



25th WORLD OLYMPIC COLLECTORS' FAIR

The Organizing Committee

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OFFICIAL REPORT



The Polish Olympic Family A.D. 2019 ready for the Autograph Session

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1 THE FAIR ORGANISER

1.1 Contact details

Full legal name of Organizer:	Polski Komitet Olimpijski, PKOl
Name in English (if different from above):	Polish Olympic Committee, POC
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1.2 About the Olympic collectors' fair

The World Olympic Collectors' Fair was initiated by the International Olympic Committee since 1994. Practically every year, the Olympic collectors' fair gathers hundreds of exhibitors and visitors from around the world, who devote their passion and interest to the history of the Olympic movement, the Olympic Games and various sports disciplines. Here you can exchange or purchase all kinds of souvenirs, ranging from the original Olympic torches and medals, programs and tickets from the Games, licensed souvenirs, printed publications like posters, postage stamps, official NOC badges and pins, and here you can find many collector's surprises.

Warsaw hosted the Olympic collectors' fair for the second time and we are very pleased that we can once again welcome nearly 35 exhibitors "veterans" from the WARSAW 2009 fair. We are grateful for your faithfulness.



Foto R.Babut

His Excellency Juan A. SAMARANCH President of the International Olympic Committee and Piotr Nurowski President of the Polish Olympic Committee opens the 14th World Olympic Collectors' Fair WARSZAWA 2009. Foto R.Babut



The international Olympic family of collectors tried to set up a family photo in front of the Olympic Center of the Polish Olympic Committee after the end of the Warsaw warsaw 2009.

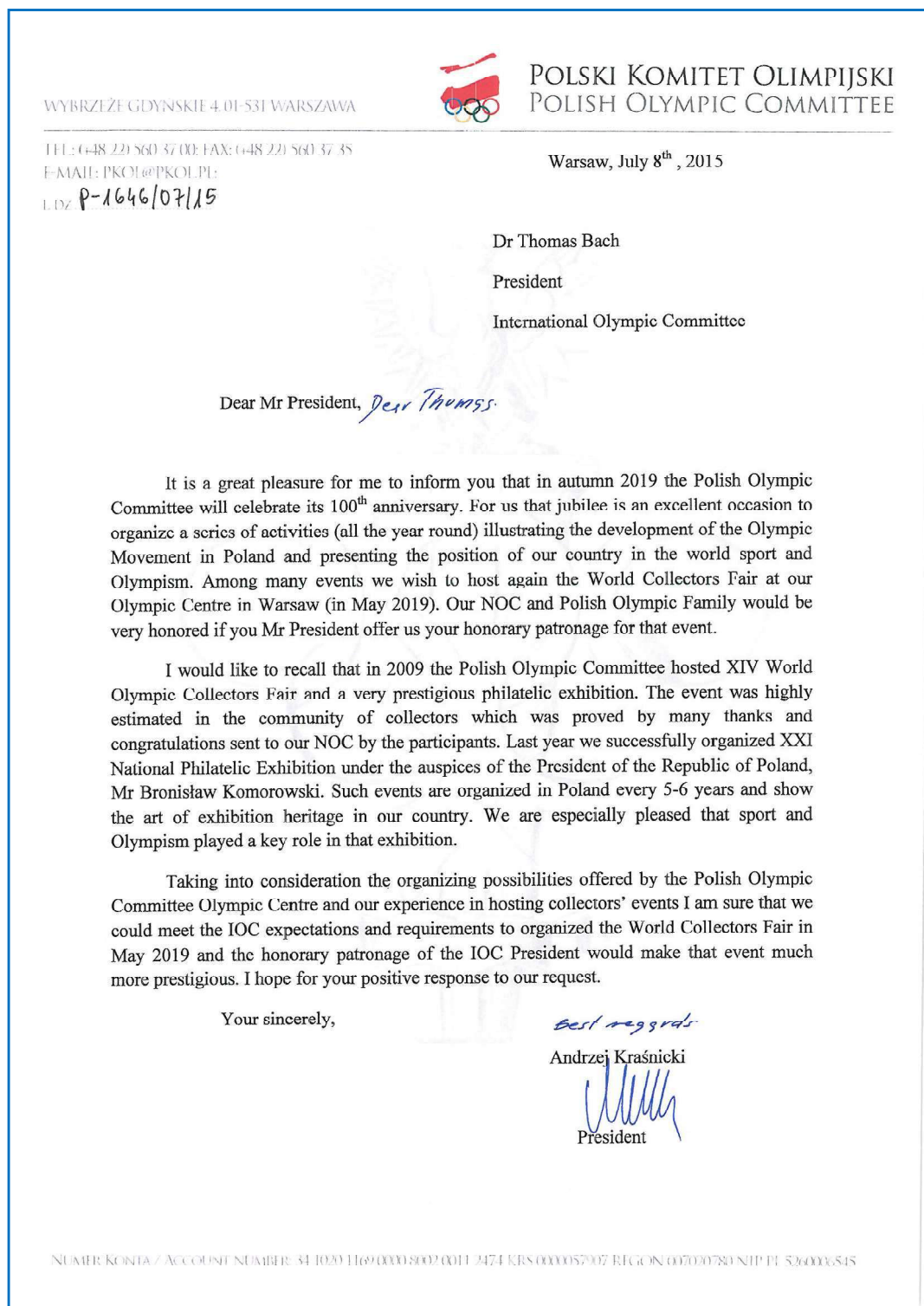
In 2019, the city of Warsaw and the Polish Olympic Committee were honored to host a jubilee gathering of Olympic stamp, coin, pin and memorabilia collectors from around the world.

Jubilee, the 25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair WARSAW 2019 was approved by the Culture and Heritage Committee of the International Olympic Committee on 12 November 2015, chaired by Mr. Ching-Kuo WU Member of the International Olympic Committee. Mr. C. K. Wu was the Honorary Guest of the Warsaw's Fair.

This year, we officially registered over 200 exhibitors and their assistants, visitors and guests from 35 countries via the website www.warsaw2019.org.

2 IOC and NOC APPROVALS

For the first time, the accession of organizing the World Olympic Collectors Fair in 2019, authorized on behalf of the Collectors Club of the Polish Olympic Committee, was submitted by Dr. Roman Babut during the AICO founding congress in May 2014. This idea gained the support of the POC Board and on July 8, 2015, Mr. Andrzej Kraśnicki, President of POC sent to Dr. Thomas Bach the President of the International Olympic Committee the official proposal to organize the Olympic fair in Warsaw in 2019.



The proposal of the Polish Olympic Committee met with a positive assessment of the IOC Olympic Culture and Heritage Committee, which on November 12, 2015 gave full recommendations for the organization of the Olympic collectors' exhibition in Warsaw in 2019.



