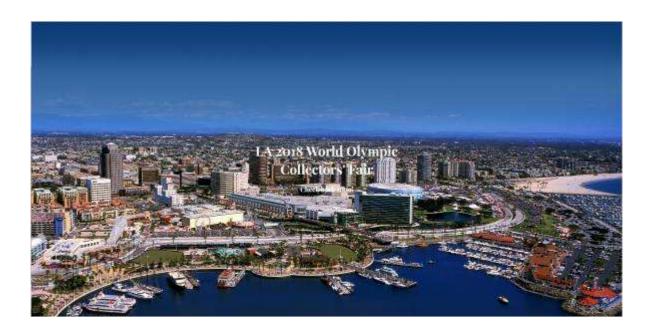




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From the President

The 1stAICOlympiad 2014-2018

Olympic collectors! Who are they? There is no single right answer. Certainly, it can be said that everyone has in common a passion for Olympic history, the Olympic Games and Olympic sports. Even the smallest printed scrap of paper, or thickest official report from the Games is savored. Anything that can be pinned to clothes or put on the head, captures our attention. And so much more! Many collectors dream of owning, or already have, torches, while others seek that most valuable of memorabilia, Olympic medals. However, we are different in the way we collect and present collectibles, whether it's postage stamps, pins or memorabilia.

We operate individually or associated in collectors' clubs on national or international levels. It was 19 clubs of Olympic collectors from around the world that established the International Association of Olympic Collectors, IAOC (Association Internationale des Collectionneurs Olympiques, AICO) on May 24, 2014 in Lausanne and from that day we began to write our joint story. With due gratitude, we note, especially in this initial period, the organizational support of Mr. Francis Gabet, then director of the Olympic Museum in Lausanne; Mr. David Maiden (Melbourne), adviser on behalf of the IOC; and Mrs. Jocelyne Bernhard of Blonay, who provides volunteer administrative support. We highly value the participation on the EB of Ms. Stephanie Coppex, a representative on behalf of the IOC, who with her experience and commitment has helped us navigate IOC procedures.

The association's activities are managed by the Executive Board (Conseil d'Administration), composed of Dr. Roman BABUT, Poland, President (2014-2016, 2016-2020), Mark MAESTRONE, USA, 1st Vice President (2014-2018), Massimiliano BRUNO, Italy, 2nd Vice President (2016-2020), Christophe AIT-BRAHAM, France, Secretary (2014-2018) and Dr. Branislav Delej, Slovakia, Treasurer (2014-2018). We also must mention our colleague on the inaugural EB, Gianni GALEOTTI, Italy, 2nd Vice President who passed away in 2015.

Olympic collecting and AICO were recognized by the IOC authorities which granted us the prestigious status of "organization recognized by the international Olympic Committee" and the right to use the appropriate symbol. Information on AICO is also available in the IOC's DIRECTORY (October 2017, p. 192). A special distinction is the invitation of Dr. Roman BABUT, AICO President, to serve as a member of the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission. During the annual meetings of the Commission, issues related to Olympic collecting are presented to IOC Members and numerous representatives of the Olympic family.



The first four-year period 2014-2018 -- the 1st **AICOlympiad** -- has nearly concluded. It is therefore fitting to summarize the achievements and to look critically at events during this period.

As one of the first important activities of AICO, it undertook, together with the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage, the task of finding and presenting candidates for World Olympic Collectors' Fairs (WOCF). Using a set of criteria created especially by AICO for candidates, a preliminary assessment by the AICO EB was presented to the IOC Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission. We are convinced that we have been successful in carrying out this important responsibility, ensuring the continuity of this key global event for collectors. Our WOCFs portfolio for 2015-2021 looks rather impressive: Lake Placid 2015, Gothenburg 2016, Bratislava 2017, Los Angeles (Long Beach) 2018, Warsaw 2019 and Paris 2021. We hope that the 2020 fair (currently vacant) will find an organizer in Asia. It should be emphasized that all fairs from 2015 on were all organized by AICO member clubs.

AICO's showcase is the website (www.aicolympic.org), which is an open public platform for the presentation of Olympic and sports collecting and AICO's activities.

The website, in addition to the presentation of organizational content and current information, is expanding to include new additions to the **RESOURCES** module. It is there that essential and substantive content for advanced collectors is located, providing structured and verified catalogs from various areas of collecting. New collectors are encouraged to learn about the history of Olympism and collectibles through information on the TIME LINE (continually updated). New educational modules are under development.

The first AICO flagship project in the **RESOURCES** area is building a digital catalog of publications in all areas of Olympic collecting

https://aicolympic.org/resources/collectors-library/

and creating (physically) an Olympic collector's library that will constitute, in addition to club's newsletters and individual publications, the main source of knowledge. This project is being carried out in cooperation with the Olympic World Library (OWL) operating within the Olympic Studies Center of the IOC in Lausanne and the Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw (about 1,000 publications in this area have already been collected in the museum). It should be mentioned that the OWL is carrying out a large project to create a global e-system of Olympic libraries and we hope that our modest library resources will be included in this system in the near future.

Member clubs of SPI and AFCOS have taken an important initiative to provide access to their journal archives, thus protecting their achievements, and presenting to a wide array of collectors a treasure trove of materials in the form of specialized thematic articles. The pilot project is currently under implementation. Nearly 10,000 pages of archival material has been scanned in searchable PDFs in



cooperation with the American Philatelic Research Library. These archives are now available to the general public on the AICO / RESOURCES website.

Following a meeting of the members of the AICO Pin Committee in Bratislava in September 2017, the EB decided to implement another flagship project, which is to make available under the RESOURCES tab on the AICO website, the NOC PIN CATALOG, a static version, which will contain individual entries organized alphabetically by country and presented as PDFs. Concurrently, preparations are under way to build an interactive digital catalog of the NOC pins for all desktop and mobile devices.

On the basis of discussions held by AICO's committees in Bratislava, the potential and expectations of collectors were identified, which in turn allowed AICO to formulate a long-term concept for the development of the website described in the document **AICO ROAD MAP 2018-2021** which is presented elsewhere in this report. The pace of implementation of individual projects will depend on the development of the appropriate IT structure and software, as well as available resources.

I hope that the boards of the AICO Member Clubs, along with their many members, will become actively involved in the implementation of such ambitious projects by sharing their collections and specialist knowledge.

We are heading into the next election of the AICO Executive Board, which will be conducted during the 24th World Olympic Collectors' Fair in Los Angeles in September 2018. I hope that the AICO General Assembly will accept the proposed main directions for activities during the **2nd AICOlympiad**, which will foster quality Olympic philately, numismatics and memorabilia collecting related to the historical and cultural aspects of the Olympic Movement through:

- website development in accordance with the "AICO ROAD MAP 2018-2021";
- acquiring new AICO members through promotion of the beauty and excitement of Olympic collecting;
- and demonstrating the joy of being a member of the Olympic collecting Family, making it possible to realize one's Olympic dreams.

Dr. Roman Babut

President



1 AICO EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTIVITIES

1.1 Executive Board Meetings, Bratislava, 6/10 September 2017
Minutes reported by Mr. Christophe AIT-BRAHAM, Secretary

LOCATION: Gate One Hotel, Bratislava - Slovakia

ATTENDANCE:

- ✓ Mr. Roman BABUT, President
- ✓ Mr. Mark MAESTRONE, First Vice-President
- ✓ Mr. Massimiliano BRUNO, Second Vice-President
- ✓ Mr. Christophe AIT-BRAHAM, Secretary
- ✓ Mr. Branislav DELEJ, Treasurer

Wednesday 6 September 2017

Start: 16h00 - End: 17h30

The EB discussed the 2017 Bratislava WOCF organization. Branislav walked us through the site adding how difficult it had been to organize this WOCF in just a few months. For example, it took time for the organizing committee to get approvals from the IOC.

Many commemorative items were created for the WOCF: 500 postcards (3€), 80 sheets of the stamps (15€), pins (500 "Generic," 120 "Participant," 20 "Organizer").

For the next time, AICO should consider securing some seed money to enable the WOCF to begin planning. Without financial assistance, there are a lot of difficulties to starting the organization.

The EB should send official postcards with the official cancellation from the WOCF to our supporters.

For the silent auction, AICO could ask supporters to participate by donating an Olympic object.

Discussion of agenda for tomorrow's AICO meetings: budget, the open meeting, contact IOC library with Branislav, talk about counterfeit and fake Olympic collectibles, develop the AICO website in French.

For the future, AICO should highlight the project and not the budget.

While all work for AICO is done on a volunteer basis, the real costs generated by the volunteer work must be provided for in the budget.

A part of the AICO budget could be used to assist AICO exhibitors with fees associated with exhibitions.

Thursday 7 September 2017

Start: 9h30 - End: 12h30

Roman opened the meeting and welcomed all EB members.

Mark lead the meeting.

BUDGET

The Treasurer presented the AICO financial position reviewing the UBS Bank and Paypal accounts. EB discussed current expenses related to the organization of a meeting in Bratislava and the costs of projects being prepared, such as scanning of SPI and AFCOS archives, scanning publications to the library catalog, and scanning pins for the designed interactive NOC Pins Catalog. Discussed the operation of the website.

PIN CATALOG

Branislav presented his digitized Olympic pin collection of NOCs and sponsors. To these were added pins from other collecting categories as well as counterfeits (to alert collectors), and non-official pins. He indicated which pins he does not have. All are classified by country in alphabetical order. Of course this



catalog is not finished and will be updated every 2 or 3 months. By giving each pin a unique number, it makes communication and exchanges between collectors easier. Proposal: classify pins by country code, number and date.

Technical questions: how will pins be located in the database? No monetary value is indicated. Should there be a rarity index? Provide a note in the catalog to explain, for example, why and when there is a new country (for example Czechoslovakia becomes Czech Republic and Slovakia).

The costs related to the technical realization (for example digitalized service) will be covered in the AICO budget.

Branislav has agreed to the publication of his catalog only in the AICO Library. We must prepare a draft to formalize this conclusion. This catalog is a priority for AICO over the next two to three years. Maybe in the future it might be possible to develop digital pin recognition.

PREPARATION FOR WOCF BRATISLAVA

EB discussed this subject the previous day.

LOCATION FOR 2018 AICO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The organizing committee is always on the search for a site, and the official date of the WOCF is unknown. AICO must think about changing the statutes to allow a variable date for organizing the EB election, especially if we can't be sure that a WOCF will take place before the end of May.

MEMBER DUTIES

Christophe will send every 3 months a note to the EB on the exchanges and communication between the members.

Christophe will send a letter after this WOCF to all AICO members to ask for the current membership of each association or club. Branislav will then calculate the dues for each association or club.

AICO COMMISSIONS

Sometimes it is difficult to maintain active links between all members of a commission, for example for the memorabilia commission.

In cases where a commission member consistently does not answer correspondence, that member should be removed from the commission. The President of the member's club or association will be informed.

Each leader of a commission could propose someone to join the commission.

