

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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ATHLETICS

- * *And now: 100 metres hurdles for women.* Following the recommendation of the Women's Committee of the International Amateur Athletic Federation approved by the Congress in Mexico, the women's 100 metres hurdles will take the place of the traditional 80m. hurdles as from the 1st May, 1969. Similarly, this new event will replace the 80m. hurdles in the Pentathlon. J. B. HOLT, Executive Director of the I.A.A.F. has sent out the details needed to bring the "*Scoring Table for Women's Track and Field Events*" up to date.
- * *Europe - America: 2nd meeting* in Stuttgart, on the 30th and 31st July. The American team will be chosen on the 29th June as regards the men and on the 6th July as regards the women, on the results of the United States Championships to be held in Miami (Florida) and Dayton (Ohio). According to the Amateur Athletic Union, which is organizing these championships, the best athletes from the American continent will be present
- * *World Record for the 20 km walk:* the 38-year old Russian, Gennadi AGAPOV, set a new world record for this distance at the beginning of April, in 1h. 26' 45.8" at Simferopol (USSR). He took 19.2" off the old record set by his compatriot Vladimir GOLUBNICHY in the same stadium over ten years ago, on the 23rd September, 1958.

BASKETBALL

- * *Permanent Conference for Europe and the Mediterranean:* XIVth session at Alexandria (U.A.R.) from the 24th to the 29th June.
- * *XVIIth European seminar for trainers and referees* in Florence (Italy) in June.
- * *T.S.K.A. of Moscow wins the XIIth European Club Cup* by beating Real of Madrid by 103 to 99 after extra time.

BIATHLON

- * *Regulations for the Biathlon: 1969 Edition.* The Regulations for this sport included in the programme of the Olympic Games and combining skiing with shooting have just been published in three languages (English, French and German) in the form of a small loose-leaf file. Adopted by the 1968 International Congress of the International Union of Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon at Grenoble, these regulations contain, in addition to the usual rules, the principles of organizing the two types of contest allowed: the individual race and the relay race.

CANOEING

- * The President of the International Canoe Federation, Mr. Charles de COQUEAUMONT has sent us the following two news items:
 - * *The XIth World Canoeing Slalom Championships and the VIth World Wild-Water Championships,* will be held in France this year at Bourg St. Maurice (Savoie) from the 31st July to the 6th August. The races will be on the magnificent course of the river Isère. The Japanese have already announced their intention to enter for these Championships, in which they will be taking part for the first time.
 - * *The European Junior and Senior Championships* will be held in Moscow from the 13th to the 17th August, 1969: 16 races in canoes or kayaks, from the 500 metre sprint to the 10,000 metre long-distance race are reserved for Seniors. In Olympic Games, only 7 events, 2 of which are for women are included in the programme.

CYCLING

- * *15 teams entered for the Peace Race.* The 1969 edition of one of the most important stage races reserved for amateurs will be held from the 12th to the 23rd May this year from Warsaw to East Berlin. Teams taking part come from Algeria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, German Democratic Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Mexico, Morocco, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Russia and Yugoslavia.

- * *In 1861, in a booklet entitled: "How to learn to ride a velocipede in a few hours", Mr. BENON, velocipede manufacturer, wrote: "The velocipede combines pleasure and profit, for it has undeniable advantages as a means of locomotion, it is also a powerful stimulus for lymphatic temperaments or those inclined to anaemia. It strengthens the muscles, lends suppleness to the joints and elasticity to the limbs. It staves off gout and rheumatism, therefore doctors recommend it as a fortifying and hygienic form of exercise."*

FENCING

- * *Regulations for the European Foil Cup ?* In a recent circular, Mr. Pierre FERRI, President of the International Fencing Federation gives the following definition: *"The European Club Cup is open to the "salle d'armes" or club team winning the team event in the national foil championships in each European country, and consisting of fencers licensed in the same "salle", domiciled in the same town and its outskirts."* The President goes on to say that it would be a good idea if all European Club Championships, for all weapons, were to be governed by the same Regulations.
- * *1st official meeting of the Executive Committee* (name officially adopted) of the F.I.E. in Genoa on the 9th April last. Messrs. BRVSATI (Italy) and LUBOMIROV (USSR) were elected Vice- Presidents.
- * The International Fencing Federation will shortly have a *permanent administrative secretariat of its own.*
- * *Mr. José de CAPRILES (U.S.A.), former Vice-President of the F.I.E., member of the Technical Directorate at the Mexico Olympic Games, has just died. We extend to his brother, a former President of the F.I.E. and his many friends our sincere sympathy.*

FOOTBALL

- * *Memorandum on the rules of the game, their standard interpretation and the spirit of the game. This*

memorandum, approved by the Referees Commission on the 9th February, and published in English, French, Spanish and German, deserves the widest possible circulation. Under the section *Rules of the Game*, it covers dangerous plays; different sorts of tackles; tripping up; leaping on an opponent; use of the arm, obstructions; distance of play; charge from behind; off side. In the chapter *Other considerations*: use of the advantage, ball on the ground, penalty kicks, free kicks. A special section is devoted to the *Spirit of the Game*.