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage

Ref. No. FGT/stc
By mail and e-mail

Polish Olympic Committee
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President
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Pologne

Lausanne, 31 March 2016

25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair

Dear President,

On behalf of Mr C.K. Wu, Chairman of the Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission, and Mr Lambis Nikolaou, former Chairman and Honorary Chair, I have the great pleasure to inform you that, during the annual meeting which took place in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 12 November 2015, the Members and Experts of the Commission granted the Polish Olympic Committee the organisation of the

25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair
in Warsaw, Poland, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary.

I am confident that the Polish Olympic Committee will organise a great Fair and offer you my most sincere congratulations.

I wish you every success in your new endeavours and remain,

Yours sincerely,

Francis Gabet
Director

cc: Mr C.K. Wu, Chairman of the Culture and Olympic Heritage Commission
Mr Lambis Nikolaou, former Chairman and Honorary Chair
Dr Roman Babut, AICO President

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3 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE COMPOSITION

3.1 The Polish Olympic Committee representatives

The chairman of the Organizing Committee reported on an ongoing basis preparations for two persons from the POC Board, with whom the most important decisions were agreed. They were:

Andrzej KRAŚNICKI

President of the Polish Olympic Committee

Adam KRZESIŃSKI

Two-time Olympic medalist in the floret team – bronze medal in Barcelona 1992 and silver in Atlanta 1996

3.2 The Organizing Committee

After receiving a decision from Mr. Francis Gabet, Director of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage, the Management Board of the Polish Olympic Committee on July 14, 2016 set up a working group, which later evolved into an Organizing Committee headed by Mr. Andrzej Szalewicz, President of POC 1990-1996 and President POC Collectors Committee.

Dr Roman Babut was authorized to cooperate with Ms. Stéphanie COPPEX, Cultural Networks Senior Project Manager International Programs, representative of the Olympic Foundation for Culture And Heritage, Lausanne.

Given Name	Family Name	Position in the Committee	Institution
Andrzej	SZALEWICZ	Chairman	President of the Polish Olympic Committee Collectors Club, President of the Polish Olympic Committee between 1991-1997, prominent pin collector
Roman	BABUT	Vice-chairman responsible for relations with fair participants	Polish Olympic and Sports Philately Club „The <i>Olympian</i> “ of the Polish Philatelists Union. President of the International Olympic Collectors Association AICO between 2014-2018, Member of the AICO Executive Board, vice-chairman of the POC Collectors' Club.
Piotr	DĘBSKI	Vice-chairman	Pin collector
Jacek	KOSMALA	Vice-chairman responsible for the organization of the Olympic exhibitions	President, Warsaw District of the Polish Philatelists Union
Adam	PIETROŃ	coordinator	Director for Management and Administration POC
Hanna.	STARZYŃSKA	Secretary of the Organizing Committee	Specialist in Management and Administration, POC
Tomasz	PIECHAL	Webmaster	Chief specialist of the Promotion and Publishing Department. Web editor / Journalist / Photographer
Justin,	HOU	Responsible for contacts with Olympic collectors in the People's Republic of China	Chinese Olympic Committee

3.3 Local partners

In the organization of Special Events and Specialized Exhibitions, they cooperated with the Organizing Committee on a voluntary basis, including:

- ❖ Museum of Sports and Tourism in Warsaw
- ❖ Museum of Post and Telecommunication in Wrocław
- ❖ Polish Mint since 1776 Ltd., Warsaw
- ❖ Polish Olympic and Sports Philately Club "THE OLYMPIAN" of the Polish Philatelists Union, Warsaw
- ❖ Warsaw District of the Polish Philatelists Union, Warsaw
- ❖ Polish Numismatic Society, Warsaw
- ❖ Auction House "DAKS" Częstochowa

3.4 Official Guests

At the invitation of the President of the Polish Olympic Committee, the guest of honor at the WARSAW 2019 trade fair was Mr. Ching-Kuo WU, Member of the International Olympic Committee, Chairman of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage, who was in Warsaw on May 23-27, 2019.

On behalf of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage, Lausanne, Mrs. Yasmin MEICHTRY Head of Cultural Heritage Management, The Olympic Museum Lausanne and Ms Patricia REYMOND Collection Manager, The Olympic Museum Lausanne participated in the fair.

4 LOCATION, DATES AND VENUE OF THE FAIR

4.1 Location

25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair took place at the Olympic Centre, headquarters of the Polish Olympic Committee (POC).

Address: ul. Wyrbrzeże Gdyńskie 4, Warsaw, Poland

The Olympic Center is located close to the center of Warsaw and well connected by public transport lines - buses and metro with the city and hotels in which the participants of the fair lived.

4.2 Dates

The 2019 World Olympic Collectors' Fair took place from 24-26 May, 2019.

FAIR DATES FOR VISITORS

24th May 2019 – 9:00 – 17:00

25th May 2019 – 9:00 – 17:00

26th May 2019 – 9:00 – 17:00

4.3 Admission to the Fair

Admission to the Fair was free. Also, admission to Special Events was free except for the Gala Dinner.

4.4 The Fair venue

The Centre is a modern 6-story, oval stadium-shaped glass structure with Olympic and sports symbolism incorporated into its design.

