

# **UIAA Council 14 May 2005 Agenda item 8.2:**

## **Relations with the Olympic movement, etc:**

### **Note by the President for information**

#### **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This brief Note has been prepared following the Sportaccord series of work of the UIAA in this field in context.
- 1.2 The Note should be read in conjunction with the Note on Agenda item 8.3, and is put forward on a provisional basis pending receipt of the further research by the University of Perugia on the historical background mentioned therein (para 1.3).

#### **2 Actions during the period 2005-09**

- 2.1 It seems that the issues on which the UIAA may need to take action in the period up to 2009 include the following:
  - 2.1.1 **The World Games 2005.** UIAA Climbing, in collaboration with the DAV, is in these Games (Duisburg 14-24 July 2005). The UIAA has been asked to secure maximum publicity; and success in this will help to demonstrate our ability to operate effectively at this level.
  - 2.1.2 **The Olympic Prize for Alpinism.** As explained in the Note on Agenda item 8.3 below, we have established that Mountaineering was one of the original Olympic sports when the modern Olympics were launched in 1896. There are many factors to consider before deciding how to use this issue in order to secure a stronger presence for the UIAA in the Olympic movement. One possibility may be seek the re-introduction of the Olympic Prize for Alpinism which existed 1896-1946 (see Note on Agenda item 9, para 6.2). If successful, this might help to re-establish mountaineering or alpinism as an Olympic sport, though not in the Games Programme
  - 2.1.3 **Grants to the UIAA.** At present the UIAA gets \$10,000 annually from the IOC via ARISF, plus a possible \$3,000 annually of project funding. There are moves within the new Board of ARISF to increase this \$10,000 substantially and I suggest we should participate in this.
  - 2.1.4 **The winter Olympics 2014.** It appears that, following the Turin Olympics 2006, the IOC will consider which sports should be in the Winter Games 2014, as they are doing this year for the 2012 summer games. If the UIAA is to seek a place for ski-mountaineering in the 2014 Winter Games (and possibly also for ice-climbing), we will need to have our proposals finalised by about this time next year. It will be for consideration as to whether they might be supported by the research identified in the Note on sub-item 8.3 below, which refers to Medals being awarded for some of the military ski-patrols in the period 1924-48. The Board might be asked to prepare a submission on this for the autumn 2005 Council and the General Assembly (see Note on Agenda item 9, para 6.2).
  - 2.1.5 **The summer Olympics 2016 - competition climbing.** As the participants for the 2012 Olympics are to be determined this summer, it follows that the first available regular opportunity for the UIAA to propose the inclusion of Climbing in the Summer Olympics Games Programme will be in 2009, when the participation in the 2016 Summer Olympics will be decided (see Note on Agenda item 9,

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paras 6.5-6). It would be in the UIAA's interests to make progress as quickly as possible in preparation for this in case an opportunity arises unexpectedly ahead of the 2016 Olympic Games.

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- 2.1.6 **The Olympics and the United Nations.** The keynote speech at the GAISF meeting in Berlin was made by UN Under-Secretary and Special Adviser on Sport and Peace, Adolf Ogi, who emphasised the key role of sport in helping major UN objectives on the alleviation of poverty, and the promotion of health and Peace. The UIAA is perhaps the only International Sports Federation which has long-standing experience of collaboration with the UN on these issues, through its membership of the UN Global Mountain Partnership and earlier work summarised in the *UIAA Summit Charter 2002*. We should be able to build on this in strengthening the position of the UIAA in the Olympic movement.

- 2.2 It will also be helpful for the UIAA's international standing if we can make progress on the integration of the competition sports within the UIAA (Agenda item 4.5).

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