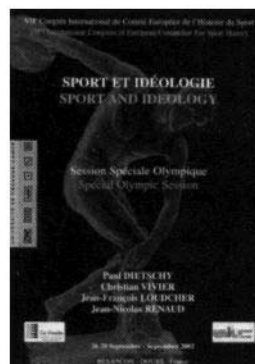
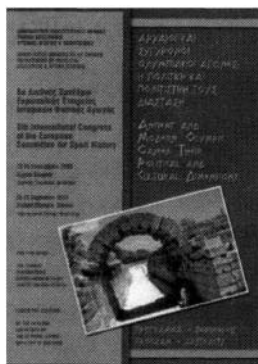


8TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS EUROPEAN COMMITTEE FOR SPORT HISTORY ANCIENT OLYMPIA, GREECE - 23 - 26 SEPTEMBER, 2003

Since the founding of the European Committee for Sport History 1995 in Bordeaux the Society is organizing an international congress inviting the whole world's sport historians and giving them the chance to inform themselves about the status quo in research and the interested audience



Olympic Historians referred to different facets of Olympic history as well as to sport history in English, French and Greek language. The over 80 lectures dealt with Antiquity and Modern time, the athletes, politics, education, culture, disciplines & performance, females and media and lead

about their results. CESH is beside the International Society for the History of Physical Education (ISHPES) and the North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) the world's greatest scientific sport historical Organisation. The aim of CESH is to coordinate the scientific research in the field of sport history and to assure the mutual exchange in Europe.

This year the 8th International Congress was hosted by the Institute for Physical Education and Sport Science of the *Democritus University of Thrace I* Greece and took place for the first time at the cradle of the Olympic Idea – in Ancient Olympia – while in the last years Rome (1996), Katowice (1997), Kopenhagen (1998), Firenze (1999), Madrid (2000), Göttingen (2001) and Besancon (2002) were host cities.

Title and central topic of the congress visited by 220 international guests was "Ancient and Modern Olympic Games: Their Political and Cultural Dimensions". Designated sport and

to a true (Olympic) marathon in the *International Olympic Academy*, which welcomed the guests.

During the congress two of the three volumes of the last years proceedings were presented with articles in English and French. They deal with the topic "Sport and Ideology" and one of the volumes is especially dedicated to the Olympic Session.

Further information to this congress proceedings are available at the CESH-homepage www.cesh.info.

The Proceedings of 2003 are awaited as usual for 2004.

For the next year CESH invites to Crotona, Italy for the IXth International Congress "Meeting of Cultures, Interaction, Distance, Influence. Relationships with History" which will be held from the 23rd to 26th September 2004. Information about this congress are available at the homepage or at the congress secretariat cesh2004@yahoo.de.

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