

THE OLYMPICS' FLOTILLA

FLOATING TRANSPORTABLE ARRAY OF SPORT FACILITIES TO RENT, FOR MEGA SPORT EVENTS

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Sport industry and 'mass entertainment and recreation through sport' enter the globalization era.

The revival of the Olympic legacy and spirit by Coubertin's vision, started a chain of Olympic and other mega-sport world events,

with an ever-increasing impact on humancultural-educational and economicpolitical sphere.

OM THE OLYMPIC CHARTER:

rson on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender or erwise is incompatible with belonging to the Olympic Movement.

The harsh reality is that most of world's nations (about 85%+!) are incapable of hosting a major sport event, mostly on economical grounds, because of the inhibitive costs of sport facilities, required infrastructures and event operational expenditures.

MEGA SPORT EVENTS AND 'WHITE ELEPHANTS'

THE RISING EXPENDITURE OF THE OLYMPICS, MOSTLY ON FACILITIES DESIGNED FOR PEAK EVENTS;

SYDNEY OLYMPICS (2000) - ~6.0 milliards US.D

ATHENS OLYMPICS (2004) - ~14.6 milliards US.D

BEIJING OLYMPICS (2008) - ~23.0 milliards US.D

MOST OF THE FACILITIES HAVE TO BE

SCALED DOWN AFTER THE EVENTS

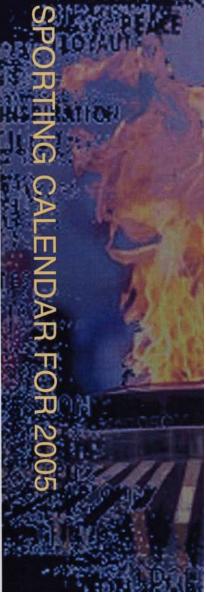
THE SUGGESTED IDEA-CONCEPT IS

to realize and construct a modular array of floating, transportable, state-of-the-art Olympic facilities, capable of traversing the oceans, which could be borrowed-rented by the interested hosting nations of mega-sport events, Olympic Games included, for the duration of the event, to be moored in proximity of major port cities and reasonably protected coastal marine environments.

The suggested fleet should be realized as an economically viable enterprise, which should generate reasonably sufficient income from its mega-sport (and auxiliary) activities to cover and maintain its operation.

Key contribution is the dramatically increased operational frequency, which is denied in the case of land-based facilities.

	Sport	Number of international/big events* for the year 2005
es	Archery	6 M(X)
Ally	Athletics	21
66. F	Basketball	26
	Boxing	2
wiji.	Cycling - indoor	1 one a Al
	Fencing	3 - EGAL
	Gymnastics	2
\ # \ .	Judo	2 %
	Karate	3
	Modern pentathlon	8
	Powerlifting	6
HVY	Shooting	12
1 10	Swimming	10
	Table tennis	6
7.3	Taekwondo	3
	Tennis	36
	Volleyball	17
	Waterpolo	2



SIVEN THE WORLD-WIDE TREND OF THE CONOMIC GROWTH OF SPORT INDUSTRY:

