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Foreword

The IOC Olympic Studies Centre (OSC) is the world source of reference for Olympic knowledge. We share this knowledge with professionals and researchers through providing information, giving access to our unique collections, enabling research and stimulating intellectual exchange.

As an integral part of the IOC, we are uniquely placed to provide the most accurate, relevant and up-to-date information on Olympism. Our collections cover all the key themes related to the Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement and their place within society.

Among the resources, you can find the official documentation of the IOC's decision-making organs, reports produced by the IOC and the Organising Committees of the Olympic Games (OCOGs) as well as publications from internationally renowned researchers.

Global framework of the acquisitions policy

We constantly develop and enrich our knowledge bases and collections. Our acquisitions policy is not rigid; it evolves over time, taking trends and the requests of its public into account.

We ensure the long-term conservation of the published heritage of the IOC, The Olympic Museum, as well as the Organising Committees of the Olympic Games. With the exception of these patrimonial collections, acquisitions are made with a view to updating rather than expanding the collections.

The selection of the new resources is based on a monitoring system which uses the most appropriate and topical sources and means.

Type of resources

Our resources, printed or electronic, include:

- > Monographs; Periodicals; Multimedia documents (DVD and CD-ROM); IOC and Olympic Movement official information and publications; Applicant and candidate city files; Directory of academic experts; Academic and institutional publications; Conferences, congress proceedings, result database of the Olympic Games.

Our resources are mainly in English and French, except for those concerning the OCOGs, which are also published in the language of the host country. The OSC acquires resources published in other languages if these are of interest to the IOC and for academic research and if language skills permit. As such selected publications in Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese languages are also acquired.

Themes

Our acquisitions policy combines the Olympic knowledge-related themes and academic disciplines. In principle, all the contents of the OSC's resources are linked to one of the following major themes:

- > The Olympic Movement
- > Olympic Games Sports and Athletes
- > Sports Sciences

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES COVERED BY THE OSC ACQUISITIONS POLICY

International Olympic Committee

- Coubertin, the Presidents and the members
- Activities
- IOC and Olympic Movement's political relations
- History of the organisation and its administration
- Olympic symbols
- Olympic marketing and licensing
- Olympic programme

Olympic Games and YOG

- Olympic Games (Summer and Winter)
- Youth Olympic Games
- Applicant and candidate cities
- Ceremonies
- Cultural Olympiad
- Torch relay
- Films and photography
- Look and design of the Games
- Art competitions
- Cultural, social, policy, economic and urban impacts and legacies
- Sustainability
- Town planning, architecture and civil engineering
- Broadcasters, IT & telecommunications
- Timekeeping
- Role of volunteers
- Security and terrorism
- OG and national / international policy

NOCs / Associations of NOCs

- NOCs (history, organisation)
- Associations of NOCs (history and activities)

IFs / Associations of IFs / Olympic sports

- IFs / Associations of IFs (history, organisation,)
- Sports and Olympic competitions
- Sports equipment
- Historical evolution of the Olympic sports and disciplines

Olympic Movement

- Recognised organisations
- Paralympic Games and Paralympic movement
- Regional and continental games

Olympism

- Ancient Games
- Olympism / Olympic values
- Sports philosophy
- Olympic education in schools

Olympians and Athletes

- Olympians (biographies and results)
- Athletes as role models
- Career management and change
- Athlete entourage

Sport and society

- Violence in sport
- Discrimination in sport
- Sport and sexuality
- Social role of sport
- Supporters
- Youth and sport
- Sport for All
- Sport and peace
- Development through sport
- Sport and the media / new media and IT
- Geography of sports practice
- Physical education teaching
- Physical activity and sports practice
- Sport and religion
- Sport and disabilities
- Women in sport

Athlete health and protection

- Doping and the fight against doping
- Traumatology and risks
- Physical preparation
- Nutrition
- Physiology and biomechanics
- Athlete psychology
- Elite sports medicine

Law and ethics

- Athlete nationality
- Host country legislation
- International law on sports practice
- Governance of sports organisations
- Social and ethical responsibility
- Illegal sports betting
- Corruption in sport

Sports business and management

- Economic dimension of sport
- Tourism
- Marketing / sponsorship
- Sports consumption
- Sports equipment
- Sports and sports organisation management

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