No dealers should be permitted to serve on commissions to avoid suspicion of conflict of interest and AICO must think about creating a new membership category: "The friends of AICO."

Massimiliano presented a note on the "Amicus Program" in which an association in which members did not pay dues could still become a non-voting member without paying AICO dues. An example would be the Ecuadorian association.

COMMUNICATION (internal/external)

Point reported.

MEMBERSHIP

EB approves, after presentations, two new candidates for AICO membership: LOKA (Lithuania) and PROLYMPO (Germany), as probationary members until 2019, afterwhich the General Assembly must approve their full membership.

We learned the Norwegian Club unfortunately ceased operation. Its president suggested to its members to join Oslo Pin Club or the other Norwegian association.

MoU AICO/MUSEUM OF SPORTS AND TOURISM (WARSAW)

Roman reported a good relationship between AICO and the Museum which is supporting our activities with setting up the Olympic Collecting Library.

AICO will prepare an agreement to formalize the work between the museum and AICO for the library.



Friday 8 September 2017

AICO OPEN MEETING

Start: 15h45 - End: 17h00

Roman and the EB welcomed the AICO Members in attendance.

Stathis Douramakos (UK/Greece) thanked Branislav for his work. He also observed that there are no new and young participants in the WOCF. He added that there are problems with counterfeits and fakes.

Mark responds with a discussion of the e-Catalog (AICO project) which will make valuable information on Olympic collectibles accessible on mobilephones and tablets as a way of hopefully attracting younger collectors. The e-Catalog will help fight against counterfeits and fakes.

Pete Wade (USA) proposes that AICO consider getting the member clubs together more often.

Thomas Lippert (Germany) asked for clarification on the Philatelic and Memorabilia Commissions and mentioned difficulties in using the AICO library.

Christophe answered that the AICO Memorabilia Commission would be meeting the next day and that all interested collectors were welcome. He added the three memorabilia projects would be presented. Christophe explained the difficulty in maintaining an active dialogue between all members of the commission as some members simply did not answer correspondence.

Mark addressed Thomas' technical problem. It's normal for a new module on the website to have a brief period of debugging the operation, but that usually in 2 or 3 weeks users should see an improvement.

Thomas asked if he could suggest a new member for the commission.

Roman responded that of course it's possible. All clubs are encouraged to be active participants in the life of AICO.

Irina Dzidziguri (Russia) notes that for pins there is no national or international organization. So if in a country there are no Olympic pins, there is no collection, no collector.

NOC and event organizers should be encouraged to produce pins and organize competitions.

Thomas asks another question about the Member Archives digitizing project. He was concerned not only by the legibility of scans of old documents, but that the information itself was dated and perhaps not useful.

Roman answered that there is no real problem in the quality of the scans or date of the information. All information is interesting to collectors and worth sharing.

Saturday 9 September 2017 AICO COMMITTIES MEETING

Start: 10h00 - End: 12h00

More detailed discussion reports on Philately, Pins and Memorabilia are provided in Chapter 8.

1.2 EB activities between September 2017 and May 2018

The AICO Executive Board carried out, in addition to current affairs and consultations, the following initiatives:

September 2017

- organization and participation in meetings with AICO Committees during collectors' fair in Bratislava:
- signing the cooperation agreement with the Museum of Sports and Tourism in Warsaw (MS&T);



- signing a contract for the visualization and updating of the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog, ON.001-ON.500;
- signing a contract for scanning of a collection of NOC pins for the future interactive AICO catalog on NOC PINS;
- current update of the AICO website, Sept./May 2018;
- the current update of the resources of the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog, Sept./May 2018;

November

- AICO President pays a study visit the Olympic Studies Center (OSC) in Lausanne, 5-10 Nov.;
- meeting between Dr. Roman Babut, and Mr. Francis Gabet, Director of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage (OFCH), IOC, Lausanne, 7 Nov.;
- AICO President participates in the session of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage in Lausanne, Nov. 8;
- verification and acceptance of work done by the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) for the digitization of the journals of SPI and AFCOS;
- consultations for MS & T related to the updating and scanning of the resources of the Olympic collector's library, October / February 2018;
- searching for a new IT service provider;

December

- signing a Service Agreement with an IT company to conduct an AICO website audit in terms of security and potential expansion of the database;
- cooperation with an IT contractor and participation in analytical work related to the audit, including teleconferences, Dec./February 2018;

February 2018

- analysis of the website's Audit, recommended recommendations and submitted proposals for the next stages of co-operation (Statements of Work # 2 and # 3);
- verification and acceptance of work related to the implementation of the contract for the visualization and updating of the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog;
- continuation of the search for a new IT service provider;

<u>March</u>

- development of a database SPREADSHEET for the interactive NOC PIN CATALOG and a list of filters (Search Categories);
- development of the dashboard of the database for an interactive pin catalog;
- sending a project of the interactive pages of the NOC PIN CATALOG (user's Frontend) for consultation with the AICO PIN Committee;
- uploading to the database of the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog information and scans carried out at the World Olympic Library OSC IOC in Lausanne;

<u>April</u>

 development of new module in the RESOURCES tab, ie Member Archives and NOC PIN CATALOG (static version), April/May;

May 2018

- loading resources into the database and launching the Member Archives and NOC PIN tabs CATALOG;
- preparatory work for the AICO elections 2018.



1.3 AICO Elections 2018

In 2018, there are planned next supplementary elections to the AICO Executive Board of 3rd term. Three members listed below after 4-year term, from a five-member EB, end their 2014-2018 term:

- Mark Maestrone, 1st vice president
- Christophe Ait-Braham, secretary
- Branislav Delej, treasurer.

It was decided that the 3rd AICO General Assembly will be held during the 24th Word Olympic Collectors' Fair in Los Angeles on September 7, 2018 (Friday).

Soon the Secretary will send information materials on the procedure for submitting candidates and choosing new EB members.

2 AICO MEMBER MATTERS

2.1 New AICO Members

We were very pleased to welcome the new candidates for the AICO Membership:

- PROLYMPO e.V. (Germany)
- Lietuvos Olimpine Kolekcininku Asociacija (LOKA) (Lithuania)

The EB approved their application and these new members are on a probationary period until 2019.

2.2 AICO Membership issues at 31.12.2017

The China Sport Philately and Collection Association (CSPCA): impossible to establish contact with this club for 1 year.

NORWAY NOSF Norwegian Society of Olympic and Sports Philatelists : the club is closed and his president recommended his members to join Oslo pin club.

ECUADOR A.F.O.D.E - Asociacion Filatélica Olímpica y Deportiva del Ecuador : an "AICO friendly member" project is under work by the EB and would allow associations that have non-dues-paying members to be able to join AICO, with special conditions.

2.3 AICO membership fee 2018

To calculate your membership dues 2018 and send you the invoice, please, could you send on return the number of members of your association/club as of 31 december 2017 to :

secretary@aicolympic.org

We wait your reply by June 15, 2018, at the lastest. Then, you will receive the request for payment of the subscription from June 30th.



3 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE OLYMPIC FOUNDATION FOR CULTURE AND OLYMPIC HERITAGE

On 7th November 2016, prior to the meeting of the IOC Commission, the AICO President met Mr. Francis Gabet, Director and Ms. Stephanie Coppex, Cultural Networks Senior Project Manager of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage. Ms. Stephanie Coppex is also the IOC Observer to the AICO Executive Board.

During this working meeting President R. Babut first of all thanked Director Gabet for the great flexibility and help of the Foundation provided in the final awarding of the 23rd World Olympic Collectors' Fair to Bratislava, after the resignation of Baotou and Budapest from the organization of this edition. Mr. Gabet expressed words of appreciation for Branislav Delej and the Organizing Committee of the 23rd WOCF BRATISLAVA 2017 for undertaking a great deal of effort in a very short period of time (starting middle June 2017 and opening the Fair on 6th September 2017) and for the perfect organization of the event.

The preparations for the next fairs in 2018 and 2019 and the situation related to the change of the WOCF date in Paris from 2020 to 2021 were discussed. Director Gabet also expressed the opinion that the Olympic Collectors' Fairs should be their biggest celebration and AICO should take care to ensure their continuity and development.

In the remainder of the conversation, President Babut discussed in more detail the many substantive AICO activities undertaken by the EB and member clubs, and in particular he presented the proposal to create an interactive pin catalog of National Olympic Committees and to further develop the Olympic Collecting Catalog. Together, it was recognized that the collector content on the AICO website should be the main form of communication between the collector's environment and the building and transfer of knowledge in the area of Olympic and sports collecting. A website with a wide variety and high quality of content provided in a user-friendly and visually engaging format, should also be used to attract new collectors and form new groups of interest for Olympic collecting, thereby insuring the growth of AICO. President R. Babut announced the approval of two new candidate clubs for AICO membership, namely PROLYMPO e.V. (Germany) and Lietuvos Olimpine Kolekcinink, Asociacija (LOKA, Lithuania). He also observed with concern the disappearance of activities in Olympic philatelic clubs, which is unfortunately due, in part, to the lack of international exhibitions organized under the auspices of the IOC.

R. Babut thanked Ms. Stephanie Coppex for organizing his stay at the Olympic Studies Center, 5-10 Nov. 2017, which enabled the completion of work on the classification and visualization of resources in the World Olympic Library in Lausanne.

The EB wishes to emphasize that all matters relating to the Foundation are solved jointly with the goodwill of Ms Stephanie Coppex.



4 AICO'S PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING of THE IOC COMMISSION OF CULTURE AND OLYMPIC HERITAGE

By Dr. Roman Babut AICO President, Member of the Commission

The annual meeting of the Commission chaired by Mr Ching-Kuo Wu took place on 8th November, 2017. Dr. Thomas Bach IOC President participated in this part of the meeting, presenting current problems in the international Olympic movement.

Among the topics presented and discussed were reports of working groups on networking between the NOC Cultural Attachés, IOC cultural programs at the Games Olympic Solidarity Report, and the long-term master plan of the Foundation for Olympic Culture and Heritage.

My special interest was the presentation on the term of "OLYMPIC CULTURE" based on the UNESCO definition, which defines CULTURE as "the whole complex of distinctive spritual, material, intellectual and emotional features that characterise a social group ... not only the arts and letters but also modes of life, fundamental rights of the human being, values system, traditions and beliefs" (Mexico City Declaration on Cultural Policies, 1982). It seems that it will be very valuable if within the environment of Olympic collectors, we could discuss and define our place and role in fulfilling this definition with content.

The afternoon session was dominated by presentations about activities of Olympic cultural institutions and communities, including the IOC recognized organizations. Due to the very tight schedule, the presentation of AICO was focused on the presentation of the 23rd WOCF 2017 in Bratislava, preparations for the next WOCF in Los Angeles 2018 and Warsaw 2019. The commission decided to give final recommendation for the organization of Olympic Fairs in Los Angeles and Paris (date changed from 2020 to 2021 at the request of AFCOS), which made it possible to quickly send letters granting organization of Fairs to these cities in 2018 and 2021, respectively. In the summary of my speech, Chairman Wu and Director Gabet expressed the hope that the Olympic Collectors' Fair in 2020 will find the right organizer in Asia.

