

The Sportcamp & more Project

In 2018, the main sports training camp of the country – the Koncha-Zaspa Olympic Training and Sports Centre hosted a presentation of a new educational project of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine Sportcamp & more. It was initiated by the Commission of Athletes of the NOC of Ukraine managed by Olena Govorova, the Olympic medallist in athletics. The main goal of the project is to help athletes gain additional knowledge directly related to their careers and activities after retirement, education, anti-doping policies, relations with their entourage – coaches, doctors, agents, the press, sponsors, etc.



Ukrainian athletes are active participants of the "Sportcamp & more" Educational Project



Certificates of participants of educational webinars within the framework of the conference Olympic Sports in Humanitarian Development



Webinars

At a time challenging for the entire world community due to the pandemic of the coronavirus infection COVID-19, the NOC of Ukraine continues its educational projects. Thus, in 2020, a decision was made to organize a series of educational webinars within the framework of the conference Olympic Sports in Humanitarian Development. Implementation of these programmes provided an excellent opportunity for athletes, coaches, field experts for effective distance education during the quarantine restrictions associated with the spread of COVID-19.

Educational Activities of the NOC of Ukraine Commissions

Within their lines of competence, the NOC of Ukraine Commissions carry out meaningful educational and enlightenment activities among pupils and students, athletes and coaches, and the general public.

The Fair Play Commission of the NOC of Ukraine promotes one of the main Olympic values – Fair Play. Its activities are aimed at promoting the principles of fair competition; conducting educational work for the purity of sports (doping-free sports) among athletes, coaches and other persons involved in sports; identification and celebration of manifestations of generosity of spirit, observance of the rules of fair play in sports arenas and outside. The Commission members are active participants of educational campaigns of the NOC of Ukraine, proponents of the Olympic movement, its values among young athletes.



Presentation of the Ukrainian analogue of the anti-doping programme "Outreach" at the Olympic House. Kyiv, 2017



Awarding the Honoured Coach of Ukraine in Biathlon Mykola Zots at the Heroes of the Sports Year Ceremony in the Fair Play nomination. 2009



During the finals of the European Fencing Championships, Vadym Huttsait, Chairman of the NOC of Ukraine Fair Play Commission, presents awards in the Most Noble Athlete nomination to Ulrich Robeiri (France) and the Most Objective Referee nomination to Marco Siesto (Italy). Kyiv, 2008

The Medical Commission of the NOC of Ukraine focuses its activities on protection of athletes' health, compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and other provisions on anti-doping prevention in sports by all professionals involved in Olympic sports. The Commission conducts active educational work among athletes, coaches, organizers of the sports movement in Ukraine. Members of the Commission are active participants in national and international conferences, seminars, symposiums on medical issues in Olympic sports.

In 2017, the Commission was actively involved in the implementation of a comprehensive educational programme – Outreach – developed by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). The programme goal is to inform and unite the sports community in their combat against doping and raise awareness of anti-doping policies. Publishing and distribution of anti-doping literature among athletes and their entourage, holding scientific and educational conferences, seminars on anti-doping issues, quizzes – these are just some of the measures aimed at solving these problems.

The Ethics Commission of the NOC of Ukraine is called upon stimulating the observance of ethical and disciplinary norms in the activities of the NOC of Ukraine by all subjects of the Olympic movement in Ukraine and persons accredited by the NOC of Ukraine at the Olympic Games, to counteract any forms of discrimination spreading the values of the Olympic movement among athletes, coaches, and officials at the same time.

The Women and Sport Commission of the NOC of Ukraine takes an active part in the process of development of women's sports, increasing the role of women in the Olympic movement. Its activities are aimed at solving socially significant problems in the development of women's sports. Among the main tasks are the most effective involvement of women in all aspects of sports activities; favouring recognition of the importance of women's involvement in sports as a contribution to public life and development of a healthy nation; providing for health care of female athletes by educating them, their coaches, and mentors.



Working session at the Centre for Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery is chaired by Professor Ilyya Yemets, Co-Chair of the Innovation in Sport Commission of the NOC of Ukraine



Meeting of the Innovation in Sport Commission with the participation of the President of the NOC of Ukraine Sergey Bubka presided by the Co-Chairmen of the Commission – well-known scientist Volodymyr Platonov and prominent cardiac surgeon Ilyya Yemets



Volodymyr Platonov, Co-Chairman of the Innovation in Sport Commission of the NOC of Ukraine delivered a lecture during the NOC of Ukraine's webinar on Development of Endurance: Modern System of Knowledge

The Innovation in Sport Commission of the NOC of Ukraine, which began its work in March 2019, sets to study and analyse the achievements of sports science and best international practices for their application in the activities of the NOC as related to support of the top athletes in Ukraine.

The first focus of the Commission's activity is improving the system of scientific and methodological support of the Olympic preparation of athletes of Ukraine; introduction of innovative methods of the training process design and preparation for competitions; introduction of innovative technologies into the system of elite athletes' training; optimization of the content of preparation of the Ukrainian elite athletes for the Olympic Games; advanced training of the coaching staff of the national teams of Ukraine and their backup. In accordance with the formulated tasks, a series of online conferences, educational and scientific weekly webinars are lectured by Professor of the NUUPES Olympic Institute, Co-Chairman of the Innovation in Sport Commission of the NOC of Ukraine Volodymyr Platonov.

The second focus is the introduction of modern medicine achievements into the practice of preparation of the elite athletes in Ukraine.

Currently, there is an ongoing implementation of the joint programme of the NOC and its partner – the Cardio Plus Science Park. Within the programme, 130 elite athletes undergo a highly qualified medical examination at the State Institution Scientific-Practical Medical Centre for Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery directed by the Co-Chairman of the Commission Ilyya Yemets.



Awarding the best sports journalists and photographers at the Olympic House. Kyiv, 2017

The Press and Communications Commission of the NOC of Ukraine solves multiple challenges: to convey comprehensive and objective information about both sports competitions and the ideals of Olympism to viewers, readers, and listeners. Its activities on presenting the Olympic movement, its impact on other spheres of society – culture, art, politics, and spiritual life – contributes to formation of positive values, new stereotypes of individual thinking, especially children and youth. Through the efforts of the Commission, our society and the world learn about the development of the Olympic movement in Ukraine, educational projects and campaigns of the NOC of Ukraine, the successes of the Ukrainian athletes in the international arena. The Commission is the driving force of various competitions among the media and those interested in Olympic sports.

The Ukrainians Abroad Commission of the NOC of Ukraine carries out a responsible mission to promote the Olympic movement through the unity of Ukrainians in Ukraine and abroad. The Ukrainian diaspora, being one of the largest in the world, preserves not only the national Ukrainian identity, spirituality, language, and culture but also renders a positive image of our country in the world in many spheres of public life: politics, economics, culture and, of course, in Olympic sports, which needs a full support of our compatriots. An important task of the Commission is to spread the values of the Olympic movement and Ukraine's experience in implementing the tasks of Olympic education among the youth of the Ukrainian diaspora. In 2019, the Commission founded the online journal Sportyvnyi Rodovid (Sports Ancestry), which is issued monthly and distributed both in Ukraine and abroad.



Meeting of the Ukrainians Abroad Commission of the NOC of Ukraine

Grand Opening Ceremony of the World Football Championships among teams of the Ukrainian diaspora. Bohorodchany, Ivano-Frankivsk region, 2017





Meeting of the Athletes' Commission of the NOC of Ukraine

The Athletes' Commission of the NOC of Ukraine focuses its activities on the enforcement of rights and protection of athletes within the Olympic movement, improvement of their social protection, and assistance in social adaptation after their retirement. A significant part of its activities is dedicated to the spread of the Olympic values among athletes and the younger generation, active participation in many educational projects and campaigns of the NOC of Ukraine. The members of the Commission are honorary participants of traditional Olympic lessons, welcome guests in different educational institutions.



The Sport and Environment Commission of the NOC of Ukraine is occupied with studying the relationship between sports and the environment, finding ways and forms of mutually beneficial cooperation with institutions and organizations in the interests of sports development and environmental protection. An important activity of the Commission's is to provide information and education on environmental issues related to Olympic sports among students and young athletes within the framework of educational projects of the NOC of Ukraine.



Signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the NOC of Ukraine, the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport and the Ministry of Ecology of Ukraine. Kyiv, 2017



Signing of the Memorandum of Partnership between Tokai University (Japan) and NUUPES on environmental issues within the framework of sustainable social development



The Athlete's Entourage Commission of the NOC of Ukraine provides comprehensive support and protection of 'clean' athletes by involving and uniting stakeholders, establishing effective relationships between athletes, parents, coaches, managers, technical officials, sponsors, media representatives, and other stakeholders, who support and work directly with athletes. A great emphasis in its activities is laid on educational work among athletes, coaches, and their environment through support information and communication.



The Commission delivered an interesting and useful selection of free online courses on the Coursera platform. With their help, athletes and coaches will be able to feel themselves as students of prestigious higher educational institutions in Europe and America, without leaving home. Thus, in a free access, one can gain knowledge from professors of the Autonomous University of Barcelona on sponsorship in sports, from experts of the University of California on the secrets of time management to increase personal and professional productivity, from the teaching staff of the Case Western Reserve University on how to become a sports agent.



President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine Sergey Bubka took part in an online meeting of the Athlete's Entourage Commission and the Athletes' Commission of the NOC of Ukraine headed by their chairwomen, Olympic medallists – Olena Govorova, the current Vice Mayor of the capital of Ukraine, and Olga Saladukha, the current Member of Parliament of Ukraine.



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The Commission actively facilitates the access of the Ukrainian athletes to the IOC digital platform – Athlete365. It will be interesting both for high-class athletes and for those just beginning their journey to the Olympic victories. Yes, the Athlete365 Business Accelerator programme helps one become an entrepreneur in the course of a sports career or after retirement. The Athlete365 Career + supports athletes in the transition period of their career change. The Safe Sports programme aims to equip athletes and those around them with knowledge on their rights in cases of harassment and abuse. The Manipulation of Competition Programme raises athletes' awareness of the rules they need to follow to avoid sanctions and to contribute to a sport free of manipulation.



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Regional Branches of the NOC of Ukraine

An extremely important component of the Olympic movement in Ukraine is the regional branches of the National Olympic Committee, which operate successfully in every region of the country and in Kyiv.

The establishment of an effectively developed structure of regional branches and their interaction with all subjects of the Olympic movement in local communities is one of the strategic and priority areas in the activities of the NOC of Ukraine.

For many years, the Olympic centres have been putting to practice the NOC's policy on the events and Olympic projects, the development of grassroots sports, the formation of healthy lifestyle skills in various segments of the population, the promotion of the Olympic values and principles in local communities; supporting athletes and coaches; cooperating with local authorities; carrying out their own activities; contributing to preservation of sports heritage through creation of museums, alleys, installation of memorial tablets dedicated to prominent athletes and coaches, publication of literature and more.

Development of the Olympic movement in regions is under discussion in Kyiv



On the territory of Ukraine, there are 24 regional branches of the NOC, the Kyiv City Branch of the NOC of Ukraine, two separate divisions in Sevastopol and the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, and a City Branch in Horishni Plavny in Poltava region.

It should be noted that Regional Offices improve the quality of their work from year to year. Separate offices, experienced staff, respect from partners, and support from local authorities greatly contribute to this progress.

Every year, Regional Offices conduct about a thousand (both sports and educational) Olympic projects, involving young people and other segments of the population into sports. In addition, NOC's hubs initiate their own programmes, pay great attention to the issues of ecology, environmental protection, gender equality, promotion of Olympic sports and athletes in their region, engagement of children and youth into sports, support for the development of the Olympic Education Schools network, etc.



Annual All-Ukrainian Seminar-Meeting of Regional Branches of the NOC of Ukraine with the participation of President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine Sergey Bubka



At the initiative of NOC President Sergey Bubka, thematic and field seminars-meetings are systematically held in regions that are important for intensifying the development and raising the prestige of the Olympic movement, involving local authorities, sponsors, patrons, and other public organizations into this process, solving issues of branch activities.

For many years, the NOC of Ukraine has been promoting practical training of athletes aimed at the development of the Olympic movement in Ukraine and the integration of athletes into everyday life after they retire. For this purpose, each branch, with the support of the NOC of Ukraine, invites talented Olympic athletes to its work, which later opens great opportunities in planning and realization of their future activities.

The Regional Branch Commission of the NOC of Ukraine coordinates activities of regional branches, provides methodological and practical assistance, studies activities of the branches, summarizes and disseminates best practices, organizes seminars-meetings and exchange of views and proposals, and so on.



During the seminar, the report was made by the Chairwoman of the Athlete's Entourage Commission of the NOC of Ukraine, bronze medallist of the Olympic Games, Olena Govorova



Contests

An important educational function belongs to various contests initiated by the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine in different years.

Olympic Sports and Art Contest

In 2000, the Olympic Sports and Art Contest was first held and later became traditional. Every year the topic of the contest changes, but the focus remains the same: introduction to the Olympic history and modernity of the Olympic movement, formation of artistic culture and aesthetic sense among the younger generation, development of innate abilities and talents. Such contests have a three-level structure: the first round takes place in an educational institution, the second – on a regional level, the third – on the All-Ukrainian level. More than 500,000 schoolchildren and students from all regions of Ukraine take part in each of such contests.



Olympic Sports and Literature Contest

The Olympic Sports and Literature Contest bring together fans of literary creativity, when young poets and prose writers demonstrate their creative abilities. Works of winners of national contests were recognized during literary contests of the International Olympic Committee. Every year, more than 250 thousand pupils and students take part in such contests.

World of Sports – the All-Ukrainian contest of television programmes

In 2000, the All-Ukrainian contest of television programmes World of Sports was initiated. It provides information support for the coverage of the Olympic competitions, sporting events and their heroes, which is of exceptional importance for spreading the values of Olympism, promotion of a healthy lifestyle and education of a healthy Ukrainian nation.





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Olympic Sports Expert Quiz

The Olympic Sports Expert Quiz started in 2001 excites great interest among pupils and students. Mini quizzes are also included into the Olympic diary for schoolchildren. Every year, more than 500,000 schoolchildren and students join this project seeking to demonstrate their knowledge of the history and modernity of the Olympic movement. The NOC of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine award winners and runners-up with diplomas and memorable gifts.



Mascot for the National Olympic Team of Ukraine Contest

In 2007, the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine announced a contest to create a mascot for the national Olympic team of Ukraine. One hundred and fifty works were submitted to the jury. And a couple of cute storks by Vadym Yakovenko from Poltava received the honour of becoming the guardian symbol of the Ukrainian Olympians. Since then, our athletes have been under the watchful eyes of these wise birds – a special symbol in the Ukrainian culture reflecting ancient beliefs that storks bring happiness.



Olympic Sports and Song Contest

The year of 2008 endowed the Olympic family of Ukraine with a new song – Champions (lyrics by V. Serov, music by G. Krupnyk), which became the official anthem of the national Olympic team of Ukraine. It was that song performed by Vitaliy Kozlovskiy that captured the jury's hearts of the Olympic Sport and Song Contest, which was held by the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine.



All-Ukrainian Sports Photography Contest

The All-Ukrainian Sports Photography Contest started by the NOC of Ukraine in 2006 is of great popularity among sports fans. The competition enhances prestige of the Ukrainian sports, contributes to popularization and development of the Olympic movement, stimulates creative and cognitive abilities of citizens, increases their social activity, and encourages them to a healthy lifestyle and active sports.

Olympic Ornament Contest

On the eve of the II European Games, the NOC of Ukraine announced the Olympic Ornament Contest to select a unique ornament that would embody the national flair, traditions of the Ukrainian culture and be connected to the ideology of Olympism. The best work was to become an element in the design of the national Olympic team of Ukraine kits at the II European Games in 2019.