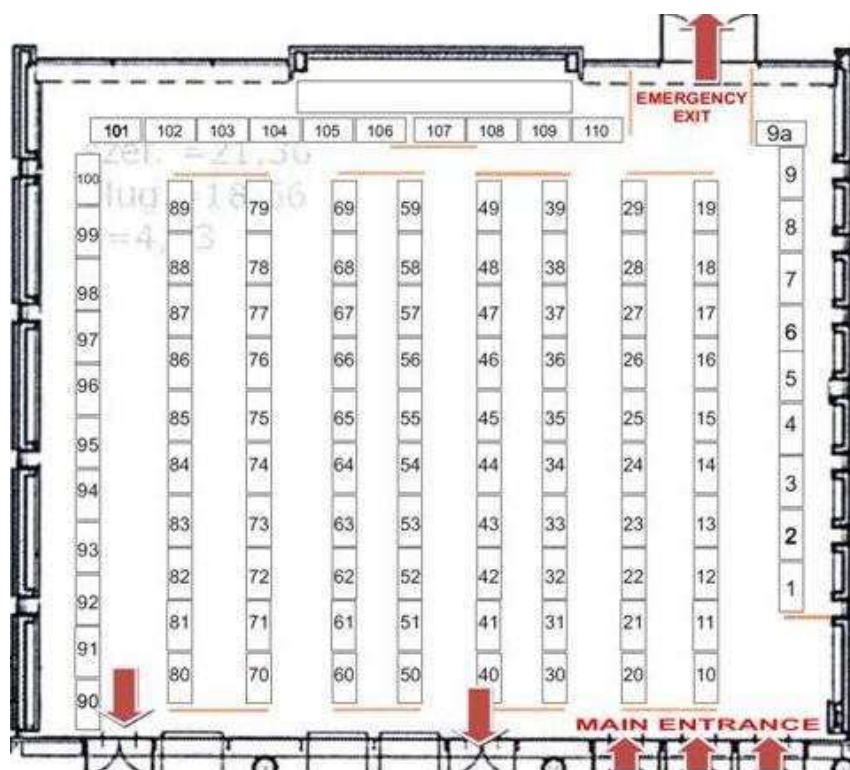


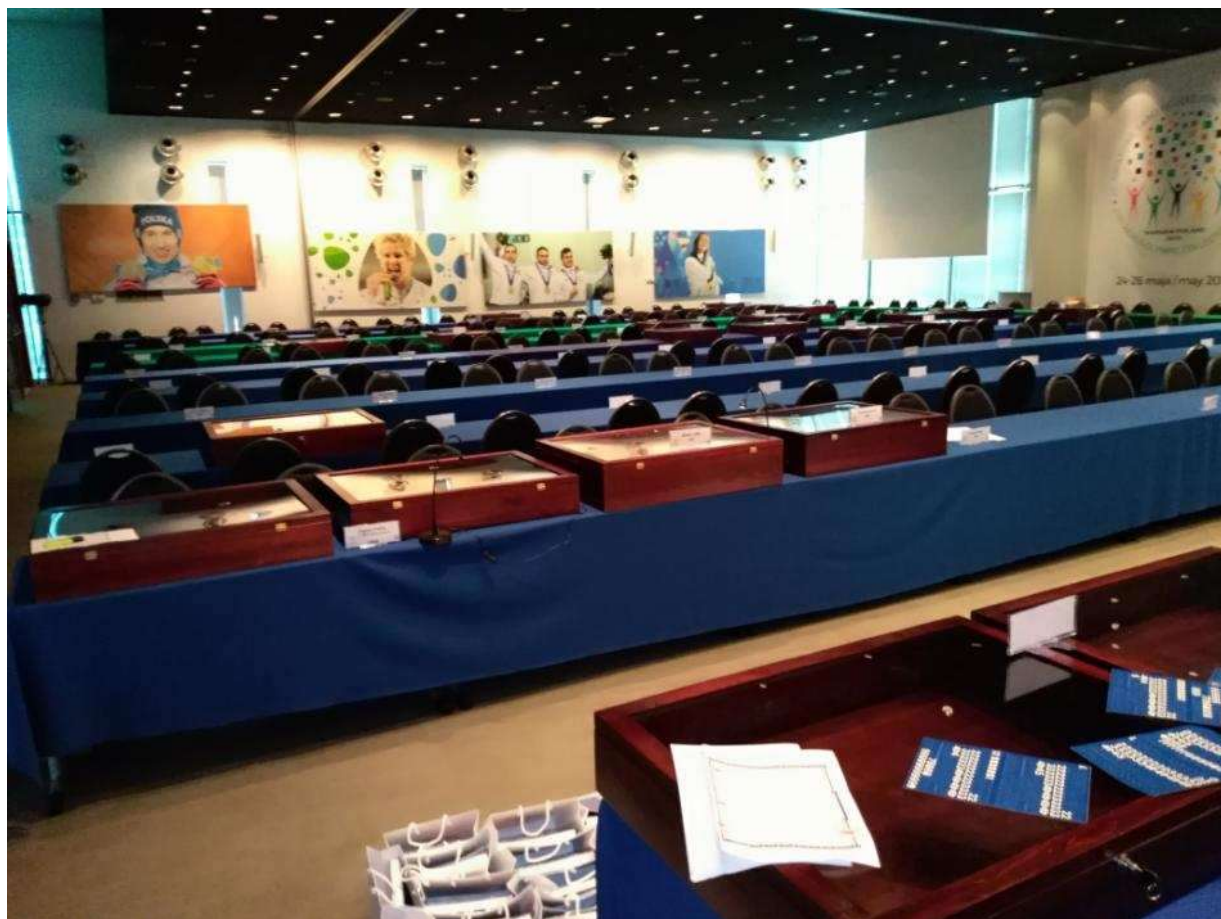
The Olympic Centre of the POC, Warsaw

In the Olympic Center there are located:

- the seat of the Polish Olympic Committee, 5th floor
- Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw, 2nd and 4th floor
- a cinema room with 50 seats
- conference room, 400 seats
- exhibition areas
- Moonsfera restaurant, 6th floor
- fitness club, 3rd floor

4.5 Plan of the Conference Hall and distribution of tables





For a few days in May, the Olympic Center evolved into the "Tower of Babel" for Olympic collectors. The Olympic Collectors' Fair was in a large room capable of holding 110 tables for collectors and dealers.



4.5.1 Security on the Fair venue

Suitable arrangements have been undertaken to physically secure the Fair. The security staff was on duty 24 hours a day throughout the Fair. Apart regular staff and monitoring system, additional persons without specific distinctions were employed to strengthen the security.

5 ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPANT

5.1 Registration of Participants

Registration at the Olympic Centre in Warsaw of Participants started at 12:00 on 23 May and lasted until 21:00.

After checking identity and financial aspect, each participant was requested to deliver the Table Holders Agreement as of agreement which the IOC requires be signed by table holders.



Mrs Hanna Starzyńska and Ms. Tania Rechel in action during registration of participants

Each Table Holder and his Assistant received a Welcome Package containing:

- IOC Participation Diploma
- ID Card
- ID descriptor on a table
- Special Fair booklet
- Commemorative postcards
- Participant Pin
- Lanyard
- Commemorative pin of the Polish Olympic Committee
- Book on pins and badges of the Polish Sports Federations (265 pages)
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IOC Participation diploma

5.2 Registration conditions

Registration of participants started on January 31, 2019 after launching the Fair's website (visiting possible until 31.12.2019). The website informs about all conditions necessary for registration, technical conditions, prices, options for accommodation, daily program and info about Special Events as well about touristic attractions in Warsaw, around and generally in Poland. All payment have been collected via PayPal system incorporated in the website well before the Fair started. Few payments were accepted on a site or via bank transfers.

Registration of participants who bought the tables ended on March 31, 2019. By this day 107 tables out of 110 available were sold. Hotels also guaranteed preferential prices until that day.

5.3 Visiting the Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw

Director of the to the Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw Mr. Tomasz Jagodziński, upon request of the Organizing Committee made a free admission to all Olympic Fair participants during these days. Approximately 200 visits of guest with fair id were noticed by the Museum staff.