Following Dr. Thomas Bach's speach, the traditional group photograph of the Commission was taken. In the evening a ceremonial gala took place with the participation of other IOC committees meeting at the same time in Lausanne.



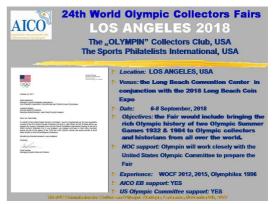
















Selected slides from presentation by AICO President



Dr Thomas Bach, IOC President with the Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission Lausanne, 8 November 2017, Photo: IOC



5 COOPERATION BETWEEN AICO AND MUSEUM OF SPORT & TOURISM IN WARSAW

The Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw is a keen fan of Olympic and sports collectors for a very long time. It is thanks to Ms. Dr Iwona Grys, former director and current director of the museum, Mr. Tomasz Jagodziński, we owe that the Olympic collections in Poland are in good condition. It is worth mentioning that the first joint exhibition titled "Under the Olympic flag" was organized by philatelists from the "OLYMPIAN" Club on the occasion of the IOC Session in Warsaw in 1967. Effective co-operation between the Museum, the Collectors' Club of the Polish Olympic Committee and "OLYMPICIAN" is under way. Since the creation of AICO, the management of the museum has been very keen to support AICO's activities by creating conditions for launching the AICO Olympic Collecting Library Catalog, and now working together to create a physical Olympic Collector's Library. This cooperation so far has been sanctioned with a cooperation agreement that we present below.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES COLLECTIONNEURS OLYMPIQUES

headquartered in Blonay, Switzerland, Malleteraz 2 (hereinafter referred to as "AICO")

and

MUSEUM OF SPORTS AND TOURISM IN WARSAW

based in Warsaw, Poland ul. Wybrzeże Gdyńskie 4 (hereinafter referred to as "MSiT")

CONSIDERING that AICO is an independent international non-profit, non-governmental, organization with legal personality and headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, subject to Swiss law for non-profit associations;

WHEREAS AICO is an "Organization Recognized by the International Olympic Committee" and represented in the IOC Culture and Heritage Commission;

CONSIDERING that the declared purpose of AICO is to encourage Olympic collecting in various forms related to the historical and cultural aspects of the International Olympic Movement, including philately, numismatics, pins and Olympic memorabilia;

CONSIDERING that the declared purpose of AICO is also to preserve the legacy and achievements of the existing international Olympic collectors' environment, eg by creating knowledge zones, building databases, publishing in various forms, building exhibits / exhibitions, etc.;

CONSIDERING that MSiT in Warsaw is the central museum of the history of Olympics and Polish Sport, subject to the self-government authorities of the Mazovian Voivodship in Poland, is a non-profit organization with legal personality and its seat in Warsaw, Poland, subject to Polish law;

CONSIDERING that the MSiT mission is a public institution dedicated to preserving and promoting the heritage of Polish sport and Olympic Games;

CONSIDERING that MSiT is a member of the international Network of Olympic Museums managed by the Olympic Heritage and Heritage Foundation of Lausanne, whose aim is to promote the history of the Olympic Games worldwide and the achievements of the Olympic Movement;

CONSIDERING that MSiT has been cooperating for over 50 years with Olympic collectors gathered in the Polish Club of Olympic and Sports Philately "OLYMPIAN" (AICO Founding Member), coorganizing numerous Olympic and sports philately exhibitions, collecting nearly 20,000 items of philatelic and sports philately items, specialized publications and permanent collectors fairs at museum events;

CONSIDERING that MSiT has in its structure a scientific library, which collects publications related to the history of the international Olympic Movement, the history of Polish Olympics and sports,



about 25,000 volumes; and that there are about 650 publications related to Olympic and sports collectibles donated by a Polish collector and requiring a proper library design (proper cataloging);

CONSIDERING that AICO and MSiT, through their statutes and agreements, agree to conduct their activities in accordance with the Olympic Charter and in cooperation with the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage;

As a consequence, AICO and MSiT, considering that many of their activities are related, the parties wish to be bound by this MoU and hereby agree as follows:

- They will undertake joint efforts to create a separate section of Olympic and sports collectibles holding with their own subdirectory: "THE OLIMPIC AND SPORTS COLLECTING LIBRARY" (OSCL) in the scientific library section of the MSiT;
- 2. The collection of publications in the OSCL constitutes the property of the MSiT and will be included in the collection of the MSiT's main scientific library on the same basis as other library acquisitions;
- 3. When creating the OSCL and describing its resources, the fact that these resources have already been placed in the AICO library catalog under the title "OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY CATALOG" which was developed by the association and is available on the website: https:// aicolympic.org/resources/collectors-library/under general access free of charge, will be considered;
- 4. MSiT and AICO will jointly work to establish cooperation with the World Olympic Library at the IOC Olympic Study Centre in Lausanne to disseminate information on MSiT resources on Olympic collecting to a wide international community of collectors and researchers;
- 5. MSiT and AICO jointly endeavor to deepen and adequately describe aspects of Olympic collectors in the Olympic library catalogs, which will be linked to the World Olympic Library's future IOC OSC Network;
- 6. AICO and MSiT will take care of updating and enriching library holdings, and in particular AICO will ask its member societies and individual collectors to provide information about non-registered publications in MSiT catalog and new publications, making efforts to obtain them;
- 7. AICO and MSiT will make an effort to raise funds from various sources for the purchase of more valuable archival and contemporary items related to Olympic and sports collecting;
- 8. MSiT will be used to advise the AICO Library Committee, and the MSiT representative may be invited to participate in its work;
- 9. The partners of this agreement agree on the principle of reciprocity to place the logo on the websites and to publish the partnership information, and their websites will be directly linked. Use of a partner logo other than described requires mutual agreement.

Either party may terminate this MoU with immediate effect if the other party fails to duly discharge its obligations under this Agreement.

MUSEUM OF SPORTS AND TOURISM
IN WARSAW

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES COLLECTIONNEURS OLYMPIQUES

Tomasz Jagodziński, Director

Roman Babut, President

Bratislava, 9th September 2017



6 AICO ACTIVITIES "ROAD MAP 2018-2021"

Over the past four years, AICO EB, conducting many conversations with individual collectors, heads of member clubs or members of AICO committees, has tried to uncover the needs of our environment, which is very diverse in terms of interests, collector's skills or exhibition needs. We received valuable input during numerous conversations and meetings of committees in Bratislava. We present a summary of these discussions and wishes in the form of a document / list of projects, which we have named AICO "ROAD MAP 2018-2021". Some projects are already in progress and some will be in the preparatory phase. This document is open and can be extended at any time with new ideas or specific proposals. A lot will depend on the involvement of our management boards of member clubs and their individual members.

Following is a rough outline of both near- and long-term projects that AICO is planning to implement which will be reflected on the aicolympic.org website. These are ordered chronologically.

6.1 THE OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY CATALOG (OCLC)

6.1.1 **Troubleshooting** on the Olympic Collecting Library search page (https://aicolympic.org/resources/collectors-library/):

Project led by M. Maestrone/R. Babut.

- i. Currently, one can only use one filter at a time. We'd like to be able to use multiple filters at the same time.
- ii. The KEYWORD SEARCH suffers from a similar issue: you can only search one keyword at a time. It would be helpful to be able to search multiple keywords.
- iii. There is a problem with the "reset search" button that appears following a search. The button only resets the keyword search to null. Any other search filters that happen to have been activated remain in their active state. Ideally, all search filters should be reset to their "null" state when the reset button is engaged.
- 6.1.2 **New search fields** added to the Olympic Collecting Library search page (https://aicolympic.org/resources/collectors-library/)

Project led by R. Babut/M. Maestrone:

- a) List of languages appearing in the OCLC installing this filter will allow you to search all publications in the selected language. Currently, publications in 22 languages have been recorded in the library catalog;
- b) Fakes & Forgeries Observatory, including filters like:
 - i. ALERT !!! suspicious features, recently offered or seen, e.g. at public auctions or on the Internet;
 - ii. Specialized unpublished study materials;
 - iii. Articles published in collector's periodicals;
 - iv. Information about expert organizations;
 - v. Examples of attestations and expert guarantees.

6.2 **OPENING MEMBER's ARCHIVES** (2018/2020)

Project led by M. Maestrone/Ch. Ait-Braham

Located under the **RESOURCES** tab is the new Member's Archive

https://aicolympic.org/resources/members-archives/

in which we have recently added roughly 10,000 pages of PDFs consisting of SPI's and AFCOS's scans of journals under a pilot project. See details in Chapter 11.



For very efficient use and searching of these archival resources in PDF format, we will need to build the front end interface for this. We can probably use a similar set of filters as currently used in the Olympic Library Catalog. The keyword search function will be very important as this will be the way most users will probably access the material.

6.3 **NOC PIN STATIC CATALOG** (May/Septeber 2018)

Project/site development led by B. Delej/M. Maestrone:

This will be the primary trial to the site's current functionality by accessing PDFs of the pins issued by each of 200+ nations. The easiest way would be to offer a drop-down list of nations from which the user would choose. After test series, the PDFs are already ready to be uploaded.

6.4 NOC PIN E-DATABASE INTERACTIVE CATALOG (2018/2019)

Project led by B. Delej, R. Babut, M. Maestrone

AICO searchable version of NOC pin catalog, will be added to the website. This will be the main update to the site's current functionality. The second, and more complex interface is using a searchable database. There would be specific criteria (filters) such as Nation, Olympic Year, Type of Pin, Type of Clasp, etc.

At the beginning of 2018, the Board ordered high quality scans of pins from various collector's resources. After the modernization of the structure and comprehensive functionality of the website, each scanned pin along with the appropriate description will be placed in the database. The final page and function for the end user is currently being discussed by the Board and the AICO Pins Committee.

6.5 **EXHIBITING VITRINE** (Oct 2018/2019).

Project led by R. Babut, M. Maestrone, M. Bruno

In 2018/2019 we plan to add, in first instance, a philately exhibiting module to the site. Again, this would be something built from the ground up. Currently, scans of 12 philatelic exhibits on Olympic and sports topics have been collected, which were awarded with high medals at world, international and national exhibitions.

6.6 **OLYMPIC MEDALS E-CATALOG (2019/2020)**

Project led by Ch. Ait-Braham, C. Salaun, R. Babut

EB has received many inquiries about whether it is possible that an Olympic catalog of olio medals will be available on the AICO website. This project and inquiry about the availability of images of medals and details, however, we will first report to the IOC Olympic Studies Center. Currently, on the page of the AICO Olympic Collecting Catalog (ON.852 and ON.853) there are two valuable publications of the OSC presenting the award medals of the summer and winter Olympic games - AICO searchable version needs to be added to website.

