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International Canoe Federation



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Fédération Internationale d'Esclime

In its circular No. 142, the International Fencing Federation gives the programme for its ordinary Congress which will be held from 11-12 May 1973 in the Conference hall of the Automobile Club of France, 6 Place de la Concorde in Paris.

On the agenda for this meeting are the reports of the different commissions, numerous proposals for the modification of the Statutes, the election for four years of the members of the standing commissions and the reports of the organisation or the attribution of the various world championships from 73 to 76.

Fédération Internationale de Football Association



*Dr Helmut Kaser,
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Secretary.*

● FIFA has just brought out the 1973-74 edition of its handbook. In it is all the technical and administrative information necessary. The book can be obtained in French, English, Spanish and German from the Secretary General, Dr. Helmut Käser, FIFA House, Hitzigweg 11, CH 8032 Zürich.

● In our last edition, we presented the candidates for the post of President of the Union Européenne de Football Association left vacant on the death of Mr. Wiederkehr.

During an extraordinary Congress held in Rome, Mr. Artemio Franchi, hitherto Vice-President, was elected. Mr. Franchi, who was 51 on 8th January 1973 entered UEFA in 1962.

An Austrian, Mr. Heinz Gero, has succeeded him as Vice-President, while Mr. Lucien Schmidlin (Switzerland) was elected to the Executive Committee. We offer them our congratulations.

Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique



*Mr. Max
Bangarter,
general
Secretary.*

The Bulletin No. 1, March 1973 of the FIG examines the different meetings which took place in Munich during the Olympic Games.

It also gives the dates of the principal events within the FIG in the next few years:

– 12th-13th May 1973 in Grenoble, Xth Men's European Championship

– 14th-26th May 1973: a tournament of the best male and female gymnasts in the world will be held in Brasil in order to spread artistic gymnastics in Latin America. Mr. Max Bangarter, secretary general of the FIG, will be acting as head of the delegation. Demonstrations are planned for Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, São Paulo, Brasília and Belo Horizonte.

– 8th-14th November 1973, 52nd Congress of the FIG.

– 15th-18th November 1973, 6th World Championships of modern rhythmic gymnastics in Rotterdam (Netherlands).

– November 1974, XVIII World Championship of artistic gymnastics in Bulgaria (Varna or Sofia).

Finally, according to a decision made by the General Assembly on 23rd August 1972, the following Federations have been suspended owing to non-payment of their subscriptions: Chile, Indonesia, Philippines.

Fédération Internationale des Luttes Amateurs

The European freestyle wrestling championships were held at the Palais de Beaulieu, Lausanne, from 30th March to 1st April. Particularly outstanding participants attended the competitions, since among the 124 competitors, 20 were medal winners either at the Olympic Games or at the European or World Championships.

The competitions were perfectly arranged, for which the Swiss organisers must be praised and we would not want to ignore the fact that Mr. Martinetti not only kindly gave his services without sparing his trouble, but also contributed financially with his colleagues to the organisation and holding of these championships.

The FILA took the opportunity offered by these championships to hold its Congress, presided over by Mr. Milan Ercegan.

Among the decisions taken, sambo, a special form of wrestling particularly practised in the USSR and Asia, was recognised. Sambo will be included for the first

time in the programme of the 1974 European Championships.

During the Congress, the attribution of the next freestyle wrestling, greco-roman wrestling and sambo championships was decided as follows:

European Championships:

1974 at Madrid (Spain) from July 11th to 21 st.

1975 at Ludwigshafen (F.R. of Germany).

1976 in Turkey.

World Championships:

1974 at Teheran (Iran).

European Championships (juniors):

1974 at Poznan (Poland).

World Championships (juniors):

1973 at Miami (USA).

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur



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general
Secretary.*

In the March issue number 5 of the bulletin published by the Swimming Commis-

sion of the AIPS, of which Mrs. Pat Besford is the president, we note a long discussion by the president of the federation, Dr. Harold Henning, who presents his federation's requests to the Montreal Organising Committee and the IOC.

"In 1936", Dr. Henning writes, "we had 20,000 seats. In Tokyo 18,000, Mexico 16,000 and Munich 10,000. Now Montreal are talking of 5,000 after proposing 10,000 when they were awarded the 1976 Games in Amsterdam three years ago..."

"... FINA are prepared to help to solve the problem of the ever-growing Olympics, but in their own way. They are prepared to reduce the total number of swimming and diving competitors from 38 to 33 for men and 35 to 30 for women. They are ready to tighten further their entry standards and to accept 12 teams (instead of 16) in the waterpolo—which will cut out 60 competitors—so long as this limit also applies to all team sports."

It had already been announced that representatives of FINA will meet the IOC Executive Board members in June to discuss this highly thorny problem.

- Four new federations have been affiliated to FINA: Virgin Islands, Suriname, Guyana, Congo Democratic Republic, thus bringing the number of national federations affiliated to FINA to 101.

