

Within the International Federations

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)

● Meeting in Edinburgh, the IAAF Council decided:

- to establish two lists of records for sprint events (including the 440 yards) for those registered manually and those registered electronically to the hundredth of a second, but rounded off to the tenth of a second;
- that the new classification rule for high jump and pole vault not being entirely satisfactory, the former rule has been applied once again as from 1st October 1973, while the technical commission is studying a compromise between the two systems.

The decisions will have to be ratified by the Federation's congress in Rome next year.



*Mr. Chris van der Ploeg,
Vice-President*

Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (FISA - Rowing)

● *Annual Congress of the FISA at Lucerne* from 25th to 29th October with 28 of the 50 affiliated federations. The affiliation of the People's Republic of China has been accepted and FISA can now therefore boast of 51 members.

● Messrs. Chris van der Ploeg (Netherlands) and Evgvenyi Kabanov (URSS) become Vice-Presidents replacing Mr. Faa Hansen (Denmark) and Mr. Diadato Lanni (Italy) who have retired.

● *Other decisions:*

- Introduction in the official boat competitions of quadruple sculls for men and coxless pairs for women. These two events will be added to the programme of the next World Championships.
- Abolition of the European Championships, replaced by the World Championships to be held every year except the Olympic year. Continental Championships (America, Asia and Africa) will still take place, but contrary to the former European Championships, will only be open to rowers from the continents concerned.
- Organisation each year of regattas for veterans by a national federation designated by the FISA.
- Admission of women as judges in international regattas.

Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)

● *Modification of the rule on personal fouls* by the Executive Commission of the FIBA, meeting in Munich. The new arrangement of Article 91 stipulates that when a team has committed ten personal or technical fouls in each half time, each supplementary foul must be penalised by two penalty throws. This resolution takes effect immediately.



- From 19th to 30th June 1974, Montreal will organise the James Naismith Memorial Tournament in memory of the man who founded this sport in 1891. A few days later, from 3rd to 14th July, the 7th Men's World Championships will take place in Puerto Rico.

Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et Tobogganing (FIBT)

- 24th November was a moving day for all bobsleighers, when they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the creation of their International Federation in Paris. During this evening, the founder President, the Comte Renaud de la Frégeolière (France), who held his post from 1923 to 1960, proved his exceptional vitality on ice. Among the many persons invited were the Prince de Mérode, IOC member for Belgium, many presidents of international federations of winter sports, and Mr. Thomas Keller, Président of the FISA. Dr. Amilcare Rotta (Italy), President of the FIBT, may remain happy and confident that this event proved the great Olympic spirit which dominates his association.

The Comte de la Frégeolière and the President Amilcare Rotta.

- After St-Moritz, where all is ready for staging the 1974 World Championships on 19th and 20th January (2-man bob) and 26th and 27th January (4-man bob), either Cervinia or Cortina (Italy) will be responsible for the organisation of the 1975 World Championships.
- Lake Placid will now soon have an artificially refrigerated track allowing both day and night time use.

Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)

- The first World Boxing Championships were attributed to Havana (Cuba) as opposed to Montreal (Canada) by 20 votes to 19. All countries will be able to take part in this competition. Eliminating rounds may or may not be organised according to the number of boxers entered.
- *Did you know that the first procedure rules for boxing were made 230 years ago?* It was in fact in 1793 that Jack Broughton, a former fighter from the Thames, who also managed a fairground, promulgated the "London Prize Ring Rules", which were later (in 1895) to inspire the Marquess of Queensbury.

Fédération Internationale de Cyclisme (FIAC)

● Upon the proposal received from the Danish federation, the FIAC will decide at its next congress on the age limit for amateurs participating in the World Championships and Olympic Games.

● In agreement with the IOC Solidarity Commission, an improvement course will soon be organised for African, Latin-American and Asian cyclists.

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)

● At the FEI congress in Brussels, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, President, announced some extremely important news to the delegates. Faced with disguised professionalism, which is becoming more and more widespread amongst show jumpers, the FEI is going to send a questionnaire to all affiliated federations which the riders belonging to those federations must complete. With the help of this information, the national federations should be able to establish a list of amateur riders and a list of professionals.

The two categories having thus been created, official displays would be modified accordingly.

Taking one Olympiad as a basis, the FEI has decided to make the following diary:

Ist Olympiad Year: Olympic Games, reserved for amateurs.

IInd Olympiad Year:

a) World "Open" Individual and Team Championships;

b) World Professional Championships.

IIIrd Olympiad Year: World Open Individual Championships.

IVth Olympiad Year: World Amateur Individual and Team Championships.

● During this same Congress, the FEI partly renewed its board.