6.7 THE OLYMPIC HISTORY THOUGHOUT MEMORABILIA (Dec 2018/2020)

Project led by M. Capuano/Ch. Ait-Braham/M. Maestrone:

Recently, the AICO Timeline functioning at the AICO Home Page

6.8 OLYMPIC VIGNETTE SEARCHABLE CATALOG (Dec 2019/2021)

Project led by R. Babut, M. Maestrone + ?:



Olympic vignettes issued by the organizers of the Games, NOCs, sports unions and other authorized organizations constitute a very important area of collecting. In the first half of the last century, the wineries were generally issued in the form of postage stamps. Over time, these forms of self-adhesive stickers have been replaced. There are several publications on the vignettes in the library, however, they are in black and white colors and do not reflect their character well. EB is considering the possibility of building a catalog of vignettes, but we have to obtain the source material - AICO searchable version needs to be added to website.

6.9 **MOBILE APP** (2019/2020).

Project led by M. Maestrone +?

We are also planning for a mobile app to be developed that would permit visitors to the Olympic Games to access our Olympic collector database in real time. We're shooting for a debut of this app in time for the Tokyo Olympic Games in 2020. Another big project!

Remark: We also need to make sure that the layout is completely "responsive", in other words it looks and operates properly on handheld devices like smart phones and tablets. Many collectors will use those smaller platforms to access this information while trading, at pin shows and the Olympics. Eventually we'll create an app for it.

6.10 GUIDE TO DISCOVER THE PASSION OF OLYMPIC MEMORABILIA (2018/2021)

Project led by Christophe Ait-Braham

Olympic memorabilia collectors are passionate people, young people, future collectors, but can be intimidated how to get started. This interactive guide (paper / electronic) will present the collection of Olympic Memorabilia through the playful journey of the characters in a story.

6.11 SPORTS PHILATELY PANORAMA (2018/2021)

Project led by Massimiliano Bruno

As a follow-up of initiatives to preserve the importance of sports philately a series of small books, will be published soon, each on a various sports, that contain a full technical panorama of all sports philatelic movements (famous collectors and collections, rolls of honour of the most important specialized exhibits, a case of the main rare pieces with philatelic studies, etc).

Regardless of the named project leaders, we invite all Club members to join and build our common knowledge base.

7 AICO WEBSITE ISSUES

The AICO website is the main platform for communication with member clubs and the broadly understood community of Olympic collectors. The site was constructed in accordance with our first concepts and scope of operations within available financial resources at the turn of 2014 and 2015. It seems that it meets our general expectations. However, with the development of AICO activity, it is necessary to develop individual subsections, eg in the RESOURCES range. The first important action was the inclusion of the OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY CATALOG in this tab, which has become our major challenge and experience in the field of IT. Currently, the directory contains 822 records, but unfortunately not all functions work correctly. For example, there is no possibility of using 2-3 keywords at the same time. At the end of 2017, the IT company that created the website and the first catalog changed its business model and, unfortunately, AICO is forced to seek a new provider of IT services due to the supplier's financial requirements.



EB commissioned an audit of the current website for the development of several databases listed in AICO ROAD MAP 2018-2021 (see parent 3.), because the current structure of the site prevents proper functioning of individual thematic modules in the RESOURCES chapter. The IT company conducting the audit identified the main problems and recommends a two-step action:

Stage I: Site functioning and security

The audit identified security concerns as well as steps to make the website more stable. This includes: removing plug-ins that are no longer being used or are redundant; removing content used in development that is no longer necessary; developing a system for backing up the website; and strengthening the overall security of the site.

Only after these corrective and protective actions, you can proceed to the next stage of database development and functional improvement, which requires comprehensive design.

Stage II: Database development

The IT service provider recommends that we build a new filter tool that can be used for both current (Olympic Collecting Library) and future (e-Pin Catalog, e-Memorabilia Catalog, etc.) database projects on the website. This is more cost effective as well as more efficient to operate. The IT provider would also create a more user-friendly interface for both the backend and frontend. As the proposed cost exceeds considerably the financial possibilities of our association, EB is therefore looking for cooperation opportunities with another web developer to give us the functionality we currently need in order to correct deficiencies in the Olympic Collecting Library, as well as create the backend and frontend of the new e-NOC Pin Catalog.

Therefore, we ask all AICO members for help in finding a professional IT services provider with extensive experience in building databases using the WORDPRESS platform.

Only after the construction of the new structure will it be possible to run the AICO website on a regular basis as well as bilingual source of information for both English and French-speaking collectors. At this point, we would like to thank Mrs. Jocelyne Bernhard for her declaration of writing a page in French.

CALL FOR IT SERVICES

AICO EB is looking for an IT service provider with a proven knowledge of the WORDPRESS platform. The scope of work will include:

- a. modification of the current website in accordance with the audit recommendations, especially in terms of its security;
- construction of a comprehensive database structure in terms of servicing modules presented in "AICO ROAD MAP 2018-2021";
- c. continual software update for the proper functioning of the website, both in its entirety as well as its individual modules.

Please, send offers with relevant references to Mark Maestrone, AICO 1st Vice President: vicepres1@aicolympic.org.



8 AFTER AICO COMMITTEES MEETINGS IN BRATISLAVA

8.1 AICO Pin Commmittee Meeting Report presented by PETE WADE

First joint meeting of the Pin Committee took place in Bratislava on September 10–11, 2017.

Attendees:

Committee: Branislav Delej, Chairman, AICO EB Treasurer

Domenico DiPinto Catherine Salaun Pete Wade

Sid Marantz

AICO Board: Roman Babut, President AICO

Mark Maestrone, AICO 1st Vice President

Purpose:

- 1) Agree on Pin Committee objectives (aligned to AICO objectives).
- 2) Agree on role of Committee within AICO including specific target results and how to measure "success".
- 3) Determine how to organize to achieve "success" and how to interface with The AICO Board to monitor progress.

Executive Summary:

General agreement that the Committee must work hard to identify innovative ways to attract new collectors to the OL Collectibles hobby ("the hobby")if it is to survive long-term. One essential role will be to share successful ideas between individual Clubs. The survival issue is also critical to the other AICO Committees.

Demonstrating value to the Cultural and Historic Commission (CHC) of the IOC is essential if we are to maintain the IOCs support and this is the role of the AICO Board. For this, we will rely on the AICO Board to share the goals of the CHC with the Committee.

Several ideas for growing Collector Membership were discussed and much time was spent on examining one specific project geared to add value to existing and future collectors . . . a broad data base to serve as the foundation for several potential options of providing key information quickly and accurately to collectors (i.e., interactive Website, media apps, etc.).

Lack of time prevented defining specific goals and how to organize against those objectives. In the weeks to come, the Committee will agree on: a) specific long-term critical issues; b) target milestones for the coming year; c) how we will organize to achieve short-term targets, and d) how we will keep the Board abreast of our progress. Anxiety about Committee resources exists.

Meeting Topics:

1) Attracting New Members

All Olympic hobbies are seeing a decline in their collector bases. Suggested reasons include cultural changes that make "collecting hobbies" less attractive to today's youth than other "action hobbies"; the negative effect of fakes and the increasing expenses that face young collectors. Several general ideas were discussed such as:

- Programs for collector activity "between the Games"
- Video game concepts to draw in youth
- Pokemon-search-style programs to make the hobby more compelling.

However, no action was proposed to explore any of these ideas. The Olympin Club conducted a fairly successful program to identify fakes real-time during the Sochi Games. However, this demanded a high level of on-site collector participation during the Games, a level which may not be realistic for future Games.



2) Interaction between the Board and the Committee

AICO is an organization consisting of individual Clubs, reporting to the CHC.

The Board will be the sole liaison with the IOC through the CHC and will:

- Set the standards for the various OL hobbies by creating ethical guidelinesand monitoring the quality of work. Identify and share best practices.
- Interpret CHC goals and assist the individual Committees in aligning goals.
- Identify ways to demonstrate the value of hobbyism in promoting the future aims of the OL Movement.

It was suggested that the Board encourage the Committees to network between individual Clubs to share latest ideas, programs and best practices. The Pin Committee should take the initiative to share its goals with the individual 20 pin collector clubs, including identifying one representative as "contact point" as the basis for a network for information sharing. Trade successes.

Data Base Development and Pin Website

General agreement that one of the goals of each Category Committee was to enhance the satisfaction of collectors, and a particularly promising method would be the creation, management and exploitation of a digital data base. While the format of the data base may differ between collector Categories, its goal could be to serve as the basis for: a) an interactive Website (active); b) published catalogs (static), and, c) creative apps for now and future media. Each Committee would be responsible for designing its own data base matrix and include a 'glossary of key terms' to allow user with different languages to understand the included data coding. To attract youth, "active" is prioritized over "static".

Each data base would be flexible to maximize its usefulness to each Category's users. Mark Maestrone will be the Committee's "counselor". To maximize efficiency, each data base should rely heavily on existing data bases (i.e., Babut, Greensfelder, Delej, Perlow, Wade, etc.) to minimize duplication and expense of data collection.

Some mention was made during the Meeting that the Board was optimistic about obtaining resources for the possible costs of building/maintaining an effective Data Base. Without additional budgeting, it is difficult to be optimistic about the future of the Data Base.

4) 'Success' Criteria

Our tight schedule left little time for discussing specific objectives, timetables and management assignments. However, all agreed that the Pin Data Base and a prototype Pin Website should be created in time for the Tokyo Games in 2020. We also recognized that our existing resources (five Members, no budget) will be a challenge to our progress. We should agree on timetables, metrics and individual responsibilities by year-end 2017 and report our progress to the Board by January 31. Possible Sub-Chairmanships:

- Club Contact Network
- Data Base Design format, glossary, appearance
- Data Base Assembly
- Idea 'Factory'

5) Next Steps

- Summarize Meeting minutes (Wade), by October 1.
- Formalize Next Steps (Delej), by November 1.
- Select SubChair Persons and outline responsibilities, by January 1.
- Agree on Committee's 2018 Preliminary Plan including resource recommendations and a 'reality check', by April 1.
- 2018 Committee meeting To be determined.
- Revised 2018 Plan agreed and present to AICO Board by July 1.



8.2 AICO Philately Commmittee meeting Report presented by MASSIMILIANO BRUNO

Attendees:

Committee: Massimiliano Bruno, AICO 2nd Vice President

Thomas Lippert, IMOS (Germany) Pasquale Polo (UICOS) Italy Josef Kočí (Olympsport), Czechia

AICO Board: Roman Babut, President AICO

Mark Maestrone, AICO 1st Vice President

Roman and the EB welcome the AICO Members.

Massimiliano opened the discussion of the Philately Commission with his concerns about the direction that Olympic and sports themes in philately were taking. These themes are losing their importance in the overall world of Thematic Philately. We need to find ways to increase the strengthen these themes.

Polo (Italy): We need to reintroduce the Olymphilex Exhibition through an encouragement and a support of this idea for Tokyo 2020 to the Organizing Committee and the Japanese Philatelic association; we also need to encourage new philatelic sports exhibitions for the future; finally, gather members once a year for an international philatelic meeting.

