

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

ARCHERY

Only one woman is at present President of an International Sports Federation: Mrs. I. K. FRITH. She asks us very courteously to make it known that her feminine pride is slightly "hurt" when she receives letters addressed to the President of the International Archery Federation referring to her as "Mr."

Let us therefore note this address with its new postal code number :

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BASKETBALL

Mr. Ab-del Moneim WAHBY (UAR) replaces Mr. Antonio Dos Reis CARNEIRO (Brazil) as President of the International Basketball Federation. The latter was appointed Honorary President to the accompaniment of loud applause.

BOBSLEIGH

Eleven countries (Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Sweden, British West Indies, Switzerland, Austria, West Germany, Italy, Canada, Japan, and the United States) have sent in their entries for the World Bobsleigh Championships to be held at Lake Placid (USA) from February 15th to 23rd.

BOXING

From March 31st to June 8th, Bucarest (Rumania) will be organizing the 18th European Boxing Championships. Twenty five national federations have registered so far - which even now before the list of entries is closed represents a record number of participating countries. The boxing matches will be held at the "23rd August" skating rink, which is being entirely re-done for the purpose and given a roof.

An album entitled "Boxing in Rumania", translated into several languages, is to be published.

CYCLING

At the suggestion of the Swedish Federation, the International Amateur Cycling Federation has agreed that in future World Championships should not be held during Olympic years.

EQUESTRIAN SPORTS

A Registration Certificate for Horses

One of the aims of the International Equestrian Federation for 1969 is to introduce a registration certificate for horses, for the purpose of simplifying customs formalities with regard to the temporary import and export of horses for equestrian events in foreign countries. "In order to achieve this goal" said H. de Menlen de HORNE, the well-known rider and Secretary General of the I.E.F. at the General Meeting in Brussels last December, "we are relying on the Veterinary Sub-Committee - whose mandate should be extended to allow it to deal with the veterinary powers-that-be for the purpose of ensuring standardization in the drafting and application of the registration certificate.

Another project for which this Committee will be responsible is to do everything in its power to try to get abolished - as far as possible - all the sanitary restrictions imposed on the temporary importation and transit of horses taking part in International Competitions. Many cases have been brought to our notice where very severe restrictions, completely unwarranted and unrelated to any practical needs, have been imposed by certain countries, preventing a number of teams from taking part in international or Olympic equestrian events, although permission had been granted them by other countries. In this field the Committee would have to try to get all regulations standardized."

FENCING

After Cambodia, Thailand and the Virgin Islands, the Puerto-Rican Fencing Federation is the most recent to join the International Fencing Federation.

FOOTBALL

- * In Africa twenty three National Associations, from among the thirty eight belonging to FIFA on the African continent, will be taking part in the 7th African Cup. Matches of the first round have to be completed by March 31st and those of the second round by September 30th, 1969.
- * *JAPAN, the team with the highest sense of fair play at the Olympic Football Tournament*

F.I.F.A.'s "Fair Play" trophy awarded in Mexico for the first time.

The results of the F.I.F.A. "Fair Play" trophy, awarded for the first time at the Mexico Games, are as follows:
1. Japan, 2. Mexico, 3. France, 4. Colombia, 5. Spain, 6. Nigeria.
- * The 1969 edition of the F.I.F.A. Yearbook is at present still being prepared. It is expected to come out at the beginning of February. It can be ordered from the General Secretariate of F.I.F.A. (11 Hitzigweg, Zurich, Switzerland) for the price of 20 Swiss francs (or £2, or \$5), including postage.
- * The English film company Soccer Films Limited, 74 North Street, Romford, Essex (England) has made over fifty black and white 8 mm films, both silent and sound, devoted to football.

HAND BALL

Africa and Asia discover handball . . .

The Federations of Congo-Brazzaville, Congo-Kinshasa, the Upper-Volta, Cameroon, Lybia, Madagascar and Kuwait are admitted as provisional members of the International Handball Federation. The Lebanon is now admitted as a permanent member, as likewise the Federations of Egypt, Algeria, the Ivory Coast, Dahomey, Jordan, Mali, Morocco, Senegal, Syria and Tunisia.

. . . Italy and Great Britain too

The Italian Federation was created in 1967 and already has 120 teams with 20,400 active members.

In Great Britain, the first championships were held in 1968.

ICE HOCKEY

- * The 1969 World Ice Hockey Championships (Group A) will be held in Stockholm, Czechoslovakia having decided to give up the idea of organizing these championships.

Matches for Groups "B" and "C" will be held in Yugoslavia.

SKIING

- * Dress rehearsal for the 1970 Nordic Skiing World Championships at Vyscke Tatry (Czechoslovakia): the 5th Tatra cup, to be held from February 21st to 23rd next. This international meeting will give competitors an opportunity of getting to know the cross-country runs and jumps on which they will be competing for world titles next year.

SWIMMING

- * A new president for F.I.N.A. (International Amateur Swimming Federation): Mr. Jaime OSTOS (Mexico), who takes over from the Australian, Mr. W. Berge Phillips. The Secretary General of the Federation is Mr. Harold Henning (555 North Washington Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540. Telephone: 355-12-96).

UNIVERSITY SPORT

- * Where will the University Games be held in 1969?

In spite of Portugal's withdrawal as organizing country, the Executive Committee of the International Federation of University Sport, at a meeting early in January, decided to keep the dates originally agreed upon for the University Games, i.e. from August 27th to September 6th. The towns applying to hold these Games include Turin, Sofia Beirut, San Diego (California). Great Britain, for its part, offered to organize slightly reduced Games comprising only athletics, fencing, swimming and tennis. These events could be held at the Crystal Palace sports centre at the end of August, i.e. one year before the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

The Executive Committee of F.I.S.U., under the chairmanship of its President Mr. Primo NEBIOLO (Italy) will choose the organizing town on February 13th next.

WEIGHTLIFTING

* N.B.: F.H.I. (Federation Haltérophile Internationale) instead of F.I.H.C. (Federation Internationale Hal érophile et Culturiste). No longer controlling physical training, this international federation now loses part of its name to be called more simply International Weightlifting Federation.

* *Two extra categories:*

A category for those under 52 kg and another for those over 110 kg, the super heavyweights. This innovation, which is only provisional and is being given a trial for a period of three years, brings the categories of weights to nine: flyweight (52 kg), bantamweight (56 kg), featherweight (60 kg), lightweight (67.5 kg), middleweight (75 kg), light heavyweight (82.5 kg), middle heavyweight (90 kg), heavyweight (110 kg) and super heavyweight.

* *Among the latest amendments to the rules:*

- An antidoping check will be carried out on the first three in any event at the Olympic Games and World Championships.
- Weightlifters must lay their bar correctly on the floor.

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