The mandates of four members having come to an end, Mr. P. O. Mayorga was re-elected to the post of Vice-President, while Colonel G. Nyblaeus was again made member. The IOC member for Bulgaria, General Stoytchev, no longer appearing as a member, is succeeded by Mr. E. Brabec, accounts commissioner.

Fédération Internationale d'Esime (FIE - Fencing)

● Official dates of the FIE for 1974:

— Under 20s World Championships in Istanbul (Turkey) from 12th to 15th April 1974;

— FIE Congress in Monte-Carlo from 15th to 17th May 1974;

— World Championships in Grenoble (France) from 16th to 28th July 1974.

● The first international placings for fencers have just been released by the FIE. V. Nikanova (women's foil, USSR), J. Kamuti (foil, Hungary), R. Edling (sword, Sweden) and V. Sidjak (sabre, USSR), will thus be receiving the four 1973 "World Cup" prizes. These prizes will then be awarded each year, during the FIE annual congress, to the presidents of the federations to which the winners belong. The successful fencers will keep these trophies for one year.

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

● The first World Football Day experienced great success in Barcelona (Spain). A striking match between a

European selection and an American selection, and two lectures, one devoted to "Football, jeu des hommes". (Football, the men's game) by Jacques Ferran, President of the Football Commission of the AIPS, and the other to "Football, power of communication" by Dr. Antonio Valencio, director of "Marca", were on the programme. Philately enthusiasts were able to find an exhibition devoted to stamps issued in 87 countries in honour of the round ball. This collection, one of the most beautiful in the world, belongs principally to Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC member for Spain and "chef du protocole" of the IOC.

While the FIFA paid the profits from this event into a special fund for charitable works, let us remember that it achieved another goal: revealing to all, through the intermediary of television, the skill and tactics of modern football.

Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)

- At the recent Congress in Rotterdam, the FIG refused to admit the People's Republic of China into its ranks, and to exclude South Africa.

Fédération Internationale de Handball (IHF)

- Women's Olympic Tournament: for the first time in 1976, six women's teams will participate at the Olympic Games. For this tournament, all teams, competing in one group, will contest five rounds.

- The German Democratic Republic, organiser of the final round of the 8th Men's World Championships (28th February - 10th March), has chosen eleven towns to hold the competition's 42 matches. The finals will be held in Berlin.

Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)

The XXIIInd FIL Congress will convene on 15th February in the new congress centre of Berchtesgaden. Those taking part in the Congress will afterwards be able to attend the 1974 World Championships organised at Königsee (Germany).

International Skating Union (ISU)

- New telegraphic address of the ISU: ISU - DAVOS PLATZ.

Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)

- The FIS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in February 1974, when the World Alpine Ski Championships are held from 2nd to 10th in Saint-Moritz (Switzerland) and the World Cross Country Ski Championships from 16th to 24th at Falun (Sweden). Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, will be going to Saint-Moritz, twice Olympic city, in 1928 and 1948. He will no doubt make reference to the fact that the FIS and the Winter Games were born in the same year, 1924.

Another anniversary will receive less attention. It was two centuries ago that the first rules for ski races were laid down in Norway.

- 29 national associations will be participating at the 30th World Nordic Ski Championships in Falun. Approximately 140 men and 65 women cross country ski competitors, 85 ski jumpers and 50 combined Nordic competitors have entered. Only the continent of Africa will not be represented.

- The FIS held a conference of presidents in Copenhagen on 1st September, at which 11 of the 17 council members and representatives of the 23 of the 47 national ski associations participated. A common statement on the qualification of skiers was established with unanimity. This text was distributed to all international sports bodies before and during the Olympic Congress.

- The international Ski Diary for 1973/1974 bears for the first time the addresses of organisers of competitions entered in the diary. This information is added to the rules for competitions, qualification, approval of slopes and ski jumps, security, etc. Published by the FIS Secretariat, this may be obtained from the following address at the price of five francs: Ankdammsgaden 35, 171 43 Solma (Stockholm), Sweden.

- 133 international competitions for Nordic disciplines will be organised in 18 countries during the coming winter: Sweden (30, including the World Championships), Finland (16), Germany (13), France (11), Norway (10), Austria (7), Italy (7), Switzerland (7), Czechoslovakia (6), Canada (5), USA (4), GDR (4), Yugoslavia (3), Japan (3), USSR (3), Poland (2), Greece (1), Spain (1).

- 205 international alpine ski competitions in 22 countries appear in the diary: France (35), Switzerland (27 including the World Championships), Austria (26), USA (26), Canada (21), Italy (20), Germany (16), Yugoslavia (6), Norway (4), Czechoslovakia (3), Bulgaria (3), Poland (3), Spain (3), Sweden (3), Finland (2), Greece, Rumania, the Lebanon, the USSR, Argentina and Andorra (1).

Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)

- In view of the 1974 World Championships to be organised by the Mexican Federation, the President of the FIVB, Mr. Paul Libaud, has been to Mexico to meet the Organising Committee. The following dates have been reserved: FIVB Congress on 9th and 10th October 1974; Meeting of the Technical Commissions on 11th, World Tournament from 12th to 19th. Competitions will be held at Monterey, Tijuana, Guadalajara, Tolvea, Puebla and Mexico.

- The FIVB invites its member federations to study all appropriate means of limiting the duration of volleyball matches.

- 10 men's teams and 8 women's teams will take part in the 1976 Olympic Tournament as opposed to 12 and 8 at Munich. Selected for the men's competitions are: Canada (host country), Japan (reigning champion), the 1st placed at the 1974 World Championships, and representatives from the continents of Africa, Asia, South America, North and Central America and Europe (the winner of the 1975 European Championships at Belgrade). A qualifying tournament will decide the last two contestants.

The women's groups will be Canada, USSR (Olympic champion), the winner of the World Championships, the champions from the Asian, South American, North and Central American and European continents, the eighth contestant qualifying by means of a pre-Olympic tournament.

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

- *Why has the press been deleted?* Trainer Harry Roewer (GDR) answers this question clearly and concisely: "The athlete in effecting the press, must not falter for one moment. To *raise* the toe or heel of your shoes, to gain momentum from the knees and develop it in broken phases is immediately penalised. Added to this is a rule stipulating that in the press position, the athlete may only lean backwards, with the small of his back curved, to a maximum of 27°. In practice, judging is awkward. Furthermore, many doctors draw attention to the danger of bending or developing the vertebral column too much. At the 1972 Congress, the voices of reason made themselves heard. The welfare of the performers and the difficulties of judging have led to the final withdrawal of the press as a competitive discipline."

- The Russian doctor Arkadi Vorobyev is completing the IWF's training book. This work will serve as a basis for courses run for trainers. The first edition will be released next year.

- Indonesia and Bulgaria will be organising the 1978 and 1979 World Championships respectively.

- The programme for the 1974 International Courses for trainers and judges, approved by the Havana Congress, will include a course in Ecuador (January), a course in France (mid 1974), a course in Panama (December), and finally, a world conference in June at the International Olympic Academy in Olympia.

International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)

- The IYRU General Assembly met in London on 9th November 1973. Included on the agenda was the re-election of the board and various points concerning Olympic regattas at Kingston in 1976, the IYRU headquarters, the recognition of new federations etc.

- Below is the composition of the new board:

PT: Dr. Beppe Croce (re-elected);
VPT: Jonathan Janson, George Himman;
SG: Capt. Nigel Hacking (re-elected).

- Up until now the IYRU has shared its headquarters with the Royal Yachting Association in London. The latter having shortly to move premises to Woking (Surrey), the IYRU is faced with a dilemma: whether to follow the Royal Yachting Association, or to stay in London but having to double subscriptions in order to meet expenses. The question is being reviewed.

- Finally, the 1974 Diary has been established:
28th January to 6th February: Soling WC¹ in Sydney (Australia).

8th - 16th June: International week at Kiel (GFR).

6th - 13th July: Finn's Dinghies WC at Weymouth (GB).

5th - 10th August: 470 WC at Alassio (Italy).

8th - 18th August: Finn's WC at Long Beach (USA).

24th - 30th August: Pre-Olympic Week at Kingston (Canada).

7th - 14th September: Tornado's WC in Honolulu (Hawaii).

International Silent Sports Committee

- The CISS Congress in Malmö (Sweden) made Mr. Knud Sondergaard (Denmark) its Secretary General, succeeding Mr. Oswald Dahlgren (Sweden). A great deal of work lies ahead for the President, Mr. Jerald Jordan, and his new Secretary General, since their Committee will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in Paris in 1974.

Fédération Internationale de Roller Skating

- 17 nations from every continent participated in the World Figure Skating Championships at Essen (Germany), while the World Track Races have just been held at Mar del Plata (Argentina).

- Luanda (Angola) will be organising the next World Rink Hockey Championships from 17th to 29th July 1974. This tournament will be between twelve teams qualifying from the Continental eliminating rounds.

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On page 534 of our previous edition, we announced that Mr. Charles de Coquereaumont retired from the presidency of the French Canoe-Kayak Federation in 1955. This should have read 1965. We hope the President of the "Fédération Internationale de Canoë" will kindly excuse us.

¹ = World Championships.