

# Within the International Federations

## International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)

- In *Olympic Review No. 70-71* we drew attention to the first part of the publication "*History of the IAAF*". The second part appeared in the November bulletin. It covers the period 1924-1926 and we learn from it, for example, that the first test for time-recording photo finishes dates from 1926 and was introduced by the Dutch, and that lines on the ground to mark the lanes replaced posts and ropes in 1926.

- Mr. Syed Wajid Ali, IOC member for Pakistan, has been elected President of the Athletics Federation of Pakistan.

- The IAAF November bulletin publishes an *official list of world track and field records*.

- The IAAF has put together in a compendium the list of all world records established since 1913. This may be obtained from the national federations or from the IAAF, 162 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London S.W. 15.

- The St. Vincent's Athletics Association, comprising 20 clubs and 350 athletes, is the most recently affiliated member of the IAAF.

- Soviet and US teams will compete together on three occasions in 1974. The first two will be between the senior teams indoors at Richmond (Virginia) in mid-March, then outdoors at Durham

(North Carolina) on 5th and 6th July. The third meeting will be between the Under 19 Junior teams from the two countries.

- *Running and Swimming*: "In "Runners' World" Jim Dunne has attempted a comparison between running and swimming. To do this he put three questions to swimming coaches, James Councilman, George Haines and Bob Thomas: Do swimmers train any more than runners? Can age group programmes for running be as worthwhile and profitable as those of swimming? Can runners carry out cardio-vascular and pulmonary training when swimming?"

What are the answers? A swimmer generally spends more time training than a runner. He trains with much shorter rest periods due doubtlessly to the fact that swimming does not lead to muscular accidents and that water is an element which practically eliminates the effects of weight.

Not as much importance is given to the training of twelve-year-old boys in athletics as in swimming: "*You can never say that you are a great trainer when you haven't over-trained a boy. Well try...*" specifies "Doc" Councilman on this subject.

As regards cardio-vascular and pulmonary training of the runner in water, Haines and Councilman do not advise it: "*Our philosophy is that if you are a swimmer, you should not run. Athletes must do the same in our opinion, otherwise they go against the principle of specific effort.*"

### **Fédération Internationale de Basketball (FIBA)**

- A new competition for national teams in Europe only will be launched this year: It will be the 1st European Countries Cup which will take place from 25th May to 15th June 1974. Six countries have announced that they will take part: France, Greece, Italy, Germany, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

- Following the visit of the basketball team of the Soviet Union to the United States, it is the American team's turn to go to the USSR. Their tour will last for three weeks and is anticipated in May 1974. There are eight matches on the programme of which two will take place in Moscow.

### **Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)**

In the recent "honours list" drawn up by H.M. The Queen we note that Lt. Col. R.H. Russell, President of the AIBA has been bestowed with the Order of the British Empire (OBE). Those who defend the Olympic movement and in particular the IOC Technical Director, Mr. Henry R. Banks who was, for a very long time, this figure's closest collaborator, are delighted at this honour awarded for commendable work as a sports leader.

### **International Canoe Federation (ICF)**

- The No. 1 bulletin of the ICF for 1974 publishes final tables of fixtures for canoe racing, slalom and wild water racing events.

- *The ICF will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year.* The German

Association (DKV) has been made responsible for organising the ceremonies and sports events. At the moment ten countries have announced that they will take part.

- Keeping to the same ICF bulletin, a very interesting study is featured on the future of canoe slalom in the Olympics. One can also read of the decisions taken by the IOC in Lausanne concerning canoe kayak.

- *What influence does the weight of a canoe have on the chances of winning?* Engineer E. Müller, technical official of the "Deutscher Kanu-Verband" attempts to supply an answer to this question.

- In order to promote the canoe slalom and wild water racing, the ICF has just introduced European Cups for these events in the following categories:

Wild water racing: Men: K1, C1, C2 and C2 mixed. Women: K1.

Canoe slalom: Men: K1, C1, C2. Women: K1.

### **Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme (FIAC)**

- Edition No. 2 of "Monde Cycliste" for December 1973 published the new list of prohibited pharmaceutical products for 1974.

- The affiliations of Senegal, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, Guam and Zambia bring the number of federations affiliated to the FIAC to 113. Honduras has received a provisional application.

### **Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)**

- Diary of 1974 World Championships:
  - Men's show jumping at Hickstead (Great Britain) from 18th to 21st July;
  - Women's show jumping at La Baule (France) from 30th June to 7th July;
  - Three-day event at Burghley (Great Britain) from 12th to 15th September;
  - Dressage at Copenhagen (Denmark) from 14th to 18th August.

### **Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime (FIE-Fencing)**

● We draw attention to the election of Mrs. A. Glen Haig, M.B.E., well known in the circle of international leaders, to the presidency of the Amateur Fencing Association of Great Britain. This is the first time that a woman has become president of a national federation affiliated to the FIE.

