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The term « Olympiad », signifying the four years interval between two celebrations of the Olympic Games, and the term Olympic, have no significance at any display other than at those of the Olympic Games, which have been organised every four years, since 1896, in a town or city designated by the I. O. C., the latter being the only organisation to be given sovereign rights in 1894, at the Congress of Paris, and in whose hands lie the destiny of Olympism.

The Olympic Rings which are the symbol of the I. O. C., and which represent the five continents of the world bound together by the Olympic ideal, have in themselves, no other significance if used in any other sense than that ordained by the I. O. C. — the only official holder of this emblem since 1914.

As to the terms « Olympic Flame » or, « Olympic Torch », these can only be employed for the flame, which since 1936, has been carried every four years, from the Temple of Jupiter on Mount Olympus, to the stadium of the town or city chosen for the celebration of the Olympic Games, and from which is lighted the Olympic Flame, which must burn for the duration of these Games.

Any flame not destined for the Olympic Games cannot, therefore, bear the title « Olympic Flame ».

Remark: It is to be desired that in the future, to preserve the prestige of the Olympic Flame, that the right to carry it, should be reserved solely, and unconditionally, for the celebration of the Olympic Games.

Further, designations such as « YMCA Olympics », « Junior Olympics », « Regional Olympics », « Swiss (or any other country or city) Olympics », a. s. o. should not be permitted.