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A Special Moment of Honor – Liechtenstein Olympians at the Wall Signing in Lausanne

Twenty Liechtenstein Olympians—Walther Kaiser, Biggi Beck-Blum, Konstantin Ritter, Martha Bühler, Yvonne Weissenhofer, Thomas Dürr, Adolf Heeb, Johannes Wohlwend, Thomas Batliner, Yvonne Elkuch, Martin Kranz, Daniel Brunhart, Mauro Bühler, Oliver Geissmann, Wolfgang Schädler, Paul Kind, Wolfgang Ender, Albert Frick, Achim Vogt, and Romano Püntener—**experienced a day of pride, memories, and Olympic unity at the Wall Signing event at the International Olympic Committee (IOC) headquarters in Lausanne.**



Anticipation from the Start

"The organization (the IOC) is impressive, and it feels good to be part of the group invited to attend this event," said Paul Kind, capturing the sentiment of the day.

Even during the joint journey to Lausanne, excitement and pride were palpable. Across generations and sports, these athletes share a unique bond: they have all represented Liechtenstein at the Olympic Games, making them part of the country's Olympic history.

A Visit to the Heart of the Olympic Movement

Upon arrival, the Olympians received a tour of the Olympic House, the IOC's headquarters opened in 2019. The building's architecture and symbols reflect the core values of the Olympic Movement.



The central staircase, reminiscent of the Olympic rings, symbolizes connection and community. A golden olive tree pays homage to the ancient origins of the Games, while time capsules containing messages and visions look toward the future of the Olympic Movement.

Wall Signing: A Personal Place in Olympic History

The emotional highlight of the day was the Wall Signing ceremony.

Each of the 20 Liechtenstein Olympians was called individually and greeted with applause. With the presentation of an official certificate and their personal signature on the glass wall in front of IOC President Kirsty Coventry's office, the athletes were honored for their contributions to the Olympic Movement.

Their signatures now stand alongside those of over 1,000 Olympians from around the world. Different nations, generations, and sports converge at this site, united by a shared experience: participation in the Olympic Games. For Liechtenstein, this moment held special significance. Each signature represents a personal Olympic story—of athletic challenges, unforgettable experiences, and the pride of representing their country on the world's biggest sporting stage.



At the same time, a visible piece of Liechtenstein's Olympic history was created on the wall: athletes from different generations immortalized themselves side by side, becoming part of a global symbol of Olympic unity. The wall illustrates what many Olympians carry with them for a lifetime: Olympic participation does not end with the final competition. The sense of belonging to the Olympic family endures.

Memories Come Alive

After a joint lunch with a view of Lake Geneva, the day continued at the Olympic Museum. Torches, medals, sports equipment, and countless memorabilia brought personal moments from past Olympic Games back to life.



Martha Bühler shared her impressions:

"The museum left a deep impression on me. So many exhibits bring the history of the Olympic Games to life. As an Olympian, I think you feel this connection particularly strongly. You know exactly where these Games took place and what happened there."

The Wall Signing was much more than just signing a glass wall. It was a tribute to the athletic journeys of 20 Liechtenstein Olympians and a visible sign of their lasting membership in the global Olympic community.

The day brought generations together, revived memories, and created new ones. At its core was a moment that will endure: the personal signature at the heart of the Olympic Movement. It stands for pride, unity, and a connection that extends beyond athletic competition—embodying the Olympic spirit:

„Once an Olympian, always an Olympian.“

