

# Seventh EOA Congress

Prague, Czech Republic, October 6 to 10, 2025

## “CURRENT ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS OF THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT”

*Commemorating the Olympic Congress in Prague, 1925:  
Lasting Legacy and Ongoing Challenges*

### Monday | October, 6

**All day: Arrival and Registration of Participants**

**Location: Grand Majestic Plaza, Truhlarska 16, 110 00 Prague**

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Transfer from Prague Airport till 3:00 pm. Registration and welcome of participants at the event location.

#### **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: EOA Executive Board Meeting**

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#### **6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Official Opening**

##### **Welcome Addresses**

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Alexandr Kliment, President, Czech Olympic Academy  
José Manuel Araújo, Chair C&E Commission, European Olympic Committees  
Prof. Charilaos Tsolakakis, President, International Olympic Academy  
Prof. Manfred Laemmer, President, European Olympic Academies

#### **7:00 PM: Welcome Dinner**

##### **Social Get Together**

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After dinner, participants will be invited to reunite with colleagues at the start of the Congress.

## Tuesday | October, 7



### 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Conference Session I /// Part 1

#### Topic: Olympic Education - New Challenges and Perspectives

Maria Bogner (Head of Olympic Studies Centre, IOC):

"Updates from the Olympic Studies Centre's initiatives, publications and network"

Róisín McGettingan-Dumas (President, Irish Olympians Association):

"New Pathways in Olympic Education – The Dare to Believe Programme"

### 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Coffee Break

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### 11:00 AM – 12:30 AM: Conference Session I /// Part 2

#### Topic: Gender Equity and Eligibility in Women's Sport

Madeleine Pape (Australian Olympian, University of Lausanne):

"How Do we Decide who Competes in Women's Sport?"

Ilona Burgrova (Czech Olympian, Consultant for Gender Equity):

"From Symbol to System: Women Shaping the Olympic Future."

### 1:00 PM: Working Lunch

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### 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM: Panel Discussion with EOA Commission Heads

Introduction of their work, key experiences and upcoming goals.

### 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Parallel Workshops

"News and Social Media – Engaging Young Audiences with Traditional Content"

Chair: Alexandr Kliment (Czech Olympic Academy)

"Olympic Education: Tools and Practices across Europe"

Chair: Eda Caushi (Albanian Olympic Academy) & Yarden Har Lev (NOC of Israel)

### 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM: Coffee Break

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### 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Parallel Workshops

"Olympic Heritage and Digital Tools: Preserving the Past, Engaging the Future"

Chair: Anita Sterea (Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee)

"Building Safer Sporting Environments: Cross-Continental Dialogues and Commitments"

Chair: Dr. Barbara Petri (ANOF) & Georgios Korellis (NOC of Cyprus)

### 7:30 PM: Gala Dinner and EOA Flame Awards Presentation

Zdeněk Skoda (Vice-President, Czech Olympic Academy):

"A Milestone in Olympic History: The Olympic Congress 1925 in Prague"

Location: The Tyrs House, Újezd 450/40, 118 01 Malá Strana

In attendance: Jirí Kejval (President, Czech Olympic Committee), Roman

Kumpost (Vice-President, Czech Olympic Committee),

Martin Chlumský (Mayor of Sokol)

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**Wednesday | October, 8****9:00 AM – 10:30 AM: Conference Session II /// Part 1****Topic: Enhanced Games: A Threat to Olympic Values?**

Michael Behr (NADA Germany, Director Education Department):

"Enhanced Games through the Lens of Anti-Doping Education"

Prof. Jim Parry (University of Leeds, UK; FTVS, Charles Uni):

"Enhanced Games from the Ethical Perspective"

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM: Coffee Break**

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**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Conference Session II /// Part 2****Topic: Presentation of National and European Projects**

Soenke Schadwinkel, Bastian Grueger (EOA)

Alexandr Kliment, Zdeněk Skoda (COA)

**1:00 PM: Working Lunch**

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**2:00 PM - 3:15 PM: Parallel Workshops**

"Enhanced Games through the Lens of Anti-Doping Education"

Chair: Michael Behr (German Antidoping Agency)

"Seven Years of EOA: Reflecting our Impact and Progress"

Chair: Soenke Schadwinkel (Senior Advisor, EOA)

**3:15 PM - 3:45 PM: Coffee Break**

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**3:45 PM - 5:00 PM: Parallel Workshops**

"EOA as a Beacon of Olympic Education in Europe: Building Bridges to Universities and Schools"

Chair: Dr. Clea Hadjistephanou-Papaellina (Board Member, EOA)

"EOA Projects in Focus - EU Co-Funded Programmes"

- SOPROS (Athletes' Social Protection in Olympic Sports)
- BESST 2.0 (Building European Safe Sport Together)
- Integrity Atlas
- Exploring pathways for future EU projects with European NOAs

Chair: Soenke Schadwinkel & Bastian Grueger (EOA)

**8:00 PM: Cultural Dinner in the Centre of Prague**

Location: FUZE, Na Florenci 2139/2, 110 00 Prague

After a day full of inspiring presentations and practical work, we will gather at FUZE Prague for a cultural dinner.

## Thursday | October, 9



### 09:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Conference Session III

#### Topic: Women in Olympic Leadership: A New Era?

Sylvia Schenk (Member IOC Advisory Committee on Human Rights)

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### 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM: Coffee Break

### 11 AM: The Eighth General Assembly of the European Olympic Academies

Location: Grand Majestic Plaza

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The Eighth General Assembly gathers all EOA members to review activities and decide on future directions.

### 1:00 PM: Working Lunch

### 3:00 PM: Prague Guided Tour

Meeting Point: To be announced on-site

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Discover Prague on a guided tour showcasing the city's most sporting heritage and historical landmarks.

### Evening: Individual Programme

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Throughout the week, we will provide suggestions for optional activities and local experiences you may wish to explore individually or in small groups.

## Friday | October, 10

### All day: Departure of Participants

Shuttle Meeting Point: tbd

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Wishing everyone a smooth return and a head full of inspiration from this week's shared experiences.

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