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## **Année européenne : 28 « champions olympiques de l'éducation » présents aux Jeux d'Athènes grâce à l'Union**

***Dans le cadre de l'Année européenne de l'éducation par le sport 2004 (AEES 2004), la Commission européenne et le Comité d'organisation des Jeux olympiques d'Athènes (ATHOC) lancent une action dont le but est de récompenser des jeunes sportifs ayant réussi à concilier sport de haut niveau et cursus scolaire. 28 jeunes seront ainsi « Champions olympiques de l'éducation » à compter du 11 août prochain.***

28 jeunes, venant des pays participants à l'Année européenne de l'éducation par le sport (AEES 2004), ont été choisis pour participer au programme des «Champions Olympiques de l'Éducation» élaboré et mis en oeuvre par l'ATHOC, avec le soutien de la Commission européenne.

Ces 13 filles et 15 garçons, pratiquant 15 sports olympiques différents, ont été choisis par des représentants de l'ATHOC et de la Commission parmi des candidatures soumises par les organes nationaux de coordination de l'AEES 2004.

Du 11 au 26 août 2004, ces 28 jeunes seront conviés au Camp de Jeunesse Olympique afin de partager et de valoriser leurs expériences avec 450 autres jeunes venus des quatre coins du monde. Ils auront aussi l'occasion d'assister à des épreuves olympiques. Le 12 août, ils seront accueillis par Mme Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, président de l'ATHOC, et Viviane Reding, commissaire européen en charge de l'éducation et de la culture.

Ces 28 jeunes sportives et sportifs, au moins champions nationaux dans une discipline olympique et qui ont obtenu d'excellents résultats scolaires constituent «un exemple à suivre dans leur manière de concilier la passion sportive avec le cursus scolaire et sont les symboles des vertus éducatives que peut véhiculer le sport » selon Viviane Reding.

« Je suis persuadé, a poursuivi la commissaire, que ces jeunes sauront mettre à profit ce séjour au cœur du monde olympique pour réaffirmer que les valeurs de fair-play, d'entraide, de travail en équipe, de respect des règles et de l'adversaire et de l'arbitre sont inhérentes à la pratique sportive et doivent être utilisées pour permettre à nos jeunes de développer leur personnalité ».

Ces jeunes auront la chance de vivre une expérience unique pendant 16 jours dans le cadre du Camp de Jeunesse Olympique. Expérience qui devrait les stimuler à poursuivre de front leur prometteuse carrière sportive et leurs études de qualité et servir d'exemple à beaucoup d'autres jeunes sportives et sportifs, illustrant ainsi pleinement le slogan de cette Année : « Bouge ton corps, muscle ta tête ».

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[http://europa.eu.int/comm/sport/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/sport/index_en.html)

Country	Name/ Surname	Sport	Comments
Austria	Martin Fladenhofer	Athletics	Martin, through his good performance in the world championship of athletics and his very good grades, consists of a promising person and athlete. Moreover, his love to new challenges and his clear targets make a person that deserves to take part in such a program.
Belgium	Lynn Caluwaerts	Swimming	Lynn's continuous sport achievements in national level and her good marks make a person dedicated to the goals she makes. Her other interests show a person with a promising future.
Czech Republic	Jan Schonbauer	Basketball	Jan's participation in the team that got the 3 <sup>rd</sup> position in the national championship and has taken part in the European championship is for his benefit. Moreover, his school marks prove of a person with high perspectives.
Cyprus	Eleni Artymata	Athletics	Eleni's global 3 <sup>rd</sup> position and her participation in numerous sport organisations do not mean that she has gone worse in her personal life. She has obtained not few certificates concerning her academic performances and other achievements.
Denmark	Pernille Goetz	Volleyball	Pernille is a well organised person who, apart from the 5 Danish championships she has taken part successfully, has obtained very good school marks. She also spends plenty of her time for her personal interests whereas she is a good speaker of foreign languages.
Estonia	Robert Pallas	Triathlon	Robert has participated in many national championships with equivalent distinctions- he has been the national champion. Though, his school achievements prove of a person that has achieved balance in between his school and sport lives.
Finland	Annukka Lilja-Marika Almenoksa	Artistic Gymnastics	There cannot be comments for an athlete who has become world champion for more than once while her certificates prove her successful participation in numerous other sport events.

