

Participants in the Olympic Games



PETER TALLBERG

An IOC member since 1976, Peter Julius Tallberg has pursued a career in sport since 1953. He was junior European centreboard yachting champion, Finnish yachting champion in Finn, Soling and H, and later European champion in Star, and 4th in the 1967 world championships in Finn. He also participated in the Games of the Olympiad in Rome in 1960 (5.5m), Tokyo in 1964 (Star), Mexico City in 1968 (Star), Munich in 1972 (Soling and as captain of the

Finnish yachting team) and Moscow in 1980 (Star). A ski and squash enthusiast, he has also won national titles in these sports.

His career in sports administration is just as remarkable. He is former president of the International Yacht Racing Union, the Finnish Yachting Association and the Scandinavian Yacht Racing Union, has been a member of several IOC commissions, and is currently chairman of the IOC Athletes' Commission.

It shows the strength of the Movement as one of the only forces that has been able to survive tremendous social, economic and political changes in our society.

OR : What is your earliest image of the Olympic Games?

My earliest image is a picture of my grandfather aboard his yacht, winning a medal at the Olympic Games in Stockholm in 1912.

OR : What is your best memory or favourite anecdote from the Olympic Games?

My best memory from the Games is of carrying the national flag of Finland into the Stadium in front of our team in Moscow in 1980 and having my eldest son Mathias as a member of the Finnish team any my wife Nina in the stands.

OR : In your opinion, what is the significance of the Centenary of the Olympic Games?

OR : What role do you feel sport and Olympism play in modern society?

It bridges gaps and forms a cornerstone in society for fair treatment of human beings regardless of sex, colour or religion.

OR : What message would you like to give to today's youth?

Please always remember that the future is yours.



Peter Tallberg and son Mathias during the sailing events.

