



Dear Madam/Sir,

The Polish Olympic Committee in cooperation with the IOC Olympic Philately, Numismatic and Memorabilia Commission and The Olympic Museum in Lausanne have the honor to herewith extend a formal invitation to participate in the **14th World Olympic Collectors' Fair to be held in Warsaw, Poland between 29th and 31st of May 2009**. This event will be highlighted and enhanced by the presence of the Honorary President of the International Olympic Committee, Mr. **Juan Antonio Samaranch**.

The Fair, which will be hosted by the Olympic Centre in Warsaw, is one of the significant events on the occasion of the Polish Olympic Committee's 90th Anniversary.

Moreover, the Philately Exhibition called "The Prestige Olympic Philately" will take place at the venue between 15th and 31st of May 2009. This show will host the 12 -14 major sport and Olympic collections worldwide, including the famous "Prestige collection of The Olympic Museum".

Enclosed please find the program of the Fair including all necessary information for the interested participants.

Taking this opportunity, the Organizers wish to convey to all participants the assurances of their highest consideration and express their sincere hope to host them in Poland.

The Organizing Committee

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Trading Tables

The World Olympic Collectors' Fair offers standard tables and lockable showcase tables located in the conference room, on the ground floor (in front of the main door). Both types of table require an authorisation to sell.

**Set exhibitor's prices for 3 days,
including the official ceremony:
Standard table: 50 EUR
Cabinet showcase table: 100 EUR
(max. 2 people per table)**

The prices are **lower** than normal because of the 90th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee, which is subsidising the Fair.

In order to reserve your table as quickly as possible, please fill in the form at the bottom of this page. Payment should be made in advance using the method mentioned below. Upon receipt of your payment, we will provide you with written confirmation and a map allowing you to locate the table you have been assigned.

Bank transfer:

Polish Olympic Committee
PL60 1020 1169 0000 8502 0107 5068
Swift: BPKOPLPW

The people in whose name a table is reserved will be responsible for the table assigned to them. The distribution of tables will take place on a first-come, first-served basis. Any change must be reported to the organisers, and failure to do so will result in cancellation of the reservation. Only reservations for the entire duration of the event (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) will be registered. No reimbursement will be granted in the event of partial attendance or in case of cancellation after 17 April 2009.

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If you would like to reserve a table or stand, please fill in your personal details below and return the entry form **by 15 March 2009 at the latest** by e-mail to Joanna Huzarska jhuzarska@pkol.pl, or by fax to **+48 22 560 37 35**.

___ **Standard table(s) 50 EUR** ___ **Cabinet show-case table(s) 100 EUR**

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Payment deadline: **15 March 2009**

Title, first name(s) and surname of 1st person: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Title, first name(s) and surname of 2nd person: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ City: _____ Country: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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Some useful information

Opening hours

Friday: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Transport

All participants are expected to make their own arrangements for travel to and from Warsaw.

Accommodation

The Polish Olympic Committee is entitled to special rates at two Warsaw hotels: Hilton (5 stars) and Ibis (3 stars). The enclosed list contains their contact details and rates, and you are kindly requested to contact the establishment of your choice **directly** in order to arrange your own bookings before **28 February 2009**. Please note that only until this date will the special prices be guaranteed. After this time, you can still make reservations, but at the **standard price, and the organiser cannot guarantee room availability**.

Shuttle buses will be arranged only from these two hotels.

Customs

If you are participating as a seller or trader, in order to avoid any customs problems when bringing your collections (including precious metals like gold, silver, platinum and alloys thereof) into the country, please contact a forwarding agent in your region who will make all the necessary arrangements for temporary export from your country and transit to Poland. (Check ATA carnet procedure.)

Currency exchange

There will be no exchange booth at the Olympic Centre during the event. We therefore recommend that participants make arrangements to obtain Polish currency beforehand. In the Olympic Centre, there is a cash dispenser. The exchange rate is approximately 1 Euro = 4.10 Polish Zloty.

Security

Valuable articles may be stored overnight in a secure room (information available at the information desk). The main room of the Fair is fully monitored by cameras (24 hours a day). However, the Olympic Centre declines all responsibility in the event of theft.

