

4th Academic Olympia-Seminar by the German National Olympic Committee 12–18 September 2004, Island of Usedom, Germany

Every two years the German National Olympic Academy, (*Kuratorium Nationale Olympische Akademie und Olympische Erziehung*), organizes a conference on Olympic topics in the *International Olympic Academy* in Ancient Olympia, Greece. With the closure of the IOA for Olympic Games duties, the NOA organizers had to find another place to meet. The venue chosen was the island of Usedom close to the Polish border. Naturally a visit to Swinoujscie, the first Polish city after the border, was organized. But more significant still was the invitation which went out to students from Sports universities in Brno – Czech Republic, Kaliningrad – Russia, Poznan – Poland, and Tartu – Estonia. During the Sessions lecturers from German Universities presented their research fields while the lecturers from the



foreign Universities were asked to introduce the 80 participants into their home countries and sport studies there. Apart from educational and economic aspects of Olympism only one lecture was held on Olympic history: Karl LENNARTZ, who arrived directly from the conference in St. Louis and represented the *German Sport University Cologne*, lectured on the "History of the Rings". As special guest the organizers invited German gold medallist 2004 Katrin RUTSCHOW-STOMPORSKI to speak about her experiences at the rowing events of Atlanta, Sydney and Athens, where she took twice the gold medal and once bronze.

Katrin Rutschow-Stomporowski, triple medallist in the Olympic Games 1996, 2000 and 2004.

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