Best Olympic Sports Book of the Year Contest

To spread the Olympic values and support publishing of the Olympic literature, to encourage creative and social activity of experts in the field of Olympic sports and Olympic education, the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine initiated a contest for the Best Olympic Sports Book of the Year in 2008. The contest encompasses works dedicated to peculiarities of the international Olympic system; the history of the Olympic movement; places and roles of prominent and lesser-known personalities in Olympic sports; preparation of athletes in Olympic sports; implementation of legal, economic, environmental, philosophical, pedagogical components in the Olympic movement; current issues of the modern Olympic sports; issues of Olympic education, etc.



International and All-Ukrainian Scientific Congresses, Conferences, Seminars, and Symposia



Opening ceremony of the II Modern Olympic Sport International Scientific Congress. From left to right: President of the NOC of Ukraine Valeriy Borzov, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine Volodymyr Moroz, Rector of the NUUPES Volodymyr Platonov. Kyiv, 1997

The Olympic Sport and Sport for All Congress

The idea of holding the Modern Olympic Sport International Scientific Congresses initiated by the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport together with the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine was supported by the then IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch and the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE).

The I Modern Olympic Sport International Scientific Congress took place in 1993 under the auspices of the IOC and NOC of Ukraine housed by the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport. It was attended by about 200 professionals from 21 countries. Among them were IOC Olympic Games Executive Director Gilbert Felli, Director of the IOC Department of Legal Affairs Howard Stupp, representatives of the IOC, EOC, ICSSPE, and the managers of the European Association of Institutions in Higher Education.

The Congress later changed its name to the Olympic Sport and Sport for All. To date, 25 such Congresses have been held in different countries. Each of them brought together hundreds of scientists and other experts from Europe, Asia, America, Africa, and Australia. The topics of the Congresses' agendas touched upon various spheres of Olympic sports.



Kyiv, 2005



Kyiv, 2000



Chisinau, 2011

Almaty, 2014



Almaty, 2009



Sofia, 2012

Minsk, 2020





All-Ukrainian Conference Oleksiy Butovsky – the Precursor of the Modern Olympic Movement

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A landmark event for the Ukrainian and international Olympic movement was the celebration of the 170th anniversary of birth of an educator, teacher and public figure, member of the first IOC, our compatriot General O. D. Butovsky in 2008. The All-Ukrainian Scientific-Practical conference Oleksiy Butovsky – the Precursor of the Modern Olympic Movement. It was attended by O. D. Butovsky's grandnephews, representatives of National Olympic committees and Olympic Academies from different countries, more than 400 representatives from different regions of Ukraine. Leading lecturers paid special attention to the role of O. D. Butovsky in the history of education and formation of the international Olympic movement of modernity. A four-volume edition of O. D. Butovsky's works was presented during the Conference.

In 2018, the entire Olympic Ukraine celebrated the 180th anniversary of birth of Oleksiy Butovsky – a legendary figure, an associate of Pierre de Coubertin, a native of Poltava region. To preserve the memory of him as a social activist and teacher, a monument to Oleksiy Dmytrovych was erected near the main stadium of Poltava. The name of the famous compatriot was given to the Regional Children's and Youth Sports School; a museum room of physical culture, sports and the Olympic movement was opened on the territory of the stadium; a special artistic envelope was issued. Representatives of the National Olympic Committee from all over Ukraine, regional and city authorities, athletes, physical culture and sports experts gathered at the solemn meeting, which took place at the Poltava Academic Regional Ukrainian Music and Drama Theatre named after Mykola Gogol to pay a tribute to the precursor of the modern Olympic movement.



The All-Ukrainian Scientific-Practical Conference Oleksiy Butovsky – the Precursor of the Modern Olympic Movement. Kyiv, 2008



Honouring of O. D. Butovsky



The Olympic Sport: History and Modernity International Scientific-Practical Conference Dedicated to the 100th Anniversary of the Kyiv Olympic Committee

In 2013, a significant event for the Olympic family of Ukraine was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Kyiv Olympic Committee and the 1913 First All-Russian Olympiad held in Kyiv. During the anniversary festivities, a number of events took place: the Olympic Sport: History and Modernity International Scientific-Practical Conference with the participation of representatives of the International Olympic Committee, European Olympic Committees, prominent historians of the Olympic movement, heads of ministries and governmental institutions of Ukraine, rectors of higher education institutions of the CIS countries; the Olympic exposition in the museum of Kyiv; cultural, educational and sports events in the main street of the capital of Ukraine – Khreschatyk; round tables.

Those significant events were also accompanied by the publication of the gift illustrated edition *Kyiv 1913. The First All-Russian Olympiad* (in Ukrainian and English) under the authorship of S. Bubka, M. Bulatova. The publication comprehensively covered the history of the All-Russian Exhibition and the First All-Russian Olympiad of 1913 in Kyiv. Numerous photographs in the book allow readers to immerse themselves into the atmosphere in Kyiv of the early 1900s and see the city as if with eyes of participants of the First All-Russian Olympiad. The following memorabilia were also released: a commemorative medal on the 100th Anniversary of the Kyiv Olympic Committee and a postage stamp.





Conferences Dedicated to the System of Athletes' Preparation in Olympic sports

The NOC of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine are always concerned with the issues related to the system of athletes' preparation in Olympic sports. All aspects of this painstaking work are discussed during scientific and practical seminars for the national coaching team of the country housed by the country's leading higher education institution – the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport. The main objectives of such seminars are to ensure that the Ukrainian coaches and other professionals involved in the Olympic preparation have the opportunity to regularly improve their professional skills and get acquainted with the latest global scientific, methodological, and other achievements in this field.

Solemn opening of the Training and Competitive Loads in Modern Sports International Scientific and Practical Conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of birth of outstanding coach and sports training scientist Professor I. V. Wrzesniewski. Kyiv, 2011



Sergey Bubka, President of the NOC of Ukraine, at the opening of the all-Ukrainian seminars for highly qualified coaches. Kyiv, 2015

Conferences Dedicated to Outstanding Ukrainian coaches

The Ukrainian land is famous not only for its outstanding athletes but also for other personalities who have made their significant contribution to the development of domestic sports science and practice, gained recognition both in Ukraine and abroad.

Training and Competitive Loads in Modern Sports International Scientific-Practical Conference

In 2011, the Training and Competitive Loads in Modern Sports International Scientific-Practical Conference was held dedicated to the 100th anniversary of birth of outstanding coach and sports training scientist Professor I. V. Wrzesniewski. An outstanding coach, scientist, and organizer, he always remained the Teacher, and all his activities contributed to the formation of a scientific school, which has an important role in preparation of sports professionals even these days.



Larysa Latynina, a multiple Olympic champion in gymnastics, delivers a speech at the Modern System of Sports Preparation of Gymnasts International Scientific and Practical Conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of birth of outstanding coach A. S. Myshakov. Kyiv, 2012

Modern System of Sports Preparation of Gymnasts International Scientific and Practical Conference

In 2012, the sports community of Ukraine widely celebrated the 100th anniversary of birth of outstanding coach Oleksandr Myshakov, who had raised an entire constellation of famous Ukrainian gymnasts – Olympic and world champions, including Larysa Latynina, the most decorated athlete in the modern Olympic movement, Borys Shakhlin, and many other outstanding gymnasts. The NOC of Ukraine and the Academy became the organizers of the Modern System of Sports Preparation of Gymnasts International Scientific and Practical Conference dedicated to the memory of Oleksandr Myshakov – an extraordinary man and mentor.

Contemporary Topics of Sports Medicine International Scientific Conferences

In 2002, the Contemporary Topics of Sports Medicine International Scientific Conference was first held. It became a popular and traditional annual event held at the NUUPES. The conferences cover issues of medical care in youth sports, women's sports, pharmacological support in sports practice, emergencies in the practice of sports medicine, sports injuries – causes, prevention, treatment, and more.



IOC President Jacques Rogge,
Professor M. M. Bulatova,
Professor V. M. Levenets



Modern Olympic Movement: Ideals, Values, and Their Realization Round Table

In 2014, with the support of the NOC of Ukraine, a round table discussion – Modern Olympic Movement: Ideals, Values, and Their Realization – was held. The event was attended by leading experts from various spheres of activity, Olympic champions, foreign scientists, who discussed the ideals and values of the Olympic movement in light of the concept of modern Olympism, touched upon the positive and negative aspects of professionalization and commercialization of Olympic sports, and exchanged their opinions on the IOC activities as a model of the international cooperation. The participants of the meeting agreed that a modern Olympian should be not only a successful athlete but also a harmoniously, physically, and intellectually developed personality – a role model in the society.

Sustainable Development and Legacy in Sport: Problems and Prospects International Conference

In 2017, Sustainable Development and Legacy in Sport: Problems and Prospects International Conference was started. The conference is devoted to such pressing issues of today as current problems of modern sports, the environmental component as a factor of sustainable development of physical culture and sports, the formation of values among the younger generation in the modern paradigm of Olympic education for sustainable development, the role of Olympic sports in the implementation of sustainable development goals, health and recreational physical activities – a healthy lifestyle – a healthy nation, which are very topical and important in Ukraine and in the world today.



Participants of the "Modern Olympic Movement: Ideals, Values, and Their Realization" Round Table. Kyiv, 2014

Conferences for Young Scientists

Young Sports Science of Ukraine International Scientific-Practical Conference

Young scientists do not go unnoticed by the NOC of Ukraine and the Academy. Back in 1996, the Lviv State Institute of Physical Culture (now – Ivan Boberskyj LDUFK) launched the Young Sports Science of Ukraine International Scientific-Practical Conference. For more than 25 years, the Conference annually gathers young scientists – students, undergraduates, graduate students – from many parts of our country and abroad for creative discussions, during which a wide range of topical fundamental and applied issues of Olympic sports, elite sports, physical education, physical culture of various segments of the population and mass sports are discussed comprehensively.

Student and Olympic Sports All-Ukrainian Olympiad in Foreign Languages

Since 2000, at the initiative of the Academy, the Student and Olympic Sports All-Ukrainian Olympiads in Foreign Languages have been held among students of specialized higher education institutions of Ukraine under the auspices of the NOC of Ukraine. In their speeches, students address topics closely related to various aspects of the modern Olympic movement and Olympic sports. Winners and participants of the Olympiads are awarded diplomas and prizes of the Olympic Academy of Ukraine and the NOC of Ukraine.



Young Sports Science of Ukraine International Scientific-Practical Conference. Lviv



Participants of the All-Ukrainian Olympiad in Foreign Languages. Kyiv, 2011



President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine Sergey Bubka welcomes the participants of the X Youth and the Olympic Movement International Conference. Kyiv, 2017

Youth and the Olympic Movement International Scientific-Practical Conference

The Youth and the Olympic Movement International Scientific-Practical Conference celebrated its 15th anniversary. Under the patronage of the NOC of Ukraine, it is designed for young scientists from higher education institutions of Ukraine and foreign countries. Plenary sessions, master classes, round tables, and Olympic Sports Expert quizzes are held during these conferences. When put into practice, the results of research by young scientists, on the one hand, contribute to the success of athletes in national and international competitions, and, on the other hand, foster activities aimed at enriching spirituality and improving people's health, enhancing their work performance, creating appropriate conditions for harmonious rest and leisure. The best reports are awarded with diplomas and memorable gifts from the NOC of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine.



Vice President of the NOC of Ukraine Professor Volodymyr Platonov delivers a lecture for the top coaches of Colombia. Santiago de Cali, 1997



Professor Volodymyr Platonov, First Vice President of the NOC of Ukraine, is a guest lecturer at the International Centre for Olympic Studies. London, Ontario, Canada. 1995

International Perception of the Ukrainian Olympic education and science

Nowadays, the activities of the NOC of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy in the context of Olympic education, enjoy a well-deserved authority and occupy a rightful place in the friendly family of the international community. The international aspects of Olympic education are based on a close cooperation with the International Olympic Committee (Lausanne, Switzerland), the European Olympic Committees, Pierre de Coubertin Centre, the International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH), National Olympic Committees and Academies of more than 50 countries.

Ukrainian scientists are leading lecturers of international scientific forums

Given the academic authority, significant experience in developing and implementing the system of Olympic education, leading experts of Ukraine in the field of Olympic sports and the Olympic movement are invited to deliver lectures and seminars for advanced training of coaches and scientists to Argentina, Belarus, Brazil, Greece, Spain, Italy, Kazakhstan, China, Colombia, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Mongolia, Germany, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Uruguay, France, Croatia, and other countries.

Santiago de Cali, 2016



Baku, 2017



Albena, 2017



International Olympic Academy in the System of Olympic Education in Ukraine

A special role in the development of the Olympic education system in our country is given to the close cooperation of the Olympic Academy of Ukraine with the International Olympic Academy. The most important in it is the active participation of the Ukrainian representatives in all events held by the International Olympic Academy. In the course of such cooperation, more than 200 representatives of Ukraine took part in various sessions and seminars of the IOA. For all of them, their visit to the homeland of the ancient Greek Olympic Games became a landmark event in their lives. They gained new knowledge, vast experience of communication inside the Olympic family, practical skills of spreading the philosophy of Olympism and its values in Ukraine among the younger generation, got acquainted with the culture of different peoples from all over the world where the Olympic movement is evolving.

Most IOA sessions participants are the students, graduate students, and lecturers of specialized higher educational institutions in physical education and

sports, where the Olympic Sports discipline is taught, and the scientific research on various aspects of the history of the Olympic movement and Olympic sports is conducted.

Given the scientific authority, extensive experience in developing the methodology and implementation of the Olympic education system, the management of the International Olympic Academy often involves Ukrainian scientists as leading lecturers to participate in the educational programmes held in Olympia. Thus, Doctor of Science in Physical Education and Sports, Honorary Professor of NUUPES, President of the NOC of Ukraine and member of the IOC Executive Committee Sergey Bubka and President of the Olympic Academy of Ukraine, Director of the NUUPES Olympic Research Institute, Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor Maria Bulatova delivered many study sessions and seminars in Olympia. Representatives of Ukraine are also often invited to coordinate IOA sessions and seminars.





Visits of the International and European Olympic Movement Leaders to Ukraine



Invaluable assistance in the formation and development of the Olympic movement in Ukraine has been provided by the leaders of the International Olympic Committee and European Olympic Committees of different years, who repeatedly visited our country and made their significant contribution to the development of the Olympic movement and popularization of Ukraine's successes and achievements among the Olympic community. Their visits became a historic landmark event not only in the history of the national Olympic movement, but also in the entire socio-political life of our country.

Michael Morris Killanin

The sixth President of the IOC, Michael Morris, 3rd Baron Killanin, MBE, visited the capital of Ukraine – Kyiv in 1980. He highly evaluated Ukraine's preparations for the group football tournament of the Games of the XXII Olympiad, expressed gratitude and wished success to the Ukrainian athletes.

Juan Antonio Samaranch

In the spring of 1992, the seventh President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, visited Kyiv with an important mission – to convince the country's leaders of the need for the Ukrainian athletes to participate in the Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona as part of the CIS Unified Team. Samaranch's diplomatic talent helped to reach a mutual agreement for the benefit of athletes and the entire Olympic movement.

It was during the presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch that the Ukrainian Olympism made its first steps, and the independent Ukraine was recognized as a full member of the global Olympic movement. His visits to our country were always full of respect and appreciation of the achievements of the Ukrainian athletes.

That prominent leader of the international Olympic movement visited Ukraine two more times but already in the status of IOC Honorary President in 2004, 2005.

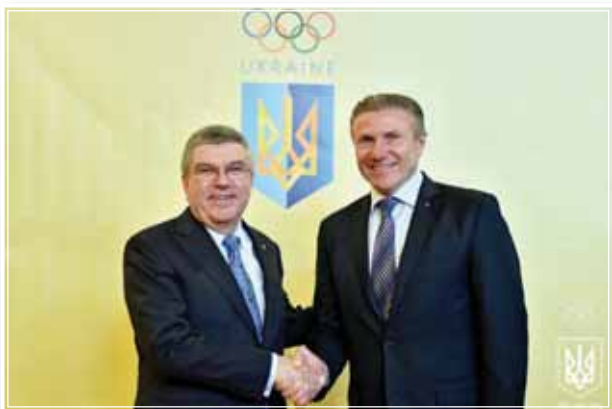


Jacques Rogge

As the IOC's eighth President, Jacques Rogge visited Ukraine three times. During his first visit in 2006, he attended the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport, got acquainted with the history of the country's leading sports educational institution, visited the fitness centre, Sports Traumatology Centre, gyms, the University Olympic Museum. By the decision of the NUUPES Academic Council, Jacques Rogge was awarded the title of Doctor Honoris Causa attested by a respective diploma.

