



Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Vice-President and Chief of Protocol, and Mme Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC, went to Innsbruck on 7th and 8th February 1975. These dates had been chosen in relation to the Winter Games which were to take place exactly one year later.

Discussions were held in particular with Dr. Lugger, Mayor of Innsbruck, Dr. Klee, Secretary General of the Organising Committee, Dr. Schwabe, in charge of the Welcome Committee, Colonel Nagge, ceremony organiser, and Miss Sylvia Sommerlath, chief hostess.

Visits were made to the Innsbruck Congress Palace, the Tyrol Hotel and the Europa Hotel, the press centre, the Olympic village and the villages of Igls and Seefeld.

### **Organising Committee**

One year before the Games, the total number of the Organising Committee's permanent staff amounts to 25 people. The Organising Committee has the use of offices near the Tyrol and Europa hotels which could be used by the IOC at the Session.

### **Session**

The Session will last for two days. It will be held in the Congress Palace in the large room on the first floor.

In addition an office for the IOC secretariat will be reserved at the Tyrol Hotel for the duration of the Games. A room for the Executive Board will also be at the IOC's disposal during the Games if needed.

### **Press**

Press conferences will be held during the IOC Session in the Innsbruck Room at the Congress Palace.

The press will be installed in the Dogana Room at the Congress Palace on the ground floor, with telephones, typewriters, telex, etc.



*Dr. Alois Lugger, Mayor of Innsbruck, with General Sven Thofelt, President of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon.*

Four press meetings are planned, one of them under the chairmanship of the President of the IOC.

The press will be accommodated at the university where 400 beds are available. A different accreditation will be given to the technicians and journalists. 1750 journalists are expected, 800 journalists from Austrian television (ORF) as well as 400 other technicians, including 60 cinema representatives.

During the Games interviews of athletes will be held on the one hand at the finish (after their skis have been taken from them) and on the other hand at the press centre.

For the competitions in Seefeld, press conferences will be held in Seefeld itself where a sub-press centre will be organised.

### **Protocol**

The day before the closing ceremony the President of the IOC will receive the first three placed athletes.

A tour of the Olympic village with lunch and a tour of the press centre with lunch are also planned for the President (dates to be fixed).

The opening ceremony of the Session is fixed for 16.00 hours on 1st February. 30th and 31st January are reserved for small meetings.

### **Accommodation of athletes**

Replying to an enquiry by the Director following a request from the British Olympic Association to accommodate its athletes in Seefeld instead of the village, Dr. Klee pointed out that the Organising Committee was asked by the IOC to build an Olympic village for the athletes. If some NOCs refused to lodge their athletes in the village, the Organising Committee would have spent a considerable amount of money for nothing.

In addition, the athletes' security was ensured at the Olympic village and could not be so in other places at the same time.

Thus, for the Games, plans have been made so that, in case of "difficulties", all the athletes could be sent back to the village where their security was ensured in less than half an hour.

Moreover, a medical service operated in the village and could not be offered in other places. The solution adopted at the Vienna Session was as follows: athletes who did not live in the Olympic village would have their beds reserved in the village, and the National Olympic Committees would have to pay for these beds (\$8 per day). Expenses for food would of course not be charged.

The medal presentation will take place in the skating arena at 19.00 hours when the results of the doping controls are known.

### **Members' accommodation**

During the Session and the Games the members of the IOC will stay at the Tyrol Hotel which will be reserved for them and their guests and for the personalities invited by the Organising Committee.

### **Security**

Security measures will be taken for the IOC members as well as for the athletes.

### **Opening ceremony**

Col. Nagge explained in detail the plans for the opening ceremony, which was approved by the Chief of Protocol. The whole of the opening ceremony will last between 1 hour 20 minutes and 1 hour 30 minutes, the arrival and departure of the athletes included. The athletes will be driven to the opening ceremony by buses.

It was requested that on no account should persons in stands A, B and C, and in the stadium in general, leave their seats before the last athlete had left.

The Olympic flame will be lit in Greece and will travel to Vienna by air. Dr. Klee was informed that the arrival of the flame, or its journey, should not give rise to any advertising, and that only a ceremony corresponding to the IOC's protocol would be acceptable.

*From left to right: Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Vice-President of the IOC and Chief of Protocol, Mrs. Monique Berlioux, Director of the IOC, a representative of the town, Dr. Edgar Fried, former Secretary General of the Austrian NOC, Dr. Emmy Schwabe, in charge of the Reception Committee, Mr. Franz Wieser, Assistant Secretary General of the Organising Committee, Dr. Hermann Knoll, State councillor, and Dr. Karl Heinz Klee, Secretary General of the Organising Committee.*

