

IVV History

- * The IVV was formed in Lindau, Germany in 1968, then registered in 1972. The founding countries were: Germany, Switzerland/Liechtenstein, South Tyrol and Austria.
- * Our official languages are English and German, French is also used unofficially.
- * The IVV Headquarters is located in Altötting, Germany (Bavaria).



IVV Mission

- * To encourage public health through non-competitive physical activities in a natural setting.
- * To provide opportunities for social engagement, voluntarism, and community leadership.
- * To contribute toward peace and understanding among people and nations by fostering international friendship.



IVV Members and Activities

- * All National members and their clubs are volunteer-driven, non-profit organizations.
- * Our activities are non-competitive and open to people of all ages, ability and background.



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IVV Activities

- * Volkssport gives the individual opportunities to maintain contact with nature, to have fun, and to discover new places, their people, culture, and history.
- * Our sports include walking, hiking, cycling, swimming, and other approved sports.
- * Our program of high-quality international events aims to meet the objectives of the Toronto Charter of Physical Activity.
- * In some 40 countries around the world, our members organize 7,500 events with approximately 10 million participations per year.



IVV International Events

The IVV Olympiad

- * The Olympiad is our signature event, expressing all our values and goals.
- * The first Olympiad was held in 1989, and others have been organized every two years since. To date, there have been 17 Olympiads, almost all in different countries. Olympiads are held in odd-numbered years.
- * The 19th IVV Olympiad will be held in [Tampere, Finland](#) August 14-17, 2025. An invitation and more information are to be found [here](#).



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IVV International Events

The Europiade

- * The Europiade is an event organized every second year, between the IVV Olympiads. To date, six Europiades have been organized. These events are held in the border area between two IVV member countries in Europe.
- * The [seventh Europiade](#) will be held in [Waidring, Austria](#) from May 29 - June 01, 2024



IVV International Events

The Asianpiad

- * Similar to the Europiades, an Asianpad is an event organized by IVV-Asia every second year, between the IVV Olympiads. To date, four Asianpads have been organized in Korea, Japan, Indonesia and Chinese Taipei.





The IVV (2023)

National Members

- * Australia
- * Austria
- * Belgium
- * Brazil
- * Canada
- * China
- * Czech Republic
- * Denmark
- * Estonia
- * Finland
- * France
- * Germany
- * Great Britain
- * Greece
- * Hungary
- * Italy
- * Japan
- * Korea
- * Luxembourg
- * Netherlands
- * Norway
- * Poland
- * Romania
- * Slovakia
- * Sweden
- * Switzerland /
Liechtenstein
- * Chinese Taipei
- * USA

Direct Members

- * Andorra
- * Cap Verde
- * Croatia
- * Indonesia
- * Lithuania
- * Madeira
- * New Zealand
- * Portugal
- * Russia
- * Serbia
- * Slovenia
- * Spain

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