

The International Olympic Academy



The main purpose of the International Olympic Academy is to safeguard and propagate the Olympic ideology. Such an aim can be achieved not only by educating those who take part in the meetings of the Olympic Academy, but also by supplying the necessary information to all people among whom the aims of the I.O.A. are likely to find a warm reception, that is to say all those who follow the Olympic movement.

The study of the method of education is of the greatest importance, for by means of this education the Olympic ideals can be engraved in the minds of all men. That is why it is necessary to analyse what has been done in the past and to examine what is being done today, in order to draw the best lessons for the future, based on our methods.

I think that we are still only just starting. Olympism dates back many centuries, obviously, but its ideology remains young and the more trouble we take, the more convinced we shall become that it is worth devoting all our efforts to it since, in the final analysis, it is an ideology that serves the whole of mankind.

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