The Museum is located on the second floor of the Olympic Center and offers the permanent exhibition entitled "THE HISTORY OF POLISH SPORT AND OLYMPIC MOVEMENT" which is showing the history of sport from the ancient Greece, through the first modern Olympic games till the present times. One can find the examples of sport art, technical gear, medals, trophies, antiques and other memorabilia. A journey through the history of sport will start at the Olympia, where the visitor will get familiar with pentathlon, pygme and other ancient disciplines and will hear the voice of baron Pierre de Coubertin and see the first modern Olympic Games stadium. Through the history of sport you it is presented how the politics and wars influated Polish sport and Olympismspirit. Finally, a Hall of Fame presents sport heroes, Olympic medals, diplomas and trophies of today.



Permanent exhibitions and fragment of the Hall of Fame of Polish Olympic medalists. Fot MSIT



5.4 List of Participants (Exhibitors) and Assistants

Table No.	Participant (Exhibitor) Name & Given Name	Country	Assistant Name & Given Name
1	Markus OSTERWALDER	SUI	
2	Arnold REICHLIN	SUI	Muriel MOSIMANN
3	Mykola MARTSENIUK	UKR	
4-5	Bernt AHLSTROM	LUX	Richard Bernt AHLSTROM, SWE
6-9	Wolfgang FUHR	GER	Melanie KONRAD Armand KLÜSCHEN Denis WIECZOREK
10	Ingrid O'NEIL	USA	Kathleen O'NEIL
11	Walter LIEBL	GER	
12	Jonathan BECKER	USA	Karen ROSEN
13	David FROME	GBR	
14	Konrad ANDRACZEK	POL	Patrycja KOWALCZYK
15-16	Marcus LEWIS-PRICE	GBR	Louise LEWIS-PRICE
17-18	Helge BRAATHEN	NOR	Hilde SOLEM
19	Johan DITLEV-SIMONSEN	NOR	Bård HOKSRUD
20	Puiu Emilian VALEA	ROU	
21	KWAN, Ellis Kwok Yiu	HKG	
22	Jianxiong ZHOU	CHN	
23	Yuewang BIAN	CHN	Huayu BIAN
24	Kun (Justin) HOU	CHN	
24	Don BIGSBY	USA	
25	Liliana SKWARA	POL	KRZYSZTOF SKWARA
26-27	Pertti NURMI	FIN	Raul ÅKERBLOM
28-29	Gunnar ROLLAND	NOR	
30	Stanislav RUDENKO	RUS	
31	Vladimir NABOKOV	RUS	Tatiana NABOKOVA
32	Vladimir NIGMATULIN	RUS	
33	Leonid NOVOZHILOV	RUS	Liubov NOVOZHILOV
34	Sergey VOLKOV	RUS	Vsevolod VOLKOV

35	Sergey VINOGRADOV	RUS	
36	Konstantin BORODIN	RUS	Liudmila ZORINA
37	Nikolaii CHERKASSKII	RUS	Stanislav RUDENKO
38	Mikhail KUMANTSOV	RUS	
39	Irina DZIDZIGURI	RUS	Galiya NURUTDINOVA
40	Philippe LAPOINTE	FRA	
41	Edouard PANOSSIAN	FRA	
42	Robert PRAT	MON	Marc HATCHADOURIAN, FRA
43	Olivier LENGLET	FRA	
44	Andre ZANIRATO	FRA	Denise ZANIRATO
45	Shlomi TSAFRIR	JPN	
46	Reyna OSEGUERA	USA	Robert BRAVENDER
47	Gradus EENINK	NED	
48	Josef KOCI	CZE	Vaclav DIVIS
49	George BARDOSH	CAN	Jin Hua ZHANG
50-52	Catherine SALAUN	FRA	
55-56	Michael BOWLBY	USA	Mark LEVIE
57	Kestutis SKERYYS	LTU	
58-59	Stathis DOURAMAKOS	GRE	Nelly DOURAMAKOS
60	"MUSEO DEL RUGBY - Fango e Sudore", Artena-Roma	ITA	
61-62	Mario CAPUANO	ITA	
63	Pasquale POLO	ITA	
64	Italian Union of Olympic & Sport Collectors	ITA	
65-66	Domenico PINTO	ITA	
67	Darius KREIVYS	LTU	
68-69	LITHUANIAN OLYMPIC COLLECTORS ASSOCIACION	LTU	
70	Bob KALMUK	USA	
71	Lois HOLLOWAY	USA	Arnold HOLLOWAY
72	William GRAGE	SUI	
73-74	Scott REED	USA	Delphine REED
75	Sid MARANTZ	USA	
76	Peter WADE	USA	

77	Josip ZAGRAJSKI	CRO	Zdenka ZAGRAJSKI
78	Gordan GOTAL	CRO	
79	Stratos KLIMOU	GRE	
80	Branislav DELEJ	SVK	Luboslava DELEJOVA
81	Velimir ADŽIĆ	SVK	Katarina ADŽIĆ
82	Dominique NOCLAIN	FRA	Claudie NOCLAIN
83-84	Vojin GAJINOV	SRB	Dragan GAJINOV
85	Mihailo VUKADIN	SRB	Nebojsa MITROVIC
86	Charilaos VASILAKOS	GRE	Evi VASILAKOS
87-88	Ioannis THOMAKOS	GRE	
89.	Stavros POTOURLIDIS	GRE	
90-91	Collectors Club, Polish Olympic Committee	POL	
92	Piotr DĘBSKI	POL	Agnieszka DĘBSKA
93	Adam PARCZEWSKI	POL	Daniel GRINBERG
94	Arkadiusz GAWRON	POL	
95-96	Oleg VORONTSOV	ESP	Pavlo PYLYPCHUK
97	Vasil KAJCEVSKI	MKD	
98	Andreas SZYMCHYKOWSKI	GER	
99	Leszek KULINIEC	GER	
100	Klaus FINK	GER	Jürgen WAGNER
101	Thomas LIPPERT	GER	Rifin SCHULLIAN
102-103	Frank NEUBAUER	GER	Violeta NEUBAUER Mario ZASCHKE Gerd VALENTIN
104-105	Łukasz FRYDEL	POL	Kamil WÓJKOWSKI
106	Luciano LUCARELLI	SUI	
107	Marek STAŚKIEWICZ	POL	Julek STAŚKIEWICZ

5.5 Visitors (non-table holders)

For the first time we carried out electronic registration of VISITORS, which was additionally used by nearly 100 collectors for free. Many of them participated in SPECIAL EVENTS. This procedure helped to plan the organization of events and bus journeys. All VISITOR guests received ID cards and small gifts to the Organizing Committee.

5.6 Hiring additional tables and furniture

The fee for the table was unified and was 65 € for each table with two chairs.

