

IX International Congress of CESH
"Sport and Cultures. Interaction, Distance, Influence:
Relationships with Sport History"
September 26 - 29, 2004 in Crotona (ITA)

This year's International Congress of the *European Committee for Sport History* (CESH) will be staged in Crotona, Italy from 26 to 29 September. Known as the home of Milo of Croton, one of the most famous Olympic Winners of Antiquity, the southern Italian city at the Costa Ionica is a wonderful place for the annual meeting of sport historians from all over the world.

But sport history of antiquity will only be one

among many other topics of the congress. That is why many contributions from all the sub-disciplines are expected, which have their roots in general or in sport history. The topic below allows quite different approaches, such as sociological, psychological, philosophical, anthropological and – of course – historical ones: "Sport and Cultures. Interaction, Distance, Influence: Relationships with Sport History". This also presents a challenge to every



Olympic historian to show her or his views on the History of the Olympic Movement, especially because it most clearly mirrors Societies and Culture(s) in the sport of our modern era. The Olympic Movement as such offers another range of sub-themes: Culture and Society: Physical Culture, Sport and Gender, Sport and the Military, Sport and Medicine, Mass Media and Sport, Institutions and Sport, as well as Sport and Society.

As the Olympic enthusiasts of today – athletes, coaches and spectators – travel every four or two years respectively to the Olympic Host City, so Crotona was a harbour for all the travellers of the Hellenic World for an exchange of goods and – ideas. It was also the cradle of inventions and creations, which still show their effects today. The

CESH motto reads "*cogita historia futurum figurare*" – to form the future on the basis of a thorough knowledge of history. In view of the happenings of our days we also have to think about the effects of sports in their historical perspectives. CESH welcomes all sport and Olympic historians to Crotona to participate in an exchange of evaluation of trends and ideologies in different epochs of the history of physical culture and sport.

Further information is available on the homepage of CESH, www.cesh.info and from the congress secretariat under CESH's Vice-President and President Elect, Angela Teja:

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