



**18<sup>th</sup> World Olympic Collectors Fair**  
**17-20 May 2012**  
**Zappeion Megaron, Athens**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are proud to announce, and invite you to join us in the 18<sup>th</sup> World Collectors Fair hosted by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Hellenic Olympic Committee (HOC) on May 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2012, in Athens.

The Hellenic Olympic Committee and its Commission for Olympic Philately, Numismatic and Memorabilia, in cooperation with the Hellenic Olympic Academy are pleased to inform you that the Fair will coincide with the Handing over Ceremony of the Olympic Flame by the Hellenic Olympic Committee to the London Organizing Committee of Olympic Games in the Panathenaic Stadium.

The 18<sup>th</sup> World Olympic Collectors Fair will be hosted at Zappeion Megaron ([www.zappeion.gr](http://www.zappeion.gr)), a historical monument, the first building in the world to be constructed in order to serve Olympic needs and has always been linked to the Olympic Movement. Zappeion is located at the historical centre of Athens, surrounded by some of the most important buildings & monuments and within walking distance from the Panathenaic Stadium, where the Handing Over Ceremony will take place.

During the Fair, the Hellenic Post will also operate an office in Zappeion.

All participants will receive among other privileges, free accreditation passes compliments of H.O.C., to attend the Handing Over of the Olympic Flame Ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Panathenaic Stadium. They may also visit Athens Olympic venues and historical sites. A limited number of free accreditation passes for VIP seating for the Lighting Ceremony of the Olympic Flame on 10<sup>th</sup> May in Olympia will also be available for few lucky participants with early bookings. They may also visit the premises of the Hellenic Olympic Committee in Ancient Olympia (International Olympic Academy).

**Olympic Memorabilia Exhibition**  
**“Greece and the Olympic Games: 1894 – 2012”**  
**15-20 May 2012**

As part of the Fair, a memorabilia Exhibition will also take place, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May, where the Hellenic Olympic Committee, Institutions, as well as individual collectors will exhibit memorabilia and items related to Greece and the Olympic Games.

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- More details and application forms will shortly be available at the Hellenic Olympic Committee web site, [www.hoc.gr](http://www.hoc.gr)

Looking forward to receiving you in Athens,

Dr Petros Synadinos  
Chairman