In addition, it was possible to rent for a fee:

- ▣ Vitrine - 15 €
- ▣ Lamp - 10 €

5.7 Accommodation for participants

The Organizing Committee selected and agreed on special hotel rates applicable to all participating in the Fair. A special tariff was used only for people who registered via the Fair website.

Guests were offered two tourist class hotels IBIS and IBIS Centrum and a hotel with a higher class HILTON.

5.8 Shuttle bus transportation for participants

Fair participants living in hotels selected by the Organizer had bus transport to the fair every day and after them. Bus transport took guests to Special Events and delivered them to hotels after the event.

5.9 Catering available at the venue

A convenient catering service was offered in the Olympic Centre during the Fair.

[Bistro Przewaga](#) is located in a separate building just behind the Olympic Centre (a 100m walk). Open Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 3:30PM (it is closed Saturday and Sunday), we recommend trying them for breakfast or lunch. An American breakfast with fried eggs is a modest US\$2-3. Monday-Friday: fresh sushi!

The [Moonsfera Restaurant](#) (Olympic Centre – 6th Floor) is open everyday from 12:00 NOON to 10PM offering a full food service menu. They also have a drink bar serving coffee, soft drinks, wine and spirits beginning at 10AM.

6 INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Demands for official invitations (mainly exhibitors from China and the Russian Federation) were reported via the website. All together, 13 invitations signed by the Secretary General of the POC were issued.

7 THE TRADING/SALE ACTIVITIES

The Organizing Committee did not have its own stand and did not sell in accordance with POC general regulations. However, The Organizing Committee signed an agreement with the Museum of Sport and Tourism, which has a museum souvenir kiosk and has accepted for sale a specific number of 25.WOCF pins. Greeting cards were sold at the post booth and did not constitute income for O.C.

8 SPECIALIZED OLYMPIC EXHIBITIONS: ... and YOU can become a COLLECTOR !!!

On 16 May 2019, at the Olympic Center, a series of collector's exhibitions was opened, on which the main fields of Olympic collections are presented. One of the aims of the exhibitions is to exchange experiences between participants of the fair in the field of presenting Olympic collections at exhibitions. The Polish Mint presents the production of a medal from the design to a polished surface, while the postal Museum shows the process of accepting stamps for printing and its final designs.



Olympic Collecting Library display

List of exhibitors:

OLYMPIC AND SPORTS PHILATELY

Muzeum Poczty i Telekomunikacji we Wrocławiu	„Interesting facts of the Polish Olympic philately“ (posters)
Muzeum Sportu i Turystyki w Warszawie	„The Olympic Philately“
Roman BABUT, Warszawa	„Poland for the OLYMPIAD“
	„European sport in shadows of the World War II“
	„FIS Ski World Championships ZAKOPANE 1939“
Henryk DEMBSKI, Ostrzeszów	"Olympism and Olympic sport on snow and ice"
Jagoda GAŁUSIŃSKA, Świebodzice	"Polish Olympic Chronicle"
Andrzej JARZYŃKOWSKI, Warszawa	"Higher, Faster and Farther or the Brotherhood of the Triple Gull"
Janusz JASKULSKI, Poznań	"Fishing - my hobby"
Ryszard PRANGE, Poznań	„Basketball report. I LOVE THIS GAME !“
Mieczysław ROŻEK, Poznań	"Towards the peaks of the mountains"

BADGES and PINS

Polish Olympic Committee	"Pins of National Olympic Committees"
Andrzej SZALEWICZ, Warszawa	"Polish Olympic Badges and Pins"

MEMORABILIA – Medals

Polish Mint since 1776 Ltd., Warszawa	„Commemorative medals of the Polish Olympic Committee“
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MEMORABILIA - Vintage postcards

Janusz JASKULSKI, Poznań	"Fishing on postcards from years ago"
Roman BABUT, Warszawa	"FIS 1939 - ZAKOPANE - postcards"
Jacek KOSMALA, Warszawa	Gymnastic Society „SOKOL"

MEMORABILIA - Autographs

Jacek KOSMALA, Warszawa	"Autographs of Polish Olympians"
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9 PUBLICITY COVERAGE FOR THE FAIR

9.1 Website

The website was designed according to the best international standards and according to users it completely fulfilled the role of information and registration. The site was launched on January 31, 2019 and continues to operate until January 31, 2020, however its registration functions have been suspended. The site has been linked to the pages of the Polish Olympic Committee, Museum of Sport and Tourism in Warsaw and AICO.



Home page of the 25th WOCF website: www.WARSAWA2019.org



Kolejne zakładki z informacjami dla uczestników 25th WOCF WARSAW 2019



10 COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES & PRODUCTS

10.1 Logo for the Fair

A LOGO of the 25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair WARSAW 2019 was an important element of promotion and marketing campaign and helped to identify the Fair all over the world. The logo was designed by Mr. Zbigniew Sikora, Warsaw, and demonstrated already in early 2017 during the Olympic Fairs in Bratislava.



10.2 Catalogue of the Fair

The Olympic Fair catalogue included basic organizational information, program of the Fair, list of participants registered, list of exhibitors at the Specialized exhibition, a graphical presentation of the Main Hall and distribution of tables.



10.3 Postal activities and issues

It is a tradition of the World Olympic Collectors Fair since very beginning that the fairs are documented by the local post. The Organizing Committee entered an agreement with POCZTA POLSKA (Polish Post) in order to secure its services, also on a grounds of the Fair. The POCZTA POLSKA temporary stand was open at the Olympic Center venue on May 24-25, 2019.

Stampless commemorative postcard and postal occasional cancellation designed by a graphic artist Mr. Zbigniew Stasik was available to visitors.



The occasional cancellation used by POCZTA POLSKA on the day of the opening of the fair and an illustrated non-denominational card were available to participants throughout the entire period of the fair



The POCZTA POLSKA temporary stand was open at the Olympic Center venue on May 24-25, 2019.



10.4 Collector's official pins



25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair pins in a presentation tableau

10.5 Commemorative collector's token

PNS provided facilities for manual stamping of the commemorative token in the Olympic Centre.

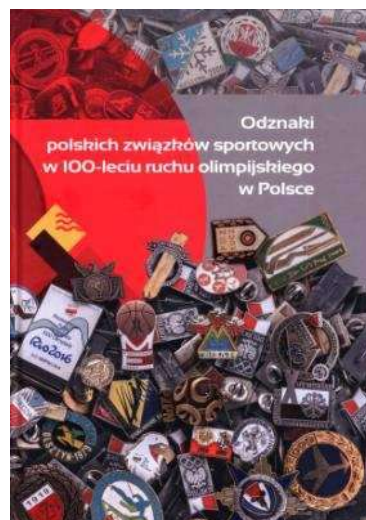


A project of a picture that was pressed on a copper disc and a machine in action.