THE GROWTH IN THE ANNUAL FREQUENCY AND NUMBER

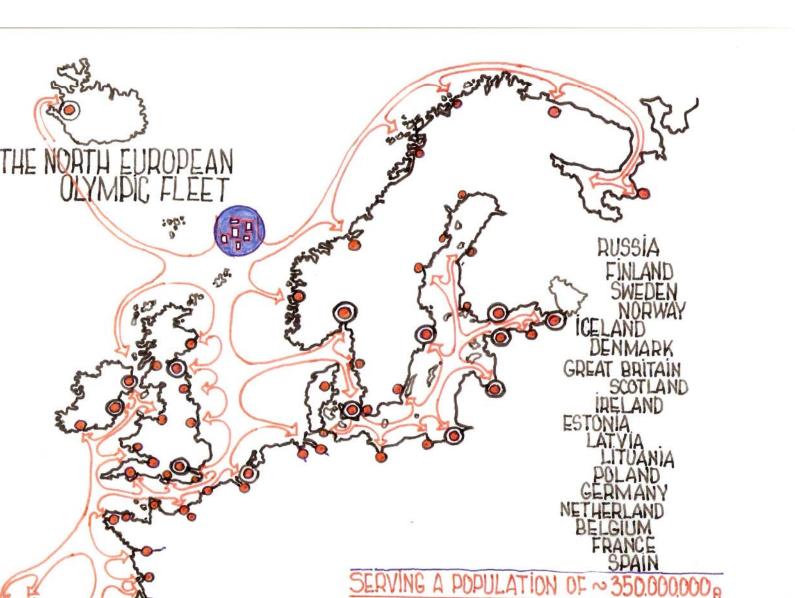
OF MEGA EVENTS

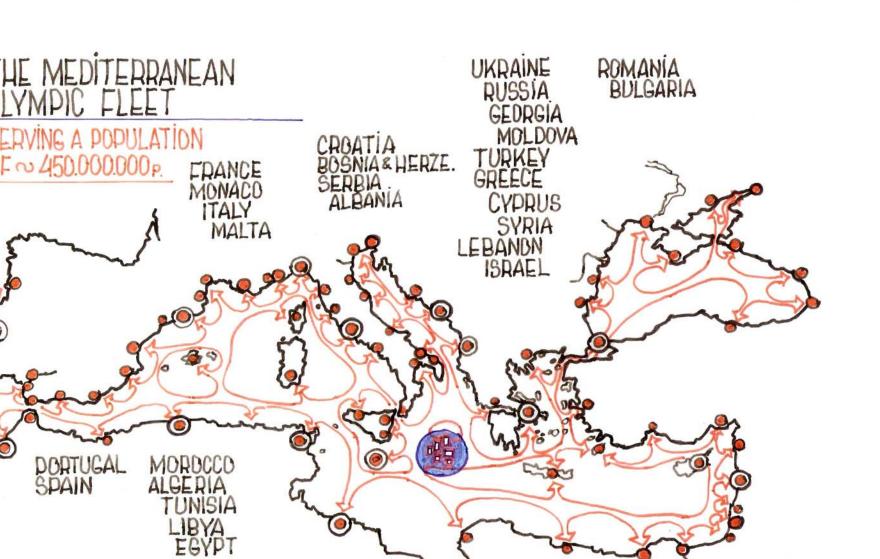
THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBERS OF SPECTATORS AND THEIR SPENDING (AND RELATED IMPACTS ON ECONOMIC

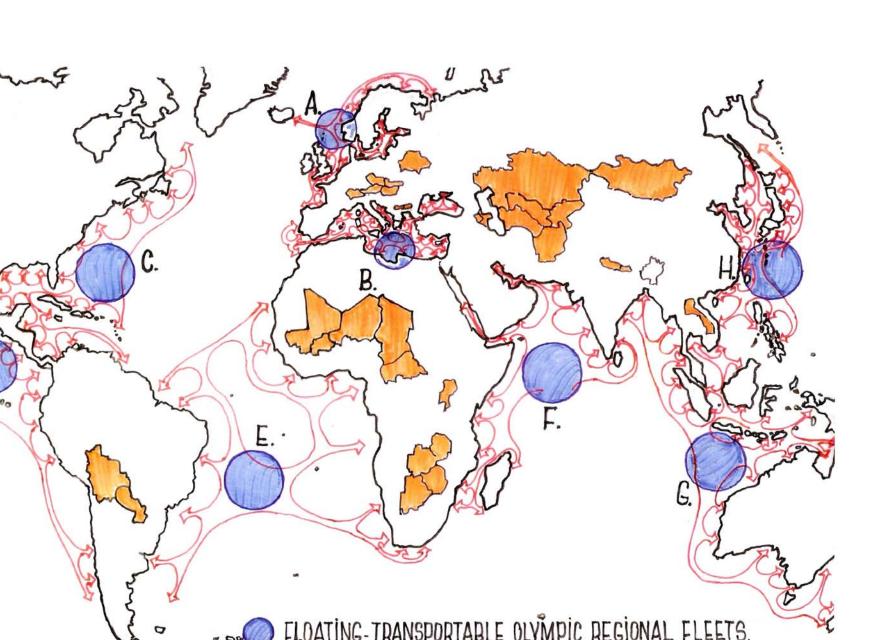
PROFITABILITY)

THE GROWING WORLD DEMAND, 3-rd WORLD EXPECTED DEMAND TO BE INCLUDED.