Mrs. A. Glen Haig is a former and accomplished champion. She represented Great Britain four times at the



*Mrs. Glen Haig*

Olympic Games and at the Commonwealth Games won two gold medals (1950 and 1954) and two silver medals as well as participating in nine World Championships. Furthermore she is a member or the president of a number of British sports organisations.

### **Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)**

● At its meeting on 8th January in Frankfurt, the FIFA Executive Committee provisionally recognised the national federations of Bangladesh and Liechtenstein. The FIFA now has 142 affiliated members.

● For some months now, the FIFA bulletin has been publishing historical studies or flash backs on the life of the FIFA and its member organisations. These articles would be of particular interest to those who follow the history of football.

Amongst articles of general interest to be found in the "FIFA NEWS" lately, we draw particular attention to:

- Thoughts on the future of football, by Allen Wade, training director, English federation.
- An interview with Mr. Ydnekatchew Tessema, IOC member for Ethiopia and President of the African Football Confederation.

● The FIFA News of December 1973 dedicated an article to the "raised free-kick". Willi Carr's "donkey hick" by which he kicked the ball with two feet had already been declared against the

rules in June 1971. A variation of this kick whereby in a free kick, the ball is lifted up with one foot instead of being hit cleanly, has since appeared. The author urges the International Board to take a decision on what he considers an illegal technique of effecting a free kick.

- The final list of teams participating in the World Cup in the GFR in June 1974 was released on 13th February. They are:

*Group 1:* Chile, GFR, GDR, Australia.

*Group 2:* Yugoslavia, Brazil, Zaire, Scotland.

*Group 3:* Holland, Uruguay, Sweden, Bulgaria.

*Group 4:* Haiti, Italy, Poland, Argentina.

### **Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)**

- In *Olympic Review No. 74-75* we noted that the FIG “had refused to admit the People’s Republic of China”. Mr. Arthur Gander, President, has asked us to stipulate the following:

*“The Gymnastics Federation of the People’s Republic of China has informed the F/G that it would like to resume its place within the FIG on the express condition that the federation of Taiwan be excluded.*

*The FIG sent out official admission forms, but up to the Congress in Rotterdam, no official application has yet been received. There was therefore no reason to discuss a case for admission and there have thus never been grounds for rejection.*

*The FIG will gladly welcome the People’s Republic of China among its members, provided that a correct and proper application for admission is submitted and that no condition is stipulated regarding the expulsion of another affiliated federation.”*

- The French Gymnastics Federation celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 1973. In 1881, it was one of the founder federations of the FIG, and the President of the latter paid it due tribute on the occasion of the European Championships in Grenoble.

- The Congress of Rotterdam made the following decisions:

- New federation affiliated: Dominican Republic
- Suspension for non-payment of subscription: Korea, Lesotho, Malaysia, Thailand
- Dismissal: Chile, Indonesia
- The 1974 Congress will be held in Tunisia

## International Handball Federation (IHF)

- The proposal of the Soviet federation, to organise the Women's World Championships in 1975, will certainly be accepted by the IHF's Congress. This will be a qualifying tournament for the 1976 Olympic Games.

- *The 54th federation to be affiliated to the IHF is that of the Upper Volta.* The amateur handball federations of India and Hong Kong become provisional members.

- The new Training and Methods Commission (CEM) of the IHF aims to propose to the IHF Council and Executive Committee, as well as to national federations, solutions to their technical and practical problems. Among its immediate tasks are the exploitation of statistical data compiled at the last Olympic tournament, the inventory of available technical material, and the publication of a directory dealing with specialised literature.

## Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH)

- For some time now difficulties have been apparent between the FIH and the IFWHA in the *organisation of women's hockey*. On 2nd September 1973, the FIH published the communiqué below:

1. The FIH has decided to continue its activity regarding women's hockey

without troubling itself any longer with the IFWHA.

2. The national women's hockey federations wishing to be affiliated to the FIH will be welcomed without being requested to withdraw from the IFWHA.

3. Women's sections of the FIH member countries will observe the FIH rules of play at all levels, they will be authorised to play matches against countries not affiliated to the FIH, and in this case, the countries involved will agree between themselves on the rules of play to be used.

4. The FIH strongly urges the IHRB and the WIHRB to continue their efforts towards producing and enforcing a common code of rules of play for men and women.

- Hopefully, this unique code of rules will be published by 1975. It appears that there are only four major differences to iron out and the member countries of the IFWHA has been requested to include the off-side rule of two defence players as opposed to three, the replacement of the penalty shot, the push-in instead of the roll-in and the defence players standing behind the centre line during corners instead of the 22.50 line.

## **Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL - Tobogganing)**

- On his way through Berchtesgaden, Mr. Suat Eler, IOC member for Turkey was eager to try out, on a racing



sledge, the artificial track of Königsee, where the last World Championships took place. He was there with the former world champion Joseph Fendt, a native of Berchtesgaden.

