

TWENTY YEARS OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC ACADEMY

1949 : The International Olympic Committee adopts the concept of creating the International Olympic Academy

Twenty years ago, the 43rd Session of the International Olympic Committee unanimously adopted a plan to found an International Olympic Academy. This idea of an intellectual centre where the elite of the world's academic youth would be initiated into the Olympic principles before becoming convincing advocates of these ideals, was expressed by Baron Pierre de COUBERTIN and was ardently supported by International Olympic Committee members, Carl DIEM, the German professor, and the representative for Greece, Jean KETSEAS. This conception was not going to be able to take concrete form without difficulty as it was not until 1961 that the Academy, situated in Olympia, could welcome its first students and lecturers from twenty five countries.

1969 : IXth Session of the International Olympic Academy

This summer the IXth Session of the International Olympic Academy will be held between the 29th August and the 14th September. The general theme for study will be "The Modern Olympic Games".

On their return journey, the participants in the Session will go to Athens where they will be able to attend the European Athletics Championships.

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