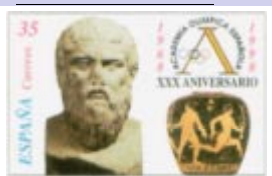


## Thirty years of the Spanish Olympic Academy, 1968-1998

On 25 November 1968, the inaugural session of the Spanish Olympic Academy (AOE) was held. During its 30-year existence, more than 1,800 people have attended its courses and received the corresponding diploma.



Throughout this time, it has maintained close contacts with the International Olympic Academy (IOA) by sending Spanish representatives to the IOA courses in Olympia, Greece, and through the talks given there by various Spanish profes-

sors including Jose Maria Cagigal, Jose Ferrer and Conrado Durántez.

On an international level, the AOE was the driving force behind the creation of the Latin-American Association of Olympic Academies (AIAO). This was established in an agreement signed on 25 June 1988, and its statutes were approved in Madrid, Spain, on 16 June 1990. The AIAO holds a congress every two years to study issues of mutual concern to its member academies. The last three congresses were held in 1994 in Granada, Spain; 1996 in Guatemala; and 1998 in Vigo, Spain.

To commemorate the AOE's three decades of activity in as many cultural dimensions as possible, the stamps and

cancellations commission was asked to issue a commemorative stamp to mark the anniversary, and this request was granted on 30 April 1998. The stamp features a bust of Plato, the

founder of the Greek Academy in 387 BC, and the symbol of the AOE. The commemorative stamp was presented on 9 December last at an official ceremony at the Post and Telecommunications building in Madrid, which also marked the opening of an exhibition of Olympic and sports philately.



*The official ceremony creating the Spanish Olympic Academy. The IOC President (centre) was then the president of the Spanish Olympic Committee.*

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