France	Carole Grundisch	Table Tennis	Carole, as a member of her national table tennis team and her first position in junior European Championship, has had the chance to make her name known. That, combined with the very good comments of her schoolteachers concerning her school performance, makes a person with great athletic and academic future.
Germany	Lena Schoeneborn	Modern Pentathlon	Lena is the example of an athlete that having gained the world championship in modern pentathlon has not stopped her having many interests. Her school certificates prove of a person that gives emphasis on what education can offer her.
Hellas	Maria Karagouni	Tae Kwon Do	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> world champion of Tae Kwon Do is a very good student whereas she is a fluent speaker of the English language. She consists a very good example for any athlete who is willing to combine athletic and academic success.
	Vassileios Kanoutas	Modern Pentathlon	An athlete who has plenty of participations and distinctions in national and European level in a series of sports. His certificates prove of a person who is really dedicated to his goals and sports are an internal part of his life.
Hungary	Eszter Cserhati	Judo	Eszter proves- through her certificates- that she can be a rather good athlete in a difficult for women sport without a cost for her marks. Her excellent athletic performances in European level are combined with the knowledge of foreign languages and really good school marks.
Iceland	Stefan Guamundsson	Athletics	Stefan is the kind of athlete that can combine sports in practice- through his athletic achievements- and apply the Olympic ideals in every part of his personal life. He is a very good student with long participation in sport events.
Ireland	Mairead Cuthbert	Archery	Mairead is not only a very good student and an even greater athlete. She consists a very good citizen of her region as she has obtained certificates of taking energetic part in events and projects in her own region.
	Gary McCenna	Cycling	Gary is an athlete who has succeeded in getting high athletic performances in cycling. However, his athletic successes have not stopped him to have clear and specified goals for his life and his future as an athlete.

Italy	Zoe Anello	Athletics	Zoe is a person who, despite her undisputable athletic success- first to European School Sport Games- she is really dedicated to the Olympic ideals. Her certificates also prove a very active citizen and a well-educated student.
Latvia	Arturs Trams	Fencing- Foil	Arturs is an ascending athlete who has been achieving better athletic achievements in world level year after year. Being 3 <sup>rd</sup> in last year's world competition and having participated in many international competitions have not prevented him from having achieved one of the best marks in his school.
Liechtenstein	Judith Biedermann	Volleyball	An athlete with high athletic perspectives as she has already been a champion in her country. A fact that has not prevented her from having excellent marks in her school.
Lithuania	Lina Misikonyte	Table Tennis	Lina has both become a European Champion of table tennis when she was younger and she has managed to be one of the best students in her class.
Luxembourg	Vladimir Nickels	Fencing	Vladimir consists not only a person who has taken successfully part in plenty of athletic organisations but also someone who is dedicated to the ideals of sports and sport life
Malta	Aaron Podesta	Sailing	Aaron is the kind of person who can combine a long- already- athletic career with a professional career, many interests and very good school marks. It is a person that seems to know his obligations as an athlete.
Norway	Alf Ole Stolz Davidsen	Swimming	A personality which loves his sport as he is not only one of the best swimmers in his country but also he is able to teach and transfer his knowledge to younger children as he works as a swimming teacher.
Poland	Magdalena Sobieszek	Athletics	Magdalena has already been 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> champion in world championships in Athletics. A performance which, in combination with her other interests, makes a rather promising athlete.
Portugal	Arnaldo Luis Isaias Abrantes	Athletics	Arnaldo is an athlete with great athletic performance and a person that seems willing to serve the Olympic ideals through his participation in future Olympic Games.

Slovakia	Pavol Matas	Flatwater Canoeing	An athlete, who has already been made known as the best junior in his country, combines his athletic performance with a rather good school performance.
Slovenia	Jure Ivartnik	Volleyball	Jure looks not only an awarded volleyball player in Slovenia but also a person who has discipline in his life and, also, specific and clear goals for his future.
Spain	Diego Dominguez Aristegui	Canoe Kayak	Diego has an extended athletic curriculum vitae with distinctions in his homeland and very good marks in his school.
United Kingdom	Richard Peacock	Sailing	Richard is the kind of person that combines great athletic performances- world champion in sailing- with really good academic progress. His certificates prove a dedicated athlete who is really dedicated to what is doing.