



Meetings of the IOC Executive Board with the representatives of the International Federations (IFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs)

Fonds list

Overview of the content of the archives concerning the meetings of the IOC Executive Board with the representatives of the International Federations (IFs) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from 1928 to 1988

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Administrative / Biographical history

In May 1926, in his speech at the opening of the 25th IOC Session in Lisbon (Portugal), IOC President Henri de Baillet-Latour mentioned the lack of cooperation between the International Federations (IFs) and the IOC. He noted that the IOC wished to strengthen consistency and cooperation in preparing and running the Olympic Games. At this same Session, he decided to entrust the IOC Executive Board with the task of studying the general, non-technical questions which were to be submitted to it by the International Federations.

It would seem that the first recorded meeting between the members of the IOC Executive Board and IF representatives took place in Lausanne (Switzerland) on 30 July 1928.

These meetings normally take place every year, but sometimes every two years. From 1981 to 1985, the IOC Executive Board sometimes met the Summer and Winter International Sports Federations separately. This has always been the case since 1985.

As at 1 December 2013, the meetings between the IOC Executive Board and the IF representatives were still being held.

Immediate source of acquisition or transfer

The sub-series was received by the IOC Historical Archives in 1993, following the construction of the new Olympic Museum in Ouchy.

Scope and content

The sub-series provides information on the meetings between the IOC Executive Board and the representatives of the International Sports Federations. It addresses the discussions held on issues of interest to the IFs and the IOC, such as the Olympic programme, amateurism or technical aspects linked to different sports. There is also information on the relations between the IOC and the International Federations.

The sub-series is made up only of documents linked to the meetings, i.e. the minutes, roll calls, working documents, some transcriptions of discussions and the correspondence concerning the organisation of these meetings.

The IOC Historical Archives Section does not possess the minutes of the meeting held in Vienna (Austria) on 5 and 6 June 1933.

The sub-series contains conservation copies of the minutes of these meetings (incomplete collection).

The minutes have been digitised and are available on site in electronic format.

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Accruals

Yes

System of arrangement

The files are classified by subject, by document type or by activities in alphabetical order. The documents in the files are classified chronologically, from latest to earliest.

Conditions governing access

The documents are freely accessible subject to the IOC's access rules.

Language/scripts of material

The documents are in French and English.

Additional sources

Internal sources

IOC Sessions: B-ID01

IOC Executive Board meetings: B-ID02

International Sports Federations (IFs): D-RM02

IFs – Associations of IFs: FI-AAA

Notes

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Meetings of the IOC Executive Board with the representatives of the NOCs

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Administrative / Biographical history

In February 1952, at the IOC's request, the IOC Executive Board met, for the first time, representatives of the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). The objective was to discuss issues concerning them in order to strengthen consistency and cooperation.

During the 1960s, further to the rapid development of the Olympic Movement, the NOCs aimed a great deal of criticism at the IOC, particularly with respect to a lack of contact and cooperation.

For this reason, at the 66th IOC Session held in Tehran (Iran) from 6 to 9 May 1967, the IOC decided to create a commission¹ in which every part of the world would be represented by the IOC members. It was also agreed to create a consultative commission or committee, appointed by the NOCs before 1 August 1967 and composed of representatives of non-IOC member NOC representatives. These two commissions thus made up the Mixed Commission chaired by Danish member Ivar Vind. This Mixed Commission's task was to consolidate the relations between the IOC and the NOCs².

During the same Session, the IOC also decided to send a circular letter to the NOCs, asking them to express their problems and indicate the help they needed. After this circular was sent, the Mixed Commission collected all the NOCs' responses. These were then compiled, printed and distributed to all the NOCs in the form of a "white paper of proposals"³. This white paper was studied and discussed by 12 separate commissions constituted especially for this purpose. The conclusions and proposals of these 12 commissions⁴ were then collated in a "green paper"⁵ distributed to the IOC members⁶.

Because there were so many questions raised by the NOCs, five new commissions were created. They were entrusted with reviewing, in cooperation with the NOCs, the proposals and problems presented by these 12 commissions⁷.

The Mixed Commission was dissolved at the 68th IOC Session in Mexico City in 1968⁸, as its activities were covered by the work of these five commissions.

The meetings between the IOC Executive Board and the NOCs were part of Commission no. 5 (formerly Commission no. 13).

¹ The first meeting of this commission took place in Tehran on 9 May 1967.

² Sources: IOC Archives / B-ID03-CNO/014 and 015 + IOC Archives / Mixed Commission – meeting of 6-8 October 1967, minutes (filed under the IOC Management and Coordination Commission).

³ Source: IOC Archives / B-ID03-CNO/013

⁴ These commissions were numbered 1 to 13, but there was no commission no. 8.

⁵ The green paper was part of the minutes of the IOC Executive Board meeting with the representatives of the NOCs, which was held in Mexico City on 3-5 and 11 October 1968.

⁶ Source: IOC Archives / B-ID03-CNO/014 and 015

⁷ For detailed information on the 12 commissions and five new commissions, see the minutes of the 68th IOC Session in Mexico City in 1968, pp. 9-10

⁸ Source: IOC Archives / B-ID03-CNO/013



Under the impetus of this Commission, the IOC Executive Board continued to meet the NOC representatives every year or every two years. Since 1984, these meetings have been held every two years. As at 1 June 2013, the meetings between the IOC Executive Board and the NOC representatives were still being held.

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Scope and content

The sub-series provides information on the meetings between the IOC Executive Board and the representatives of the National Olympic Committees. It addresses the discussions held on issues of interest to the NOCs and the IOC, such as the Olympic Games or the Olympic programme. There is also information on the relations between the IOC and the NOCs.

It includes the "white paper of proposals", which brings together all the NOCs' proposals, as well as the "green paper", which contains the proposals and conclusions of the 12 commissions that studied the NOCs' proposals.

The sub-series is made up only of documents linked to the meetings, i.e. the minutes, roll calls, working documents, some reports and the correspondence concerning the organisation of these meetings.

The meeting held in Paris (France) on 11 June 1955 brought together the IOC Executive Board and representatives of the NOCs and International Sports Federations (IFs).

The IOC Historical Archives Section does not possess the minutes of the meeting held in Varna (Bulgaria) in 1973.

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Additional sourcesInternal sources

National Olympic Committees (NOCs): D-RM01

IOC Sessions: B-ID01

IOC Executive Board meetings: B-ID02

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