- The FIL bulletin of December 1973 introduces a number of points of interest among which are drawings of several sledge tracks, a look back at the type of sledge used between 1900 and 1954, the list of FIL congresses etc...
- Mr. Bert Isatitsch, the lively President of the FIL is also President of the Austrian Luge Federation, one of the most important since, it comprises no less than 182 clubs and 15,000 lugers.

He has recently been re-elected to this post and we send him our congratulations.

## **International Skating Federation (ISU)**

- 9 national federations affiliated to the ISU publish an official journal on their activities: "Pirouette" (Germany), "The Racer" for speed skating and "Canadian Skater" for figure skating (Canada), "Skøitesport" (Denmark), "Glace 1973" (France), "Schaatskroniek" (Netherlands), "Ice Tracings" (New Zealand), "Skøytesport" (Norway), "Skridskonytt" and "Konstakningsnytt" (Sweden), "Skating" (USA).

- The former World Champion Alain Calmat, now President of the Figure Skating Committee of the French Federation, has announced that a Junior World Figure Skating Tournament, reserved for under 16s, may be organised in March or April 1974.

## **Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)**

- *The F/S delves into its past'*: such could be the title of the article which Mr. Sigge Bergman, Secretary General, devotes to the history of skiing in Bulletin No. 55 for February 1974. We take a pleasant look back at the first efforts to organise skiing up to the Constitutional Congress of the FIS in 1924, and the important role which the future president of the IOC, played at this time. An

important and precious iconography enhances the interest of this study, completed by a list of member countries and dates of their affiliation, the presidents of the FIS, congresses and a roll call of competitions since 1924.

- The FIS makes a reminder of the *regulations concerning commercial trade marks* allowed on ski equipment for the 1973-1974 season:

1. *Helmets, caps and other headwear:* No markings permitted.
2. *Goggles and gloves:* Only insignias without any words or names are permitted. Maximum size in any dimension 20 mm.
3. *Skis:* Maximum height of letters in trade-marks and other text 30 mm. For 1974-1975 season: 20 mm.
4. *All other equipment:* Maximum size of letters 20 mm in all dimensions.

### **Union Internationale de Tir (UIT - Shooting)**

- The next *World Championships* are forecast from 16th to 29th September 1974 in Switzerland. The Organising Committee has long since started work

and a number of important details have been arranged. The town of Thun will host rifle and small arms events, while Bern will organise the hunting arms competitions. Funnily enough these World Championships coincide with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Swiss Riflemen's Society which, incidentally, will be chiefly responsible for the organisation of these Championships. Roughly 1300 men and 250 women competitors are expected at these 41st World Championships for which completely new installations are under construction.

To raise the necessary funds, the organisers have decided to have a souvenir crown struck, the talented work of brothers Eugene and Max Lenz from Zurich who were formerly accomplished marksmen. The number of gold crowns to be struck has been fixed at 4,500, silver coins at 40,000 and they will be on sale in Switzerland as from 15th December 1974.

- *Change of Targets:* Up until 1976 the target for rapid-fire pistol will be altered as follows: a line to be drawn from the angle of the head to the shoulder, the triangle thus being formed to be painted black and the zone lines to be extended to this. The word "silhouette" to be deleted.

- The 1975 World Championships for trap, skeet and shooting at moving targets have been allocated to the German Federal Republic. They will be held in Munich.

- The “Tonga Rifle Association” has become a member of the UIT, together with “The Shooting Association of Papua-New Guinea”. The UIT now has 109 federations representing 94 countries affiliated.

- From the No. 1 issue of the 1974 UIT Bulletin “Le Tir Sportif” has changed both size and presentation. Conforming to tradition the President, Mr. Kurt Hasler, has signed its first editorial.

He deals here with the hopes as well as the threats which govern shooting and sport in general.

### **Fédération Internationale de Tir à l’Arc (FITA-Archery)**

- We take pleasure in acknowledging the release of a new review on archery called *Arc* by Mme. Françoise Avon Couffrant, which should be published twice a month. The first edition was in January 1974 and two others have followed it, giving valuable information on the life of this ever-developing sport. The subscription per annum is 50 French francs and is available from: Mme. Françoise Avon Couffrant, 2 Square Gabriel Péri, 75017 Paris, France.

- Two new federations joined the FITA at the 1973 Congress in Grenoble: Argentina and Cyprus.

### **International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)**

- *New federations affiliated:* Cyprus, Malta, Greenland, Dominican Republic and Singapore.

### **International Federation of Sports Medicine (FISM)**

*The Executive Committee of the International Federation of Sports Medicine at its recent meeting in Lausanne,*

*observing that the age of participants in high performance competition (particularly in some sports) is becoming progressively lower,*

*unanimously calls the attention of all sports organisations to the potential dangers of sustained extreme efforts, damaging effects of which have been noted, to the health both physical and psychological of young people who are not yet sufficiently mature to sustain them.*