THE OLYMPIC FLOTILLA WILL HAVE TO BE REPLICATED TO COVER OPERATIONALLY THE VHOLE GLOBAL EXPANSES, WITH ALL THEIR HUMANITY







ECHNOLOGY HAS MATURED TREMENDOUSLY SINCE THE CONCEPT OF MEGA-FLOATS WAS FIRST NTRODUCED BY ARMSTRONG IN THE 1920-th.

SIVEN TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY IN MARINE INGINEERING AND SPACE STRUCTURES WE ARE LIMITED ONLY BY OUR IMAGINATION.

ENVISAGED FLOATING MODULS MIGHT INCLUDE:

Central Stadium, equipped to serve up to .000 ÷ 150.000 spectators.

iliary Sport Facilities Modules, for various

iches of sports, water sports included.

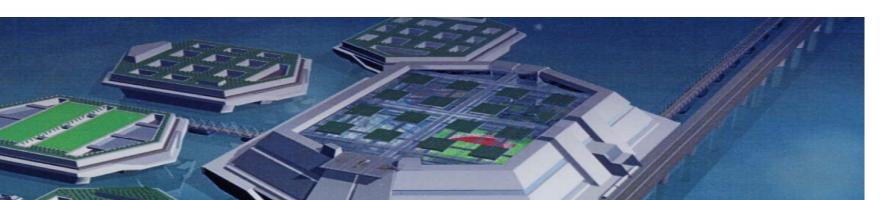
or two 'Olympic Village' modules and

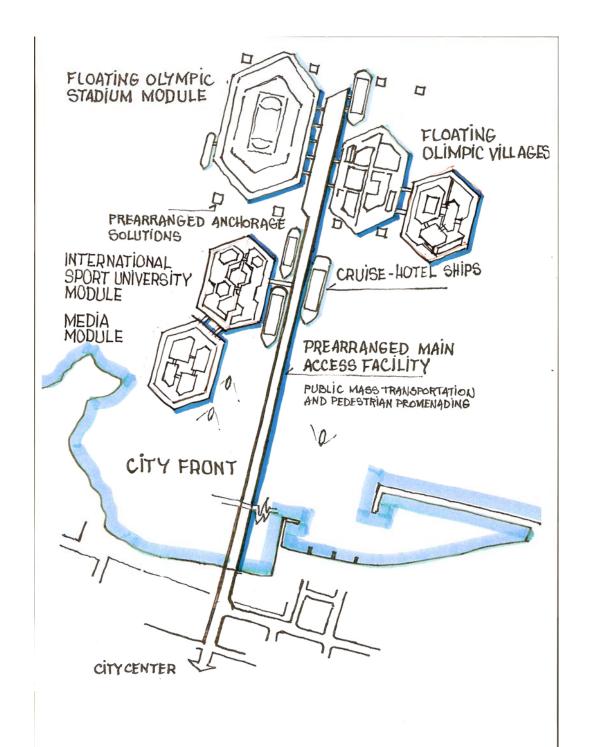
icipants and visitors accommodation; urban modules

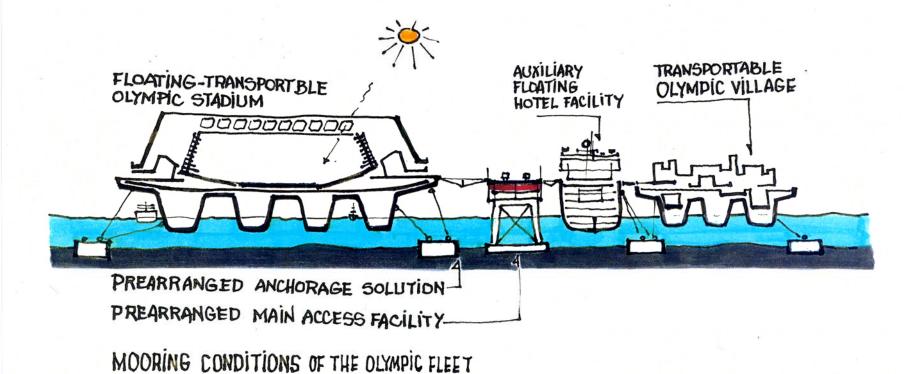
all the servicing and infrastructures.