Roman: in reply, it's very difficult to implement this in such a short time. It would be particularly difficult to make this happen for Tokyo 2020.

Bruno: suggests some proposals for development of sport philately within the international philatelic associations, such as by organizing new philatelic sport exhibitions for the AICO members in the various disciplines (memorabilia, philately, etc);

to organize some seminars and meetings among international jurors to analyze and create new international sports collectors and jurors, in agreements with the FIP/FEPA;

to encourage also the OPEN OLYMPIC AND SPORTS CLASS OF PHILATELY, as a result of the growing interest that the OPEN has among the new generations of exhibitors (young collectors, etc).

Thomas Lippert (Germany): replied that it's not easy to find a space for seminars and meeting of sports collectors at International Philatelic Exhibitions.

Bruno: replied that it's not easy but not impossible to find a space for the sport philately, and we must prove, to encourage the sports collectors and to develop sports philately, also with the cooperation of AICO, and all its members.

Conclusion about the discussion themes

After a long debate, the commission arrived at the following suggestions:

- 1) The AICO Olympic Library be expanded to include scans of the best philatelic collections from each member club along with other kinds of internationally important publications in the field of Olympic philatelic collectibles.
- 2) Expedite the organizing of European Olympic and sports exhibitions in official competition or simply by invitation; for example it would be a good idea to introduce a yearly or biennal AICO CHAMPIONSHIP among the members in the various disciplines: memorabilia, philately, literature, etc. Also organize virtual exhibitions (either partially or fully virtual), to reduce the high costs that are often associated with official exhibitions.

Add to this another idea which is AWARDING a prize to the best collectors and club members, using criteria to be decided (for various categories, the activity of the members, for individual and for clubs, yearly or biennal).



3) Encourage and promote the OPEN OLYMPIC AND SPORTS CLASS OF PHILATELY, as a result of the growing interest that the OPEN has among the new generations of exhibitors (young collectors, etc). The big advantage of the OPEN class is the wide variety of elements that can be collected and shown.

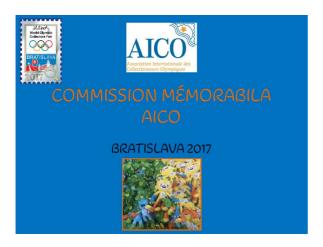
The most important thing to know is that OPEN CLASS includes also memorabilia and pins -- for AICO this would be really a very important way to promote the Olympic spirit and Olympic collecting.

4) Because of decreasing numbers of collectors participating in philatelic exhibits, especially in Europe, and the absence of a sufficient number of international jurors specialized in sports and olympic exhibiting, it has been proposed that seminars and meetings be organized among international jurors, collectors and experts to analyze and to promote the importance of the Olympic and sports philately. This would be done in concert with the FIP and FEPA organizations.

The importance of these meetings on sports and Olympic collecting should be promoted to all thematic international movements and organizations, not only in order to improve the evaluation of collections, but also to encourage other sports collectors to become active members and to participate in exhibiting.

As a further consequence of these initiatives to preserve the importance of Olympic and sports philately, there should be publication of a series of small books, each on a specific sport, that contains a full technical panorama of the sport's philatelic movement (famous collectors and collections, roll of honour of the most important specialized exhibits, a case of the main rare pieces with philatelic studies, etc).

8.3 AICO Memorabilia Commmittee meeting Report presented by CHRISTOPHE AIT-BRAHAM



Mémorabilia Commission Meeting Saturday 09/09/2017 - Bratislava

Mr. Christophe AIT-BRAHAM/ AICO Secretary Mrs. Catherine SALAÜN (AFCOS/ France) Mr. Mario CAPUANO (UICOS/ Italy)

Projects 2017/2020

- *To summarize the work of the Mémorabilia Commission, we would like working on three projects.
- * Each project is coordinated by a member of the Commission.
- * We will rely on the AICO network to develop these projects.

PRO ISCT 1

Complete Guide of Olympic Medals Mrs. Catherine SALAÜN

Different catalogs exist on the Olympic medals but none is complete and contains all the parameters of the medals (weight, size, etc... for example).

Building on existing knowledge and using current research through the AICO network, a complete catalog could be created.

Beyond knowledge, it will also be a fantastic tool



PROJECT 2 The History of the Games through the Memorabilia Mr. Mario CAPUANO

Starting from the experience with the website <u>www.leolimpiadiditalia.it</u>, a mini site linked to the site of the AICO could present the history of each Olympiad through the memorabilia

Memorabilia is the memory of the Games, it can tell us the Games, with anecdotes!

Project 3

An interactive guide to discover the passion of olympic memorabilia

Olympic memorabilia collections passionate people, young people, futur collectors, but can intimidate: how to do?

This interactive guide (paper / electronic) will present the collection of Olympic Mémorabilia through the playful journey of the characters in a story.



9 WORLD OLYMPIC COLLECTORS FAIRS 2017-2021

9.1 23rd World Olympic Collectors' Fair, Bratislava, 8–10 September 2017

Final Report by Dr. Branislav Delej, President of The Organizing Committee



23rd World Olympic Collectors Fair was organized in Bratislava, Slovakia during the dates 8th –10th September 2017. The Fair was organized by the Slovak Society of Olympic and Sports Collectors with the support of the Slovak Olympic Committee and Slovak Olympic and Sport Museum based on a decision of the International Olympic Committee. Branislav Delej, who is the President of SSOSC and the member of Executive Board of AICO, was the President of the Organizing Committee.

Since China cancelled the organization of 23rd Fair on very short notice, we had only 3 months for organization of the Fair. Despite this, we organized an event at which there were 135 registered participants from 29 countries all over the world (USA, China, Japan, India, Brazil, Hungary, Serbia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland, Russia, Lithuania, Latvia, Germany, Norway, Spain, Austria, Finland, Italy, Canada, Monaco, France, Greece, Switzerland, Romania, Netherlands, Turkey, Macedonia and Slovakia) and there were about other 200 visitors from Slovakia and Czechia, for which the entrance was free.

The day before the official opening of the Fair there was an early registration, where more than 75% of participants were registered. During the registration, there was a Slovak wine tasting and it was a great success. Other participants were registered next day after arriving. The first day of the Fair, held right in the Hotel NH Gate One in Bratislava where the whole Fair was organized, the Slovak Post - Pofis was at participants' disposal. They could have their postal stamps and postcards stamped with the unique postmark of the first day, which was made especially for the Fair. Participants also had the opportunity to buy a special pin, postcard and stamps made only for this occasion with the logo of the Fair.

The Opening Ceremony took place on the first day in the afternoon. Taking part in the Ceremony were the President of Slovak Olympic Committee, Mr. Anton Siekel; General Director of Sport at Ministry of



Education, Science, Research and Sport, Mrs. Bozena Gerhatova; Mrs. Patricia Reymond, International Olympic Committee; Mrs. Zdenka Letenayova, Director of Slovak Olympic and Sport Museum; and Dr. Roman Babut, President of AICO.

At the gala Opening Ceremony the President of the Organizing Committee bestowed the sets of all Commemorative Pins and Plaque to all guests. Just after the Opening Ceremony there was an opportunity to get autographs of Slovak Olympic Medalists, Miloš Mečíř, gold and bronze medalist in tennis (single gold, double bronze) in Seoul 1988. Next was Juraj Minčík, bronz medalist from Sydney 2000 in canoeing slalom; Zuzana Rehák – Štefečeková twice silver medalist in shooting (trap) in Peking (Beijing) 2008 and London 2012; Jozef Gönci twice bronze medalist in shooting rifle in Atlanta 1996 and Athens 2004; and judoka Jozef Krnáč – silver medalist from Athens 2004. Olympic medalists had prepared autographed cards with the logo of the Fair, which collectors could take with them. On the first day in the afternoon the organizers of the Fair prepared a visit of the Bratislava historical museum in the center of the city, where participants visited the exhibition "FIND YOUR OWN HOBBY" of Slovak Olympic and Memorabilia collectors. Then they together went sightseeing to Bratislava Castle and historical center of the old town Bratislava on the old train.

Second day of the Fair the participants took part, the whole day, at an intensive exchange of artifacts with rich participation of domestic collectors. At noon, there was another autograph ceremony with silver medalists from Olympic Games Rio 2016 in K4 canoeing – flatwater sprint (Erik Vlček, Juraj Tarr, Denis Myšák. Tibor Linka was unable to attend) and their coach Peter Liker. Then all participants were awarded a Certificate of Participation by the IOC delegate, Patricia Reymond, and Branislav Delej. At the beginning of Gala Evening there was a Silent Auction for which 12 pieces from the Olympic Museum in Lausanne and from domestic collectors had been donated. The Auction received a great interest mainly from collectors from China. After the Silent Auction there was a Gala Dinner with the participation of the President of the Slovak Olympic Committee.

Last day of the Fair collectors finished exchanging their collections and in the afternoon the Fair was closed. I think that every collector left the Fair with satisfaction, having added new artifacts to their collections and the enjoyment of meeting friends.

Besides the Fair, the AICO Executive Board Meeting was held and for the first time meetings of the Committees of AICO were held as well which was great enhancement for the community of Olympic and sport collectors.

Thank you very much for your attendance and I would also like to thank the Organizing Committee for perfect organization of the Fair on such short notice. My personal warm thanks to the representatives of International Olympic Committee — especially to Stéphanie Coppex, Slovak Olympic Committee, Slovak Olympic Marketing Association, National Sport Center, Slovak Olympic and SportMuseum, AICO, Slovak Post — Pofis and to Hotel NH Gate One Bratislava.