For the second time, Jacques Rogge visited Kyiv in 2010 to discuss the possibility and expediency of holding the 2022 Olympic Winter Games in Ukraine with the country's leadership and to participate in the festivities dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine.

In 2012, during his third visit to Ukraine, the guest of honour visited the newly opened Olympic House, where he had a cordial meeting with the Olympic family of Ukraine.



Presidents of the European Olympic Committees

At the invitation of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, our country was repeatedly visited by Presidents of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) Patrick Hickey and Janez Kocijančič. They got convinced of the fruitful and effective work of the NOC of Ukraine, praised its activities, emphasizing that the Ukrainian Olympic family and its National Olympic Committee occupy one of the leading positions among the European countries, and Ukrainian athletes are known for their successful performances at the Olympic Games and other international competitions far outside their home country.



Thomas Bach

The ninth President of the IOC, Thomas Bach, visited Ukraine twice: in 2012, as Vice-President of the IOC and in 2015, as President of the IOC.

The second visit took place at the invitation of President of the NOC of Ukraine Sergey Bubka on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine. During his short visit to Kyiv, Thomas Bach visited the Olympic House, took part in the solemn Heroes of the Sports Year Ceremony, where he presented the President of the NOC of Ukraine Sergey Bubka with the high award of the International Olympic Committee – the Pier de Coubertin Medal. He also delivered a master class to Ukrainian schoolchildren and members of the Ukrainian national fencing team.

"According to the protocol, I come only for the centenaries of the National Olympic Committees, but I could not but accept the invitation of Ukraine and personally of my friend Sergey Bubka," the IOC President said in his speech. IOC President also noted that the NOC of Ukraine was a strong and successful member of the international Olympic movement.







Honouring Outstanding Ukrainian Athletes and Sports Figures. Ukrainian Academy of Sports

In its activities, the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine pays great attention to preservation of the Olympic heritage, honouring the heroes of sports. Sports tournaments and competitions in memory of outstanding Olympians are held in all regions of the country; memorial tablets are unveiled, monuments to famous athletes are erected; alleys and museums of the Olympic glory are created. It is the life examples and sports feats of legendary athletes and outstanding sports personalities in Ukraine that contribute to the formation of the younger generation's sense of patriotism, pride in their country, engagement in the Olympic movement and its values.



Heroes of the Sports Year Ceremony

In 2006, the NOC of Ukraine launched a unique project, a kind of sports Oscar – the Heroes of the Sports Year Ceremony. The Heroes of the Sports Year All-Ukrainian Award is one of the main sporting events of the year and is traditionally awarded in the following nominations: Best Male Athlete of the Year, Best Female Athlete of the Year, Best Coach of the Year, Best Team of the Year, Sensation of the Year, Best Team of the Year in Team Sports (National Team), Olympic Hope of Ukraine, Sports Glory of Ukraine, Star That Rises, Best Sports Organizer of the Year, Strong in Spirit (Paralympic Sports), Together with Olympians (Non-Olympic Sports), People's Choice.

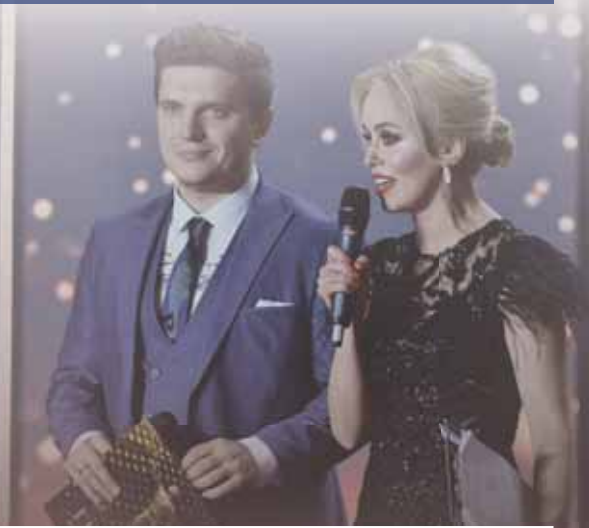
The procedure of selecting candidates and determining the winners is a three-stage democratic process: analysis of athletes' performances at the major sports events of the year and determination of 6–8 best candidates by NOC experts and the public; voting of sports journalists of the country that determines three contenders; determination of the winner by members of the Ukrainian Academy of Sports.

The winners in each nomination are awarded exclusive work-of-authorship statuettes for their significant achievements that glorify our country in the world. Gymnast Anna Bezsonova, gymnast Oleg Vernyaev, fencers Olena Khomrova and Galyna Pundyk, boxer Vasyl Lomachenko as well as the Ukrainian women's sabre fencing team became multiple winners of the award. The famous sabre-fencer Olga Kharlan gained the largest number of awards – 11.



ГЕРОІ СПОРТИВНОГО РОКУ







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МІНІСТЕРСТВО МОЛОДІ ТА СПОРТУ УКРАЇНИ





Best Athlete and Coach of the Month Ceremony

In 2005, the NOC of Ukraine launched the Best Athlete and Coach of the Month Ceremony, which identifies the athlete who has performed well at international competitions and the coach who trained him on a monthly basis. The winners are determined by the Expert Commission of the NOC of Ukraine. They are awarded a special honorary award of the NOC of Ukraine and a cash prize.



Olympic Anniversaries on the Occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City and the 30th Anniversary of the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul

At the initiative of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, a solemn event – the Olympic Anniversaries – was held on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City and the 30th anniversary of the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul. Legends of the Ukrainian sport gathered in a warm family atmosphere. They were the medallists of those competitions, who had won 35 medals, including 14 gold, 10 silver, and 11 bronze in Mexico as part of the USSR national team 62 medals: 22 gold, 16 silver, and 24 bronze in the Republic of Korea.

The heroes of 1968 Mexico City and 1988 Seoul had the opportunity to immerse themselves in wonderful memories of the past by watching videos and photos of their Olympic achievements. Addressing the audience, Sergey Bubka, President of the NOC of Ukraine, said, “We greatly honour, gratify, and bow down in front of everyone who defended the honour of the native land at the most prestigious competitions of the planet with a great dignity. These achievements are forever inscribed in the history of world sports. Time spins away quickly, and we cannot stop it, but sport remains in our hearts, in our memory, in our lives forever. And the future of Ukrainian sports and Ukraine in general depends only on you – outstanding, experienced legends, bright role models to follow, Olympians with an active social position”.



Flower Installations in Honour of Ukrainian Athletes

Honours to outstanding athletes and their achievements were reflected in floral installations dedicated to the historical achievements of Ukrainian sports. Thus, in 2018, on the green slope of Brovarky Avenue near the Livoberezhna metro station, a flower panel – Olympic Gold – was installed in honour of the champion of the XXIII Olympic Winter Games Oleksandr Abramenko. A unique design of the flower bed made up of 14,000 flowers with a surface of 65 m² was created by artisans.

A year later, a flower exhibition dedicated to the most outstanding achievements of Ukrainian sports was opened on the Spivoche Pole (‘Singing Field’) of the Pechersk Landscape Park. The organizers aimed to honour prominent athletes who had become sports legends of Ukraine – Sergey Bubka, Leonid Zhabotinsky, Oksana Baiul, Valery Lobanovsky, Andriy Shevchenko, Klichko brothers, Vasyl Lomachenko, Yana Klochkova, Oleg Vernyayev, and Anna Bezsonova.

Ukrainian Academy of Sports

The year of 2007 was the founding year of the Ukrainian Academy of Sports, which inducted legendary athletes who retired from active sports activities. The main goal of the Academy is to popularize sports, spread Olympic ideals and values, participate in various charitable and educational events of the NOC of Ukraine. Honoured Master of Sports of the USSR, silver medallist of the 1980 Games of the XXII Olympiad in rowing, five-time world champion Nina Umanets was elected President of the Academy. The Academy's important and responsible mission was to determine the winners of the Heroes of the Sports Year All-Ukrainian Award launched in 2006. The establishment of the Ukrainian Academy of Sports became a new stage in the development of sports in our country.

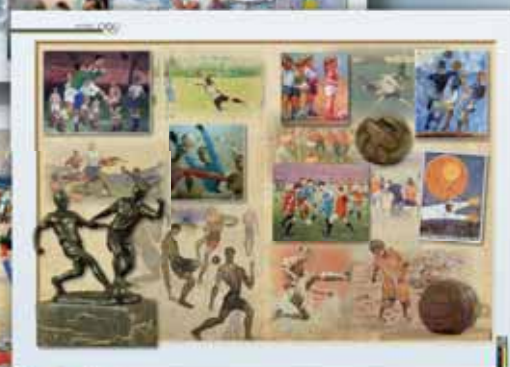
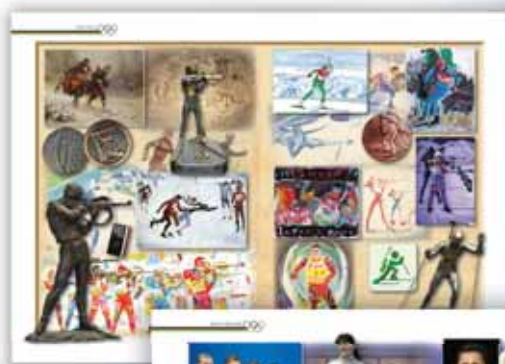


Olympic constellation

Research work to perpetuate the history of Ukrainian sports and their active participants is one of the important activities of the NOC of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine. Only a small tribute of respect and honour to the athletes and coaches who had glorified our country in different years at the top sports forum – the Olympic Games – was publication of the series of books: Olympic Constellation of Ukraine. Athletes and Olympic Constellation of Ukraine. Coaches by S. Bubka, M. Bulatova in 2010. The books not only highlighted the results of performances at the Olympic arena but also collected unique personal impressions of athletes about the Olympic Games and their socio-humanistic impact on the society. In 2020, the second supplemented edition of the book Olympic Constellation of Ukraine. Athletes was published.

Olympic Heritage of Ukraine

Further research allowed to prepare and publish an art book – Olympic Heritage of Ukraine – in two volumes (author – M. Bulatova). The publication covers achievements of the Ukrainian athletes at the Olympic Games since 1952. The books introduce readers to the history of Olympic sports through an organic combination of text and works of art, which has a positive effect not only on cognitive but also on emotional sphere of people, their spiritual world and desire to become part of the amazing and unique phenomenon – Olympic sports.





International Centre for Olympic Studies and Education

An important stage in the formation of the national system of Olympic education in accordance with the recommendations of the IOC and the International Olympic Academy as well as with the effective support of the NOC of Ukraine was the establishment of the Centre for Olympic Studies and Education at the Kyiv State Institute of Physical Culture in 1992. Its main objective was to enhance research in the field of Olympic sports and education. The centre was first headed by Professor Volodymyr Platonov, and then by Professor Maria Bulatova since 1998.

Over the years, the Centre for Olympic Research and Education of Ukraine has collected unique materials on the history of the Olympic movement of antiquity and modernity, reflecting its development and achievements.

Many years of work have resulted in a multitude of fundamental publications highly assessed by the world scientific and sports community. Extensive international cooperation allowed the Centre to be granted international status in 2013.

A significant milestone in the development of the national system of Olympic education was the transformation of the Centre into the Educational and Scientific Olympic Institute of the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport in 2019. The Institute is a modern research base for the Olympic movement and sports in Ukraine. Its foundation became a landmark project – a symbol of the Olympic heritage. The Olympic Institute was headed by Doctor of Pedagogical Sciences, Professor Maria Bulatova.





Celebrating Personalia of the Olympic Movement



Fruitful activity of those who stood at the origins of the Olympic movement in Ukraine, contributed to its formation and development, assisted in preparing athletes for successful performances at the Olympic Games, Winter Olympics, Youth Olympic Games, and other international competitions, carried out research, educational and promotional and other projects, has repeatedly been awarded state awards: the Order of the State, the Orders of Prince Yaroslav the Wise, Bohdan Khmelnytsky, and Princess Olga, the Orders For Merit and For Courage. Many expert activities were awarded diplomas of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, honorary titles Merited Worker of Science and Technology, Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine, Merited Worker of Public Education of Ukraine, Merited Economist of Ukraine, and departmental honours of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, the National Academy of Pedagogical Sciences of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences as well as state awards of foreign countries.



Olympic Order

In recognition of the outstanding services in the field of world sports and devotion to the Olympic ideals proclaimed by the initiator of the revival of the modern Olympic Games, Pierre de Coubertin, the highest award of the International Olympic Committee – the Olympic Order – was awarded nine outstanding Ukrainians: Ludmilla Tourischeva (1978), Larysa Latynina (1991), Yuri Titov (1991), Volodymyr Golubnychy (2000), Volodymyr Platonov (2001), Mykhailo Baka (2002), Borys Shakhlin (2002), Volodymyr Kulyk (2004), and Anatoliy Usenko (2005).



LE COMITE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIQUE
A CONFERE
L'ORDRE OLYMPIQUE



Ludmilla Tourischeva

le 13 octobre 1985
[Signature]



Mykhailo Baka



Volodymyr Golubnychy



Borys Shakhlin



Larysa Latynina



Volodymyr Kulyk



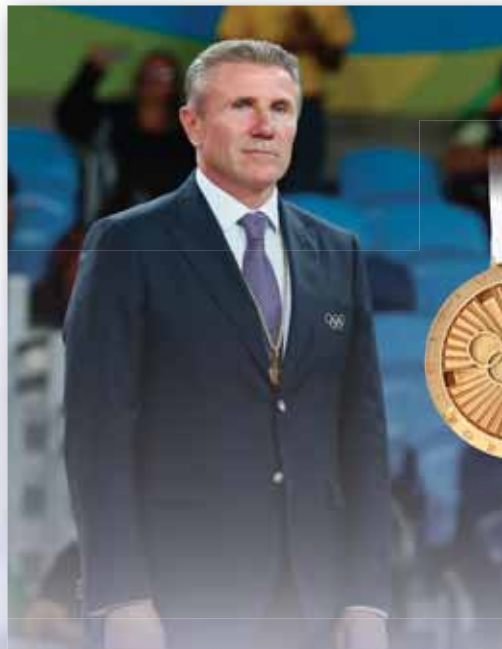
Volodymyr Platonov



Anatoliy Usenko

Pierre de Coubertin Medal

Maria Bulatova (2009) and Sergey Bubka (2015) were awarded one of the most honourable awards of the IOC – the Pierre de Coubertin Medal, given to famous athletes and figures of the Olympic movement for outstanding services in the development of the Olympic movement and promotion of Olympism.



Other Awards of International Organizations

Ukrainian experts have been awarded high prizes by international organizations: Sergey Bubka – the title of UNESCO Sports Champion (2003), The Panathlon International Flambeau d'Or (for promotion of sports) (2004); Laureus World Sports Awards in the Lifelong Achievement category (2008), International Sports Event Management Award (ISEM) (2013); Maria Bulatova – awards of the Athena International Olympic Academy (2012), the Vikelas Plaque from the International Society of Olympic Historians (2014), the IOC President Thomas Bach Trophy, the IOC awards Sports and Art (2015); Vitaliy Klichko – Laureus World Sports Awards in the Return of the Year category (2009); Volodymyr Brynzak (2007), Oleksandr Volkov (2014), Svitlana Saidova (2016), and Ihor Lysov (2017) – the Olympic Laurel EOC awards for effective development of Olympic sports in Ukraine and Europe: biathlon, basketball, synchronized swimming, and diving; Volodymyr Platonov, Sergey Bubka, Maria Bulatova, Valeriy Borzov, and Viktor Boloban – the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of many universities around the world.



