

Within the International Federations

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)

● In our previous number we announced on page 632 *the suspension of the South African Federation upheld for two years*. We are grateful to Mr. Frederick W. Holder, Secretary-Treasurer of the IAAF, for clarifying this matter as follows: *"I am afraid that the item above may cause misunderstandings in some quarters. The situation is that the South African Amateur Athletic Union is not suspended from membership, but only from certain categories of international competition. It therefore has full rights to send delegates to our Congresses and individual South African athletes may participate in competitions in other IAAF member countries; likewise individual athletes from other countries may compete in South Africa. The limited form of suspension is designed to exclude South African national teams from competition, and to prohibit entries in the Olympic Games, Area Games and Championships etc..."*

● *History of the IAAF*. In No. 14 of its bulletin, the IAAF relates the great moments of its existence between 1928 and 1934, particularly the adoption in 1928 of the first ruling against doping and the appointment as Secretary General of the then President of the Swedish Federation, Mr. Bo Ekelund, future member of the IOC.

● *Tests for anabolics* will be carried out at all major European athletics competitions as from next season.

● *Africa - United States*: the next and third meeting has been arranged for 18th and 19th July 1975 at Durham (North Carolina, United States).

● *National initiative*: in the FRG, performances achieved by the athletes, rather than a draw, will determine the awarding of running lanes.

Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing (FIBT)

● *The international licence*, which has been proposed by the FIBT Executive Board, will indicate the blood group and basic medical information, as well as the category of the bobber to whom it belongs.

● The Japanese Federation has applied to stage the 1977 world championships.

Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)

Report on injuries received by competitors during the Olympic Games in Munich.

The President of the AIBA Medical Commission, Mr. J. L. Blonstein, writes: *"There were 357 boxers and 347 bouts. There were four boxers with haematomata, one bout being stopped. There were 13 cuts in the region of the eye for which the bouts were stopped. Three boxers retired, one with a cut left eye, one unable to go on and one with an injury to his left arm. There were 21 boxers with small cuts which were not stopped. There were 21 knock-outs, ten in the first round, eight in the second round and three in the third round. Two boxers were unconscious for two minutes but recovered rapidly in the ring. One was KO'd by a solar plexus punch.*

Two boxers were sent to hospital but neither was detained. One became hysterical after his bout and the other had sustained a blow to the liver. There was one partial dislocation of the left shoulder, one Bennet's fracture of the right thumb, one sprained ankle and one fractured nose. One boxer lost two teeth during his bout. Ninety-nine boxers were given anti-doping tests but none were positive."

Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme (FIAC)

● The FIAC is proposing to include a *track individual points race* for amateurs in the 1976 world championships, as a trial event, with a view to the 1980 Olympic Games.

● *12 open competitions in 1975*: the Sarthe circuit (17th to 20th April, France), 72 km. time trial in Denmark (5th June), Tour de l'Avenir (5th to 14th September, France), Tour de Pologne (11th to 21st September), Strassenrennen at Bremen (24th September, FRG), Clasico Polimeros Colombianos (19th to 23rd October, Columbia)—for amateurs; Paris-Nice (10th to 16th March, France), Catalanian Week (31st March to 4th April, Spain), Paris-Bourges (3rd May, France), Tour de Luxembourg (13th to 16th June), Grand Prix des Nations (5th October, France), Etoile des Espoirs (8th to 12th October, France)—for professionals.

● For the second year running, the USSR has won the international challenge cup of the International Association of Cycle Race Organisers, awarded to the country which is best represented in international stage races.

● *The first junior world championships* (17 to 18 years) will be held in Lausanne (Switzerland) from 22nd to 26th June 1975. Two road titles (individual, and team time trial) and four track titles (sprint, 3 km. pursuit, individual points race, and team pursuit) will be awarded.

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)

● Delegates from 43 of the 61 affiliated national federations took part in the discussions of the *FEI General Assembly* in Brussels at the beginning of December. Among the decisions:

— The FEI's new rules and general regulation (provisional text) will come into effect on 1st June 1975. The wording will be submitted to the next General Assembly for confirmation and be retained for a period of four years.

— The requests for affiliation presented by the federations of Indonesia, Singapore,

Philippines, Republic of China (Taipeh) and People's Republic of China (Peking) will be submitted to the delegates for ratification at the 1975 General Assembly. A representative of the federation will make an on-the-spot visit to study the exact situation of equestrian sport in these countries.

— The assembly adopted the conduct report for 1974. In this document, the FEI Secretary General, Chevalier de Menten de Horne, drew attention to the necessity of making anti-doping tests on riders as well as horses, particularly in the three-day event. The problem of the participation of insufficiently prepared horses in this exacting competition was also discussed. Marked acts of cruelty committed by riders should be severely penalised.

