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INVITATION

INAUGURATION AND ACADEMIC SESSION 'BRUSSELS OLYMPIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE'

ATOMIUM, 14 NOVEMBER 2022, 14H-18H

IOC OLYMPIC STUDIES CENTRES (OSC) RECOGNISES 'BRUSSELS OLYMPIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CENTRE' OF VUB

On the 21st of July of this year, Belgian National Day, the IOC OSC welcomed the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in the network of academic Olympic Studies and Research Centres.

This centre of the VUB, the Brussels Olympic Research and Education Centre, is an interdisciplinary centre which, in collaboration with the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (BOIC), will focus on research and education about the Olympic Movement and the Olympic Games as well as on the provision of continued professional development and multidisciplinary support services to coaches, athletes and experts in elite sport. This Olympic Centre will be part of a worldwide network established by the IOC OSC of over 50 university-based Olympic Studies and Research Centres, including the Olympic Chair Henri de Baillet Latour and Jacques Rogge in Management of Sport Organizations in Belgium, co-ordinated by the IOC Olympic Studies Centre.

INAUGURATION, ACADEMIC SESSION AND RECEPTION

On **Monday 14 November 2022** the Brussels Olympic Research and Education Centre will officially be inaugurated by **Professor Jan Danckaert**, rector of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel together joined by **Jean-Michel Saive**, president of the BOIC and **Professor Paul Wylleman**, chair of the Brussels Olympic Research and Education Centre.

This inauguration will be followed by the academic session '**Excellence in education and sport: Challenges, cross-over and collaboration**' with a panel of national and international experts and will end with a reception.

The inauguration, academic session and reception, which will be hosted in auditorium Ilya Prigogine, Nobel Prize winner for Chemistry, of the **Atomium in Brussels**, is open to, among others, athletes, coaches, technical directors and team managers, students, academics and dual career experts.

INFORMATION

DATE: 14 November 2022

TIME: 14h00-18h00

LOCATION: Brussels, Atomium, auditorium Ilya Prigogine

MOBILITY: <https://atomium.be/atomium-access?lang=en>

PARTICIPATION: free after registration

REGISTRATION: <https://symb.research.vub.be/en/Olympic-Inauguration-VUB>

NOTE: the number of places is restricted and will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis

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PRESENTERS ACADEMIC SESSION (T.B.C.)

Jan Danckaert, rector VUB

Jean-Michel Saive OLY, president BOIC

Romain Meeusen, Prof. Human physiology and former vice-rector International Relations VUB

Olav Spahl, Director elite sport BOIC and Chef de Mission Team Belgium

Eddy Desmedt, former Technical director elite sport BOIC, former Chef de Mission Team Belgium and fellow VUB

Maurits Hendriks, former Technical director elite sport NOC*NSF, former Chef de Mission TeamNL, CSO FC Ajax and fellow VUB

Louis Croenen, OLY swimming and former elite student-athlete VUB

Loïck Luybaert, OLY field hockey and former elite student-athlete VUB

Cecilia Camellini, Paralympic swimming and psychologist Università di Verona

Natalia Stambulova, Prof. Sport and exercise psychology and international dual career expert Halmstad University

Veerle De Bosscher, Prof. High performance management and coordinator Sports Policy factors Leading to International Sporting Success (SPLISS) VUB

Kristine De Martelaer, Prof. Pedagogy of Physical Education and co-founder Center for Ethics in Sport (ICES) VUB

Bart Roelands, Prof. Human Physiology and Sports Physiotherapy Research group VUB

Thierry Zintz, Prof. Em. Management of sports organisations and chair Olympic Chair Henri de Baillet Latour Jacques Rogge UCL

Jos Verschueren, director PG Sport management VUB

Paul Wylleman, Prof. Sport psychology, head Sport Psychology and Mental Support Research group and head dept. Topsport and Study VUB