At the UNESCO Headquarters, IOC Executive Committee member Sergey Bubka was named UNESCO Sports Champion for his personal contribution to promoting peace and tolerance through sports and the Olympic spirit. Paris, France. 2003

Order of the NOC of Ukraine

The highest award – the Order of the NOC of Ukraine – for significant personal contribution to enhancement of the international prestige of Ukraine, the development and promotion of the Olympic movement in Ukraine and globally; in preparation of champions and medallists of the Olympic Games and the Olympic Winter Games; for special merits in the introduction of innovative ideas into the system and management structure; Larysa Barabash-Temple (2010), Nina Bocharova (2012), Ivan Bogdan (2012), Thomas Bach (2015), Ahmed Al-Fahad Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah (2015), Albina Deryugina (2015), Hryhoriy Kriss (2015), Volodymyr Platonov (2016), and Valeriy Borzov (2019) were awarded for the use of modern forms, methods, and principles of work in the field of physical culture and sports.



Medal of the NOC of Ukraine 'For Devotion to Olympism'

Given the outstanding results and significant personal contribution to the preparation of champions and medallists of the European, World, and Olympic Championships, development of sports infrastructure and support for the development of Olympic sports, creation of appropriate living conditions for leading athletes and coaches Valeriy Borzov, Volodymyr Brynzak, Vadym Huttsait, Volodymyr Platonov, Hryhoriy Surkis, Maria Bulatova, Viktor Korzh, Viktor Sydoruk, Anatoliy Usenko, Viktor Savchenko, Nina Bocharova, Yuriy Maslachkov, Ravil Safiullin, Volodymyr Kovalyov, and Mykola Kravchenko were awarded the high prize of the NOC of Ukraine – the Medal 'For Devotion to Olympism'



Medal of the NOC of Ukraine Named after O. D. Butovsky

For the effective application of their own achievements for the benefit of the Olympic movement in Ukraine and the world; development of innovative projects of physical education and sports preparation; long-term contribution to the development of sports science and medicine, sports journalism, educational activities, creation of textbooks and manuals for educational institutions, the Medal of the NOC of Ukraine named after O. D. Butovsky was awarded to 33 professionals: Maria Bulatova, Mykola Kostenko, Lyudmyla Radchenko, Mykola Tomenko, Oleg Volkov, Oleksandr Gerega, Ihor Lysov, Nestor Shufrych, Ravil Safiullin, Viktor Korzh, Nina Umanets, Vitaliy Klichko, Ihor Hotsul, Volodymyr Kovalyov, Ludmilla Tourischeva, Zinaida Turchyna, Volodymyr Golubnichy, Oleksandr Poltarak, Mykola Tsyplio, Hanna Sorokina, Borys Ivanov, Volodymyr Brynzak, Yuriy Poyarkov, Mykola Podoliak, Leonid Ratner, Vyacheslav Manolaki, Kairat Zakiryaynov, Oleksandr Udovychenko, Volodymyr Dryukov, Volodymyr Kiselyov, Yuriy Tumasov, and Vasyl Karlenko.

IOC President Jacques Rogge (second from the right) presents the award of the International Olympic Committee for the organization of work in the Olympic education to the NOC of Ukraine. XIII Olympic Congress. Copenhagen, 2009



Awarding the Educational Activity of the NOC of Ukraine by the International Olympic Community

At the XIII Olympic Congress held in 2009 in Copenhagen, the book published by the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine – Encyclopaedia of Olympic Sports in Questions and Answers (authored by M. Bulatova) and the textbook Olympic Sport (edited by V. Platonov) were presented and highly appraised by the International Olympic Committee. The NOC of Ukraine received the IOC honorary award for the organization of work on the Olympic education.

In 2012, the Supervisory Board of the Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Creative Sports Award recognized the activities of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine as the best in the world. This victory acknowledged the NOC of Ukraine's promotion of sports and Olympic values. The NOC of Ukraine presented its traditional and favourite projects at the competition, such as Olympic Day, All-Ukrainian

Olympic Lesson, Jumps on the Maidan, Olympic Storklet, Olympic Corner, Olympic Book, All-Ukrainian Ceremony Heroes of the Sports Year, Sports Moments Photo Exhibition, etc. Most of them are unique and have no analogues in the world.

The initiatives of the President of the NOC of Ukraine to organize a series of training webinars in the framework of the conference Olympic Sports in Humanitarian Development as well as providing access to flash animated versions of all Olympic publications of the NOC of Ukraine and the Olympic Academy of Ukraine were highly evaluated by the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage at the International Olympic Committee in the person of its director Angelita Teo who noted that the NOC of Ukraine has been one of the most active during the global pandemic.



President of the NOC of Ukraine Sergey Bubka was presented the prestigious international award in creative sports in 2013

Ukrainians Abroad in Cooperation with the Olympic Family of Ukraine

In the 1940s and 1950s, the turbulent events of World War II forced many Ukrainians to migrate to other continents. Many of them, while settling among other nations, sought to preserve their favourite passion for sports, seeing the unique mission of sports in uniting Ukrainians outside their homeland, preservation of national traditions, education of youth. Having united, they managed to establish a new Ukrainian organization in North America, which has been operating in the name of Ukrainian organized sports ever since.

Thus, on 24 December 1955, in the Canadian city of Toronto, a coordinating and organizational body – the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada (USCAK) – was founded on the initiative of Ivan Krasnyk, Master of Physical Education. It was a kind of superstructure for numerous Ukrainian sports centres, which were actively formed after World War II in the countries of the free world, in particular in the USA and Canada.

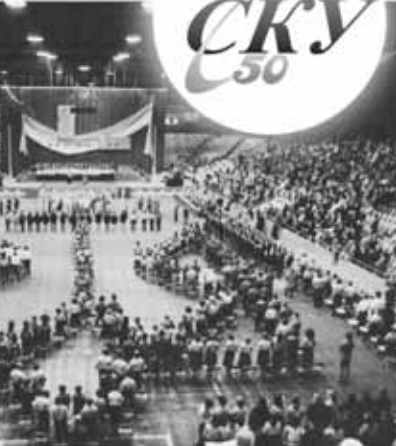
According to its Charter, three equal structures were formed within the organization: the USCAK-East and USCAK-West in the USA and the USCAK-Canada in Canada.

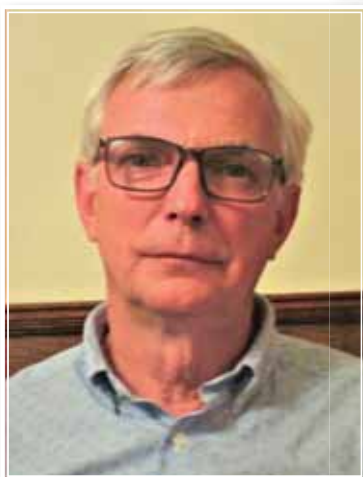
At the height of its activity, the USCAK united more than 40 Ukrainian sports associations, which successfully operated in Ukrainian communities across the United States and Canada.

Throughout that glorious journey, the USCAK was headed by Ivan Krasnyk, V. Levytsky, Yaroslav Khorostil, Y. Kosakevych, Myroslav Snihurovych, Volodymyr Kizyma, Roman Kutsil, Myron Stebelsky, and Iryney Isayiv. Currently, the organization is headed by Myron Byts.

Under the auspices of the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada, countless cultural and educational events, sports competitions in football, swimming, volleyball, basketball, athletics, skiing, tennis, chess, baseball, rugby, curling, and golf were held for the diaspora Ukrainians.

СВІТОВИЙ КОНГРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ





Vsevolod Sokolyk – the Chairman of the Olympic Commission at the World Congress of Free Ukrainians (1988–1993)



Eugene Czolij – the President of the Ukrainian World Congress (2008–2018)



Yevstakhiy Gaba – the Head of the Sports Commission and Member of the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian World Congress, Chairman of the Fund for Assistance to the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine in Canada (1993–2010)

USCAK championships in various sports, Ukrainian Youth Sports Games, Ukrainian Youth Olympics, Ukrainian Football Training Camps, Ukrainian festivals and games of youth organizations (Ukrainian Youth Association – commonly referred to as CYM, Plast, MUN). The leading Ukrainian sports clubs in the United States and Canada also underwent structural changes; the most powerful of them are the Chornomorska Sich (Newark), the Tryzub (Philadelphia), and Ukraina (Toronto, Montreal, Los Angeles), Kyiv, Tygry (Minneapolis), Dnipro (Baltimore), Lviv (Cleveland), Chernyk (Detroit), Levy, Kryla (Chicago), Krylati (Yonkers), Berkut (Perth Amboy), Dovbush (New Haven), Karpatsky Leschetar Club, Plai (New York, Toronto), and others. An impor-

tant milestone in the history of the national Olympic movement spread will always be the 1948 Displaced Person Olympiad, Free Olympiads, 1936, 1980, 1984, 1988 Ukrainian Olympiads, the activities of the Ukrainian Olympic Committee (UOC) in exile.

The establishment of the National Olympic Committee on 22 December 1990 and its recognition in September 1993 by the International Olympic Committee fulfilled the long-nurtured dream of world Ukrainians to participate in the Olympic Games as an independent team. Ukrainians have been moving towards this goal for almost 100 years.

The country's leadership in the field of physical culture and sports and the newly established National



Renata Roman – the Vice President of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress



Askold Lozynsky – the President of the Ukrainian World Congress (1998–2008), Head of the Ukrainian Congressional Committee of the United States (1992–2016)





After an important meeting in Atlanta, Georgia:
V. Borzov (centre) and representatives of the USCAK
I. Petryk (left) and O. Napora



Participants of the General Meeting of the Ukrainian Sports
Central America and Canada. 1978

Olympic Committee of Ukraine were among the first to make important decisions on cooperation with the Ukrainian diaspora in the name of the Olympic idea.

Thus, from the first years of independence, a new stage in the relations of the Olympic family of Ukraine with Ukrainians living abroad has begun. The national Olympic movement received significant support from cooperation with the Sports Commission of the World Congress of Free Ukrainians. In particular, this Commission and the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada paid membership fees for the admission of National Federations to the respective International Federations for summer and winter sports. Funds were raised to aid Ukrainian sports, and assistance was provided in preparation and participation in the XVII Winter Olympics of 1994 in Lillehammer.

The Ukrainian diaspora provided comprehensive support for the development of the national Olympic movement in Ukraine in the following years. On the eve of the 1996 Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta, the most favourable conditions for living and training of Ukrainian athletes in Canada were created (for example, an athletics stadium similar to the Olympic one was built specifically for track-and-field athletes). With the personal assistance of the Head of the Ukrainian Congressional Committee of the United States, Askold Lozynsky, accommodation, food, and transportation were organized in Carrollton, 75 kilometres away from Atlanta.

In subsequent years, continued organizational and financial support was provided for preparation and participation of the Ukrainian athletes in the



After the official meeting (from left): O. Napora (USCAK representative), V. Ostafiychuk (Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine), L. Barabash-Temple, M. Stebelsky (USCAK Chairman)



1998–2018 Olympic Games. The support activities were taken care of by Larysa Barabash-Temple (USA), Yevstakhiy Gaba, Renata Roman (Canada), and other promoters of the national Olympic movement. In particular, communication equipment was purchased at the expense of Ukrainians living abroad to ensure participation of the Ukrainian delegation in the XVIII Olympic Winter Games of 1998 in Nagano (Japan). The Board of the Union of Ukrainian Organizations of Australia founded the Regional Olympic Committee, headed by Roman Dekhnych, to ensure proper preparation and participation of the Ukrainian athletes in the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney. During preparation and participation of the Ukrainian delegation in the XIX Olympic Winter Games of 2002 in Salt Lake City, the Ukrainian diaspora paid for the accommodation of cross-country and biathlon athletes, settled organizational issues regarding the participation of the Ukrainian professional hockey players. The representative of the Ukrainian diaspora Yevstakhiy Gaba provided all possible assistance to the participants of the delegation at 2004 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Athens (Greece) and the XX Olympic Winter Games of 2006 in Turin (Italy). Renata Roman and her colleagues provided for functioning of the Ukrainian House and support to Ukrainian athletes during the XXI Olympic Winter Games of 2010



in Vancouver (Canada). Organizational assistance was provided by the Ukrainians abroad to ensure preparation and participation of the National Teams of Ukraine in the 2012 and 2016 Games of the Olympiads.

For a significant period of time, the best athletes of the Ukrainian descent have been supported; scholarship programmes have been organized for representatives of Ukraine, in particular for students of branch institutions of higher education of Ukraine; commemoration of important dates in the history of Ukrainian sports and memorial tournaments in Ukraine have been supported; annual sports and health camps have been opened, including with those inviting children and coaches from Ukraine; active membership in the World Congress of Free Ukrainians (WCFU and UWC) and relations with the NOC of Ukraine and its individual regional branches have been maintained; specialized literature, magazines, and thematic almanacs have been published, etc.

In recent years, the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine together with the Ukrainian World Congress, sports and youth organizations of Austria, Great Britain, Denmark, Israel, Spain, Estonia, Canada, New Zealand, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Poland, Romania, the Czech Republic, the United States, and Hungary have been taking important steps to build relations between Ukrainians abroad and the Ukrainian Olympic family and to promote the Olympic movement and a healthy lifestyle.



Vice President of the NOC of Ukraine Valeriy Borzov and President of the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada Myron Byts at the Olympic House. 2018



Ihor Boki, Chairman of the Canadian Organizing Committee for the World Football Championship for Diaspora Teams, and Valeriy Borzov, Vice President of the NOC of Ukraine, at the Olympic House. 2018

In September 2015, on the initiative of the President of the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada Myron Byts, the Ukrainian Museum of Sport and the Hall of Fame were established in Whippany (New Jersey, USA) to promote sporting achievements of Ukrainians. Thirty athletes from Ukraine were inducted in the following nominations: Olympic athletes – 18, Professional athletes – 2; Paralympians – 1; Builders (Organizers) – 7; Heritage – 1; Journalists – 1 person.

Ukrainians abroad support participation of the Ukrainian athletes in competitions (2018 World Badminton Championships, Canada, and Freestyle, New Zealand; 2017–2019 Biathlon and Skeleton World Cups, Canada, USA).

Under the patronage of the Ukrainian World Congress and the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada, sports competitions are held in Ukraine with the participation of Ukrainian teams from abroad, including World Championships among Ukrainian diaspora teams, a football tournament On the Wings of Friendly Competitions for children under 16 from the USA and Ukraine. Development of children's hockey in Ukraine is taken care of by former well-known professionals from the Lviv region – brothers Wayne and Dave Babychs.

For many years of fruitful work in the development of the national Olympic movement, well-known representatives of foreign Ukrainians have been awarded state awards and distinctions of public organizations of Ukraine. Thus, Larysa Barabash-Temple (1997) and Yevstakhiy Gaba



Famous Canadian hockey players of the Ukrainian origin, brothers Wayne-Joseph and Dave-Michael Babychs, are holders of the Ivan Bobersky Honorary Medal. Lviv. 2019



Vasyl Karlenko, Chairman of the NOC of Ukraine's Commission for Work with the Diaspora, and Larysa Barabash-Temple, Chairwoman of the World Sports Commission of the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada



NOC of Ukraine President Sergey Bubka and Larysa Barabash-Temple at the Olympic House. 2018

(2006) were awarded the III Class Order of Merit. Many representatives of foreign Ukrainians, including Eugene Czolij, Anna Kysil, Iryney Isayiv, Askold Lozynsky, Larysa Barabash-Temple, Myron Byts, Renata Roman, Serhiy Kasyan, Lida Mykytyn, Roman Olenych, Pavlo Nadzikevych, Satoshi Kitagawa, Omelyan Tvardovsky, Mykola Levchyk, Roman Dekhnych, Yuriy Savchak, Yaroslav Kozak, Vasyl Taraska, Dr. Roman Slyz, Dr. Orest Popovych, Kostiantyn Czolij, Yuriy Khramevych, Ihor Bokiyy were honoured with diplomas, letters of acknowledgement, and valuable gifts of the NOC of Ukraine.