— Whereas the suspension of the Peruvian federation for non-payment of its subscription has been lifted, the Israeli federation finds itself suspended for the same reason.

— Mr. P. R. Torres (Mexico) has joined the Board for four years as a replacement for the much-lamented Vice-President Sarrazin. Mr. P. O. Mayorga (Argentina) accedes to the first vice-presidency, and Colonel B. Bruni (Italy) becomes second Vice-President.

● FEI Board

PT: HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh; *VPTs*: Mr. P. O. Mayorga (Argentina), Colonel B. Bruni (Italy); *SG-T*: Chevalier H. de Menten de Horne (Belgium); *Ms*: Mr. John E. Wylie (Ireland), Colonel G. Nyblaeus (Sweden), Colonel D. Thackeray (United States), Mr. A. Lyazidi (Morocco), Professor I. Bobylev (USSR), Vicomte Jurien de la Gravière (France), Count Landsberg-Velen (FRG), Mr. E. Brabec (Poland) and Mr. P. R. Torres (Mexico); *Auditors*: Lt.-Colonel H. Llewellyn (Great Britain), Mr. F. J. O'Reilly (Ireland), Mr. F. Hoza (Czechoslovakia) and Duke of Gor (Spain).

● Commission Presidents

Show-jumping: Colonel B. Bruni (Italy); *Dressage*: Colonel G. Nyblaeus (Sweden); *Three-day event*: Vicomte Jurien de la Gravière (France); *Finance*: Chevalier H. de Menten de Horne (Belgium); *Veterinary*: Professor I. Bobylev (USSR); *Discipline and Eligibility*: Mr. P. O. Mayorga (Argentina).

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

● *“Not only must we maintain FIFA’s high level of performance and prestige, but we must also enlarge the scope and achieve more flexibility. In this way, it will be possible for FIFA to develop football in all those areas of the world where it is still not played so much and to improve its quality, thanks to technical assistance given to developing countries. Plans to carry out this new task were approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting in Rome. As your new President, I hope to devote my efforts to this during my three years of office, writes Mr. Joao Havelange in the editorial of FIFA News No. 139.*

● *Montreal 76: the 16 finalists in the Olympic football tournament will be divided up as follows: 4 for Europe, plus the Polish team as title holder, 3 for Africa, 3 for Asia, 2 for South America, 2 for CONCACAF and 1 for the organising country’s team. 91 entries have been confirmed for the eliminating rounds.*

● The FIFA Executive Committee has appointed the new Presidents of the various Commissions. Mr. Joao Havelange will preside the Emergency, 1978 Jury of Appeal and Advisory Committees.

Other Presidents: Finance: Mr. Artemio Franchi (Italy); Organising Committee for the 1978 World Championships: Mr. Herman Neuburger (FRG); Disciplinary Committee: Mr. Mustapha Mohammed (Egypt); Referees’ Committee: Mr. Helmut Ridel (GDR); Committee for the Players’ Status: Mr. A. Senor (Columbia); Technical Committee: Mr. Harry Cavan (Great Britain); Medical Committee: Mr. Mihalo Andrijevic (Yugoslavia); Press Committee: Mr. Guillermo Canedo (Mexico); Amateur Committee: Mr. Valentin Granatkin (USSR).

● The third international football round table will take place from 1st to 3rd April 1975 in the Principality of Monaco, with the two following themes:
1) the threats to football (violence, foul play and negative play) and the solutions; 2) the large club and its problems.

● *The blue card...* After yellow cards (warning), green cards (calling a second onto the pitch), and red cards (expulsion), referees may soon be issued with a blue card. It will

indicate the order to a player who is guilty of a serious fault to leave the field of play for a period of ten minutes. The FIFA is intending to officialise this reform which has until now been used experimentally. The abolition of off-side during a free kick is also being studied.

● The captain of the Polish team which came third in the last World Cup has received the cup which is attributed to the team showing the most sporting spirit in this competition.

Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)

● *1981: the FIG will be one hundred years old.* Preparations are already in hand to make this event as momentous as it deserves.

● *Montreal 76: trials will be held from 30th July to 1st August 1975 in preparation for the Olympic Games.*

● The Women’s Technical Committee is studying, in conjunction with the Medical Commission, the dangers resulting from overworking the spinal column, for example, in the tight back bends.

● *48 new holders of the special FIG insignia (1974 award).* This distinction, which has been awarded since 1958 to gymnasts having obtained at least 90% of possible points at world championship and Olympic Games competitions, shows the wealth and perpetuity of national gymnastics schools. It is therefore not surprising to learn that already 48 Soviet, 46 American, 44 East German, 43 Japanese, 43 Czechs, 37 Hungarian and 24 Polish gymnasts are holders of this award.

