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OLYMPIC MOVEMENT AND SPORTS RESEARCH PHENOMENON: A NEW OLYMPIC SECTION

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The main objective of the Olympic movement is the contribution to human development by means of sport, culture and education; as well as building up a realistic perception of humanity in a society where peace should build up our main objective. Besides, nowadays it is a fact that the main role of women in every class of society must be supported by the number of scientific publications carried out about them. Similarly, the imperative need for a social awareness around the development of the environment should be in any scientific forum.

Reviewing the different international publications around Sports Science knowledge field, there are very few journals with sections or entries to ratify the main contribution of our knowledge field to science: the Olympic movement and Sports research phenomenon. Most publications provide in their content, some of them dedicated to the Olympic aspect, putting emphasis in the processes of pre-Olympic preparation, besides they could barely be differentiated from the rest of the contents.

In addition to the above, the main contribution of any scientific publication is to spread the knowledge so that a human being could go further in his/her self improvement, in any field of society. However, as it has been said before, very few scientific publications cover this legacy of human kind history, maybe it could be due to the excessive specialization in our academic environment.

Even though, not a single person doubts that Sport and Olympism are fundamental axis for the development of society in this new decade. Likewise, we must remember the main components of study that any sports scientific publication should include nowadays:



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- *Olympic Games
- *The process of elite and conditioning preparation of the Olympic athletes
- *Social and ecological development of the sport
- *Education through the principles of the Olympic movement

Thus, our publication, aware of the need for a scientific contribution at this respect, has created the new section named “Olympic Section”. This new editorial path is the result of the permanent link between the University of Alicante and the Spanish Olympic Academy.

In this very first issue of the new section we had the contribution of Mr. Conrado DuránteZ, President of the Olympic Academy and founder of the different Olympic Studies Centres of the Spanish Universities. Therefore, it has been a pleasure for the journal editorial to collaborate with him and we all wish this new section obtains a great number of renowned articles in order to do this small but necessary contribution to our knowledge field.