

## Within the International Federations

### International Canoe Federation

- In 1974, the ICF will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Founded in 1924 under the name of "Internationale Repräsentant-schaft Kanu", this federation has not ceased to grow. The ICF has entrusted the organisation of displays for this jubilee to the German Canoeing Federation.

- The World Championships have just taken place at Muothatal (Switzerland). Participation in this excellently organised meeting was at its greatest. Unfortunately, competitors and spectators alike suffered in continuous rain, which to a certain extent spoils the interest of these events.

The next World Championships will be held in 1975 at Skopje (Yugoslavia). The slalom event will be organised on the river Treska, 14 km from the city, while the river Orna Reka will cater for the speed races.

- Nautical canoeing is developing more and more. As a compelling, traditional and sporting means of discovering a region or a country, it is being increasingly practised throughout Europe. Trips are organised by the "Comité du Tourisme de l'ICF", and all information may be obtained from the following address:

*International Canoe Federation, Touring Committee, Via Massaia 6, 59 Florence, Italy.*

- The ICF is presently collecting archives on canoeing, in which films, photographs, books and hydrographic and other documents will be conserved.

- At the end of 1972, Julia Petrowna Ryabtschinskaya, the Olympic champion in kayak at Munich, died. As a tribute to



*Julia Petrowna  
Ryabtschinskaya  
in Munich.*

her memory, the Russian Canoeing Association organised last 2nd and 3rd June, a special "Julia Ryabtschinskaya memorial regatta" at Shitomir.

### Fédération Internationale d'escrime

- An excellent gesture of sporting solidarity.

In mid-December, the well-known German fencer, Rudi Maier, was admitted to hospital following an attack of paralysis. Even during the first eliminations in Munich, he had been taken ill, but it was thought at the time a case of cramp. Partially paralysed for six months, and confined to an electric wheelchair, he is at

present in the hands of a group of doctors from Heidelberg, who make no secret of their concern. In order to facilitate his rehabilitation and his future life, his club and the West German Federation have opened a national fund to come to his aid. At Heidenheim, fencers meeting for the European Cup, were thinking of their immobilised comrade and sent him their regards and their wishes.

- The USSR has decided to patronize opposing teams. In this way nil scores have disappeared from the results. In the case of a draw, a series of five penalty kicks is taken by each team. It is early yet to pass judgement on this experiment.

### **Fédération Internationale de Football Association**

- From 11th to 14th May 1973, various sessions of the permanent committees and commissions of the FIFA took place as arranged in Leipzig (GDR). Many important points were studied. The general mood was of increased strictness in the application of FIFA's Rules and Regulations, particularly in the field of discipline and fair play.

Another important decision was the refusal to agree henceforth to authorise national associations to play matches against teams from the People's Democratic Republic of China, as this country will not be re-affiliated.

- UEFA: the next ordinary congress of the UEFA will take place on 22nd May 1974 in Scotland.

- The most popular sport in the world is implanting itself in the USA: 650,000 footballers in 1964, 1,712,000 today. Football is in the process of becoming the most followed sport there.

### **Fédération Internationale de gymnastique**



*Mr. Charles Thoeni.*

- Mr. Charles Thoeni has just passed away in Geneva at the age of 89 years.

Former President of the FIG, he devoted his life to the service of gymnastics. President of the "Société Fédérale de Gymnastique" (Swiss) from 1937 to 1940, he became Secretary General of the FIG in 1945. In 1956 he was elected President. He kept this post for several years, then was nominated Honorary President.

Retiring from active life, he none the less continued to follow closely the activities of his Federation.

The *Olympic Review* sends its sincere condolences to his family and to the FIG.

- The USSR has 653,000 licensed gymnasts, under the guidance of 18,000 coaches. 599 athletes are classed as "masters of sport" and 14 "masters emerit of international class".

## Fédération Internationale de judo



### The six worlds titles in japanese judo

From l. to r.: (Standing) Kazuhiro Nomomiya (open category), Tagaki (heavyweight) and Noboyuki Sato (lightheavyweight); (Sitting) Shozo Fujii (middleweight), Toyakazu Nomura (welterweight) et Yoshihawa Minami (lightweight).

- President Lord Killanin and the members of the IOC who partook in the work of the last Executive Board meeting were, in their few spare moments, and much to their delight, able to attend the World Judo Championships. These actually took place in Lausanne at the same time, 22nd to 24th June, under the direction of Mr. Robert Deppen, Chief of Police in Lausanne. There was an exceptional number of participants: 54 federations had sent over 300 judo players, comprising the elite of world judo.

The most memorial fact is that the Japanese once again won all titles contested, and the victorious reappearance of the type of Judo where technique surpasses force.

- A few days earlier, the FIG held its Congress in Lausanne. Several decisions were taken, which will come into force on 1st January 1974. The most important concerns the system of presenting medals. From now on, the winners of each table A and B will meet directly in the final for the gold medal.

- Still at the Congress, the Mongolian, Buidaa, disqualified in Munich, was suspended for three years, and his federation may not participate in any championship unless the silver medal Buidaa took is returned.

- The 1975 Congress and World Championships will be welcomed by the city of Vienna (Austria) 20th to 25th October. In 1977, they will be held in Formosa, and in 1979 at Los Angeles.