Well-known Ukrainian activist Larysa Barabash-Temple was awarded the highest award of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine – the Olympic Order (2013) and appointed an honorary member of the NOC of Ukraine (2019).

Today's sports Ukraine is grateful to the Board of the Ukrainian Sports Central America and Canada and the entire Ukrainian community of the United States and Canada for their comprehensive support in gaining international recognition by the National Olympic Committee, Sports Federations and National Teams of Ukraine, improving financial and material aspects of preparation and participation of athletes of Ukraine in the Olympic Games, World Championships, other official international competitions.

Thus, for 30 years, the Olympic family of Ukraine and Ukrainians living abroad have been fruitfully cooperating to unite in the name of the Olympic idea. We have something to remember, something to be proud of! We have reasons to look to the future of Ukraine with confidence!



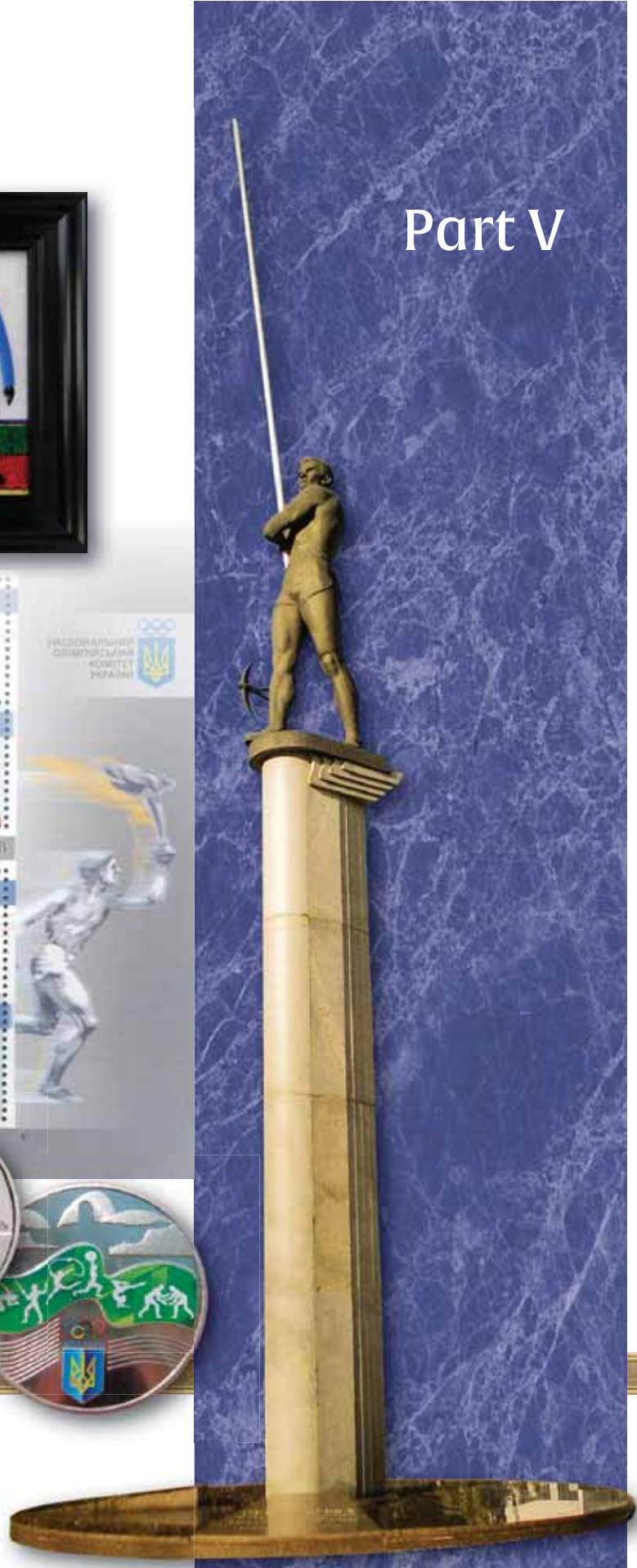
Two-time Olympic gymnastics champion Lilia Podkopayeva (centre) and Larysa Barabash-Temple (right) celebrate Ukraine's Independence Day in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. 2018



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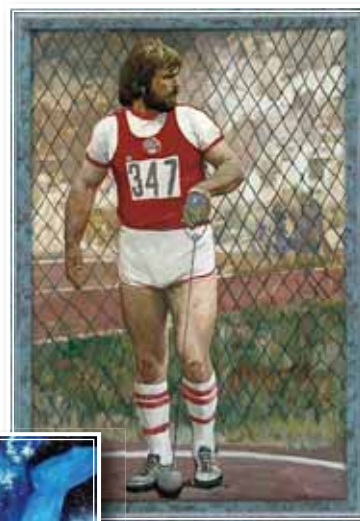
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Athletes. Kazimir Malevich. The State Russian Museum. Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation

The Olympic Sport in Pictorial Art

The theme of sport was an integral part of the Soviet art – a great number of paintings and graphic works were dedicated to the idea of a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Sport was one of the most important brands of the Soviet ideology. Outstanding sports achievements aggrandized the prestige of the Soviet political system and proved the superiority of the Soviet lifestyle.

However, admiring the works of the great Ukrainian painters of the Soviet period such as Tetiana Yablonska, Karpo Trokhymenko, Fedir Krychevsky, Oleksiy Shovkunenko, Mykola Burachek, Hryhoriy Svitlytskyi, Abram Cherkaskyi, Viktor Puzyrkov, Oleksandr Maksymenko, Mykhailo Chepyk, Viktor Harets, Vasyl Khytrykov, Serhiy Hryhoriev, Vilen Chekaniuk, Hryhoriy Vasetskyi, Oleksandr Turanskyi, Viktor Shatalin, Laszlo Puskas, Leonid Chychkan, Mykhailo Kryvenko, one should not look for the distorted pathos of the Soviet

propaganda in them. For the most part, these are good, realistic works by talented artists, having their artistic and historical value. The works executed in a realistic manner are a natural continuation of the artistic tradition of The Peredvizhniki (also known as The Wanderers or The Itinerants in English), which was passed down from generation to generation first by artists of the early twentieth century and then by the school that was preserved and developed in the 1950s. That tradition was originally maintained by the best artists of the 1960s and 1970s.

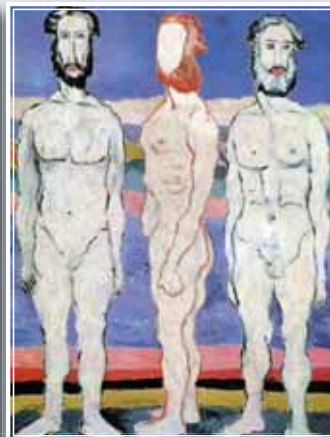
The beautiful works by Tetiana Mykolayivna Yablonska, portraits of the Ukrainian Olympic sports stars – Volodymyr Golubnichy, Hryhoriy Kriss, Valeriy Borzov, Borys Shakhlin, Polina Asrakhova, Yuriy Sedykh, Oleg Blokhin, the Ukrainian handball team together with their outstanding coach Igor Turchyn painted by the Ukrainian artists became a bright confirmation of that.



Running Man. Kazimir Malevich. 1933. Centre National D'art et de Culture Georges-Pompidou. Paris, France

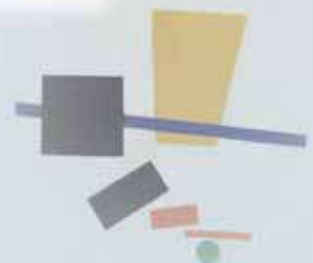


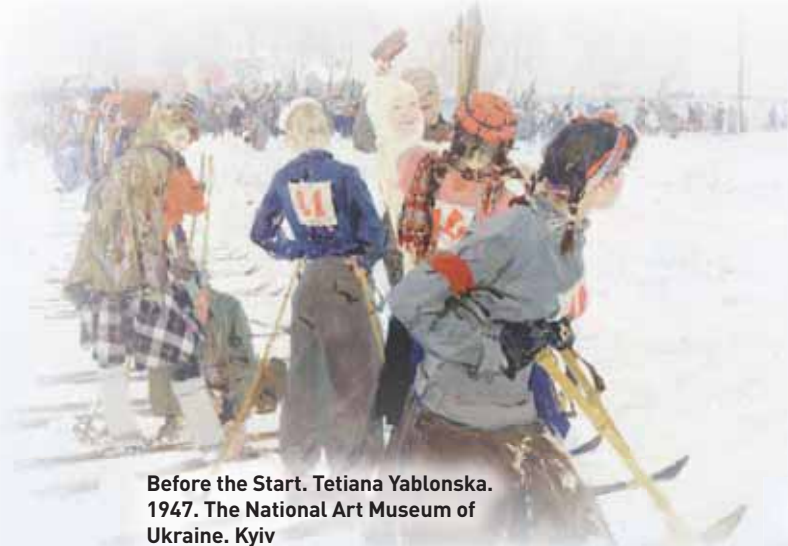
Diver. Kazimir Malevich. 1911. Stedelijk Museum. Amsterdam, the Netherlands



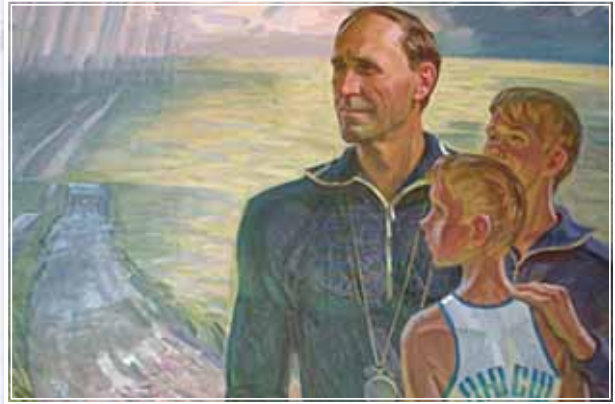
Bathers. Kazimir Malevich. 1928–1932. The State Russian Museum. Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation

Painterly Realism of a Football Player. Kazimir Malevich. 1915. Stedelijk Museum. Amsterdam, the Netherlands





Before the Start. Tetiana Yablonska. 1947. The National Art Museum of Ukraine. Kyiv



Volodymyr Golubnychy



Valeriy Brumel



Yuriy Sedykh



Sergiy Novikov



Over the Dnipro River. 1952. The Lviv Museum of the Ukrainian Art.



Borys Shakhlin

Gymnasts of the USSR.
Dmitriy Zhilinsky.
1964–1965. The State
Russian Museum. Saint
Petersburg, Russian
Federation



Igor Turchin and his trainees-handball players



Oleg Blokhin after the 1978 USSR Cup
Final



Valery Lobanovsky and Oleg Blokhin





The Ukrainian sport is widely reflected in contemporary works of the Ukrainian fine art. Artists glorify the Olympic sport because it elicits all the best that is in a human: both what has been given by nature and what has been nurtured in the long-term hard training.

Love for life, celebration of the physical beauty of a human reflected in works of the Ukrainian artists give us the opportunity to admire athletes, instill trust to them, and evoke an involuntary desire to learn from them – how to be strong in spirit, full of willingness to fight and win!

Contemporary Ukrainian artists have created many portraits of outstanding athletes – champions and medalists of the Olympic Games and major international competitions. Although these works follow different genres of art, they are united by their brightness, expressiveness, dynamism, beauty of movements, and, of course, the will to win.

Contemporary Ukrainian artists have dedicated their works to different Olympic sports.

Sailing was depicted by Anatoliy Gorbenko in his *Festival Begins*, which was recognized as the best work of art at the Exhibition of the Ukrainian and Chinese Artists – Peace and Friendship – in 2016.



Festival Begins. Anatoliy Gorbenko. 2011

In the impressionist paintings – Regatta by Viktor Volkov and Royal Regatta by Leonid Afremov – dramatic events of sailing competitions are praised.

Skiing became an interest of Ukrainian artist Igor Kukharsky with its dynamism and elegance, which were reflected in his work On the Slope (2015).



Sails. Igor Kukharsky. 2020



Sailboats in the Sea.
Leonid Afremov



Regatta. Igor Kukharsky

In the Ring. Serhiy Chepyk



Evander Holyfield – Involuntary Van Gogh.
Vasyl Tsagolov. 2004

The Ghost of Revolution. Vasyl Tsagolov



Royal Regatta. Leonid Afremov

The scenes of boxing bouts did not leave unmoved talented Ukrainian artists Vasyl Tsagolov and Arsen Savadov.

V. Tsagolov's works styled in the principles of modern postmodernism, combine the established classical art with mass culture, of course, with a touch of black humour.

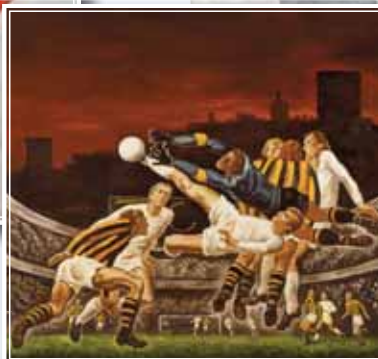
The match of between great Ukrainian boxer V. Klichko and Evander Holyfield – a famous story that happened in the ring – became the subject of his paintings about boxing. Serhiy Chepyk's work In the Ring is also peculiar.



Hockey. Viktor Ryzhykh. 1966



Javelin Thrower. Viktor Ryzhykh



Kyiv Football. Viktor Ryzhykh. 1979

Viktor Ryzhykh (2009) and Andriy Tsygal (2010) dedicated their works to hockey and hockey players.

Some also athletes try their hand at painting when their sports careers are in progress and after retirement. Thus, the medallist of the Olympic Games, a prominent Ukrainian wrestler Zhan Beleniuk auctioned of his work War of the Elements, and the proceeds from its sale were directed to the development of children's and youth sports in Ukraine.

Striving of Olympic athletes for art after they retire is widespread in the world. Association Art of Olympians has a museum in Florida (USA). Its founder is a two-time Olympic champion in discus throwing Al Oerter, and the current Museum Manager is the legendary Olympian Bob Beamon.

Original works of street art decorated the basketball court constructed by Puma in the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv.

Fight of the Elements. Zhan Beleniuk



Basketball court in Kyiv





Shevchenko Brothers Graffiti. Kharkiv

A graffiti in Kharkiv depicting Ukrainian writer Taras Shevchenko and football player Andriy Shevchenko – Shevchenko Brothers – captures attention.

Oleg Voloshynov's work *Riverbanks* (1978) is devoted to diving.

A young Ukrainian artist, Denys Dytyniuk, created a masterpiece in just a few minutes – an inverted portrait of Olympic champion Volodymyr Klichko.

Artist Dmytro Zhuravel decorated a 140-m² wall (graffiti) with portraits of Ukrainian Olympic champions.



Oleg Blokhin. Artist Olga Koval



Andriy Shevchenko. Artist Olga Koval



Denys Dytyniuk created inverted portraits of Oleksandr Usyk and Volodymyr Klichko



On the eve of the 2020 Olympic Games, young Ukrainian artists created a collection of works dedicated to Olympic sports as part of the I Cheer Because... Campaign, which will be reproduced on T-shirts of a special clothing collection prepared by Intertop on the occasion of the 2020 Olympic Games.

The main idea of the project is to combine the energy of sports, art, and fashion, which will inspire our Olympic team to a successful performance in Tokyo.



