

28th World Olympic Collectors' Fair

Prague, May 30 - June 1, 2025



The Olympik hotel complex, specifically the Olympik Artemis Hotel, served as the center for all activities.

95 exhibitors from 18 countries, from Japan to America, visited Prague.

The event brought together people with a shared passion for Olympism and its history collectors of Olympic and sports artifacts who, in their unique way, contribute to promoting the Olympic ideal and preserving items that might otherwise vanish or disappear entirely.



A Timeline of the Fair

Friday, May 30 - Fair Opening

At eleven o'clock, the fair officially began.

Sports redactor of Czech Television, Mr. Jakub Bažant, took the stage to moderate the entire opening ceremony.



Mr. Josef Kočí, Chairman of the WOCF 2025 Organizing Committee, welcomed the attendees and officially opened the fair.



Other speakers also extended their best wishes for a successful event:

Christophe AIT-BRAHAM
President of AICO



Zdeněk Škoda
Vice-Chairman of the Czech
Olympic Academy



David Beer
Representative of Czech Post



Following the ceremony, the sale and exchange of artifacts related to the Olympic Games and the Olympic movement commenced.



Visitors had the opportunity not only to purchase and admire various Olympic artifacts but also to acquire two special hand-stamped commemorative postmarks, available at the temporarily established counter of Czech Post Prague 8.



In the afternoon, Mr. Kamil Knotek, the author of the commemorative postcard and postmark celebrating the 100th anniversary of the 1925 Olympic Congress, joined the attendees, gladly signing autographs for those interested.



In the pre-hall area, visitors could also explore the philatelic exhibition *History of world exhibitions with Olympic and sports themes OLYMPHILEX and OLYMPEX*, prepared by the Olympsport thematic society ...



... and also view various medals, plaques, badges, catalogs, and more, all with Olympic and sports themes.



At 7:00 PM, a silent auction was held at the Olympik Hotel, on the 19th floor with panoramic views of Prague. Olympic-themed items were donated by collectors, institutions, and the exhibitors themselves.



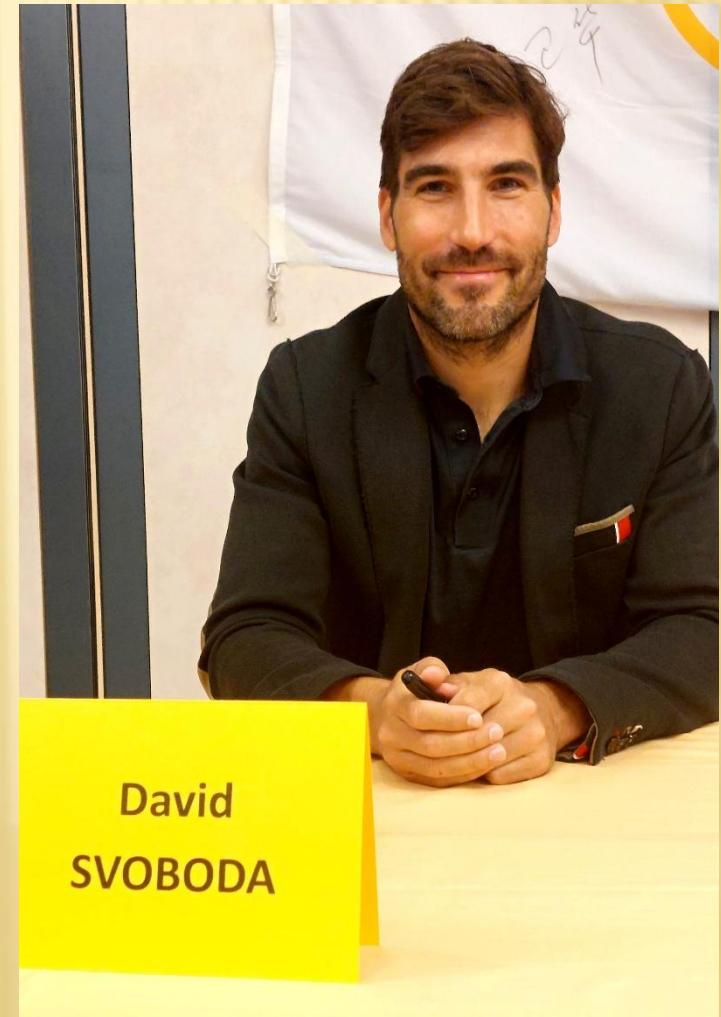
Saturday, May 31

At 9:00 AM, the gates opened to the public, and the fair continued for its second day.



