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Editorial

The 35th International Chemistry Olympiad comes to an end and the interest is focused on the medals' award. The final results will be announced a few hours later at the closing ceremony at Zappeion Megaron.

The editorial team of "Catalyzer" tried to cover the competition as adequately as possible. In terms of content, we put an emphasis on the interviews taken from all the groups involved: the Organising Committee, the Scientific Committee, the guides, the mentors and especially the students, keeping in mind that this newsletter should be written mainly by its readers. This goal would not have been accomplished without your co-operation. We feel much obliged and we thank you all.

We would also like to thank Ass. Professor Chryssa Tzougraki for providing us the computing facilities of the postgraduate program "Chemical Education and New Educational Technologies", Ms Katerina Salta, Chemist, M.Sc., and Dr Esther Sakki for their kind assistance.

Last, but not least, we thank Ms Valia Loutrianaki, teacher of Greek literature, for her precious help in the editing and setting type of the newsletter.

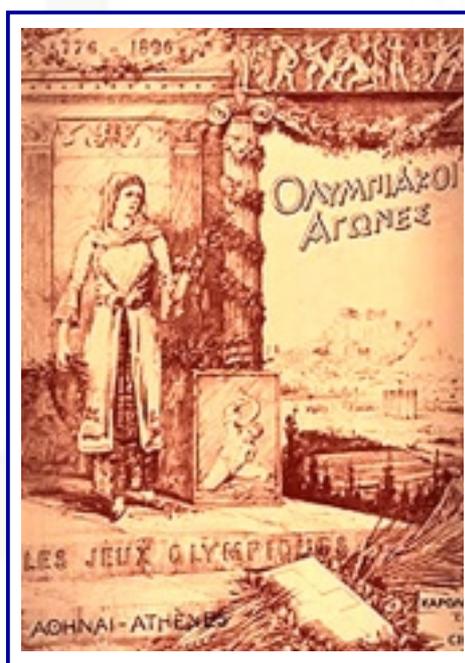
Furthermore, we would like to apologize for any error or omission occurred.

Concluding, we would like to congratulate all students for their participation and to express our best wishes to the German delegation for a successful 36th IChO.

Good luck Germany! Good luck Kiel!

**“Not to have conquered,
but to have fought well”**

Pierre De Coubertin (1896)



The official poster of the first Modern Olympic Games. Athens, 1896

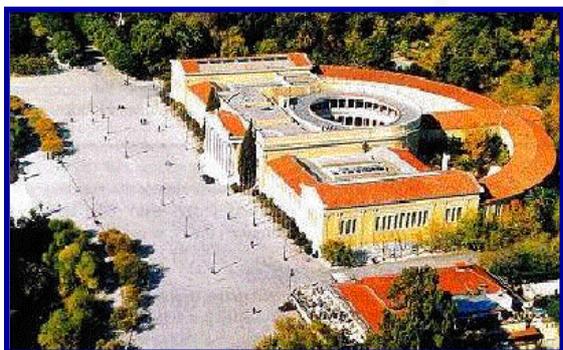


**We hope to see you again next year
at the Olympic Games in Athens!**

We wish all students, mentors, observers and guests a safe trip back home!

THE ZAPPEION MEGARON

The Zappeion is the small park area between the National Garden and the Olympieion. In it you will see the handsome Zappeion Megaron, designed by the architect Theofil Hansen and built in 1874-1888. The Zappeion Hall was built by the national benefactor Evangelos Zappas and was inaugurated in October 1888, for the purpose of hosting important exhibitions and other events.



The Doric columns of its facade, its imposing atrium, and the steps up to the main entrance stand out against the dark green of the pathways making the majesty of the building even more apparent. Athenians love to stroll in the area around the Zappeion. Its little paths are where



groups of Athenians hold sessions of their outdoor parliaments, attempting to solve the country's problems, on the model of the outdoor parliament of Hyde Park in London.

During its history, it has developed into a multi-purpose centre, having served as the offices of the Greek Presidency of the European Union. During elections, it is used as a Press Centre. The Zappeion Hall is connected with the history of the first modern Olympic Games in 1896, having been the main building of the Olympic village for those games. It was also the place where Greece's accession to the European Economic Community was signed, on 29 May 1979.

Special Anniversary

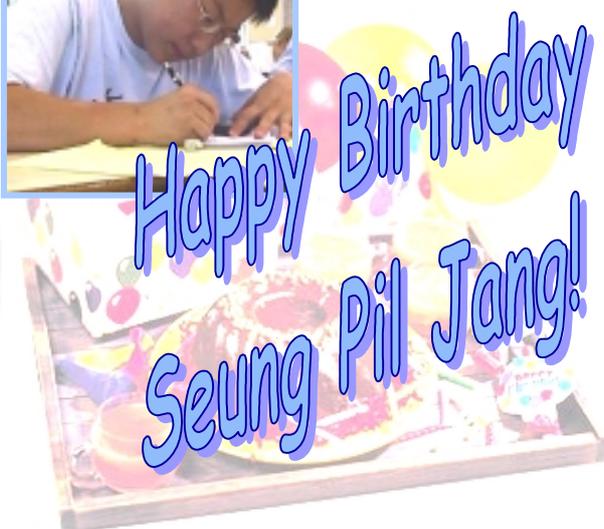
At Friday's night the Special Anniversary Meeting for the celebration of the 35 years of the International Chemistry Olympiad took place at the President Hotel. Mr Anton Sirota, the head mentor of the Slovakian delegation, presented all the previous Olympiads, giving a brief history of the IChOs (1968-2003).

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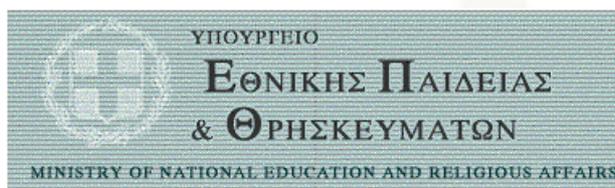


Program of the day

8:00-9:00	Breakfast at Hotel
9:00-13:00	Free time for shopping in Plaka and at Monastiraki Flea Market
14:00-15:00	Lunch
18:00	Coaches depart for Zappeion
18:30-20:00	Closing Ceremony at Zappeion
21:00	Party

Program of the Closing Ceremony

18:30	Welcome by Dr. A. T. Tsatsas President of the 35 th IChO
18:40	Review of the results of the exams by Prof. A. Mavrides, Chairman of the Scientific Committee
19:00	Medals award Ceremony
19:45	Official Closing of the International Chemistry Olympiad
19:50	Presentation of the Olympiad Flag to Germany, the host of the 36 th IChO presented by Dr. A. T. Tsatsas and Dr. S. Koinis



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