Artist Dmytro Zhuravel decorated walls with portraits of athletes



I Cheer Because... Campaign to support the National Olympic Team of Ukraine at the 2020 Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo



Mosaic at the National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport. Author – Ernest Kotkov. 1977-1979



The Olympic Sport on Mosaic Panels

The theme of a healthy and athletic lifestyle was greatly emphasized in the Soviet monumental art. Sculptural compositions were created all over the country, reflecting the diversity of sports. The walls of concert halls, metro stations, fronts of sports facilities, schools, pioneer camps, and health resorts were decorated with picture and mosaic panels, stained glass windows illustrating sports. The art of mosaic flourished in the 1960s and 1970s.

One of the most significant works on the subject of sport by the prominent masters of the Soviet monumentalism, which was recognizable through its unique and expressive style, was created in 1970 by Ukrainian monumentalist artists Halyna Zubchenko and Hryhorii Pryshedko



Movement. A mosaic panel. Halyna Zubchenko and Hryhorii Pryshedko. 1970. Kyiv. The front of the Nauka Sports Facility

and Hryhorii Pryshedko on the wall of the Nauka Sports Facility in Kyiv.

The mosaic panel Movement is a dynamic, light, and optimistic work that irradiates positive energy and demonstrates the perfection of human bodies and their organic connection with the aquatic world. The work is full of symbolism. And this is no surprise as Hryhorii Pryshedko studied from the famous Mexican monumentalist Diego Rivera in 1963-1965!

Of a great interest is the mosaic panel Underwater World, which decorates the front of the building housing the Kyiv National Economic University Sports Facility. This is an example of the second wave of modernism of the 1970s.



Mosaic in Lutsk on the front of an electrical appliance plant. Authors – Mykola and Zynoviy Ruban. 1980s

Mosaic panel Sport on the wall of the AzovMash Plant. Authors – Valentyn Konstantynov, Lel Kuzminkov. Mariupol. Mid-1960s



Mosaic panel depicting victors of sports competitions on the tower of the Spartak Sports Facility. Lviv



Mosaic panel. The second half of the 20th century. Upper cable car station in Kharkiv, Ukraine



Aquatics. Mosaic panel. Unknown artist. The second half of the 20th century. Sports Facility of the Kyiv National Economic University



Mosaic panel on the front of the Olymp Sports Facility. Kyiv

The Olympic Sport in Outdoor and Indoor Sculpture

Olympic sports and the achievements of the Ukrainian athletes are widely reflected in the works of sculptors working in the monumental, monumental-decorative, and easel genres as well as in the small-scale sculpture.

Sculptures of athletes decorated architectural ensembles and parklands of the Ukrainian cities, remind of the achievements of athletes, and perpetuate them.

In the 1930s, monumental sculpture – full of heroic and ideological images – became widespread in the USSR, fulfilling the governmental demand for socialist realism.

The source of inspiration for the Soviet sculptors were performances of the Ukrainian athletes in the international arena, their victories, patriotism, devotion, and other lofty spiritual values, which resulted in creation of many sculptures and memorial compositions that adorn modern museums and sports facilities.

The last decade of the twentieth century and the beginning of the new millennium – the period of Ukraine's independence – was marked by intensive work of the Ukrainian sculptors.

Monument to Serhiy Perkhun at the entrance to the Prydniprovsk State Academy of Physical Culture and Sport. Sculptors Borys Volkov and Stepan Polyak, Architects Ivan Gavrylov and Volodymyr Polozhnyy.



Monument to the famous football coach Valery Lobanovsky near the "Dynamo" Stadium which bears his name, in Kyiv. Sculptor Volodymyr Filatov, Architect Vasyl Klymenko



Figurine of sports orientation athlete. Vasyl Bedryk. Uzhgorod. 2013

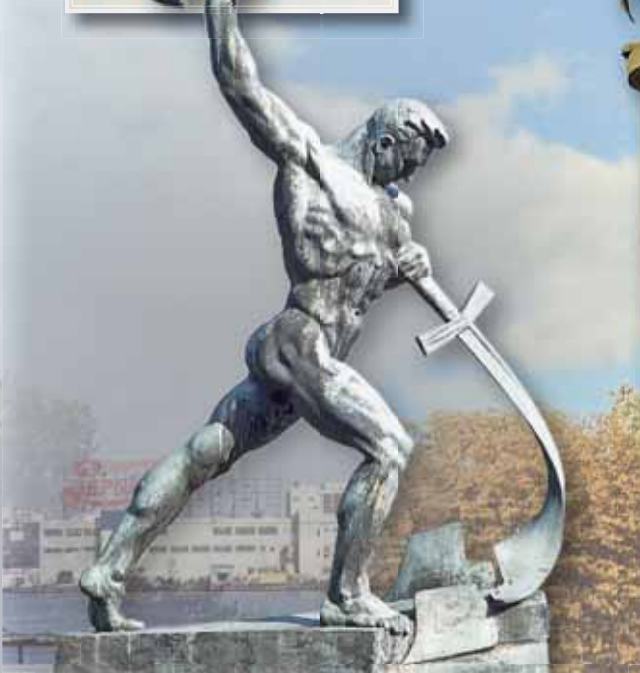
Bronze sculpture of Yakiv Punkin was installed in Zaporizhia. Sculptor Eldaniz Gurbanov managed to capture the moment of Yakiv's victory at the Olympic Games



High Do.
Volodymyr
Filatov



Monument to the football players of the "Match of Death" (The Start Stadium near the Lukyanivska metro station, Kyiv). Sculptor A. Kharechko, Architect A. Ignashchenko



Let Us Beat Swords into Ploughshares. Yevgeny Vuchetich. New York. The model for this sculpture was a Soviet wrestler, Olympic champion Borys Gurevych from Kyiv

Monument to Ukrainian pole vault record holder Sergey Bubka was installed in Donetsk near the Lokomotiv Stadium, when the athlete was not even 35! The height of the column is 6.15 cm – his indoor world record. Sculptor Mykola Yasynenko, Architect Volodymyr Buchek

Monument to football players who died during World War II at the Dynamo Stadium in Kyiv (Architects Voldemar Bogdanovsky, Igor Maslenkov and Sculptor Ivan Horovyi)





Monument to footballers in front of the FC Shakhtar Training Camp. Donetsk



Monument to the Klichko brothers. Sculptor Volodymyr Rozhyk. Korostyshiv, Zhytomyr Region

Monument to rugby player Leonid Shelestovich. Odessa



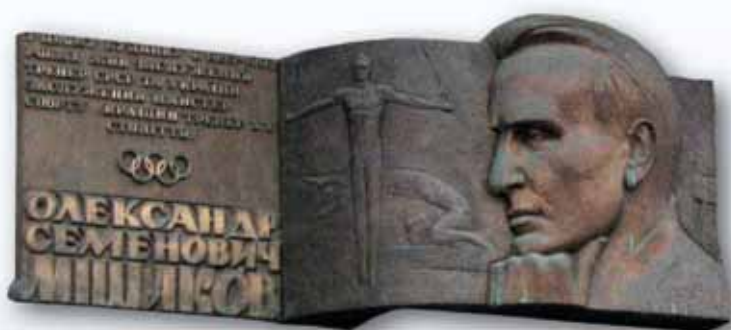
Olympic champion Viktor Chukarin. Bronze. Sculptor Yakiv Chaika. Lviv



Olympic champion Volodymyr Smyrnov. Bronze. Kyiv



Monument to Leonid Zhabotynsky in Zaporizhia. Sculptor Eldaniz Gurbanov. Zaporizhia

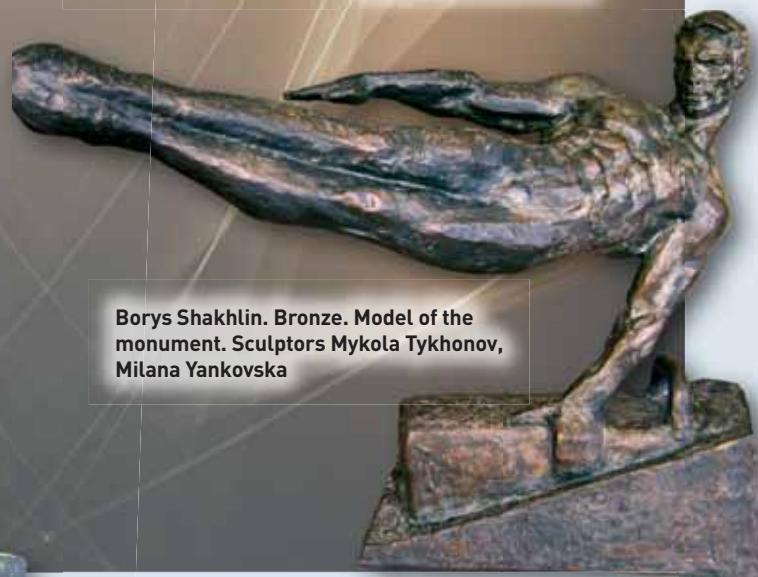


Bust of Olympic champion Halyna Prozumenshchykova. Bronze

Bust of Olympic champion Oleksiy Barkalov

Bust of Olympic champion Borys Shakhlin. Bronze

Monument to Volodymyr Kuts (on the territory of the sports stadium in Trostyanets, Sumy region). Sculptor Lyudmyla Kulyabko-Koretska



Borys Shakhlin. Bronze. Model of the monument. Sculptors Mykola Tykhonov, Milana Yankovska

The Olympic Sport in Porcelain

Even at the beginning of the sports era in the USSR, a special highlight, which was reflected in the works of the Ukrainian artists of that era, was to show a truly popular hero.

Soviet factories producing porcelain and faience, which were located in the Ukrainian SSR, did not stay aside and began mass production of statuettes of athletes, which fit well into the apartment interiors during the Soviet era.

Porcelain figurines also became a hallmark of the USSR similar to ballet, theatre, space, and avant-garde painting.

Mass-produced porcelain vases, plates, cups, dishes, and statuettes of athletes decorated houses of many families.



Girl with Skates. Polonne factory of art ceramics.
1950s–1960s



Hockey Player Boy. Korosten
porcelain factory. 1950s



Young Goalkeeper. Baranivka
porcelain factory. 1960s





Figure Skater Girl. Porcelain figurine. Polonne factory of art ceramics. 1960s



Figure Skater Girl. Porcelain figurine. Polonne factory of art ceramics. 1950s-1960s



Boy Holding an Olympic Bear and a Tennis Racket. Korosten porcelain factory. 1980s



Young Goalkeeper. Polonne factory of art ceramics. 1960s-1970s



Hockey Player. Author - M. Kryzhanovskyi. Gorodnytsia porcelain factory. 1960s



Goalkeeper. 1940s



L. Zhabotynsky, Y. Vlasov,
S. Batyshchev on the Winners
Podium. Author – O. Gatylova. 1967



Gymnast with a Ball. 1959



Gymnast with a Ribbon. Gorodnytsia
porcelain factory. 1950s



Gymnast with a Ribbon. Author –
V. I. Shcherbyna. Kyiv experimental
ceramic-artistic factory. 1950s



Skiing Girl. Polonne factory of art
ceramics. 1950s



Goalkeeper. Author –
V. Garkavets. Polonne
factory of art ceramics.
1980s



Bather. Baranivka porcelain factory. 1980s

Promotion plate from the European Judo Championships. 1976. Korosten porcelain factory



Promotion plate from the USSR-USA Athletics Match. Kyiv. 1965. Korosten porcelain factory



Promotion plate from the VI World Women's Handball Championships. 1975. Korosten porcelain factory

An ink stand depicting a footballer. Baranivka porcelain factory. 1950s



Porcelain figurines from the series How the Cossacks played Football. Korosten porcelain factory. 1980s

The Olympic Sport in Numismatics

Every imaginable aspect of history, culture, science, and everyday life were reflected on the numerous coins – the silent witnesses of the past. Among the great variety of topics, Olympic sports gained exceptional popularity.

Practically all Olympic Games and Winter Olympics are not without issuance of commemorative coins, and their creation involves the best artists in the country.

A series of commemorative coins dedicated to the XXII Games of the Olympiad in Moscow was issued in 1977–1980.

Six types of one-ruble coins were made of copper-nickel alloy. They depicted the emblem of the Moscow Olympiad, the Olympic torch, the Moscow Kremlin, the monument to the Conquerors of Space, the MSU building, and the monument to Yuri Dolgorukiy. The mintage was 5–9 million pieces.



A series of coins – Cities of the XXII Olympic Games – was minted from coinage silver. The coin reverses represented Leningrad, Kyiv, Tallinn, Minsk (denomination of 5 rubles). Other coins represented the Map of the USSR and Moscow (denomination of 10 rubles). Another series of coins dedicated to sports (denominations of 5 and 10 rubles) was also made of coinage silver.

Commemorative coins with a face value of 100 rubles were minted from the 22-karat gold. They depicted the following events or landmarks – Sport and Peace, V. I. Lenin Stadium, Rowing Canal in Krylatskoye, Krylatskoye Cycling Track, Druzhba Multipurpose Arena, and Olympic Flame in Moscow.

Finally, on the eve of the 1980 Games, a series of coins dedicated to the history of the Olympic Games was issued. It included the coins Discobolus, Antique wrestlers, Antique runners, Antique chariots minted of 24-karat platinum (denomination of 150 rubles).





In 1992, a series of coins – 1992 Olympics in Barcelona – dedicated to the Games of the XXV Olympiad was issued. A set of 6 coins made of copper-nickel alloy with a face value of one ruble was issued in a mintage of 250,000 pieces.

The set included the following coins: Olympics in Barcelona. Running, Olympics in Barcelona. Wrestling, Olympics in Barcelona. Cycling, Olympics in Barcelona. Javelin Throwing, Olympics in Barcelona. Long Jumping, Olympics in Barcelona. Barbell.



With Ukraine's independence, the National Bank of Ukraine began to mint coins depicting sports themes on its own.

In 1996, two series of collector coins were issued: the first one was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the modern Olympic Games, the second one was dedicated to the first participation of Ukraine in the Summer Olympic Games. Coins of both series were made of sterling silver, with a denomination of 2,000,000 karbovanets and a mintage of 10,000 pieces, and of cupronickel.



The year of 1998 was marked by the issue of a series of collectible coins on the occasion of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano. Silver coins made of sterling silver with a face value of 10 hryvnias with a mintage of 7,500 pieces were dedicated to the most popular winter sports in Ukraine – biathlon, skiing, and figure skating.



In 1999, on the eve of the Games in Sydney, two silver coins were issued – Athletic Triple Jump and Parallel Bars Gymnastic Exercises – with a face value of 10 hryvnias and a mintage of 15,000 pieces.



In 2000, the series of collector coins dedicated to the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Sydney was continued. Coins of nickel silver with a face value of 2 hryvnias, a mintage of 50,000 pieces each, were dedicated to Parallel Bars Gymnastic Exercises, Sailing, Athletic Triple Jump, and Rhythmic Gymnastics.



In 2001, the National Bank of Ukraine issued a coin of sterling silver with a face value of 10 hryvnias dedicated to the first participation of the National Hockey Team in the XIX Olympic Winter Games (2002 Salt Lake City) with a mintage of 15,000 coins. A similar coin with a face value of 2 hryvnias was made of nickel silver with a mintage of 30,000 copies.



In 2001, collector coins made of sterling silver and nickel silver in denominations of 10 and 2 hryvnias respectively were issued dedicated to Ice Dancing (mintage – 30,000 pieces).

In 2002, the collection dedicated to the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City was enlarged with coins of 10 and 2 hryvnias in sterling silver and nickel silver respectively depicting speed skating competitions (mintage – 3,000 and 30,000 pieces).



The years of 2002 and 2003 were marked by the issuance of sterling silver and nickel silver coins dedicated to two sports – Swimming and Boxing – from the programme of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens.



The 2004 Olympic Games were marked with an issue of a commemorative sterling silver coin with a face value of 20 hryvnias and a mintage of 5,000 pieces.



In 2006, a collector sterling silver coin with a face value of 10 hryvnias was issued with a mintage of 5,000 pieces dedicated to the XX Olympic Winter Games held in Turin.