- * *A colleague for Mr. Dettmar CRAMER, first F.I.F.A. trainer.* For a year now, Mr. Dettmar CRAMER, the West-German trainer, has been giving courses for F.I.F.A. in the English-speaking countries of Africa, Asia and America. Wishing to continue this training and aid scheme on behalf of the new national federations, the International Amateur Football Association is trying to secure the services of a qualified French-speaking trainer.

GYMNASTICS

- * *20 federations entered for the European Championships, i.e. practically all the European federations belonging to the F.I.G.* For men: the 24th and 25th May in Warsaw; for women: the 17th and 18th May in Lanhs krona (Sweden).
- * The Greek Federation will not be sending any representative to these championships but is at present carrying out an intensive programme for the training of instructors, which should shortly allow Greek gymnasts to enter teams for international competitions again.
- * Through the Belgian Olympic Committee an agreement has just been signed between the four national gymnastic federations. This fact cannot fail to have a favourable effect on the growth of this sport in Belgium.

HANDBALL

- * *In order to simplify the standard application of the rules*, Mr. Joan KUNST, Vice-President of the Rumanian Ministry of Physical Education and a member of the Technical Committee of the International Handball Federation, will make a 30 minute film on the rules of the game that give rise to differences of interpretation on the part of referees. Leading actors: the Rumanian team of STEAVA, the European champions.
- * *1st International match in Great Britain.* Result: Italy beat England at Ormskirk 30 to 12.

HOCKEY

- * *A European Hockey Federation was set up in CARDIFF*, under the auspices of the International Federation, at a meeting of fifteen European countries. Similar groups already exist in Africa, Asia and America. Mr. Maurice FRAIKIN (Belgium) was elected secretary general of this new organization.
- * *On the International Calendar*
 - From the 20th to the 27th September, 1969 in Hong Kong, tournament with the participation of Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Ceylon, Pakistan B and an eighth team not yet named.
 - From the 3rd to the 12th January, 1970 in Bombay, tournament with 10 teams: India, Pakistan, Spain, Belgium, Australia, East Germany, West Germany, Kenya, New Zealand and Holland.
 - From the 19th to the 27th September, 1970 in Brussels, the 1st European Hockey Cup under the patronage of King Baudoin will be competed for by 16 to 18 national teams.
 - A tournament might be held in the month of May 1970 at Canberra on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Australia.

ICE HOCKEY

- * *The Russians, Olympic Champions in 1956-1964-1968, keep their world crown.* The championships which were held in the Johanneshov stadium in Stockholm in April produced no surprises, in the opinion of the Swiss sports writer Pierre BURKY, who said: "*The most important lesson to be drawn from these championships is undoubtedly that physical fitness is becoming more and more important.*"
- * *The next meeting of the International Ice-Hockey League will be held at CRANS-MONTANA (Switzerland).* One of the main points on the agenda will be the Olympic tournament at Sapporo.

JUDO

- * *Judo in India: 10,000 instructors in five years.* "World Sport", the excellent official publication of the British Olympic Association announces that two Japanese judo trainers will go to India for at least three years to popularize this sport in schools, colleges, clubs and other organizations throughout the country. The Japanese Embassy in New Delhi and the Italian Judo Federation are sharing the cost of this scheme. The President of the Federation, N.S.S. DHAWAN states that his compatriots' interest in this sport is growing fast, especially among girls. The five-year plan drawn up aims to train 10,000 instructors.
- * "*Euro Judo*" in Ostend. 300 judokas from 19 countries have entered for the 1969 European Championships (May 15th to 17th). These championships will be an opportunity for the European Judo Union to hold its annual congress, on the 16th.

RIDING

- * *The famous Dublin Horse Show* is organized by the Royal Dublin Society, which was founded in 1731. "*The first show*", the Belgian journalist Jean CORHUMEL tells us,

"was held in 1864. The programme included two contests: a long jump and a high jump; the regulations were delightfully vague: 'Obstacles must be cleared to the satisfaction of the judges' ..."