Food and beverages

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Participants will be able to buy food and drinks (tea, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, hot dishes, cakes, etc.) at the bistro bar on the ground floor or in the "Moonsfera" restaurant on the sixth floor.

Activities:

- The Opening Ceremony will be in the foyer (ground floor) on Friday 29 May at 11 a.m., in the presence of the IOC Honorary President, **Juan Antonio Samaranch**.
- A cocktail party will be held at the "Olympian Club" (sixth floor of the Olympic Centre) on Saturday 30 May at 7 p.m. Free entry only for accredited participants.
- Warsaw sight-seeing available for all interested participants.
- **The organiser is offering the possibility to arrange one of the following excursions:**

Excursion to Kraków

Consists of:

-bus trip

-2 nights at the Qubus Hotel **** (B&B)

Price: 650 Polish Zloty (approx. 161 EUR) per person in a single room

470 Polish Zloty (approx. 117 EUR) per person in a double room

Excursion to Gdańsk

Consists of:

-bus trip

-2 nights at the Novotel Hotel **** (B&B)

Price: 710 Polish Zloty (approx. 176 EUR) per person in a single room

505 Polish Zloty (approx. 126 EUR) per person in a double room

Prices are subject to change until May 2009.

The offer is for groups of 40 or more people.

The prices do not include meals (other than breakfast) or entrance fees. Guides may be hired for extra assistance at extra charge.

For more details, contact Mrs Joanna Huzarska (see below).

Additional Information:

- Free entry to the Sport and Tourism Museum for all accredited participants.
- Sport and Tourism Museum exhibition – sport postcards.
- Special pin for each participant.
- Parallel to the Fair, i.e. from 15 – 31 May 2009, the Olympic Centre will host a **Philately Exhibition called "The Prestige Olympic Philately"**.
- The Coca-Cola Olympic Pins' Collection will be exhibited in the Olympic Centre during the Philately Exhibition and the Fair.
- A special medal will be pressed on site by the National Mint.

- National Mint's Olympic Medals exhibition.

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- Polish Olympic Committee 90th Anniversary pins and medals exhibition.
- On the occasion of the 90th Anniversary, the Polish Olympic Committee will publish a catalogue of Polish pins, medals and other Olympic memorabilia.
- The Polish Post will issue a postcard with the 90th Anniversary of the Polish Olympic Committee seal, on the occasion of the Exhibition and Fair.

Diplomas

One diploma will be issued for each participant. Please mention their names on the registration form.

Restrictions

Please note that the Olympic Centre is not responsible for ***the shipping of any items purchased or exchanged. Please arrange for your own shipment.***

Contact

For any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact:

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HOTELS

Hilton Warsaw – 5-star hotel

63 Grzybowska str.

00-844 Warsaw, Poland

Tel.: +48 (22) 356 55 22

Fax: +48 (22) 356 55 56

reservation.warsaw@hilton.com

password for participants: Polish Olympic Committee – Fairs.

Special prices until 28 February 2009:

Single room with breakfast: 355 Polish Zloty (approx. 87 EUR)

Double room with breakfast: 430 Polish Zloty (approx. 106 EUR) – per person 53 EUR

Ibis – 3-star hotel

2 Muranowska str.

00-209 Warsaw (Old City)

Tel.: +48 (22) 310 10 00

Fax: +48 (22) 310 10 10

Reservation by e-mail:

H3714-FO@accor.com, H3714-RE@accor.com, H3714-RE2@accor.com

www.ibishotel.com

reservation no. for participants: 142951 or password: Polish Olympic Committee – Fairs.

Offered prices until 28 February 2009:

Single room (weekday) with breakfast: 286 Polish Zloty (approx. 71 EUR)

Double room (weekday) with breakfast: 312 Polish Zloty (approx. 78 EUR) – per person 39 EUR

Single room (weekend) with breakfast: 169 Polish Zloty (approx. 42 EUR)

Double room (weekend) with breakfast: 198 Polish Zloty (approx. 49 EUR) – per person 24.5 EUR