- The first world swimming championships will open on 31st August in Belgrade, in the Tasmajdan swimming pool and they will finish on 9th September. There will be competitions in four specialities: swimming, diving, waterpolo and artistic swimming. Six swimming pools

will be put at the disposal of the swimmers: Tasmajdan, the main swimming pool open air); Stari Grad for artistic swimming (being built); Bangica for waterpolo; Kosvtniak for diving; Zvezdra and Vracar for training.

Competitors will be accommodated either in the Slavia Hotel (swimming, artistic swimming and waterpolo) or the Sumadija Hotel (divers). Officials will stay in both of these hotels while the FINA secretariat will be in the Metropole Hotel.

Fédération Internationale de Volleyball

In the Official Bulletin No. 60 of the FIVB, President Paul Libaud gives a report on the situation after Munich.

We reproduce here below some of the important points:

"We can be satisfied with the results received during the Olympic Games in Munich. The competitions were observed by an enthusiastic public and a great number of IOC members who attended the most important matches and were charmed by them. Now they are really convinced of the athletic and spectacular value of our sport.

"The 25th anniversary of the International Volleyball Federation let us throw a glance to the past in order to see the road we have already gone. In this way it became possible to analyse our progress according to the growing number of Fed-

erations members and thanks to the still greater competence of the leaders responsible for the different subdivisions of the Organisation. But after this look at the past, we have to prepare the future since we still are far from the summits which are the aim of our ambition.

"The effective of our 116 National Federations obliges us to revise first of all our administrative organisation. Our way of work, maybe economical but amateur, does not allow us quickly to answer the duties a modern and efficient secretariat has to fulfil. To a certain degree for this reason a new system of receipts was proposed and approved based on determined taxes...

"... But the administrative organisation is only the base which of course should be solid. Our greatest concern however is the improvement of the conditions of play. Here also there is still very much to be done.

"It is true that each amendment or application of a rule has compelled the coaches and sportsmen to make use of new technique and tactics which often leads to new reforms, even too often, since till now no radical solution has been proposed by anybody.

"Our Rules of Play in their present aspect have been surpassed by the athletic value of the sportsmen and, due to this, the play often is monotonous and not coordinated while on the other hand the attack very often strongly exceeds the defence.

"The greatest defect however, I would say danger, remains the uncontrollable duration of the meetings. The competent Commission presented of course some

good amendments, but in reality a radical reform is necessary...

"...The valuable ideas presented and insufficiently studied now will be applied only just after four years, e.g. after the Olympic Games in Montreal, which will be carried out according to the present Rules with all their qualities but I am sorry to say with all their imperfections!

"Attention! The enthusiastic spectators and persons whom I could cite and to whom I allude in the beginning of my article, are unanimous that the duration of the meetings is too long without speaking about the oral and written press, the television. Maybe there will come a day when we shall suffer from their reactions being unable to inform and transmit in the normal provided hours. It is absolutely necessary that each Federation which feels concerned shall make experiments either on the basis of the proposals made or on the basis of new ideas. Otherwise, if no experiments are made, due to any reason, it will be paradoxal because of their negative relation to hinder or delay a vital reform..."

Below is the composition of the administration council of the FIVB, following the Munich Games:

Pt.: Mr. Paul Libaud; *VPts. del.*: Arturo Cortes (Spain), Vladimir: Savvine (USSR); *SG/T*: Henry Aujard (France); *Ass. S.*: Mr. Anguel Barzashki (Bulgaria); *VPts.*: Mr. Ruben Acosta (Mexico), Mr. Masaichi Nishkava (Japan); *M.*: Mr. Roberto Calcada (Brazil), Mr. Vahit Colakoglu (Turkey), Mr. Petre Dumitrescu (Romania), Mr. Artur Esslinger (GFR), Mr. Giancarlo Giannozzi (Italy), Mr. Endre Holvay (Hungary), Mr. Otokar Koutsky (Czechoslovakia), Mr. Abdullay Rifaat (Egypt), Mr. Max Wasterlain (Belgium),

Mr. Harry Wilson (USA), Mr. Wilfredo Perez (Uruguay), Mr. Günther Trotschel (GDR).

- The FIVB has now 116 affiliated federations following its last congress. Five other federations are in the process of being affiliated. These are the national federations of Ireland, Malta, Nicaragua, Quatar and Yemen.

- On 30th September 1972 in Warsaw a session was carried out of the European Volleyball Confederation's Council and of a calendar conference of the countries from the European Continent.

The Council of the EVC considered the following more important questions:

European championships for juniors and girls in 1973:

The Championships will take place in Holland from 5th to 15th September, 1973.

European Championships for men and women in 1974:

The regulation of the Championships will be approved at the Session of the Council of the European Confederation in May, 1973, in Belgrade.

Training camps for young national competitors:

On the proposal of the EVC President, Mr. Giannozzi, each year training camps will be carried out for young national competitors. The first camps will take place in 1973 in Italy with the participation of 8 Juniors Teams up to 18 years old.