● *Next FIG Congress: in Berne from 23rd May to 1st June 1975 during the European championships.*

● *VIIth Gymnaestrada in Berlin from 1st to 5th July 1975: the organisers of the Berliner Turnesbund and the Deutscher Turnerbund, who are working together for this huge world gymnastics festival, expect 40,000 sportsmen and visitors from 40 nations.*

International Handball Federation (IHF)

- *Montreal 76*: the final date for entries to the men's Olympic qualifying rounds has been fixed for 31st March 1975.

- *No changes in the rules of the game until 1976*: rule change proposals have been referred to the Technical Commission for further study, and will be discussed at the next Congress. Only technical changes are being made: the handball court must measure 40 m. x 20 m.; provided it meets the standard regulations, a synthetic ball can be used; at official and international championships, it is compulsory to use a ball which is officially recognised by the IHF and bears its stamp; only four officials can sit on the bench for reserves; the age limits for an official referee have been set between 28 and 50 years.

- Now that 24 teams have enrolled for the sixth women's world championships, which will be contested by twelve teams from 3rd to 14th December 1975 in the USSR, qualifying matches will have to be organised. The four best teams in these championships will take part in the 1976 Olympic tournament.

- *The XVth ordinary Congress of the IHF* will be held in Portugal in 1976, before the Olympic Games.

- *The IHF Medical Commission*, created in 1972, has instigated an exchange of experiences in the field of sports medicine. Organised during the 1975 men's world championships in the GDR, its initial studies were the subject of a brochure. Among this commission's projects is a statistical enquiry into the frequency, origins and immediate consequences of injuries occurring during games.

- The IHF has published a catalogue of international literature which is devoted to handball. 135 works published since 1921 are listed.

- *The men's and women's junior world championships* (up to 21 years) will be contested the year after the Olympic Games. The first junior world championships will take place in Sweden (men) and in Rumania (women) in 1977.

International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)

- Anatoli Tarasov, coach to the USSR Olympic champion team without a break since 1964, has become the first individual who does not belong to the Canadian Ice Hockey League to enter the Toronto Hockey Hall of Fame.

- *The Canadian Amateur Hockey Association* has withdrawn from the "Canada Hockey" organisation and formed its own international council. The first priority of this council will be to establish Canadian policy in line with international hockey and to pave the way for a possible return to competition for the 1976 Winter Games.

International Judo Federation (IJF)

- The Hungarian federation has proposed the creation of a world judo competition, to be held on the principles of the Davis Cup in tennis.

- *Montreal 76*: the judo competitions will take place in the Olympic velodrome. 7000 spectators, all seated, will be able to attend.

- *IJF Executive Board*: *PT*: Mr. Charles S. Palmer (Great Britain); *VPTs*: Messrs. A. Ertel (France), Y. Hirose (Japan), C. Bislip (Netherlands Antilles), I. Zavetchanos (Australia), J. Diallo (Senegal); *SG*: Mr. Antonio Garcia de la Fuente (Spain); *T*: Mr. Raymond P. Delforge (Belgium); *Sports Dir*: Mr. T. Kawamura (Japan); *Asst. Sports Dir*: Mr. J. Nauwelaerts de Age (Netherlands); *Asst. SG*: Mr. Heli Cabeiro (Guatemala).

- A meeting of IJF doctors is to be held at the Vienna Congress Centre on 19th October, a continental session on the 20th and the IJF Congress on the 21st, just before the opening of the 1975 world judo championships. The meeting of referees and the drawing of lots will take place on 22nd October. The programme of events in the Stadhalle: light heavyweight and heavyweight categories on the 23rd; welterweight and middleweight on the 24th; lightweight and all categories on the 25th.

Fédération Internationale de Lutttes Amateurs (FILA - wrestling)

Decisions taken by the FILA at its Congress in Istanbul last August, such as:

- the creation of a passive zone on the mat
- the abolition of a draw
- the evaluation of certain actions or holds
- the penalties for evading holds and fleeing the mat

set up certain new principles in the rules of wrestling, intended to bring about a greater degree of dynamism and without any doubt to give this sport a modern look, to the extent that everyone will apply them fully in the spirit in which they were adopted.

Nevertheless, the provisions of the existing rules remain applicable, except those which are contrary to the new principles or rescinded by them.

These changes will be expounded in our next issue.