Bratislava, 17.09.2017

Promotion of the event - first Slovak flyer and Fair's roll-up







Promotion of the event on Facebook



★ The Organizing Committee Official Bulletin





♣ Fair's events admitance tickets





Gala dinner ticket

City train tour ticket



₩ WOCF 2017 Registered Table Holders & Participants

<u> </u>	Branislav	Delej					
2			Slovakia	46	Rita	Zelenaya	Russia
	Vojtech	Jankovič	Slovakia	47	Stathis	Douramakos	Greece
3	Pavol	Ondráška	Slovakia	48	Nelly	Douramakou	Greece
4	Ervin	Smažak	Slovakia	49	Markus	Osterwalder	Switzerland
5	Michal	Zika	Slovakia	50	Marc	Levie	Switzerland
6	Pavel	König	Slovakia	51	William	Grage	Switzerland
7	Peter	Špilák	Slovakia	52	Peter	Müller	Switzerland
8	Zdenko	Kríž	Slovakia	53	Lubomir	Král	Czech Republic
9	Velimir	Adžić	Croatia - Slovakia	54	Josef	Koči	Czech Republic
10	Igor	Vico	Slovakia	55	Robert	Prat	Monaco
11	Ľuboslava	Delejová	Slovakia	56	Catherine	Salaun	France
12	Katarina	Adžić	Slovakia	57	Claude	Renard	France
13	Pasquale	Polo	Italy	58	Philippe	Lapointe	France
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15	MarioRosario	Capuano	Italy	60	Edouard	Panossian	France
16	Domenico	DiPinto	Italy	61	Michel	Delavaloire	France
	Rufin	Schullian	Italy	62	Vincent	Girardin	France
18	Matteo	Melodia	Italy	63	Jean-Pierre	Picquot	France
	Massimiliano	Bruno	Italy	64	Kestutis	Skerys	Lithuania
	Jan Frank	Zimmermann Neubauer	Germany Germany	65 66	Rimantas Pertti	Dziutas Nurmi	Lithuania Finland
	AGON Sports Wo		Germany	67	Raul	Åkerblom	Tillalla
	Thomas	Lippert	Germany	68	Hou	Kun	China
24	Andreas	Szymczykowski	Germany	69	Boyi	Zhang	China
25	Melanie	Konrad	Germany	70	Yang	Huimin	China
26	Ingrid	O´Neil	U. S. A.	71	Gradus	Eenink	Netherlands
27	Michael	Bowlby	U. S. A.	72	Laszlo	Gergely	Romania
28	Peter	Wade	U. S. A.	73	István	Gőthér	Romania
29	Sid	Marantz	U. S. A.	74	PuiuEmilian	Valea	Romania
30	Mark	Maestrone	U. S. A.	75	Ladislau	Gergely	Romania
31	Tsafrir	Shlomi	Japan	76	Tamás	Borovitz	Hungary
32	Helge	Bråthen	Norway	77	Josip	Zagrajski	Croatia
33	Irina	Dzidziguri	Russia	78	Zdenka	Zagrajski	Croatia
34	Sergey	Vinogradov	Russia	79	Dragan	Gajinov	Serbia
35	Vladimir	Anfinogenov	Russia	80	Vojin	Gajinov	Serbia
36	Vladimir	Nabokov	Russia	81	Nebojša	Mitrović	Serbia
37	Stanislav	Rudenko	Russia	82	Mihailo	Vukadin	Serbia
38	Sergey	Volkov	Russia	83	Lukasz	Frydel	Poland
39	Vladimir	Gulin	Russia	84	Piotr	Dębski	Poland
40	Leonid	Novozhiloff	Russia	85	Roman	Babut	Poland
41	Konstantin	Borodin	Russia	86	Arkadiusz	Gawron	Poland
42	Vladimir	Nigmatulin	Russia	87	Ahmat Baran	Meral	Turkey
43	Dmitrii	Egorov	Russia	88	Juris	Silovs	Latvia
44	Liudmila	Zorina	Russia	89	Varun	Balakrishnan	India
45	Tatiana	Nabokova	Russia	90	The Polish Olyn	npic Committee	Poland



The Organizing Committee Official Pins



- Fair Official Pin
- Organizer Pin
- Paricpant Pin
- 300 pieces, dimensions: 30,0x36,8 mm
- 40 pieces, dimensions: 30,0x50,5 mm
- 150 pieces, dimensions: 30,0x51,0 mm



Case – a commemorative set of pins

★ The Slovak Post personalized stamps and commemorative postmark







Organizing Committee and Olympian's Autograph postcards

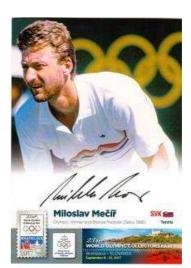




The Organizing Committe commemorative postcard







Slovak Olympic medallists autograph postcards



Table name card



Organizer's's name card



Participant's name card



9.2 24th World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2018, LOS ANGELES - REGISTRATION

The Organizing Committee of Los Angeles 2018 is proud to announce that the 24th World Olympic Collectors' Fair will take place at the Long Beach Convention Center from September 6-8, 2018. Collectors and visitors are invited to visit the official website -- LA2018.ORG -- for more information and registration forms.



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LA2018

Olympic Collectors' Fair Expects 5,000 + Visitors in Los Angeles



Long Beach marina. The Long Beach Convention Center is in the middle of the photograph

The Olympic Fair will welcome Olympic collectors of all stripes from stamp and coin collectors to fans of Olympic pin trading -- and everything in between, including medals, posters, programs, tickets, mascots, torches, and much more. Over 125 dealers and collectors from two dozen nations are expected to join 5,000 visitors at the 3-day Fair. Collectors will have an unprecedented opportunity to view and even purchase universally famous symbols of the Olympic Games. Everyone is invited to bring in their own "treasures" for experts to identify and evaluate at no charge.

This year's Olympic Fair coincides with the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City and also marks the 10-year countdown to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games. Events at the Fair are expected to include autograph sessions with Olympic athletes from past, present and future. Special social events for Olympic Fair participants are also being planned.



The Olympic Fair was awarded to Los Angeles by the International Olympic Committee in December, 2017, and will be held in conjunction with the Long Beach Expo, a coin, stamp and sport collectible show conducted three times per year.



The Coin Expo attracts over 5,000 visitors.

The Olympic Fair is being co-hosted by the Olympin Collectors Club and Sports Philatelists International (SPI) under the auspices of the International Association of Olympic Collectors (AICO) and the United States Olympic Committee (USOC).



For more information: Mark Maestrone (wocfcontact@la2018.org)

Website: LA2018.org



9.3 25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2019, WARSAW - preparations

During the Bratislava Olympic Fair, the organizers of the Olympic Collectors' Fair in Warsaw in 2019, presented the logo and announced the date of the fair. Below is the text of the promotional leaflet:



The Polish Olympic Committee will be celebrating its Centenary!!!



We would like to invite you for the 25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair which will be held in Warsaw, Poland

24-26.05.2019

SAVE THE DATE!!!

We will provide more information at the beginning of 2018 (such as: www, registration details, hotels, primary agenda etc.).

We had very good feedback after 2009 World Olympic Collectors' Fair organized in Poland, so we promise you this event will be even better.

Please put this event in your 2019 calendar – we will be honored to host you in Poland.

More news to come!



The Olympic Centre in Warsaw, venue of the 2019 WOC'Fair



9.4 26th World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2020 - Call for Candidates for Organizers

THE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES COLLECTIONNEURS
OLYMPIQUES, AICO AND THE OLYMPIC FOUNDATION FOR CULTURE
AND HERITAGE OPEN A CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)
FROM CANDIDATES WISHING TO HOST A WORLD OLYMPIC
COLLECTORS' FAIR IN YEAR 2020

WORLD OLYMPIC COLLECTORS' FAIR

Edition: 2020

CALL for Expression of Interest (EOI)

in the project:

"Organization of the 26th World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2020"

Closing date: 31th July 2018

9.4.1 World Olympic Collectors' Fairs Background

The International Olympic Committee supports the Olympic collector movement by granting patronage to different forms of Olympic collector activities as well as through the direct assistance of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage. The World Olympic Collectors' Fair (WOCF), which has been an almost annual event since 1994, is an expression of the IOC's support.

The World Olympic Collectors' Fairs are excellent opportunities for Olympic enthusiasts to share their combined interests in Olympic history and collecting. The Fair has travelled around the globe visiting past and future Olympic host cities. The list of locations for the WOCFs 1994-2017 is presented in *Attachment 1*.



The Fair can be organized in any appropriate place of the world, however, this would be an excellent opportunity for museums which are members of the Olympic Museum Network to organize the event. The benefits of holding the Fair are many:

- 1. collectors and the public are made aware of the museum's collections;
- 2. this is an opportunity for the museum and collectors, who are very often highly knowledge experts in different domains of Olympic history and memorabilia, to exchange information;
- 3. it provides the environment for the museum to increase its own holdings.

In 2014, during the World Olympic Collectors' Fair in Lausanne, a new organization, the International Association of Olympic Collectors (AICO), was launched. The AICO, as *the Recognized Organization by the IOC*, is an association of 20 Olympic collectors clubs from around the world. The IOC considers that the primary responsibility for organising events such as fairs and exhibitions associated with Olympic philately, numismatics, pins and memorabilia lies with these collecting clubs and their members.

AICO is responsible for collecting and accepting **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from **candidates** wishing to host a World Olympic Collectors' Fair. Currently, we are **accepting the EOIs for Fairs to be conducted in 2020.**

9.4.2 Eligible Prospective Organiser

The Call is open to all legal organisations/institutions (herein after called: Prospective Organiser) which are in compliance with the regulations of the IOC and Olympic Charter, as well as with all applicable laws and regulations, and who maintain a practice reflecting the principles of good governance at the time of the event.

The list of eligible Prospective Organisers includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Olympic Games Organizing Committees;
- b. National Olympic Committees;
- c. International Sports Associations recognized by the IOC;
- d. Members of the Olympic Museum Network;
- e. Members of the International Association of Olympic Collectors.

The EOI may be also presented by a collective organizer (consortium). In such a case a lead organization (Lead Organizer, LO) presents the EOI on behalf of the Partners.

9.4.3 Application Procedure

The purpose of this Call is to identify eligible candidates to organize the World Olympic Collectors' Fair in 2020. To qualify for consideration, Applicants must submit an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** by 31st **July 2018**. This document must include the following:

- **a.** Fully completed **Prospective Organiser Declaration** (*Attachment 2*), including:
 - Brief outline of the Prospective Organiser (and Partners, in the case of anapplication by a consortium);
 - Fair location (city/country) and duration (dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy);
 - information on main objective/s of the Fair and the relationship of the Fair, if any, to other Olympic/sports celebrations to be held at the same time;
 - information on the support and/or involvement of a National Olympic Committee;
 - main accompanying events and activities planned for Fair participants (e.g. any cultural or social events);
 - prospective financial resources;
- **b.** Fully completed **Prospective Organiser Contact Sheet** (Attachment 3);



If there are multiple candidates to host the WOCF in any one year, a competitive procedure will be applied.

After receiving the EXPRESSION(S) OF INTEREST, AICO will deliver to the Prospective Organizers a document titled: THE **WOCF TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.** In this document the Prospective Organizer will describe in detail various elements including: organizing committee composition, location, dates and venue of the fair, schedule of events & locations, budget projection and sponsors, arrangements for participants, commemorative issues & products, etc.

The deadline (provisional) for submission of the Technical Proposals will be ——15th October 2018. After evaluation of proposals, AICO and the Foundation will submit its recommendation of candidates for hosting the 2020 WOCF to the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage during their annual meeting in 2018. It will be up the Commission to forward the recommendation(s) of AICO and the Foundation to the IOC for final approval of the Organizer of the WOCF 2020.

9.4.4 Expected WOCF Start Dates and Durations

The Fairs are expected to start:

- a. not earlier than April/May and
- b. not later than befor October (tbc)

The duration of the WOCF should be 3-4 days.

9.4.5 Funding Source

It is expected that the Organizer will be responsible for financing the WOCF. However, once selected, the Organizer may apply for financial support from the Foundation, based on the assumption that the Fair is a non-profit event.

9.4.6 Submission

The complete **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** should be submitted electronically, in English, to reach the AICO Secretary not later than:

31st July 2018.