In 2010, a collector sterling silver coin with a face value of 10 hryvnias (mintage – 8,000 pieces) dedicated to the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver (Canada) was issued. In the same year, the Ukrainian sports community celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Ukrainian hockey. The event was coincided with the issuance of a commemorative sterling silver coin with a face value of 2 hryvnias and a mintage of 35,000 pieces.



In 2012, collectible nickel silver and silver coins with denominations of 2 and 10 hryvnias, with a mintage of 30,000 and 5,000 pieces respectively, dedicated to the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London, were issued.



In 2014, silver (2,000 pieces) and nickel silver (15,000 pieces) coins with a face value of 10 and 2 hryvnias respectively, dedicated to the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi (Russia), were minted.



In 2016, on the eve of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro, silver (2,000 pieces) and nickel silver (30,000 pieces) coins of 10 and 2 hryvnias respectively were issued.



In 2018, silver (5,000 pieces) and nickel silver (40,000 pieces) coins of 10 and 2 hryvnias respectively were issued dedicated to the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang (Korea).



The National Bank of Ukraine continued the Sport Series and minted commemorative coins with a face value of 10 hryvnias made of silver (4,000 pieces) and 2 hryvnias made of nickel silver (35,000 pieces) dedicated to the Games of the XXXII Olympiad in Tokyo (Japan).

The National Bank of Ukraine also issued commemorative coins with a face value of 10 hryvnias made of sterling silver and 2 hryvnias made of nickel silver in honour of the final tournaments of the 2012 European Football Championships, the 2013 World Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, the 2013 World Youth Athletics Championships, the XII Olympic Winter Games, and the XV Paralympic Games.



The Olympic Sport in Phaleristics

At the Games of the Olympiads and the Olympic Winter Games, athletes of many national teams wear badges that emphasize their affiliation to a particular country. A similar tradition exists in Ukraine too.

At the Games of the XXV Olympiad of 1992 in Barcelona, the athletes of the newly independent Ukraine performed as part of the Unified Team of the Commonwealth of Independent States under the Olympic flag. Each Ukrainian participant of the Games had a badge of the Unified CIS team with the image of the Ukrainian flag.

Since 1994, the Ukrainian athletes have performed as an independent team under the Ukrainian flag. Each of them has had the member insignia of the official delegation of Ukraine – at all Olympic Winter Games and the Games of the Olympiads.

Also, since 1994, the collections of badges of a member of the National Team of Ukraine in each sport have been started.









НАЦІОНАЛЬНИЙ ОЛІМПІЙСЬКИЙ КОМІТЕТ УКРАЇНИ



UKRAINE NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF UKRAINE

PyeongChang

The Olympic Sport in Philately

Since 1992, with Ukraine's independence, Ukrposhta (Ukrainian National Postal Operator) has started issuing sports stamps dedicated to the Games of the Olympiads and the Olympic Winter Games.

In 1992, the series The Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona was issued. It included stamps A Gymnast with a Ribbon (by artist O. A. Ivakhnenko) with a value of three karbovanets and circulation of 3,000,000 pieces, Pole Vaulter (by L. I. Koren) with a value of four karbovanets and circulation of 5,500,000 pieces, a set of stamps Athletes of Ukraine – medallists of the XXV Olympic Games (by V. I. Dvornyk) with a value of five Karbovanets and circulation of 200,000 pieces.

The year of 1996 was marked by the release of the stamp set dedicated to the XVII Olympic Winter Games in Lillehammer (1994). The First Performance of the National Team of Ukraine "(by V. I. Dvornyk), stamps 100 Years of the Modern Olympic Games (by V. I. Lesnyak) with a value of 40,000 karbovanets and circulation of 300,000 copies, stamps XXVI Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta (19 July – 4 August 1996) (by S. P. Minenko) with a circulation of 500,000 each, and the set dedicated to the XXVI Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta (19 July – 4 August 1996) (by V. I. Lesnyak) with a value of 100,000 karbovanets and circulation of 300,000 copies.





In 1998, the stamps The XIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano. Biathlete and The XIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano. Figure Skating "(by Oleksiy Shtanko) with a value of 0.20 hryvnia and circulation of 200,000 pieces.



In 2000, on the eve of the Games in Sydney, a series of The Games of the XXVII Olympiad was published, which included the following stamps: High Jump (0.30 hryvnia), Boxing (0.30 hryvnia), Canoeing (0.70 hryvnia), Rhythmic Gymnastics (1 hryvnia) (by V. M. Yevtushenko) with a circulation of 150,000 copies each.

In 2004, the stamp The Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens (by Kost' Lavro) was printed with a value of 2.61 hryvnias and circulation of 100,000 copies.



Prior to the 2008 Olympic Games, Ukrposhta released the series The XXIX Olympic Games. Beijing-2008, which included the following stamps: Archery, Fencing, Cycling, Academic Rowing (by V. Taran) valued 1.00–3.33 bryvnias and a circulation of 230,000 copies each.



The stamp The Ukrainian National Biathlon Team-2014. Golden Relay. 21.02.2014 features a photo of the Women's National Biathlon Team of Ukraine that won the gold medal at the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi by artist V. Vasylenko, with a value of 3.30 bryvnias and circulation of 16,000 pieces.



The year of 2010 was marked by the series The XI Olympic Winter Games. Vancouver-2010, which included the following stamps: Freestyle Skiing, Ski Racing, Luge, Biathlon (by V. Taran) valued 1.50–2.00 bryvnias and a circulation of 134,000 copies each.



In 2016, the stamp The 2016 Olympic Games. Rio de Janeiro (by V. Taran) was issued with a value of 4.40 hryvnias and circulation of 131,000 copies.



Prior to the XXIII Olympic Winter Games in Pyeongchang, Ukrposhta issued the stamp The 2018 Olympic Team of Ukraine (by Oleksandr and Serhiy Kharuk) with a value of 9 hryvnias and circulation of 130,000 pieces.



The Olympic Sport in Literature

Fine literature, like any real art, has always been called to shape the ideal of a human, to develop the best human qualities. Therefore, often a person of sports having will and desire to discover new opportunities, the ability to gain one victory after another, becoming the first among equals both physically and spiritually became the protagonist of many works of the Ukrainian writers.

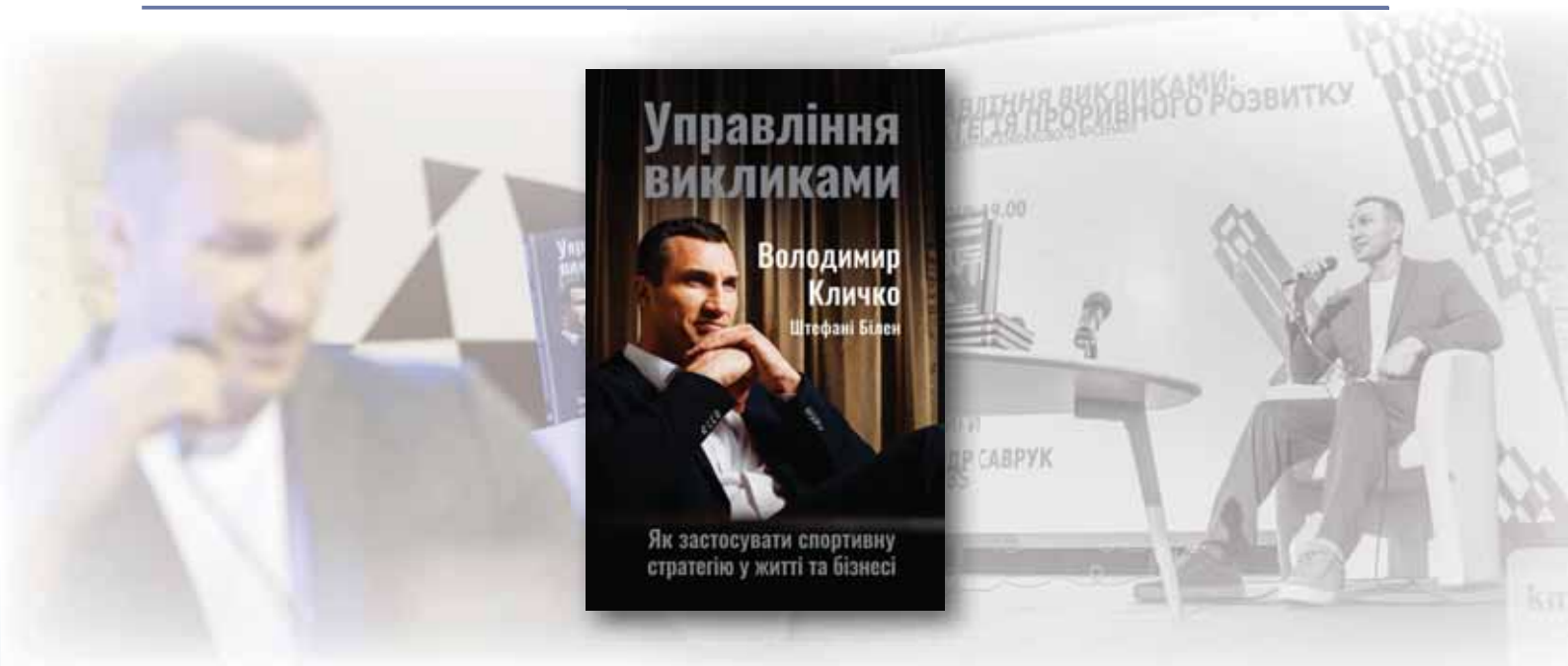
Outstanding artist and educator Oleksandr Deyneka said, "Sport possesses one amazing feature: it fits into the most diverse framework of art. As a subject, it is inexhaustible because it is democratic and popular. Sport demonstrates undertones of feelings. It is lyrical; it is a major. There is a lot of optimism in it. It is the beginning of the heroic."

Many works of fine literature are dedicated to sports. They narrate how the sports character is tempered, about devotion to one's team, mutual assistance, friendship, and the will to win. Sports stories can be found in diverse literary works – from classical to modern, from historical novels to science fiction.

The image of an athlete was present in the literature of ancient Greece. We may find a figure of a harmoniously developed athlete and his achievements in the agons of the ancient Greek Olympic Games in the works of Homer and Archilochus, Tyrtaeus and Simonides, Pindar and Bacchilides.

Today's Ukraine is proud of a large cohort of its outstanding athletes – champions and medallists of the Olympic Games, World and European Championships.





Many of them became the protagonists of many literary works, autobiographical novels, which reflect their challenging sports journey to Olympic medals and the highest step of the victory podium of the world's largest championships in various sports. Among them are Borys Shakhlin's autobiographical books *My Gymnastics* (1973), *The Olympic Order* (2004), and *The Road to the Pedestal* (2009), Valeriy Borzov's *10 Seconds – a Lifetime* (1982) and *The Great Sprint: from Dreams to Reality* (2016), Sergey Bubka's *An Attempt in Hand* (1987) and *Flying Bubka* (2015), Oleksandr Shovkovsky's *Everything is in Your Hands* (2018), Anna Rizatdinova's *My Romance with Sports* (2020).

Volodymyr Klichko's book *Challenge Management: What Managers Can Learn from the Top Athlete*

(2018), in which the author suggests 12 key principles that he has developed during his sports career and successfully used in business and life ever since. Klichko currently teaches a management course at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland. Prominent personalities of the Ukrainian Olympic sports have found their place on the pages of literary works of the Ukrainian writers. Thus, journalist and writer Anton Kopynets in his novel *Ivan Sylva Nicknamed 'Croton'* (1972) narrated the difficult fate of famous Ukrainian wrestler Ivan Firtsak. Oleksiy Honcharuk and Tetyana Kargova dedicated their book *In the Name of Stella* (2007) to the sports career of the Olympic champion in gymnastics Stella Zakharova; the heroine of a book by Mila Ivantsova *For the Sake of a Dream* (2011)





was the bronze medallist of the Olympic Games in athletics Olena Govorova; the main heroine of Oles' Ilchenko's book *The Absolute Champion* (2011) was the Olympic Games medallist in rhythmic gymnastics Anna Bezsonova.

Ukrainian journalist Igor Panasov dedicated his work *Valery Lobanovsky* (2018) to the man who inscribed Ukraine's name into the history of world football – the outstanding coach of the modernity – Valery Lobanovsky.

Oleksandra Yavorivska told about the life and sports career of the most outstanding goalkeeper in the history of hockey – Ukrainian by origin Terry (Taras) Sawchuk – on the pages of her book *Ukey. The Man of 400 Scars* (2019).

The life of outstanding basketball player Vyacheslav Medvedenko devoted to his favourite game was described on the pages of Maxim Gaiouvi's book *From Holey Gym Shoes to Millions of Dollars. The Incredible Story of Slava Medvedenko* (2020).

Of particular interest are publications on the history of various sports. Thus, the book *Gold of the Nation. Illustrated History of Ukrainian Boxing* (2015) by Anton Goriunov tells the history and modernity of Ukrainian boxing, its formation and development, landmark events and prominent personalities.

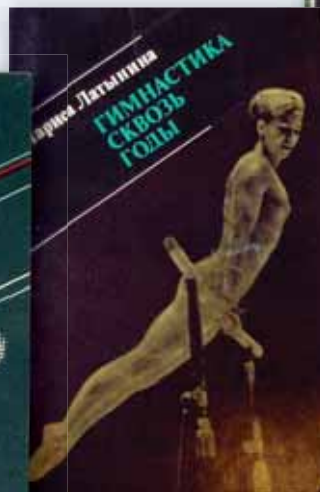
The art album *Fencing Heritage* (2020) authored by Olympic champion in this sport Georgiy Pogosov is a fascinating historical excursion into the world of fencing, which features more than 2,000 unique photographs.





Highly interesting are the art publications that cover the achievements of the Ukrainian athletes in international arenas. The book edited by Maryana Savka – Star Success Stories. From the Stars of the Ukrainian sports (2010) – was highly appraised by readers.

The book Gold of the Nation. Ukrainian Olympic Pedestal (2020) is based on photographs from the archive of legendary sports photojournalist Yukhym Shainskyi and his family – unique and extremely emotional photos from the Olympic competitions, capturing the moments when the Ukrainian athletes Sergey Bubka, Zinaida Turchyna, Valeriy Borzov, Yana Klochkova, Larysa Latynina, Leonid Zhabotynsky, Borys Shakhlin, Viktor Chukarin, Polina Astakhova, Valentyn Mankin, and others ascended the highest steps of the Olympic pedestal.



The Olympic Sport in Music and Songs

Olympic sports at different times were reflected in the art of music and song. In different countries, much attention is paid to songs that glorify achievements of athletes and inspire the conquest of new sports summits. Nowadays, songs with Olympic themes are also performed in Ukraine. Among them, a special place belongs to the anthem of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine (lyrics by Yuri Rybchynsky, music by Ivan Rozin) performed by Tayanna, SAMVEL, and Edwin.

*Ukraine, bless us!
Give us wings so that arduous roads
Would lead us to victory.
Ukraine, bless us!
We vow to glorify You,
So that all peoples in the world know
Your strength, Your beauty!
We vow to glorify you!*

*You are starlit, You are unbowed,
You are the source of inspiration.
Light with the warmth of Your palms
The Olympic fire in the hearts!
Light the Olympic fire!*



Another anthem – the song Champions, which is the official anthem of the National Olympic Team of Ukraine was performed by Olympic champions – Irini Merleni (freestyle wrestling), Oleksiy Torokhtiy (weightlifting), Yana Shemiakina (fencing) – as well as the champions and medallists of the Youth Olympic Games – athletes Kateryna Derun, Yulia Levchenko, judoka Bohdan Yadov, and figure skater Ivan Shmuratko – together with singer Vitaliy Kozlovsky.

Songs dedicated to various sports are also sung in Ukraine. In particular, many songs praise the favourite game of millions of fans – football. One of them is dedicated to the Dynamo Football Club (Kyiv) and was written the S.K.A.I. band in 2012 specially for the fans of the club. It is called We are Dynamo, Dynamo is us. In 2011, singer Gaitana recorded her song and released a music video – Shakhtar is the Champion. Most players of the Donetsk Club Shakhtar starred in it.