10.6 For the library of the Olympic collector

Andrzej SZALEWICZ, an excellent collector of Polish badges, pins and medals of the Polish Olympic Committee as well as badges and pins of Polish sports associations, managed to prepare just before the Olympic Fair a new publication, financed by the Ministry of Sport. All fair participants received this excellent work free of charge as part of the welcome package.

Andrzej Szalewicz, electrical engineer, President of the Polish Olympic Committee in 1991-1997, an indefatigable collector and researcher of the history of the Polish Olympic movement and the history of Polish sport associations through special publications - badges and pins. After the publication in 2009 of his first book about badges and pins of the Polish Olympic Committee, today, on 260 pages, he presents in an exemplary way over 2,200 collector's items collected in 70 Polish sports associations. The author adds rich information about each pin and information on the history of the sports association. The publisher of the book is the Polish Olympic Committee.



11 Sponsors

The Organizing Committee did not use any sponsorship of companies or external organizations.

We are grateful to inform that Ms. Ingrid O'Neil, USA and Mr Justin Hou (China) with his wife (two-time Olympic gold medalist in takewondo) and Mr. David From, on behalf of the Society of Olympic Collectors, UK, fair participants donated around ~~£1000~~ to fair organization.

12 FAIR AND SPECIAL EVENTS - DAY BY DAY

12.1 25th WOCF WARSAW 2019 Official Programme

25th WOCF WARSAW 2019 PROGRAMME			
Day	Hours	Event	Location
23 May, Thursday – for Table Holders and Assistants, only			
23 May (Thursday)	12:00 – 20:00	Olympic Fair registration & Set-Up Registration and set-up of tables for TABLE HOLDERS = PARTICIPANTS, only	OLYMPIC CENTRE POC Information stand <i>Ground floor</i>
	17:00 – 19:30	Special event: <i>Explore the history of the POW Olympics of 1940 & 1944</i> <i>Presented by dr. Roman Babut and Michał Puzkarski</i> <i><u>By reservation only.</u></i>	MUSEUM OF SPORT & TOURISM <i>Olympic Centre, 2nd floor</i>
24 May, Friday			
	8:30 – 17:00	Registration for Participants and Visitors	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Ground floor</i>
24 May (Friday)	9:00 – 17:00	Olympic Fair Open for Visitors	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Main Conference Hall</i>
	12:00	Opening Ceremony of Olympic Fair	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Main Entrance Hall</i>
	19:30 – 21:30	Special event: <i>SILENT AUCTION</i> <i><u>Free access</u></i>	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Foyer, Ground Floor</i>
25 May, Saturday			
25 May (Saturday)	9:00 – 17:00	Olympic Fair Open for Visitors	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Main Conference Hall</i>
	12:00	Special event: <i>Olympians Autograph Session</i> <i>Olympic athletes will be on hand to greet visitors and sign autographs in the „OLYMPIANS CAMP“ organized at the OLYMPIC PICNIC in the immediate vicinity of the Olympic Center at KĘPA POTOCKA Park, on the other side of Wisłostrada Street, 500 meters walk. THE OLYMPIC PICNIC is an annual event with participation of few thousands people (if weather allows). to greet visitors and sign autographs.</i> <i><u>Free event.</u></i>	
	11:00 – 11:30 11:45 – 12:00	Special presentations: Pin Mania Born at the 1896 Athens Olympics Athens 1906 Olympic Games Film <i>Presentations by Mr. Ioannis Thomakos, Athens, Greece.</i>	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Cinema Hall, 3rd floor</i>
	19:30 – 21:30	Special event: <i>GALA BANQUET</i> <i><u>By reservation only.</u></i>	MOONSFERA RESTAURANT <i>Olympic Centre, 6th floor</i>
26 May, Sunday			
26 May (Sunday)	9:00 – 16:00	Olympic Fair Open	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Main Conference Hall</i>
	10:00 – 11:00	Special event for Visitors: <i>Explore the history of the POW Olympics of 1940 & 1944</i> <i><u>Free event</u></i>	MUSEUM OF SPORT & TOURISM <i>Olympic Centre, 2nd floor</i>
	12:00	IOC Diploma Ceremony	OLYMPIC CENTRE <i>Main Conference Hall</i>
	16:00	Olympic Fair Closes	

12.2 Special event: Explore the history of the Prisoner of War Olympics of 1940 & 1944, 23rd May, Thursday

Special events kicked off the Fair before the official opening which took place in the the Museum of Sport and Tourism. Thursday evening, dr. Roman Babut, the Polish Club of Olympic and Sports Philately "THE OLYMPIAN" and and Michał Puszkarski, Deputy Director of the Museum gave a special presentation on the POW Olympics of 1940 and 1944 .

The very special event started from presentation of the original Olympic flag which was made by POWs of a bad sheet and raised in conspiracy during an "opening" ceremony in the camp STALLAG XIII A Langewasser in 1940. It was, only the second time that the original was presented to public. Presentation of the flag was enriched with music from the Olympic Symphony composed by Zbigniew Turski, Poland, which was awarded the gold medal in the Olympic art competition LONDON 1948. Presentation of the flag was enriched with music from the Olympic Symphony composed by Zbigniew Turski, Poland, which was awarded the gold medal in the Olympic art competition LONDON 1948.



Prezentacja szczątków Flagi Olimpijskiej wykonanej przez POWs wznoszona symbolicznie podczas Międzynarodowych Igrzysk Jenieckich w obozie STAAG XIII A Langewasser w 1940 roku przy akompaniamencie Olympic Symphonie skomponowanej na Igrzyska Olimpijskie w 1948. Foto: MSiT Warsaw

Dr. Babut using his own philatelic collection "To Survive with Honor ... Sports and the Olympic Spirit in POW Camps," an international gold medal philatelic exhibit to illustrate his story, he related how the brave Polish POW officers held in German camps Oflag IIC Woldenberg and Oflag IID Gross Born still managed to celebrate the two Olympic Games that had been cancelled because of World War II. So many collectors signed up for the talk that a second presentation was held on Sunday morning, 26th May.



Foto: MSiT Warsaw

This special meeting took place in the Hall of Fame of the Polish Olympism at the Museum of Sport and Tourism. Participants, in addition to the permanent museum collections and the Dr. R. Babut exhibit, could admire 67 Olympic medals donated to the Museum by Polish Olympians, including the first won during the Olympic Games at the VIII Olympic Games in Paris during the first participation of the Polish representation in the history of the Games.

