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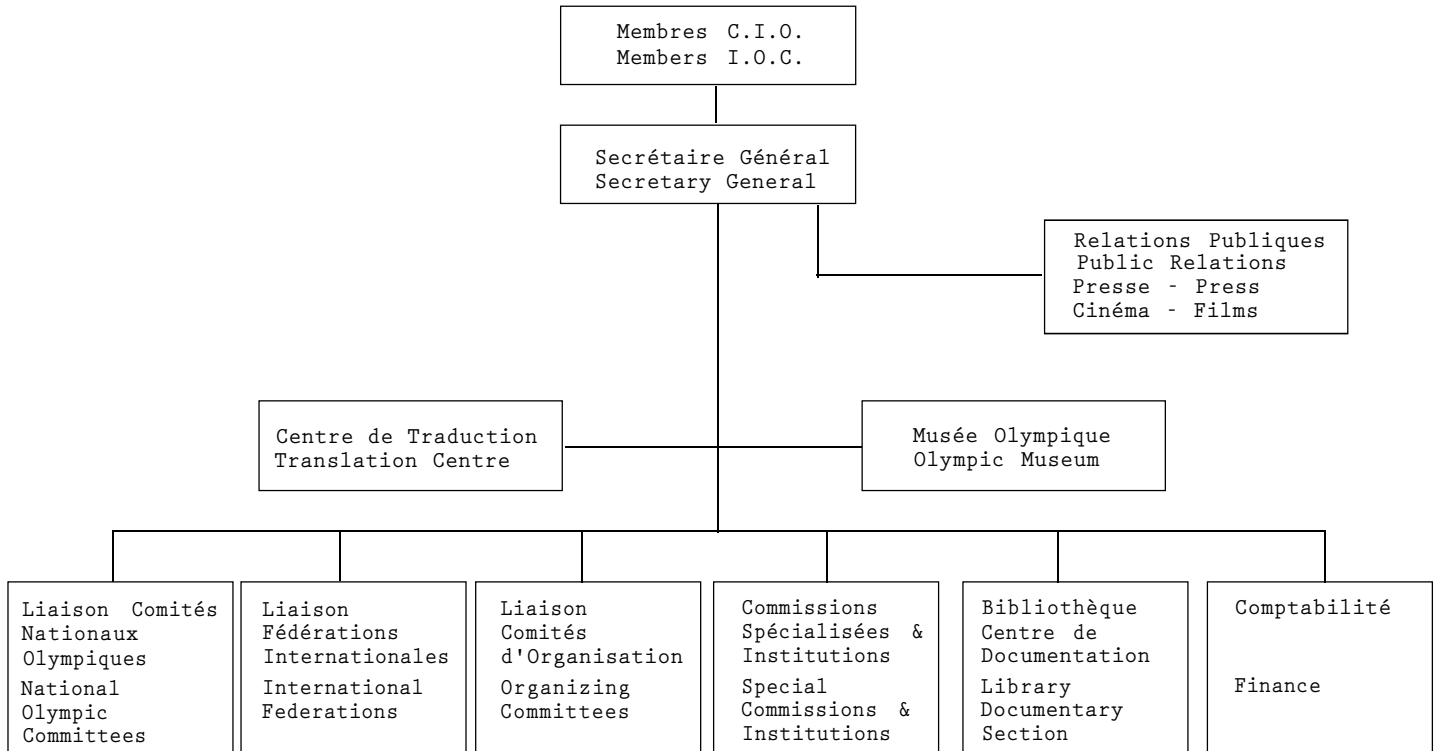
As you may have learnt from the last Newsletter, at the end of February the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee moved from "Mon Repos" to the "Château de Vidy" near Lausanne.

We have now left a three-roomed office to settle down in a building completely restored and adapted to our requirements. It was only after this move that the IOC office could be properly organized, equipped and staffed, at last enabling us to realize the modern management necessary for an organization of such world wide importance.

You will of course understand that, in its initial stages, a new organisation such as this may not be perfect and must, in addition, be streamlined. The new staff and the recently engaged collaborators must in the near future acquire the necessary experience. This is not a question of scholastic training, but rather one of careful study and an understanding of Olympic philosophy. For some of the newcomers, therefore, this means a new mental orientation and experience has to be gained and developed gradually.

In order to promote the Olympic Movement, to assist the National Olympic Committees and to collaborate with the International Federations in the fulfillment of their respective tasks, the IOC headquarters has been organized along the lines indicated by the following scheme :-

Organigramme du Secrétariat Général du Comité Olympique International
Organization of the Secretariat of the International Olympic Committee



As you will see from this scheme, in order to pursue the continuous contacts with the NOCs, our agents, with our technical specialists and advisors, the International Federations, as well as with the organizers of the Olympic Games and the special Commissions (i.e. the Medical Commission) and the special institutions, like the International Olympic Academy, and the International Olympic Institute, the office is now divided into corresponding sections, each with its head, assisted by his collaborators.

The library now not only provides all necessary literature connected with the Olympic Movement, but is also a documentary section. The reorganization of the library is gradually taking shape and will enable us to provide required information at very short notice.

For the benefit of these various sections, the setting up of a translation centre for the two official languages (French and English) became unavoidable.

The Olympic Museum remains at "Mon Repos". It will be reorganized and regrouped now that more space has become available since the Secretariat vacated the premises.

The Public Relations, Press and Films section is of paramount importance in assisting and advising the IOC headquarters. For this reason, it is directly linked with the office of the Secretary General and its head holds a staff-function.

The almost daily contacts with the members of the IOC are being maintained by the Secretary General himself as the IOC members as a whole determine the general policy to be followed.

Last but not least, it goes without saying that a finance, administrative and accounting section had to be established since, contrary to olden times, the IOC headquarters now also has to deal with money and, in the future, with funds as well.

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