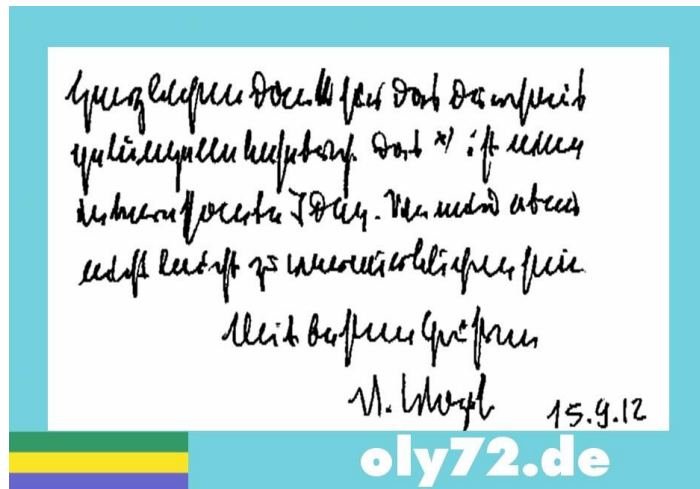




About *oly72.de*



Many thanks for the very meritorious reader. The [oly72.de] is an interesting idea. But it will not be easy to realize.

With best regards,

Hans-Jochen Vogel [former lord mayor of Munich and federal minister]

September 15, 2012

In the beginning, there was our *Olympia 72 Reader*: already during the work on it and the activities following its publication in September 2012, we had the impression that the 1972 Summer Olympic Games were not adequately documented as a permanently effective cultural phenomenon that united sports, politics, society, architecture, fine arts as well as design and whose appreciation cannot be limited to anniversaries. The sheer number of people more or less involved in them - one million inhabitants of Munich and four million visitors - as well as their worldwide broadcast shows their uniqueness, which a memory fragmented into individual areas does not do justice to.

This realization gave rise to the idea of creating a central point of contact for questions about the Munich Games, based on the material collected during our research, the contacts made with eyewitnesses and the knowledge thus acquired, which also compiles sources about the events in text, pictures and film and makes them accessible to the interested public.

Numerous institutions and private individuals already deal with aspects of the topic, e.g. regional, national and international archives, print and online media, companies active at the time, universities, museums and collectors. *oly72.de* does not compete with these entities and does not want to create a duplication of information, but rather to network the knowledge available there. The absolute priority of our own efforts is to safeguard material that would otherwise be lost. The circumstances are favorable for this purpose, since the generation of contemporaries with its memory and its documents still exists. By making use of them, existing gaps can be closed and new offers to those born later be realized.



We would be pleased if our project would find cooperation partners and sponsors, so that we can fill late Mr. Vogel's above cited, positively skeptical prognosis - *desirable, but not easy* - with content. Until then, we make our contribution to documenting and communicating the momentous events with our *Olympia 72 Reader*, this website, themed tours in Munich and lectures.