This momentous event was organized for the first time jointly for professionals from Olympic museums belonging to The IOC Olympic Museum Network and Olympic collectors "amateurs". We met here Directors of these museums, which have been operating for a long time and those under construction. The presence of the delegation of the Olympic Museum from Lausanne, or the Olympic Museum in Tokyo, which will be opened in September 2019, was a special distinction for the organizers.



Behind the noble guests, Olympic roundels won by Polish Olympians were shining all the time. Foto: MSiT Warsaw

This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view this special presentation of original memorabilia from the "international Olympics" held behind the barbed wires of Oflag XIII A Langwasser 1940 and other memorabilia of Oflag II C Woldenberg and Oflag IID Gross Born camps.

This emotional event was followed by a glass of wine and long discussions.

12.3 Official visit of Mr Ching-Kuo WU at the Olympic collector's exhibitions and Fairs, 24th May, Thursday, 10:30

Even before the official opening of the Fair R. Babut invited Mr. C. K. Wu and his wife to visit collector's exhibitions prepared by Polish collectors in philately, numismatics and faleristics, as well as the Post and Telecommunications Museum in Wrocław and the Mint of Poland, Warsaw. The exhibitions were located in the Olympic Centre, in immediate vicinity of the Fair hall and enjoyed considerable interest from fair participants.

Then, in the market hall, Mr Wu had the opportunity to meet in person many excellent collectors present in Warsaw. Below, to the right, Mr. Mario Capuano, UICOS, Italy presents a unique souvenir - the gong of the main referee of the competition from the Poland-Italy boxing match, which took place in August 1939.



12.4 Official Opening Ceremony WARSAW 2019, 24th May, Friday, Noon

The official opening of the Fair took place in the presence of numerous guests and participants of the fair. The official opening of the Fair took place in the presence of numerous guests and participants of the fair on Friday's noon in the lobby featured official welcomes from Adam Krzesiński (double Olympic medalist in fencing), Secretary General of the Polish Olympic Committee; Ching-Kuo Wu, member of the International Olympic Committee and Chairman of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage; and Andrzej Szalewicz, chairman of the Organizing Committee WARSAW 2019, an outstanding collector of Polish sports and Olympic badges and pins.



Mr Adam Krzesiński and Mr. Ching-Kuo Wu welcome the participants of the Fair



The guest at the Opening Ceremony of the 25th World Olympic Collectors' Fair WARSAW 2019.
From left, front seats: Tomasz Jagodziński Director of the Museum of Sport and Tourism, prof. Lew Belousov Rector of the Russian International Olympic University, Adam Krzesiński Secretary General of the Polish Olympic Committee, Ching-Kuo Wu with Spouse, member of the International Olympic Committee and Chairman of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage and Andrzej Szalewicz Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

12.5 Official lunch for the Honorary Guests

On behalf of Mr Andrzej Kraśnicki, President of the Polish Olympic Committee, in his absence associated with traveling abroad, Mr Adam Krzesiński, POC Secretary General gave an official dinner in honor of the Guest of Honor at Mr Ching-Kuo Wu and his wife and prof. Lew Belousov Rector of the Russian International Olympic University. From the side of the Polish Olympic Committee participated Mr. Andrzej Szalewicz, POC President 1991-1997, Mrs. Katarzyna Deberny Director of the Olympic Education Department, Mrs Iwona Łotysz Director of the International Cooperation Department and Mr Tomasz Jagodziński Director MSiT as well Dr Roman Babut Vice-chairman of the fair Organizing Committee and other invited persons.

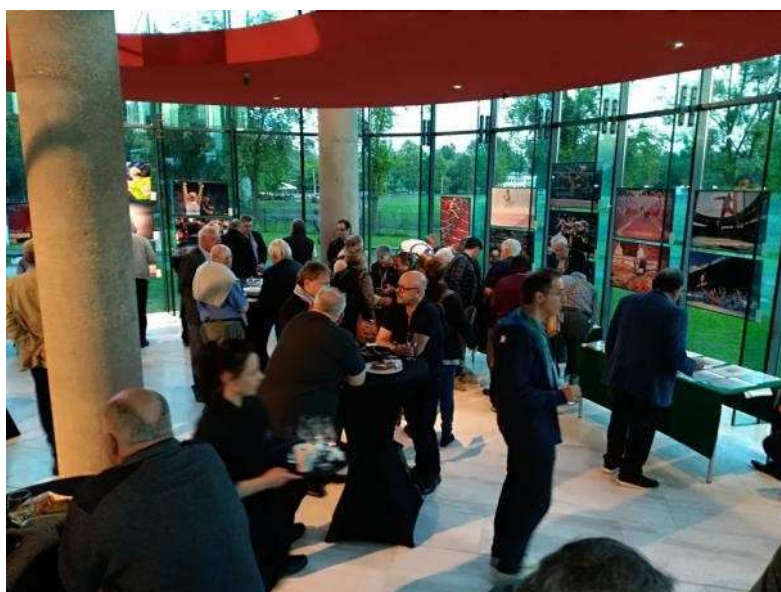


12.6 Silent Auction, 24th May, Friday, 19:30

Silent Auction was submitted by items given by participants of the fair during the collection on the day of the event, functional badges given by the Olympic Museum in Lausanne and several presentation sets of pins donated by the Organizing Committee. The auction enjoyed a very good turnout and ended with a good financial result. Practically, all listed items have been auctioned.



... rather, medium interest ... it can't be shown that I'm particularly interested in ...



Almost none of the Silent Auction guests show interest in prizes that can be bought occasionally. But this is only an illusion ... everyone has already seen their "victim" and is lurking over a glass of wine on Last call ...



Brao for Anna Rogowska ! The Olympic medalist, European and World champion in pole vault



Successful and happy bidders finally came to pay ...

12.7 Visit of the delegation of the Olympic Museum Tokio - Japan Olympic Committee, 25th May, Saturday, 10:00

On Saturday very busy day at the fair, dr Roman Babut hosted a delegation of the Japan Olympic Museum/Japan Olympic Committee. Among the delegation led by Mr. Kiichiro Matsumaru, Senior Executive Board Member of the Japanese Olympic Committee were Mrs. Yoshiko Hamazaki Member of the IOC Commission for Culture and Heritage, Mr. Juko Tahara JOC and Mr. Toyohiko Oka Bridgestone.

First, the Guests have shown great interest in special exhibitions which were organized around the Olympic Centre, in particular part of Olympic philately, as it is a little-known area for them. Then, at their request, they were introduced to prominent Olympic collectors. The delegation also purchased some valuable items for the new Olympic Museum in Tokyo, which they were very pleased with.

Unfortunately, no photos from the tour, yet.