A song to support the Ukrainian National Football Team – Here's My Hand to You – performed by Oleksandr Polozhynsky and the Boovyeah band became a real anthem of a large army of fans of that sport.

Among musicians, there are also fans of another globally popular game – ice hockey. In 2012, to support the Berkut Hockey Club (Kyiv), the Without Limits band created an anthem of the same name; and in the end of 2012, a music video appeared to complement it.



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Some songs are dedicated to outstanding athletes. For example, in 1989, the song *Vivat, King!* was created. (lyrics by Y. Rybchynsky, music by G. Tatarchenko) in honour of the world-renowned football player Oleg Blokhin. That song became a gem in the repertoire of Georgian singer Tamara Gverdtiteli.

The Soviet-era songs about sports and, in particular, with Olympic themes are very common among sports veterans. Among the many favourites is the song *Heroes of Sport* (lyrics by M. Dobronravov, music by O. Pakhmutova), which was consummately performed by Muslim Magomayev. Another song composed by Aleksandra Pakhmutova based on the lyrics by Nikolai Dobronravov in 1979 – *The Team of Our Youth* – was performed by Lyudmila Gurchenko and released on the phonograph record *My Love is Sport*.

Many wonderful songs inspire young athletes to achieve high results and awaken invaluable emotions and wonderful memories of their sporting triumph among veterans.

The Olympic Sport in Cinema

In the first half of the twentieth century, the Ukrainian cinema was going through an intensive development. A worthy place in it was occupied by the sports theme. In the pre-war and post-war years, Ukrkinochronika (Kyiv Studio of Chronicle-Documentary Films) began producing documentaries recording sports parades in Kyiv. The first such film was *Sports Parade in Kyiv* (1940). Immediately after the end of hostilities on the territory of the Ukrainian SSR, release of such films was resumed. Already in 1945, the *Parade of Beauty and Strength* (directed by G. Tasin) was released about the first post-war physi-

cal culture parade in Kyiv and sports competitions at the city's stadiums. In 1946, the film *Festival of the Soviet Sports* (directed by M. L. Yudin) was timed to celebrate the Day of the Physical Culture Man at the N. S. Khrushchov Respublikansky Stadium in Kyiv. In the following years, many new films narrated the development of the sports movement in various regions of the USSR (*Sportsmen of Vinnytsia* directed by M. D. Romanov, 1949) and about the development of various sports (1951 USSR Boxing Championship directed by G. M. Tasin, 1951; 1953 USSR Gymnastics Championship directed by M. Y. Slutsky, 1953), etc.



As the Soviet athletes entered the international arena, production of chronicle documentaries that demonstrated the greatness of the Soviet sports began (including the film *Meeting of the Olympians in Kyiv*, 1960; the film *Zaporizhian on Olympus* directed by V. G. Shkurin, O. P. Kosinov, V. Ryabtsev, 1965).

In 1955–1965, films always presented major competitions of the Republican and all-Union levels, international friendly competitions. A large number of such films were shot at the Kyiv Studio of Chronicle-Documetary Films, in particular, *Spartakiad of the Ukrainian SSR*. Competitions of the Strongest (1956), At the XIII All-Union Acrobatics Championships (directed by M. L. Yudin, 1960), World Gymnastics Championships (directed by V. P. Nebera, 1962).

During that period, films with a sports theme were also created by the Kyiv Television Studio (*The Strongest*, directed by L. O. Onufriyev, 1964) and the Kyiv Film Studio of Popular Science Films (*The Road to One Goal*, directed by M. B. Vyniarskyi, 1965).

In the following years, great attention was paid to the creation of films about the development of mass physical culture and sports in the Republic (270,000, directed by A. Fernandez-Ibáñez, 1966; *Sport for Millions*, directed by S. L. Epstein, *Ukrkinochronika*, 1978).



Honouring outstanding athletes (*Brumel. The Second Attempt*, directed by T. O. Zoloyev, *Kyivnaukfilm*, 1969) was also in a focus of attention of film directors. Of particular interest are such films as *The Fastest Man Lives in Kyiv* (directed by Y. A. Tkachenko, Y. G. Mystyechkin, *Ukrkinochronika*, 1972) about the two-time champion of the XX Olympic Games, sprinter, Kyiv resident V. F. Borzov; *Two Days of Nikolai Avilov* (directed by E. A. Dargolts, *Kyivnaukfilm*, 1974) about the world record holder, Olympic champion in track and field decathlon, Honoured Master of Sports of the USSR M. Avilov. In 1984, *The Run-Up* film (directed by V. Oseledchyk, *Ukrkinochronika*, 1984) was released about the champion and world record holder in pole vault, Honoured Master of Sports of the USSR S. N. Bubka, who had set four world records in one season.

Noteworthy are films about team sports, such as *Handball* (directed by S. D. Losyev, *Kyivnaukfilm*, 1976), which features events of the VI World Women's Handball Championship. Female handball players Z. M. Turchina, L. K. Bobrus, N. L. Sherstyuk, T. I. Makarets, G. P. Zakharova were in the frame.



Many films were dedicated to the Dynamo Football Team (Kyiv) – The Champion's Cup (directed by B. P. Volkov, 1966), The Cup Winners' Cup (directed by M. P. Laktionov-Stezenko, (Ukrkinochronika, 1975), Lobanovsky. Reflections on Football (directed by Y. A. Tkachenko, Kyivnaukfilm, 1982), and others.

Particular attention in filmmaking was dedicated to the 1980 Games of the XXII Olympiad. The Fire of the Olympics on the Land of Ukraine (directed by A. Fernandez-Ibáñez, Ukrkinochronika, 1980) tells about the 1980 Olympics, the Olympic torch relay in Ukraine, Opening Ceremony of the qualifying football tournament in Kyiv, episodes of football matches. Preparations for those Games were also covered in the TV film – It's ... Minutes to the Start (directed by Y. F. Suyarko, Ukrtelefilm, 1980).



Starting from 1945, it was mandatory to issue a cine-magazine. The Sports topic was included into each issue of such cine-magazines as Soviet Ukraine (since 1945) and Youth of Ukraine (since 1952). Such cine-magazines as Soviet Sport (1952–1970), Sports Ukraine (1971–1988), Ukraine Today (since 1991) appeared on the screens of the country.

A selection of sports films made in Ukraine is very interesting.

In 1946, the sports comedy Centre of Attack was released directed by S. Derevyansky and I. Zemgano (Kyiv Film Studio).

In 1972, the Odessa Film Studio released the dramatic film Light Water (directed by V. Vynnyk). It was a story about a 40-year-old kayaker who found himself in a difficult life situation but decided to continue training and won the world championship through extraordinary efforts.

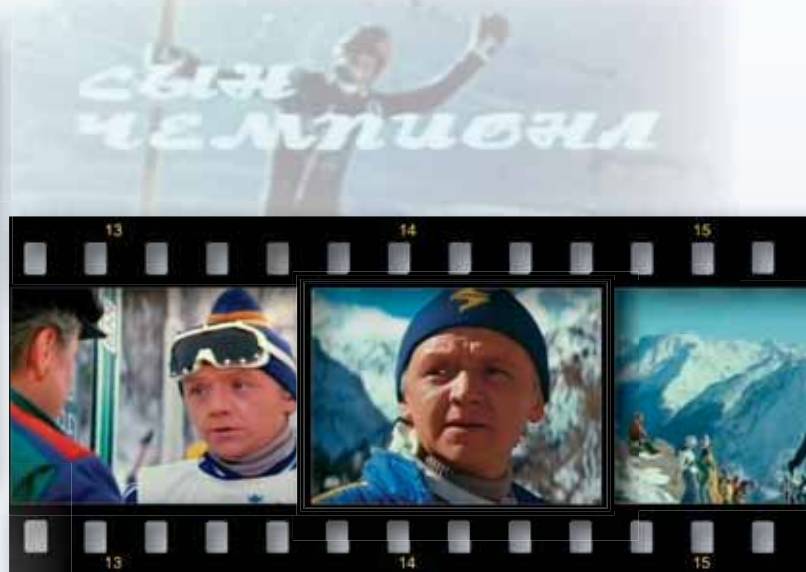
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In 1978, the Odessa Film Studio created another sports story – the drama *Son of the Champion* (directed by A. Osypov). A young man of a difficult disposition, a son of a famous ski coach, went to the competition with his father. He overcame a difficult path, fighting his foible and training hard, and proved that sport had become a worthy goal of his life.

The first decades of the 21st century were marked by the release of the Ukrainian documentaries and feature films on sports.

Among the documentaries were *Lobanovsky Forever* (directed by A. Azarov, 2016) and *UKE* (directed by V. Mula, 2020). In North America, the word 'Uke' refers to Ukrainians living there in large diasporas. Among them are many Ukrainians, whose names were engraved on the rings of the silver Stanley Cup. This film is full of stories about talented hockey players of the Ukrainian descent.



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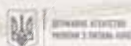
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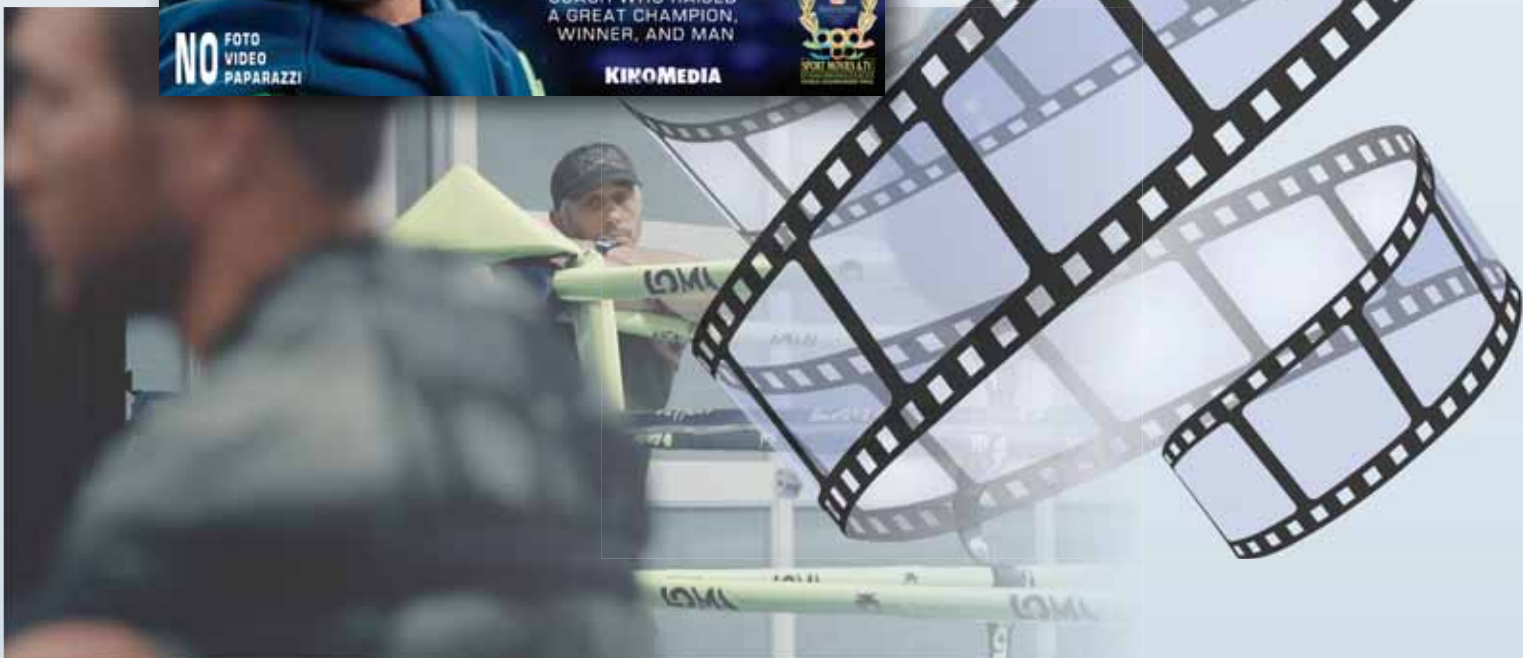
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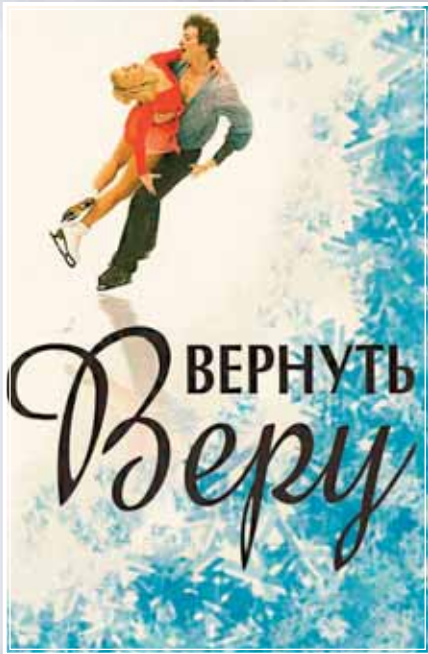
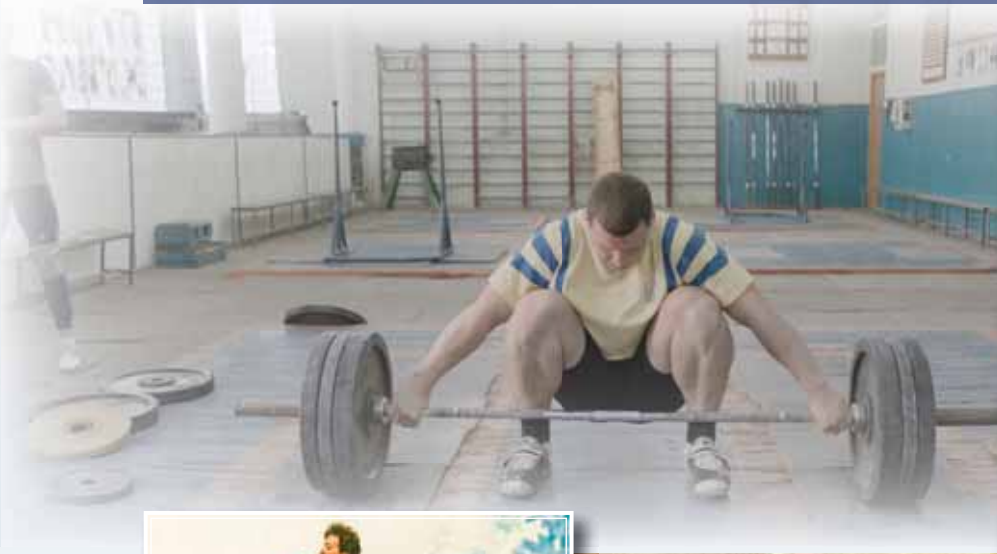
Several more premieres took place in 2020. The feature-documentary film *Anaconda* (directed by A. Buryachkova) talks about two-time world champion in judo Daria Bilodid. The documentary *Papachenko* (directed by S. Dolbilov) covers the life story of outstanding coach Anatoliy Lomachenko who raised a whole galaxy of modern Ukrainian boxers.

The short feature film *Weightlifter* (directed by D. Sukholitky-Sobchuk, 2018) tells about an athlete who is preparing for a prestigious international championship and tries to cope with psychological difficulties that arise in relationships with the loved ones and relatives.

Among the feature films, the biographical film *Ivan Syla* (directed by V. Andriyenko, I. Pysmenny, Insight-media), which was released in 2013, stands out.

The feature films *Restoring Faith* (directed by V. Yakovenko, 2006) and *Pulse* (directed by S. Chebotarenko, 2020) are interesting. These stories are similar because they tell about talented athletes – figure skater Vira and athlete Oksana – whose sports lives are suddenly interrupted by injuries. However, courageous girls find strength to return to training. Having got to her feet, Vira returns to ice as a coach, and Oksana, who has almost lost her sight, wins the Paralympic Games in Beijing.





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