dia studios and laboratories, Communication

Research Center' and Administration module.

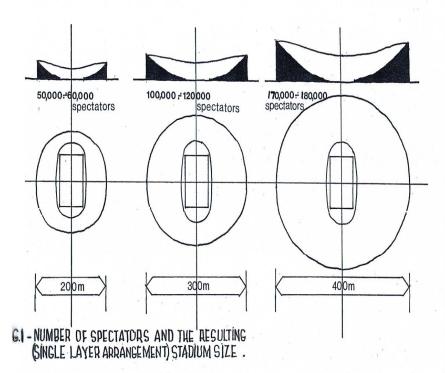


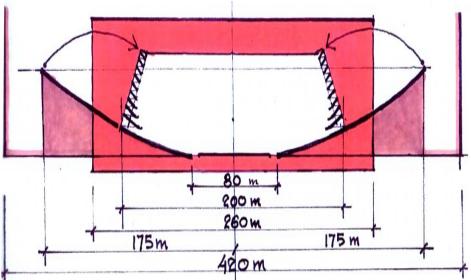




The suggested ocean-going platforms are not just transportation vessels, but mostly **LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENTS**, which should be endowed with as much of the characteristics of land-based normalcy as possible.

The over-riding design criterion (besides safety and security) of the entire array is a far-reaching compactness, which implies special attention to morphologically and functionally efficient space utilization.





SEAT CAPACITY EQUIVALENCE OF THE MULTI-GALLERY (200 m) AND THE SINGLE LAYER (350m) STADIUMS.



