

The Executive Board and Olympic Solidarity

During its last meeting in Lausanne (9th-11th February 1974), the IOC Executive Board published the following text:

Olympic Solidarity, created in 1973 by the IOC, established a Board presided by Jonkheer Herman A. van Karnebeek, deputied by Mr. Henry Banks, Technical Director and co-ordinated by Mr. Giulio Onesti, IOC member for Italy, assisted by Mr. Edouard Wieczorek.

The aim of Olympic Solidarity is to bring the NOCs material and moral aid, i.e. technical assistance in the form of experts' missions, courses, training programmes, technical and informative publications, etc.

The first achievements have occurred since the close of the Olympic Congress and are:

1. Preparation and distribution of a technical brochure on the methodology of sports training, distributed to the National Olympic Committees.
2. The awarding of 20 study grants.
3. The organisation of an international symposium of the main Olympic and sports leaders to be held in Santo Domingo during the Central American and Caribbean Games from 14th to 17th March 1974, with approximately one hundred leaders from 23 countries from this region participating.

The 1974 programme will be as follows:

1. 36 experts' missions on the fundamental fields of activity of the NOCs.
2. 80 training and specialist programmes and courses for administrators.
3. The awarding of 115 study grants in teaching institutes and specialised training centres in Europe, America and Asia.
4. Preparation of ten technical brochures relating to NOC activities as well as to problems of sports training.
5. Creation of a central reserve of audio-visual aids for NOCs including films, loop tapes, slides, video-cassettes, etc.
6. Miscellaneous assistance for sports infrastructure, i.e. sports facilities and equipment for the use of mass sports ("sports for all").

According to the principles defined by the IOC, the assistance of Olympic Solidarity will only be in the form of services and not as cash benefits or equipment allocations.

The work will be carried out jointly and in a strict but friendly manner with the IFs interested in "Olympic Solidarity".

The Executive Board, convened in Lausanne, has fully endorsed the above programme and has earmarked the necessary funds for its implementation.