination upon their registration on the IOA online platform.



All participants are also requested to have taken a PCR or Rapid Antigen test, up to 72 hrs prior to their entrance in Greece, and will be asked to provide the relevant document with their negative result upon their arrival in Athens.

FINAL ENROLLMENT DATE

The submission of applications will be effected by clicking on the following link: <http://ioa.org.gr/registration-platform-young-ambassadors-session/>

The final date for enrollment will be **Monday, the 16th of May 2022.**

We would like to bring to your attention that **after the deadline the registration platform will be closed.**

LANGUAGE

All correspondence between the IOA and NOCs/NOAs or other sponsoring institutions 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 taken into consideration.**

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

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. However, 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 works of the Session. Therefore, all NOCs/NOAs or other sponsoring institutions are kindly requested **not to nominate participants who do not speak fluently at least one of the above two languages. In the opposite case, please kindly note that the IOA will be forced to cancel their participation at any time during the session.**



In order for their participants to be accepted in the Session, NOCs, NOAs or other sponsoring institutions must submit the relevant certificates 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

An electronic copy of the paper, in a standard word-processing programme (Word), must be sent to the IOA. Papers must be presented in either English or French. Papers should not exceed two (2) pages (8 minutes maximum).

The deadline for sending the final draft of the paper is set for **Friday, the 20th of May 2022.**

EXPENSES

A) REGISTRATION FEES

As of 2022, all participants will be required to pay **registration fees amounting to 150 euros per person.** The payment of the registration fees 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's 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



B) PARTICIPATION FEES

Participation fees for one male AND/OR one female participant(s) per NOC/NOA are covered by Olympic Solidarity. Participation fees for a second male or a second female participant as well as for a third participant are set at **1.000 euros per person** (+150 euros registration fees).

The NOCs/NOAs must cover the participation fees, amounting to 1000 Euros per person, for any additional male or female participant.

The payment of the participation fees (1000 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 above mentioned International Olympic Academy's account**.

The participation fees for all other sponsoring institutions for the 12-day session which includes local transportation, accommodation, boarding and further cultural and social activities amounts to **1000 euros per person** (+ 150 euros registration fees) for each nominee. The payment of the participation fees 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's account above.

C) TRANSPORT

Olympic Solidarity will cover 50% of the cost for the air-ticket (economy class) for **one male AND/OR one female participant per NOC**.

The IOA will confirm the final list of participants, based on which Olympic Solidarity will generate the financial reports on the RELAY platform, making them available to the concerned NOCs. The reimbursement of 50% of the flight ticket will be sent to the NOC upon receipt and validation of this financial report.

All other sponsoring institutions apart from NOCs/NOAs will be required to cover the cost of the air tickets for their participants.



The IOA will take care of the participants' local transport **from June 11th** (date set for the arrival of the participants in Athens) **to June 22nd** (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.

D) ACCOMMODATION / BOARDING

Accommodation both in Athens (**only for the nights of June 11th, 12th and 22nd, 2022**) and in Olympia will be at the charge of the International Olympic Academy. Any additional overnight stay in Athens must be taken in charge by the participants.

E) VISA

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.

LIVE TRANSMISSION

Kindly note that the works of the IOA Sessions are transmitted live on the Internet. This offers to thousands of people the opportunity to follow the Sessions from home and take active part in them, by presenting their questions and remarks. For those interested, the IOA address on the Internet is the following: www.ioa-sessions.org.



INFORMATION

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