

ATHENS CLASSIC MARATHON

2.500 YEARS SINCE

THE BATTLE OF MARATHON 490 BC



The Marathon idea was inspired by the legend of Pheidippides, a soldier-messenger who ran 40 kilometres from the battlefield at Marathon to Athens to carry the news of the Greek victory over the Persians.

The French Sorbonne Professor Michel Bréal, invoking the legend of Pheidippides, suggested the inclusion of a long-distance race of 40 km (equivalent to the distance “Athens-Marathon”) in the first Olympic Games, the winner of which was the Greek water-carrier Spyros Louis.



The 2500th anniversary of the Marathon race will be marked in Stockholm with an exhibition at the Swedish Sports Museum- Riksidrottsmuseet

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