* *Main events*

- 22nd to 26th May : European dressage Championship at WIESBADEN (West Germany)
- 30th May to 1st June: Copenhagen C.H.I.O.
- 31st May to 8th June: Lourenco-Marques (Mozambique) C.H.I.O.
- 19th to 22nd June: Leipzig (German D.R.) C.H.I.O.
- 26th June to 6th July: Aix La Chapelle C.H.I.O.
- 17th to 20th July: European Riders Championships at HICKSTEAD (G.B.)

SAILING

- * *World Flying Dutchman Championships 69*, one of the Olympic series at Naples, from the 5th to the 12th July. The '68 events was held in Montreal where the British pair OAKELEY-HUNT won by a short lead, while their compatriots Rodney PATTISSON and Lain MACDONALD won in the Olympic Games in Acapulco Bay in Mexico. This year, a big innovation, each country will be allowed to enter two boats instead of only one as previously.

SHOOTING

* *On the calendar:*

- 12th to 16th June : European Trap and Skeet Championship at BOIS d'ARCY (France)
- 22nd June : European Trench Championship at BOIS d'ARCY (France)
- 28th August to 7th September : World Running Boar Championships at VERCELLI (Italy)

SKATING

* *Winners of the World Championships 1969:*

Men's speed skating: Dag FORNAESS (Norway)
15th and 16th February at Deventer (Holland)

Women's speed skating: Lasma KAUNISTE (USSR)
1st and 2nd February in Grenoble (France)

Figure skating at Colorado Springs (USA)
from the 25th February to the 2nd March:
Gabriele SEYFERT (German D.R.), Tim WOOD (USA),
Irina RODNINA - Alexsei ULANOV (USSR)

* *Records increase interest in sport.* True, but too many records tend to have the opposite effect. At least that is what Norwegian speed skating officials seem to think. Mr. Harald HALVORSEN, Norwegian member of the International Skating Union, for example, stated as follows: "*Norway, as the country with the highest number of speed skating records, must set an example by insisting on the need for a new rule. The present record-hunting cult is out of place and might even harm the interests of speed skating.*" He plans to propose to the Congress of the U.I.P., which is to be held at Maidenhead (Great Britain) from the 3rd to the 6th June, a set of regulations aimed at making records valid only if set during European and World Championships and the Olympic Games.

SKIING

* *27th Congress of the F.I.S.:* 18th to the 25th May in Barcelona.

WATER SKIING

* *22nd June: Europe - America, 1st Match.* The eight best water-skiers of each continent will take part in the three events (figures slalom and jumping) on the lake of Enguien not far from Paris.

SWIMMING'

- * *A pool for swimming on the spot.* In the new swimming pool belonging to the Higher School of Physical Education in STOCKHOLM there is an "aquarium" in which it is possible to swim without actually moving forward, thanks to the use of contrary currents. Glass sides enable the swimmer to be watched and his faults to be corrected. In this small 23ft. by 10ft. pool, a swimmer who could cover 100m. in 50 seconds would look as though he were swimming "on the spot", with the water flow set to maximum speed.

- * *2nd and 3rd world record of the season: Nicolas PANKINE again.* Bronze medal winner in Mexico in the 100m. breast stroke, at Magdebour on the 19th April the Russian improved the world record for the 200m. breast stroke for the second time since March, bringing it down to 2' 25.4", compared with 2' 25.5" on the 22nd March in Minsk; over this distance he only came 4th in the finals at Mexico. The next day in the 100m. he was credited with the time of 1' 5.8" (former record 1' 6.2").

- * *A competent opinion.* The Belgian referee, ABE FUCHS, who refereed the 1968 Olympic Water Polo final (victory of Yugoslavia over the USSR by 13-11 after extra time) says that the system of three point penalties adds nothing positive to the game. *"When one of the penalties is for a player to be sent off, players try to have an opponent sent off. With the three point penalty system they just try three times in order to be awarded a penalty."*

TOBOGANNING

- * *The International Youth Congress of the F.I.L.* The International Toboganning Federation is organizing three days devoted to the youth of the country in Prague, at the end of May.

WEIGHTLIFTING

- * *"To govern is to look ahead"*. The leaders of the International Weightlifting Federation are certainly not unaware of this maxim, since the broad outline of their calendar is already settled right up till 1974 !

WRESTLING

- * *European Greco-Roman Wrestling Championships at Modena, (Italy) from the 3rd to the 9th June.* The President of the F.I.L.A., Mr. Roger COULON has stated that each country may enter three wrestlers in each of the ten categories of weights.

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