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The Modern Heritage of the Olympic Games
Historic Sports Facilities between Conservation and Conversion

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"The heritage of the modern Olympic Games stands for the history of sport in the 20th century. Monuments and sites of the Olympic movement also represent the contribution of the ‘youth of the world’ to peaceful coexistence and international understanding. I welcome the initiative of ICOMOS Germany and the City of Munich to dedicate an international conference to the legacy of the modern Summer Olympics. Olympic facilities can help to close a gap on UNESCO’s World Heritage List."

Prof. Dr. Toshiyuki Kono,  
President of ICOMOS International

"Olympic sports venues all over the world remind us of the universal, unifying power of the Olympic Games. Therefore I would like to congratulate the German National Committee of ICOMOS for organising this conference. With ‘The heritage of the Olympic Games of modern times’ you have hit a nerve."

Dr. Thomas Bach,  
President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)

In 2020, the Olympic Summer Games will take place in Tokyo, for which buildings of the venue for the Games of 1964 will also be used. In 2019, the year before the 2020 Olympic Games in Japan, ICOMOS Germany and the City of Munich are organising an international conference about the significance of Olympic facilities for the history of architecture and sport, on the occasion of the Bavarian initiative for a World Heritage nomination of Munich’s Olympic Park of 1972. Under the patronage of the former mayor of Munich, Dr. Hans-Jochen Vogel, international experts will be presenting conservation perspectives for Olympic buildings of the 20th century and discussing the buildings’ potential to be inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The conference follows the slogan “Sharing Heritage – Sharing Values” of the European Year of Cultural Heritage and will be sponsored by the Federal Government Commissioner for Cultural Affairs and the Media. The event will be hosted by ICOMOS Germany and the Bavarian capital of Munich, in cooperation with the Bavarian Monument Conservation Authority (BLfD), the German Academy for Urban and Regional Planning (DASL), the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB) and the Verein “Aktion Welterbe Olympiapark”.

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