The Expression of Interest shall be one file in a text workable version (WORD format) and duly signed document in PDF.

Contact Person:

Mr. Christophe Ait-Braham, AICO Secretary e-mail: secretary@aicolympicorg



Attachment 1

History of the World Olympic Collectors' Fairs 1994-2017

XXIII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2017,	Bratislava / Slovak Rep. 8-10 September 2017
XXII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2016,	Gothenburg / Sweden 13-15 May 2016
XXI World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2015,	Lake Placid / USA10-13 September 2015
XX World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2014,	Lausanne / Switzerland 23-25 May 2014
XIX World Olympic Collector's Fair 2013,	Bø / Norway 26-28 July 2013
XVIII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2012,	Athens / Greece 18-20 May 2012
XVII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2011,	Chicago / USA 4-7 August 2011
XVI World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2010,	Beijing / China 14-18 October 2010
XV World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2010,	Cologne / Germany 16-18 April 2010
XIV World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2009,	Warsaw / Poland 28-31 May 2009
XIII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2007,	Beijing / China 22-24 June 2007
XII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2006,	Lausanne / Switzerland 2-4 June 2006
XI World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2005,	Lausanne / Switzerland 13-15 May 2005
X World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2004,	Lausanne / Switzerland
IX World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2003,	Lausanne / Switzerland
VIII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2002,	Lausanne / Switzerland 17-19 May 2002
VII World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2001,	Seoul / Korea,
VI World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2000,	Lausanne / Switzerland 9-11 June 2000
V World Olympic Collectors' Fair 1999,	Lausanne / Switzerland 21-23 May 1999
IV World Olympic Collectors' Fair 1998,	Rio de Janeiro / Brazil 24-29 November 1998
III World Olympic Collectors' Fair 1997,	Lausanne / Switzerland
II World Olympic Collectors' Fair 1995,	Lausanne / Switzerland
I World Olympic Collectors' Fair 1994,	Lausanne / Switzerland 7-9 October 1994



Attachment 2

Prospective Organiser Declaration

In response to the Call for:

"Organization of the 26th World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2020"

we, XXXXXXXXX YYYYYYYY ZZZZZZZZZ (legal name of the Prospective Organiser or Lead Prospective Organiser), are hereby submitting an Expression of Interest for organizing the NN World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2020 in city/country.

We are making this application on behalf of ourselves and the following entities (in case of submission by a consortium):

Prospective Organizer	Name(s) of legal entity or entities making this application	Nationality (country where entity is registered or resides)
Lead		
Partner 1		
Partner 2		
Partner 3		

Hereby, we present and confirmthe following information:

 a. Brief outline of the Prospective Organiser (and Partners in case of submission by a consortium), max. 1 page A4;
<u>Lead:</u>
Partner 1:
Partner 2:
Partner 3:
Max. 1 page A4

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b.	Fair location (city/country) and duration (dd/mm/yy to dd/mm/yy)
C.	Information on main objective/s of the Fair and the relationship of the Fair, if any, to other Olympic/sports celebrations to be held at the same time
d.	Information on the any support and/or involvement of the NOC
e.	Main accompanying events and activities planned for Fair participants (e.g. any cultural or social events)
f.	Prospective financial resources
Place &	date:
Signatur	re:
•••••	Prospective Organiser
	President

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Attachment 3

Prospective Organiser Contact Sheet

Full name of Prospective Organiser:	ZzzzzzzzzzYyyyyyyyyyyXxxxxxxxxxxx		
Trading Name(if different from above):			
Country of Registration:			
Address of registered office:			
Postal address (if different from above):			
Telephone number:	+		
	country	city code	number
Mobile telephone number:	+		
	country code	city code	number
Fax number:	+		
	country	city code	number
Main contact person for this project:			
Main contact person's position in the Organisation:			
Contact person's email address:			
Alternate contact person:			
Alternative E-mail:			
Website of the Organisation:			

Important Note

Any change in the addresses, phone numbers, fax numbers and in particular e-mail addresses, must be made in writing to the AICO Secretary at the earliest opportunity.

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9.5 27th World Olympic Collectors' Fair 2021, Paris

AFCOS and its partners, including the French National Olympic and Sports Committee, thank the IOC and AICO for their confidence. We have already set to work ... and we look forward to welcoming you to a magical and Olympic Paris in May 2021 to share the Olympic culture!



Fondation olympique pour la culture et le patrimoine

Réf. No FGT/stc Par courrier et oourriel Association Française des Collectionneurs Olympiques et Sportifs (AFCOS) Monaieur Jean-Pierre Picquot Président Maison du Sport Français Avenue Pierre de Coubertin 75013 Paris França

Lausanna, le 31 janvier 2018

27ème foire mondiale des collectionneurs olympiques

Monsieur le Président,

Au nom de M. Ching-Kuo Wu, Président de la commission pour la culture et le patrimoine olympique, j'ai le grand plaisir de vous informer que, lors de la réunion annuelle de la commission qui a ou tieu le 8 novembre 2017 à Lausanne, les membres de la commission ont attribué à l'AFCOS l'organisation de la

> 27ème foire mondiale des collectionneurs olympiques à Paris, France, en 2021.

Je suis convaincu que l'AFCOS organisera une foire mémorable et vous adresse mas plus sincères félicitations.

Vegitez agréer, Monsieur le Président, mes cordiales salutations.

co : M. Ching-Kuo Wu, Président de la commission Dr. Ruman Babut, Président de l'AICO

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10 THE AICO OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY CATALOG

10.1 The AICO Olympic Collecting Library Catalog (OCLC)

"THE AICO OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY CATALOG", we have made available to the international community of Olympic and Sports collectors on August 9, 2016. The catalog enables electronically searches for knowledge and information in published resources in all areas of Olympic and sports collectibles: philately, numismatics, pins and memorabilia.

Currently, the catalog includes the following library collections containing nearly 1,000 publications:

- collection of publications in the Scientific Library of the Museum of Sport & Tourism (MS&T) in Warsaw publications from this collection are marked with Ordinal Numbers from ON.001 to ON.600 and ON.801 and above;
- holdings in the Olympic World Library (OWL) of the Olympic Studies Centre IOC in Lausanne publications from this collection are marked with Ordinal Numbers from ON.601 to ON.800;
- publications reported by individual collectors (only few item).

The catalog does not include regular publications (bulletins) of AICO member clubs collected in MS&T.

AICO EB would like to thank the IOC Olympic Studies Center in Lausanne, which made available for scanning the collection of the World Olympic Library on Olympic Games and sports, by R. Babut in Novembers of 2016 and 2017. We can conclude that information about the publications collected in the above-described two collections, in Warsaw and in Lausanne on Olympic publication, were generally completed.

As of May 24, 2018 the catalog had **823** entries registered. By using the OLYMPIC COLLECTIBLES search function, we can record the number of publications for each collecting category:

MEMORABILIA: 113 records

NUMISMATICS: 48

PHILATELY: 728

PINS: 45

In comparison with the last reported state - 766 records in September 2017, there was an increase of new 57 items.

In the near future, about 90 unregistered entries will be added in the catalog which were donated to MS&T in 2018.

In addition to searching for new publications, work was carried out to complement the catalog and visualize individual publications. In September 2017, in Bratislava, AICO concluded an agreement with the Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw (MS & T) for work related to supplementing the database on publications on Olympic collections collected in the MS&T library collections before 2014, constituting a physical basis for this directory. In addition, the work included visualization of individual publications included in The AICO Olympic Collecting Library Catalog.

Information on completion of work for the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog by the Museum of Sport & Tourism in Warsaw

By end of the February 2018, the Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw informed AICO that the work specified in the contract of 9 September 2017 was completed, mainly involving the visualization and verification of the library collection database of Olympic collecting currently collected in the library warehouse and which are included in the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog on AICO website – scope ON.001- ON.500.



The following actions were taken:

- 1. The visualization of the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog was carried out by scanning each item: front cover and selected pages within the scope of publications covered by numbers 1-500 (the original library database). For individual publications, from a minimum of three pages to a dozen or more pages were scanned to provide substantive content. Over a dozen publications, due to the greater number of scanned pages, are presented in PDF format.
- 2. A total of nearly 5000 scans were done with a resolution of min. 200 dpi, so that a single file does not exceed 2.0 MB. Each scan was edited properly and was given an identifying number and saved on a disk. Each publication has a stand-alone ON number (ORDINAL NUMBER), identical to the publication in the AICO-OCLC catalog. The disk with scans was given to me.
- 3. The scans were entered into the OCLC database (in WordPress) in the range of ON 1-500.
- 4. The compliance of the title of each publication with the title stored in the WORDPRESS database has been verified. Corrections were made in accordance with the original spelling of the language of publication, eg in Russian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Polish, French, etc.
- 5. The validity of the assignment of "rigid" filters (Search Catalog Filters) for searching the database and catalog has been verified.
- 6. The missing descriptions were added to the WordPress database, among others concerning the method of binding publications, language, publisher, accessibility.
- 7. All publications were weighted and saved in grams in the WordPress database. This information will be necessary when the library is launched to the full extent and will offer a service for borrowing books and magazines. The weight of the publication will be used to pre-determine the postage. The weight of the publication is not visible on the catalog page.

10.2 The AICO-MS&T Olympic Collecting Library in Warsaw

As is known from previous information, the OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY CATALOG (OCLC) operating on the AICO website was based on the collection of publications of the Museum of Sport and Tourism (MS&T) in Warsaw and a collection of publications and documents from the World Olympic Library (OWL) located in the IOC Olympic Studies Center in Lausanne. Currently, all publications in both libraries are included in the AICO OCLC with assigned ordinal numbers, with a file containing a formal and physical description and scans with selected pages. Filters allow you to quickly search for a given book or document item.

https://aicolympic.org/resources/collectors-library/

All publications, except club newsletters, have been assigned AICO Ordinal Numbers (ON), which makes it easier to search publications. Currently, the library of MS&T includes practically all publications marked in the Olympic Collecting Library Catalog from the following numbers:

ON.001 - ON.600 and from numbers: ON.800 and above

https://www.muzeumsportu.waw.pl/muzeum/czytelnia

Publications included in OCLC from **ON.601 to ON.799** can be found in The World Oympic Library and are currently available in the rental or reading room system on site.

https://library.olympic.org/Default/about.aspx)

The resources accumulated in the MS&T library require further work, the next stage of which will be the creation of a separate section titled "THE OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY" in the main catalog of the MS&T library and preparation of publications and documents for loan on the spot, through interlibrary loans or scanning for research purposes. This stage of library creation will be implemented under the AICO-MS&T cooperation agreement.

Currently, the library collection is temporarily stored in the MS&T library warehouse.