CONTROLLED PERMEABILITY TO CLIMATIC PARAMETERS

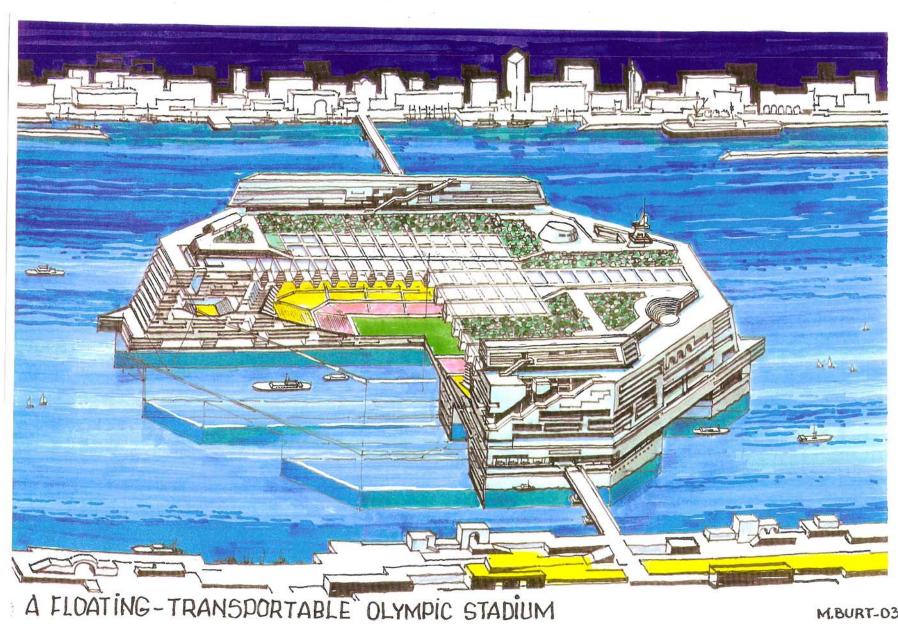
OPEN PUBLIC SKY-PARK SPACES

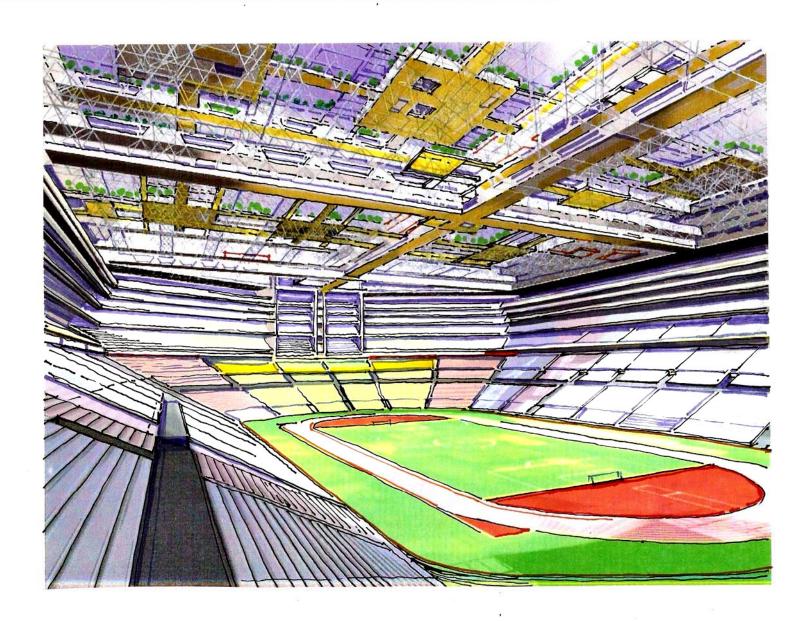
COMPACT MULTI-GALLERY INTERIOR
FOR 150,000 + 180,000 SPECTATORS

EXOSKELETAL STRUCTURE
BOX-LIKE CLOSED IPL TRUSS,
TO PROVIDE FOR LATERAL
STABILITY

MULTI-HULL FLOATATION TRANSPORTATION STRUCTURE

CONCEPTUAL FORMULATION OF PRINCIPLES OF THE FLOATING-TRANSPORTABLE OLYMPIC STADIUM MODULE

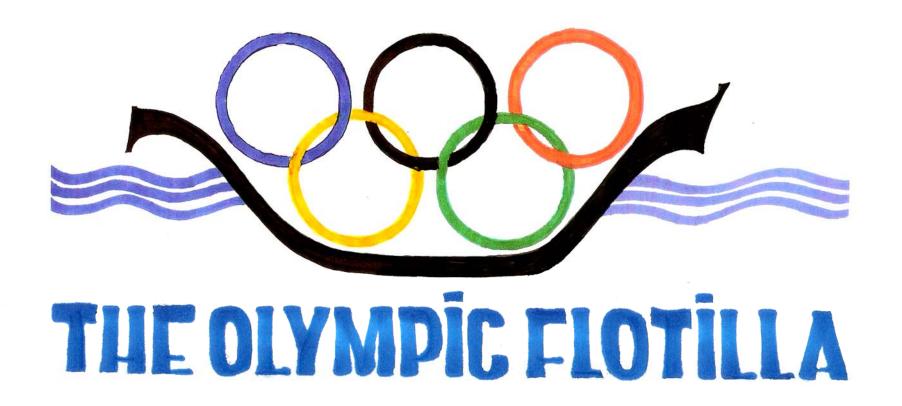




IN CONCLUSION:

The idea of a floating array of 'Olympic facilities' (including the Olympic Stadium), capable of traversing the oceans, is not just a visionary dream, but a stark necessity, which should be realized and made practical.

THE VISION COULD BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SOLVING A GENUINE ECONOMIC PROBLEM THAT PREVENTS THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED NATIONS TO HOST MEGA SPORT EVENTS AND ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE OLYMPIC EXPERIENCE, THUS ERASING THE ONLY DISCRIMINATORY FACTOR STILL MARRING THE OLYMPIC CHARTER AND ETHOS.



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