- The 1st World Junior Championships have been granted to Brazil for 1974.

- Referees and judges should now announce at the top of their voices the privileges they are granting to one or other of contestants.

### **Union Internationale de pentathlon moderne et de biathlon**



*Lieutenant Colonel  
O. Hederén*

- Lieutenant Colonel O. Hederén who for 11 years has been in charge of publishing the UIPMB's excellent review, has gone into well-earned retirement. Under his direction, the bulletin has become a medium of information and of very valuable liaison. Dr. Phil. Cerny (Czechoslovakia) now takes over his work as editor.

We wish Colonel Hederén a happy retirement, and Dr. Cerny every success in his work.

### **International Skating Union**

- Mr. Jacques Favart (France) has been unanimously returned as President of the ISU, following its Congress. He has held this office since 1967. Our congratulations.

- Below is the 1974 International Calendar arranged for the ISU during its recent Congress in Copenhagen:

- Speed Skating: Men's World Championships: 9th-10th February at Inzell (GFR).
- Sprinters' World Championships (men and women): 16th-17th February at Innsbruck (Austria).
- Men's European Championships: 26th-27th January at Eskilstana (Sweden).
- Figure Skating: European Championships: 29th January-2nd February at Zagreb (Yugoslavia).
- World Championships: 5th-9th March at Munich (GFR).

### **Fédération Internationale de tir à l'arc**

- From 22nd to 29th July this year, the French Archery Federation is organising the 27th World Championships at Grenoble. Up until now, 37 countries have indicated their participation, which is a record number.

- The FITA has just published a special edition, well presented and illustrated, on the archery competitions at the Olympic



Games in Munich. In particular it includes complete results – flight by flight – of the principal players who are depicted there, as well as a report on the Munich Congress and various international championships.

### Fédération Internationale de Volleyball

- At the Spring Volleyball Cup which was held in Naples, Switzerland was very subdued, only coming 10th out of 12 participants. But they undoubtedly won one victory – that of amateurism.

In fact, for taking part in this appealing competition, each player accepted to pay a 200 francs contribution!

### International Weightlifting Federation

- The IWF has just celebrated its 100th affiliation. It is the Weightlifting Federation of the State of Swaziland (Africa).

*“When I became Secretary General of the IWF, writes Mr. Oscar State, only sixty-two federations were affiliated with the world weight-lifting movement; and even though my aim was to arrive at the magic number of 100, I did not think that this would happen while I was still in office”.*



Mr. Jules Rosset

- On 18th March 1973, the most important world weight lifting figure passed away in Paris, Jules Rosset, founder of the IWF (then the “Fédération Internationale d’Haltérophilie”). On this occasion the IWF published a suitable tribute to him, by Mr. Gottfried Schödl, current President. We reproduce it here:

“On the 18th March 1973, Jules Rosset aged 95, died in Paris. With his passing,

an important part of weightlifting history also departed. He was the founder of the International Weightlifting Federation.

Today we are able to work for international weightlifting in a well-organised and world-wide federation, for which we have to thank Jules Rosset who laid the foundation stone for this development 53 years ago. It was due to his personal initiative that the first steps were taken, after long and difficult preparations, to unite the weightlifting nations and bring order into our sport.

The present generation cannot possibly conceive all the obstacles he had to overcome, including opposition from many members of the International Olympic Committee. Jules Rosset began his pioneer work in 1914 but had to wait until 1920 before he could reap the fruits of his efforts. The disastrous events of the first World War upset his plans. It was a time full of resentments and torn by political perplexities. Added to this, many countries had dissenting ideas about the execution of our sport. There were no standardised rules and it was necessary to try to harmonise all varying points of view. Rosset had to overcome all these difficulties in order to realise his ambitions. He did not give up but pursued his ideal with perseverance and considerable cleverness and found a good ally in the Baron Pierre de Coubertin who enlisted Rosset's aid in introducing weightlifting into the 1920 Olympic Games.

Jules Rosset realised his highest ambition when he was elected the first president on the occasion of the founding of our federation in 1920. There is no better argument

for his meritorious work than the fact that he served as president for no less than 25 years. He was president from 1920 to 1937 and 1946 to 1952.

We have to thank him for the first weightlifting rule books. The consolidation of weightlifting in the programme of the Olympic Games was due to his efforts in the face of severe opposition. He also found the ideal formula for modern weightlifting from among the bewildering array of weightlifting exercises, most of them of questionable value, when he created the Olympic Set of lifts consisting of the Press, Snatch and Jerk in 1928.

When Jules Rosset retired at the 1952 Olympic congress in Helsinki, he handed over to his successors a strong and modern organisation and in the years that followed he did not lose touch with his sport.

We are all deeply indebted to Jules Rosset, whose name will be inscribed in golden letters in the history of weightlifting."

- The new edition of rules in French and English, and priced 50 p is now available from the following address:

*Mr. Oscar State, Secretary General, International Weightlifting Federation, 4, Godfrey Avenue, Twickenham, TW2 7PF, England.*

- The Spanish Federation has taken commendable initiative. To each federation making a request, it will send a copy of the rule book in Spanish.