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)

● *On 18th July 1975, the opening ceremony of the 11nd world swimming championships will take place at Cali (Columbia) in the presence of 55,000 people. 7,500 spectators will be able to attend the finals in the main pool. Participants will be submitted to anti-doping and anti-anabolics tests. The water polo championships will comprise 12 teams and take on particular significance, as the first six teams will obtain their Olympic qualification for 1976. The Organising Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. Jorge Herrera Barona, is geared up to assure the success of one of the year's most important sports events.*

● *Dr. Harold Henning, President of the FINA, together with all the Board members, honoured by the Arab Republic of Egypt. The head of state, Mr. Anwar El Sadat, personally signed the diplomas showing their admission to the Egyptian Sports Order, First Class.*

International Skating Union (ISU)

● *In order to improve the quality and uniformity of notation, international figure skating judges will meet for a seminar at Colorado Springs (United States) on 8th March.*

● *The ISU comprises 39 national federations from the 32 following countries: South Africa, Germany, Australia (2), Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada (2), People's Republic of China, Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Spain, Finland (2), France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Mongolia, New Zealand, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Rumania, Sweden (3), Switzerland (2), GDR, Czechoslovakia, USSR, USA (2) and Yugoslavia.*

● *Ten national skating federations publish an official review. Thus, we can receive from Germany "Pirouette", from Canada "Racer" (speed skating) and "Canadian Skater" (figure skating), from Denmark "Skjtesport", from Finland "Suomen Taitoluistelu", from France "Glace 74", from New Zealand "Ice Tracings", from Norway "Skytesport", from the Netherlands "Schaatskroniek", from Sweden "Skridsko-nytt" and "Konstakningsnytt", and from the USA "Skating".*

Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)

● *Seven candidatures for the 1978 world championships: Garmisch-Partenkirchen (FRG), Briançon (France), Jackson (United States) and Krangksa (Yugoslavia) would like to stage the alpine events, whilst Lahti (Finland), Lake Placid (United States) and Quebec (Canada) are interested in organising the nordic competitions. The 1978 world championships will be awarded at the 30th FIS Congress to be held in San Francisco from 25th to 31st May 1975.*

● *Out of 16 national federations which organise women's cross-country events, ten would approve the introduction of an additional Olympic event, either 20 km. (8) or 15 km. (2).*

Union Internationale de Tir (UIT - shooting)

● A number of doctors, psychologists and coaches met in Berne, on the occasion of the UIT's first scientific congress. Led by Professor Gravila Barani (Rumania), Vice-President of the UIT, the debates were particularly concerned with work undertaken in the field of medicine and psychology.

Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (FITA - archery)

● The FITA has accepted the Columbian Archery Federation and the National Archery Federation of Costa Rica as provisional members. These two federations will be confirmed at the 1975 Congress, which will bring the number of the FITA's affiliated members to 55.

● *Mrs. Inger K. Frith, President of the FITA, answers:*

Question: Can you give me an idea of the present expansion of archery in the world?

Mrs. Frith: Certainly. Archery is developing everywhere, especially since it has again become an Olympic sport, as the federations now receive financial assistance from State funds for Olympic sports which were not previously at their disposal. Thus, in several states of South America, there is a great surge of interest in our sport. Columbia will become an official member of the FITA at the Congress in Interlaken next year, which will bring the number of affiliated federations to 54. Other national federations have already submitted their applications. The championships of the Americas created in 1972 is enabling the development of archery in this region. The next will take place in November 1974 in San Juan, and certainly several nations will be represented.

Question: Over the last twelve years and more particularly at the Olympic Games in Munich, we have seen a very quick rise in scores. Do you think this progress can continue and to what is it attributed?

Mrs. Frith: Of course it can go on and it is not unthinkable that we may soon have to set

up a FIT A Star 1300! In fifteen years, I have seen the archer's equipment change enormously. Due to the use of extremely sensitive and reliable material, the manufacture of bows is totally different and now there is a wide variety of bows which gives each archer a more definite choice. Arrows are also more reliable due to specially treated material. Training methods too have assisted this rise in scores, but even so I think that the improvement in equipment has been of first importance. Moreover, I think that this example is unique in sport.

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● The 28th world championships will take place from 23rd to 29th June 1975 in Interlaken (Switzerland). Mrs. G. Trepper, President of the Swiss federation, is taking charge of the organisation.

Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)

● With the affiliations of the federations of Bermuda, Honduras, Barbados and the People's Republic of China, and the expulsion of the Republic of China federation, the FIVB now comprises 120 members. It is estimated that with nearly 90 million followers, volleyball ranks third among the most practised sports in the world behind football and athletics.

● The next world championships will be held in 1978—in Italy for men and in the USSR for women.

The International Military Sports Council

The Council's annual magazine "*Sport International*" (*Yearbook 1974*) prints articles by the President of the IOC, and Messrs. Giulio Onesti and Raymond Gafner, IOC members for Italy and Switzerland respectively. This book can be obtained by writing to: 119 avenue Franklin-Roosevelt, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium.