The MS&T library stacks in the basement of the Olympic Center: THE OLYMPIC COLLECTING LIBRARY materials (at right) with publications that occupy 6+ meters of shelves $(6+ \times 1.0 \text{ meter})$ in wardrobe

The next stage will be the qualification of the publication to the main catalog of the scientific library (not all of our publications are on the required merit level, to deserve the shelves of the scientific library), to be entered into the museum inventory book and included in the main library collection. After this fact, our publications will begin to live as full-fledged valuable publications and we will be able to recognize that the joint AICO-MS&T Olympic Collector Library is a fact.

10.3 The World Olympic Library (OWL)

On 28 Aug 2017, AICO received a very important letter from Mrs Maria Bogner, in which she authorized us to create a direct link to the Olympic World Library and use an official banner as well as a hyperlink, which is a predefined search on all relevant keywords in the OWL's catalog. She also explained that currently, at this link one will find all publications (currently 237) on topics related to the Olympic collecting. Also, every time new publications are added on our topic, they will be automatically added to the list. The publications are either accessible in full text (digital files) or available for loan (including international loan) at:

studies.centre@olympic.org



11 DEVELOPMENT OF WEBSITE SUB-SECTION: RESOURCES

11.1 Member's Archives - Pilot Project

Within the existing AICO website a NEW sub-section is created which is devoted exclusively to presentation of the **Member Archives**. These will consist of the printed matter (i.e. journals, newsletters, monographs, etc.) of AICO member associations. The digital contents will be in a format that is searchable by users.

Many of our member clubs have significant archival resources in the form of bulletins and specialized handbooks published systematically in paper form since the early 1960s. Archival publications of this kind are held by UICOS, as the successor of their Italian predecessors, SPI (USA), OLYMSPORT (Czechia), IMOS (Germany), SOC (UK), AFCOS (France) and MOSFiT (Hungary). These publications contain a huge amount of information, often in the form of very specialized articles and contributing information about individual collectibles or events, and can perfectly serve to acquire the necessary information necessary for today's collector needs. In addition to the publication on Olympic and sports collections, identified and collected under the AICO Olympic Collecting Library Catalog, access to these archival publications can be obtained not only by members of these Clubs, but also by a wide community of international collectors. In technical terms, compared to today's editorial techniques, old publications may smell of "old paper," but their content is still of great importance. In addition, these archival publications not only show the enormity of work over the previous several decades, but also show a huge variety of topics that are in the sphere of collector interest even today.

Currently, in the age of websites and electronic publications, many clubs publish their current newsletters in PDF format. However, they are only available to club members.

In 2017, the AICO Executive Board initiated a pilot project entitled "**OPENING MEMBER's ARCHIVES**", which was implemented first of all by two clubs, SPI and AFCOS, whose Boards decided to make the publication of their archival bulletins available on the AICO website. However, these clubs retained the right to maintain a five-year grace period for contemporary publications. As time passes, subsequent years will be transferred to AICO.

The SPI and AFCOS Boards submitted project proposals with justification, which as an example we place for the next applicants.

From the technical side, AICO came to an agreement with the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL) regarding the scanning of documents with the appropriate technical requirements, concluding an appropriate contract. As part of the cooperation with APRL, all copies of scanned bulletins were transferred to the library, which will also expand the availability of publications on the Olympic and sport collections of the global community of philatelists. The APRL is a renowned reference library for all philatelic organizations. The pilot project is now complete with a new RESOURCES library area

https://aicolympic.org/resources/members-archives/

comprising roughly 10,000 pages of PDFs, consisting of scans of both the SPI and AFCOS journals.







11.1.1 Next projects on archives digitization

We expect the next AICO member clubs will review their archival publications and consider joining this important project, making their holdings available to collectors from other clubs and non-affiliated. In order to determine technical and financial matters, please contact the Executive Board.

CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

AICO EB announces the call for proposals for the digitization of archival resources of member clubs.

The application should contain a description similar to the sample application submitted by SPI (see below). If the applicant has technical capabilities to implement the project in his own environment or country, ensuring digitization of publications at the appropriate technical level, we ask for the inclusion of relevant information. In this way, we will avoid sending collected resources to the American Philatelic Research Library in the USA.

Applications submitted by 31 August 2018 will be considered for implementation this year, subject to the AICO budget and the technical capabilities of the APRL (if digitization were to be performed in their library).

Welcome !!!



11.1.2 SPI Archives Pilot Project Application



PROIECT PROPOSAL

"PRESERVATION OF THE HERITAGE OF SPORTS PHILATELISTS INTERNATIONAL"

San Diego, March 6, 2017

Sports Philatelists International, formally founded in 1963 (but with predecessor organizations dating sports Prilatetists International, Formally Founded in 1983 (but with predicessor organizations dating back to 1953), has dedicated itself to preserving Olympic and sports heritage through publication of the Journal of Sports Philatety (JSP). This publication includes not only current information about the life and activities of the club, but also offers numerous articles and studies on Olympic and sports philately prepared by members of SPI as well as by invited authors who are authorities in the field of Olympic collecting.

Since 2007, the club has published JSP in both print and electronic formats for distribution to only its members. However, the journal, in its various formats, dates back to 1993. Of these, some 300 issues comprising over 8,000 pages of information, remain exclusively in printed form. By a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors of SPI, it was decided to make these resources available, in electronic form, to all Olympic collectors and to the wider range of international philatelists at no charge. Already digitized issues from 2007 to the present would also be free to the public with only the most recent 5 years of issues reserved for exclusive use by SPI members as a benefit of membership, in order for the pre-2007 issues to be made public they would first have to be professionally digitized and converted to searchable PDF documents.

nce of the AICO website opens up wide possibilities for the free disresources through the expansion of its structure with the appropriate module created in the Olympic Collecting Library.

The digitization of SPI's journals allows AICO to help preserve this important heritage for future generations of Olympic and sports collectors.

Following consultation with a number of sources for digitizing the collection, Sports Philatelists ional was particularly impressed with the expertise of the American Philatelic Research Library (APRL), who expressed a readiness to perform this digitizing service according to standard library practices. The APRL has one of the world's largest and most accessible collections of philatelic literature. It is a not-for-profit organization located at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte,

The APRL has extensive experience in digitizing printed resources. It employs its own professional The Arm. has extensive experience in agraining printed resources, it employs as own professional grade scanning equipment and is currently in the process of digitizing all 131 years of the American Philatelic Society's publication, The American Philatelist. Additionally, the APRL already possesses a complete run of the Jeurnal of Sports Philately and its predecessor publications so they would not need to be supplied with copies for scanning.

GOAL OF THE PROJECT

The goal is protection and wide dissemination of knowledge on Olympic and Sports collecting stored in the printed resources of Sports Philatelists International

MAIN OBJECTIVES

Objective 1. To digitize and store SPI printed resources

(Access will also be provided on the APRL and SPI websites.)

Objective 3: To explore similar opportunities with the APRL for digitizing the printed journals and newsletters of other AICO philatelic clubs.

Objective 4:To develop a structure for the Olympic Collecting Library's Member Archivesin cooperation with the Olympic World Library at the IOC Olympic Study Centre.

TASK DESCRIPTION

The American Philatelic Research Library proposes to scan complete issues of the Journal of Sports Philately and its predecessors, Sportcast and SportStamps, from 1953 through 1996 complete, plus selected issues from 1997-2007 (vol. 36, nos. 1-3; vol. 40, no. 1; vol. 41, no. 3; vol. 46, no. 4). The total number of pages is estimated at 8,326.

Scanning will be performed by APRL staff using the APRL's book scanning equipment. Scans will be taken from the best available copy of each issue in the APRL collection. Pages will be scanned in color, even if the issue is entirely black and white, for the best image quality. The scans will be delivered in PDF format, with OCR performed so they are fully searchable, on DVD-ROMs. The files will be named according to a convention agreed upon by the APRL and SPI. Scanning will be done at 300dpi.

The scanning will be performed June-August, 2017, assuming this proposal is accepted before May 1, 2017. Files will be delivered no later than September 30, 2017.

Task 2. Development of the AICO's website sub-section: MEMBER ARCHIVES.

Within the existing AICO website will be a sub-section devoted exclusively to presentation of the Member Archives. These will consist of the printed matter (i.e. journals, newsletters, monographs, etc.) of AICO member associations. The digital contents will be in a format that is searchable by

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- The SPI printed resources stored on electronic media
- AICO sub-website: MEMBER ARCHIVES active
- The SPI resources 1957-2007 available at the AICO website
- The SPI resources 1957-2007 available at the American Philatelic Research Libraryand SPI

PROJECT BUDGET, tbd.

Digitalization of resources: AICO sub-website: MEMBER ARCHIVES development:

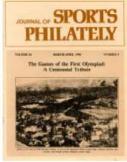
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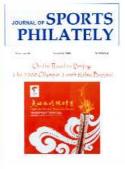
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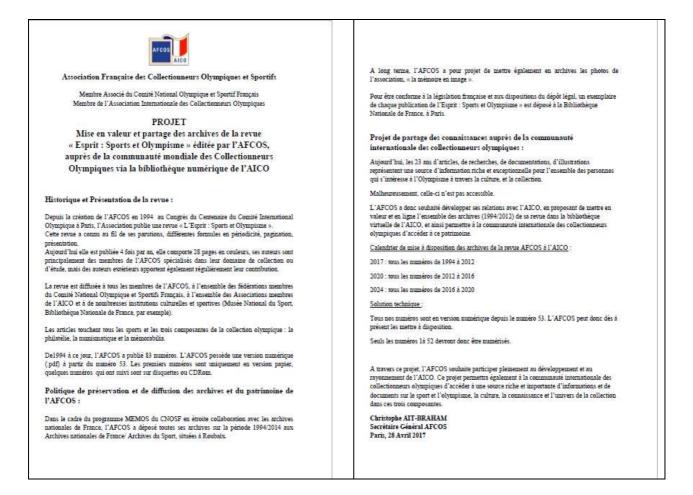








11.1.3 AFCOS Archives Pilot Application



11.1 NOC PIN CATALOG – a static version

During the Olympic fair in Bratislava, Dr. Branislav Delej offered to the AICO EB publishing of his own catalog of pins of the National Olympic Committees on the AICO website. The catalog covers over 200 countries and is developed in PDF format, separately for each NOC. Currently, the PDF version of the catalog is tested to the website and will be successively supplemented. For the time beeing for some technical reasons the functioning of the catalog is suspended. We will inform you by a separate post when it will be fully in operation.







11.2 FORGERIES & FAKES AND ILLEGAL ISSUES OBSERVATORY

The AICO EB noticing a very important issue of education and information on the collector's environment regarding the threats posed by counterfeiters acting to their detriment. In the near future, the RESOURCES section will be enriched with a chapter on forgery and illegal publications already described in the publications or currently appearing on the collector's market. The proposed structure will be as follows:

- A. ALERT !!! suspicious Olympic collectibles, recently offered or seen, e.g. at public auctions or on the internet;
- B. Specialized unpublished study materials;
- C. Articles published in collector's periodicals;
- D. Information about expert organizations;
- E. Examples of attestations and expert guarantees.

AICO searchable version will be added to website, soon.









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