12.8 Mr. C.K. Wu visit to the Museum of Sport and Tourism, 25th May, Saturday, 11:00

At the invitation of Mr. Tomasz Jagodziński Director of the Sports and Tourism Museum, Mr. C. K. Wu together with his wife and R. Babut paid a visit to the Museum. On the way to the Museum there was an unexpected meeting between Mr and Mrs Wu and Mr Andrzej Szewiński, husband of the best ever Polish athlete Irena Szewińska, died in 2018, a seven-time Olympic medalist. The atmosphere of this unexpected meeting of great friends became fixed in the lens.,



Mr and Mrs Wu, Andrzej Szewiński and Tomasz Jagodziński

Mr. Jagodziński personally presented exhibitions and the most valuable jewels about Polish sport and Olympism gathered in the museum for over 65 years. And here came another unexpected meeting, Mr. And Mrs Wu with children from a school trip somewhere from Poland, visiting MSiT on this day. Selfi with the children was endless, until finally the whole trip gathered and together they took a photo against the background of the Wall of Glory of Polish Olympians.



12.9 The Polish Olympians Autograph Session at the Olympic Picnic, 25th May, Saturday, 12:00

Autograph hunters who came in large numbers from many countries, especially from Poland, had great fun asking about the possibility of meeting our Olympic medalists. They were not disappointed. The presence at the Olympic Center of the large Polish Olympic Family with over 80 medalists created unique and wonderful opportunities for personal meetings and obtaining the desired autographs. After joint traditional photography, the Olympians moved to the 21st OLYMPIC PICNIC in the immediate vicinity of the Olympic Center at KEPA POTOCKA Park, on the other side of Wisłostrada Street, 500 meters walk. THE OLYMPIC PICNIC is an annual event with participation of few thousands people, mostly families. There, Olympic athletes were on hand to greet visitors and sign autographs in the „OLYMPIANS CAMP“.



Polish Olympic Family 2019 surrounded by sports fans during joint photography in front of the Olympic Center in Warsaw



The beautiful May weather attracted thousands of Warsaw residents, sports fans from all over Poland and from abroad. Many participants of the fair returned from this event very enthusiastic, showing photos with Polish Olympic stars and acquired autographs.



Many Olympic Champions and medalists also visited the fair, including Wojciech Fortuna, Olympic gold medalist in ski jumping SAPPORO 1972.



Wojciech Fortuna, the Olympic gold medalist SAPPORO 1972 and Roman Babut, vice-chairman of the Organizing Committee of the world fair against the background of photograms with the Polish ski jumping team, which won the bronze medal at the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in Pyeongchang.

Among our foreign participants was Olivier Lenglet, a French fencer, who won a gold medal in the team épée at the 1988 Summer Olympics and a silver in the same event at the 1984 Summer Olympics. We were proud to greet as the fair participant Mr. Charalampos, a grandson of the Greek Charilaos Vasilakos who was the winner of the first Greek qualification for the Olympic Marathon in 1896 in Athens.

12.10 Special presentations on 1896 and 1906 Games by Mr. Ioannis Thomakos, 25th May, Saturday, 12:00

Text by Mark Maestroni, SPI, USA

While the public was enjoying the beautiful weather and Olympic picnic, over 30 Olympic scholars gathered in the small auditorium ((or 50 spectators = enough seats for one bus with a school children) in the Olympic Centre for a special presentation titled: **"Athens 1906 Olympic Games Film"** by Greek historian, Ioannis Thomakos of Athens.



International public listening and watching fascinating stories of Ioannis, great and loud speaker as all Greeks

The historical film footage from the Athens 1906 Olympic Games had been assembled and restored by Mr. Thomakos. Helpful captions and music added to the enjoyment of the original black and white images. It was certainly a treat seeing the pomp of the opening ceremony, glimpses of some of the athletic and gymnastic events, and even the awarding of prizes to victors.



A treat for Olympic pin collectors was the presentation titled : **“Pin Mania Born at the 1896 Athens Olympics”** on the first Olympic pin dating back to the 1896 Games. The pin, a small cloth “button,” a white cross on a blue field representing the Greek flag, had been given to Greek Olympians. This one had belonged to Charilaos Vasilakos, winner of the first Marathon race (one of the Greek trials events held in advance of the 1st Olympic Games 1896). On hand for the public unveiling of the pin was Mr. Vasilakos’ grandson, Charalampos.



Foto.: Mark Maestroni

Presentation on screen and "live" of the first ever seen and described Olympic badge = pin from the Olympic Games of the 1st Olympiad ATHENS 1896 presented by Mr Thomakos (from left) and Mr. Charalampos

12.11 Special event: GALA BANQUET

Reported by Mark Maestroni (SPI Journal, Fall 2019):

“Participants very much enjoyed the Gala Banquet on Saturday evening in the Moonsfera Restaurant *at the 6th floor of the Olympic Centre*. A tasty buffet meal with panoramic views across Warsaw from this penthouse perch atop the Olympic Centre helped smooth some ruffled feathers of guests who had to make do with alternate seating hastily arranged by the restaurant. It seems that many collectors showed up without tickets, taking seats from those with the required advance reservations.”

But, a very noble description by M. Maestroni about additional unexpected guests must be explained. In fact, 18 people entered the restaurant room who did not make the reservation, nor did they pay the entry fee. That it was almost 20% more than planned (103). The fact that they have not paid in advance was the least important fact in the whole matter. However, they occupied the places of the people who made the reservation and of course ate some of the prepared food and desserts. Waiters who were supposed to help in serving meals had to run around the Olympic Center and look for additional chairs. What is the funniest, or rather the worst, additional people are all collectors who are old regulars for events and our old very good friends. What advice would be from this happening for next organizers? No photos are available from this event to authors of this Report.

12.12 Before the lights were turned off ...

The organizers said goodbye to the last guests of the fair around 18.30 on Sunday. Before leaving, he shares with us the impressions we have received with joy. We saw smiling and satisfied people though, tired of the long journey and very intense collector's transactions.

Summarizing, it should be stated that the assumptions and goals set for this world event have been fully achieved. 83 exhibitors from 27 countries came to Warsaw in the company of their assistants. Olympic collectors came from close, neighbors of Poland and from afar from Japan, Hong Kong, China, Brazil, Canada and the USA.

Country	Exhibitors
CAN	1
CHN	3
CRO	2
CZE	1
ESP	1
FIN	1
FRA	6
GBR	2
GER	6
GRE	5
HKG	1
ITA	5
JPN	1
LTU	3
LUX	1
MKD	1
MON	1
NED	1
NOR	3
POL	8
ROU	1
RUS	10
SRB	2
SUI	4
SVK	2
UKR	1
USA	10

Finally the time has come for a glass of wine and saying the holy formula "the Fair is over!". Many participants asked where we meet next year? Unfortunately, these questions remained unanswered.



GOOD BYE !!!