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The classes of the first semester of the **first** Postgraduate Master's Programme of the **International Olympic Academy** (IOA) have concluded. Held in facilities at Ancient Olympia, the programme is made possible through the kind sponsorship of the **John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation**. It constitutes an educational innovation, enhancing the standing of and promoting both the International Olympic Academy and the **University of the Peloponnese (Department of Sports Organization and Management)**.

The first International Studies Programme, entitled **Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events**, was characterized by its outstanding organization, innovation, lecture quality, the timely issues deliberated and analyzed, the academic background and high level of the **15 instructors, from 8 countries** from all the world, the excellent accommodation and staff assistance provided, the knowledge and experience the **31 participating students** acquired, and, generally, the positive climate and multicultural atmosphere prevalent throughout the entire duration of the programme. These features were acknowledged by the participants themselves, who, at the same time, gave their instructors their highest evaluation.

The programme implementation aims to achieve various very important goals, such as:

- Awarding a Postgraduate Olympic Studies academic degree at a Master's level.
- Providing students with specialized knowledge at a postgraduate level, as well as excellent training for their academic, professional, and research careers.
- Promoting knowledge and research into issues of Olympic philosophy and education, as well as the organization and management of Olympic Games, large sports events, and in general, Olympic and sports studies.
- Acquiring groundbreaking expertise in carrying out Olympic Education programmes and striving to implement new educational goals for the creation of a scientific basis for sports development and organization.

The class sessions of the next, second semester of the IOA's first Postgraduate Studies Programme, will begin on April 17, 2010 and will conclude on August 20, 2010. In the meantime, the call for participant applications for the new Academic Year 2010–11 is expected to be announced no later than mid-February.

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