At 11:00 AM, an autograph session with Czech Olympians began. **Mr. Pavel Benc** (cross-country skiing), bronze Olympic medalist in the 4x10 km relay at the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary and **Mr. David Svoboda** (modern pentathlon), Olympic

gold medalist from the 2012 London Olympics, visited the exhibitors.



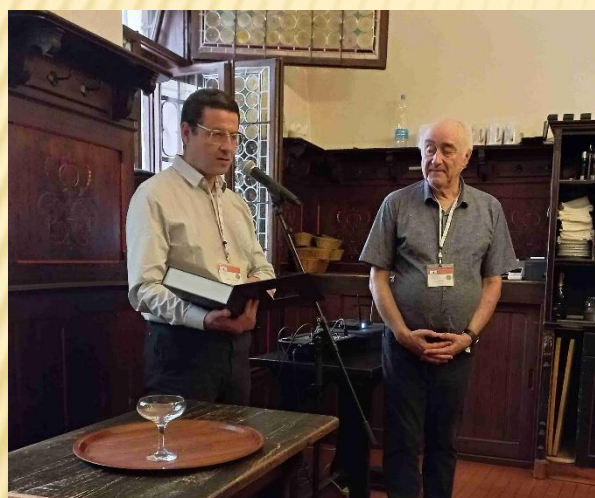
The Olympsport company offered a large quantity of Olympic and sports philatelic material at its stand.



In the evening, a **gala dinner** was held in the city center at the oldest brewery and most frequently visited famous restaurant in Prague, U Fleků.



ALCO President, Christophe Ait-Braham, thanked the organizers, led by their chairman, Josef Kočí, for the organization and smooth running of the fair, the warm reception, and the hospitality. He presented Mr. Kočí with an Award of Recognition for his contribution to the development of Olympic collecting and culture in the Czech Republic and worldwide.



Sunday, June 1

During Sunday morning, Josef Kočí and Christophe Ait-Braham presented all exhibitors and organizers with IOC Certificates of Participation in the fair.



Shortly after noon, the gates of the fair closed.

The accompanying program began even before the fair's official opening. On May 28, a seminar commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Olympic Congress in Prague took place at the National Museum's historical building, organized by the Czech Olympic Academy and the Czech Pierre de Coubertin Committee.

Presentations were given by František Kolář, Jan Hájek, Zdeněk Škoda and Jan Lomíček.



One day later, on May 29, fair exhibitors had the opportunity to participate in a guided tour of Tyrš House, which in 1925 became one of the venues for the VIII Olympic Congress negotiations, and this year commemorated its 100th anniversary since its opening.



Attendees showed great interest in the exhibition dedicated to philatelic artifacts issued for the 1925 Olympic Congress in Prague, which was prepared by Olympsport.



The day concluded with a cruise on a historical steamboat on the Vltava River, with a guide commenting on the surrounding landmarks.



Exhibitors and participants departed for their homes. According to feedback received during the fair and on social media, they had a wonderful time in our capital city, taking away many experiences, collecting the missing items for their collections and, of course, meeting new friends.



Special thanks are due to the sponsors and partners of the fair - the International Olympic Committee, AICO, the Czech Olympic Academy, the Olympik hotel complex, Double Impact s.r.o., and the Postal Museum.



Thank you for your participation!

WOCF Prague 2025
Organizing Committee



We look forward to seeing you at the 29th World Olympic Collectors' Fair in Colorado Springs, USA, from May 22 to 24, 2026.



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