

Evolution of the Olympic Movement in the Islamic States, 1908-2008

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Abstract

We studied the evolution of the Olympic movement from 47 countries in which the majority of the population is Islamic, the role of the national Olympic committees from these countries in the development of the Olympic family, the results of their athletes in the Olympic Games and the activity of certain personalities in this field, in promoting the Olympic Games. This work presents an interest for those who study different aspects of the Olympic movement's evolution.

The scientific documentation, as the main method of research, was accomplished by the study of some works concerning the Olympic movement's evolution, by consulting some articles, papers and different internet sites with topics such as: sport, geography, statistical, political, religious, which addresses the researched problem under different aspects.

This work presents a series of characteristics of the Islamic world the knowledge of which contributes to a better understanding of the Olympic movement's evolution in these countries. The study refers to a series of aspects concerning the adherence of the national Olympic committees of these countries to the Olympic movement, to the role of women in the athletic movement from the Islamic countries, to the contribution of these countries to the development of the Olympics, to the participation and the results of the athletes from the Islamic space to the Olympic games, to the presentation of some personalities from the Islamic countries with special merits in the Olympic movement.

Through their activity and by promoting the Olympics at a national level, and the results of the athletes from these countries in the Olympic Games and on account of the activity of some personalities from top Olympic management, the national Olympic committees from the Islamic countries have contributed to the development of the Olympic movement, and they represent an important part of the great Olympic family.

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