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## Olympic Programme Commission

### *Fonds list*

Overview of the content of the archives concerning the history, missions and activities of the Olympic Programme Commission from 1950 to 1994

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**Dates:** 1950-1954, 1968-1994  
**Description level:** Sub-series  
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## Name of creator

International Olympic Committee (IOC)

## Administrative / Biographical history

The Olympic Programme Commission is responsible for analysing and revising the programme of sports, disciplines and events in the Olympic Games, as well as the number of athletes per sport. It handles, in particular, requests from recognised International Federations that wish to be part of the Olympic programme, requests for additional events and requests for recognition by sports federations.

In 1950<sup>1</sup>, faced with the increase in size of the Olympic Games, the IOC decided to appoint an "Olympic Programme Reduction Commission", whose mission was to study ways to slow down the development of the Games. Its aim was to facilitate the task of the organisers and reduce organisational costs. This Commission, chaired by Finnish member Erik von Frenckell, presented its final report during the 50<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Athens (Greece) in 1954 and was subsequently no longer active.

In October 1968, at the 68<sup>th</sup> IOC Session in Mexico City (Mexico), a "Commission for the Olympic Programme, Games Officials and the Choice of Host Cities", or "Mixed Commission IV" – under the aegis of the Management and Coordination Commission – was created. Its Chairman was Hungarian IOC member Árpád Csanádi. This Commission was composed of IOC members and representatives of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). Its mission was to find a better balance between the sports, disciplines and events on the Olympic programme, but reducing the programme was not a goal in itself. The first meeting took place in October 1968 in Mexico City.

In 1971, this Commission took the name "Mixed Commission for the Olympic Programme". In 1975, the name "Commission for the Olympic Programme" was adopted.

In 1983, a select commission (chaired by Italian IOC member Franco Carraro) was tasked with reviewing the summer programme. Similarly, a working group (led by Swedish IOC member Matts Carlgren) was tasked with reviewing the winter programme.

Dr Csanádi was Chairman of the Programme Commission until his death in 1983. Russian IOC member Vitaly Smirnov succeeded him until 1991.

As at 1 February 2014, the Olympic Programme Commission was still active.

## Immediate source of acquisition or transfer

The sub-series was received by the IOC Historical Archives in 1993, following the construction of the new Olympic Museum in Ouchy.

## Scope and content

The sub-series contains information on the main activities of the Olympic Programme Commission, which is essentially linked to the analysis of the Olympic programme. It addresses discussions on the addition, modification and removal of sports, disciplines and events. It addresses the discussions held on the addition, modification or removal of sports, disciplines and events. It also contains information on the relations between the IOC and the International Federations.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: IOC Archives / Sessions – 45th Session, Copenhagen 1950 – Minutes



The sub-series includes correspondence, mainly letters between the International Federations and the Commission. There is also general correspondence between the Commission members or between the Commission Chairman and the IOC.

It also contains documents linked to the meetings of the Commission, i.e. minutes, roll calls and working documents.

The sub-series contains conservation copies of the minutes of these meetings (incomplete collection).

The minutes have been digitised and are available on site in electronic format.

**Accruals**

Yes

**System of arrangement**

The files are classified by subject, by document type or by activities in alphabetical order. The documents in the files are classified chronologically, from latest to earliest.

**Conditions governing access**

The documents are freely accessible subject to the IOC's access rules.

**Language/scripts of material**

The documents are in English and French. Some documents are in German.

**Additional sources**

Internal sources

IOC Sessions: B-ID01

IOC Executive Board meetings: B-ID02

IOC members - Commission members' files: B-ID05

International Federations (IFs): D-RM02

**Notes**

The content of this sub-series, including the Olympic identifications, is the property of the IOC.

**Rules or conventions**

Description complies with ISAD(G).

**Date(s) of descriptions**

February 2014