

New member of the IOC:

Mr. Epaminondas Petralias (Greece)



The 76th Session of the International Olympic Committee in Lausanne proceeded to the election of a new member for Greece. Mr. Epaminondas Petralias, former President of the International Olympic Academy, was chosen and since he was in Lausanne at the time, he was sworn in straight away.

Born on 25th August 1908 at Patras, he followed law studies at the University of Athens, then set up as a lawyer at the bar in Athens, at the Court of Appeal and at the State Council.

A regular sportsman, Captain of the Patras water polo team, Greek champion between 1928 and 1933, he also practised athletics, basketball, volleyball, rowing, football and skiing.

His career as a sports leader began in 1938 when he became Vice-President of the Hellenic Swimming Federation (1938-1968) and member of the Hellenic Olympic Committee (1938-1940, then from 1952 to the present time). He was also Secretary General of the HOC from 1969 to 1974.

The International Olympic Academy called upon him to be its President in 1970.

He received the Olympic Diploma of Merit in 1973. He currently holds the position of Secretary General of the International Committee for the Mediterranean Games.

The *Olympic Review* sends him its warmest congratulations.