

Within the International Federations

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)

- *The first Africa v. Asia meeting* will be held at Algiers on 5th and 6th July 1975.
- *The 8th world veteran marathon* will take place on 15th September 1975 near Lake Yamanaka in Japan. Mr. Mikio Oda, first Japanese Olympic champion (triple jump, 1928) and President of the Japan Turtle Association, announced that nearly 1000 Japanese over 40 and 1000 foreigners from more than 30 countries will take part. The important thing of course will not be to set up records but to complete the distance (about 25 km).

- "*Spiridon*", the international running review, first appeared in February 1972 and since then its quality has always been maintained. This monthly magazine contributes to the development of all forms of racing on foot. Address: Spiridon, B. 257, 4005 - Basle, Switzerland.

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

- *Montreal 76*: the Olympic basin at Ile Notre-Dame should be completed and in use for the junior world championships fixed from 5th to 10th August 1975.

Contrary to the programme for the world championships, the women's and men's Olympic competitions will alternate daily.

- The Quebec Rowing Federation will receive new boats, thanks to subsidies from the government and the Organising Committee. 120 boats will be available to rowers arriving from other continents for the FISA's 1975 junior championships, as well as for the 1976 Olympic regattas.

- *At the FISA meeting for rowing trainers in Toronto*, Dr. Roger C. Jackson, Canadian 1964 Olympic champion in coxless pairs, declared: "Rowers are the strongest athletes in the Olympic Games, with the most endurance and the lowest percentage of fat. Their physiological qualities are slightly above the runner's, and almost double those of a normal man." Challengers be warned...

- Rowers from the People's Republic of China are to take part in the world rowing championships to be held from 21st to 30th August 1975 at Nottingham (Great Britain).

Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)

- *The 7th ladies' world championships* will be held from 29th September to 4th October 1975 in Columbia, with 13 nations taking part. The first three of the final classification will qualify for the 1976 Olympic tournament.

Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing (FIBT)

- *Twenty federations affiliated to the FIBT*. Mr. Ermanno Gardella, Secretary General of the FIBT, informs us that the federation of the Principality of Andorra has joined the following federations within the FIBT: Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Spain, United States, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Poland, Rumania, Sweden, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, GDR and Australia.

Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme (FIAC)

- The FIAC has accepted the provisional affiliation of the Sudanese and Bolivian Federations.

● *Registered cyclists may not take part in a race in which cyclists from a non-affiliated federation participate*, pointed out the FIAC in a recent communiqué.

● *Wearing a helmet* is now compulsory for amateurs in all world championship and Olympic Games competitions (including the road race).

● *To promote track racing*, a meeting has been arranged during the 1975 world championships in Belgium between the representatives of federations which own a covered velodrome; the result could be the introduction of an international challenge cup to be contested in winter.

● *The 1977 world championships* will be staged at San Cristobal, Venezuela. For 1978, the FRG federation has applied, and for 1979 the Japanese, Iranian and Czech federations.

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

● *1976 preliminary tournament*: the Madagascan federation has withdrawn its team from the tournament 90 national teams will therefore compete.

● *World cup*: It's Argentina's turn in 1978! According to a declaration by Mr. Joao Havelange, President of the FIFA, any doubts as to the venue of the final round of the next world cup can be dispelled. And any other speculation is unnecessary. One important question could not be solved—the number of teams taking part in the tournament. The controversy between Argentina and South America, which advocate 20, and Europe, which is strongly resolved that the number should remain at 16, should be settled on 29th and 30th April 1975 when the FIFA Organising Committee and Executive Board meet in Dakar.

● *Helmut Riedel* (GDR) retires from the FIFA Executive Board and the chairmanship of the Referees' Commission for health reasons.

Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)

● *The FIG's new points system* will be available in July in English, French or German.

● *Mrs. Valérie Nagy, President of the ladies' technical committee*, judging last season, remarks in her 1974 report: "We can state that there were very few innovations to be seen apart from the long horse vault where some gymnasts, with an excellent technique, presented vaults with rotation and somersaults and even, for the first time, with rotation in the first phase of flight. In this way the vault discipline is becoming richer and more interesting. With the raising of the horse, a general improvement in technique is still to be foreseen."

International Handball Federation (IHF)

● *The IHF has made the draw for the seven European Olympic qualification groups*. The teams will play return matches between 1st November 1975 and 7th March 1976. The first team of each group will qualify for the Montreal tournament, the second for the B group world championships in Austria (1977), and the third for the C world championships in Great Britain (1976).

● Over the last two years, the number of teams affiliated to the national federations of the IHF has increased by 16.7 %.

Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)

● *The FIL's 1975 congress* at Hammarstrand (Sweden) assembled delegates from 21 national federations. The President of the IF, Mr. Bert Isatitch, remarked with satisfaction on the Innsbruck trials, stressing the quality of the new combined bob and luge track and the number of the nations taking part (19). He was pleased with the excellent relations existing between the FIL and the IOC. In conclusion he drew attention to the development necessary in the practice of luge by youngsters.

● *Two new national federations* have just been recognised by the FIL: the Luge Sporting Association of Andorra (Principality of Andorra) and the Republic of China Amateur Luge Association (Taipei).

● *A ruling to ensure balance of weight between teams* will come into force next season.

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA)

● *For the IIIrd world championships*, planned in 1978, the FINA has announced the candidatures of the federations of the Federal Republic of Germany (Berlin) and of the United States. The New Zealand federation (Christchurch) is no longer a candidate.

Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)

● *The FIS qualification rules*, approved by the Federation's council, appear in No. 59 of the FIS bulletin. These provisional rules take immediate effect. The next congress, to be held on 30th and 31st May in San Francisco, must ratify these texts.

● The former Luxemburg Winter Sports Federation has renounced its membership of the FIS in favour of the newly formed Luxemburg Ski Federation.

● The new President of the Greek Ski and Mountaineering Federation is none other than Mr. Nassos A. Tzartzanos, successor to Mr. Epaminondas Petralias as President of the International Olympic Academy.

Union Internationale de Tir (UIT-Shooting)

● *The UIT's new Executive Committee:* PT: Dr. Kurt Hasler (Switzerland); VPTs: Georges Vichos (Greece), Prof. Gravila Barani (Rumania), Chafik Mehanna (Egypt); SG: Ernst Zimmermann (Germany); *Tech. Com.* PT: Michael Tipa (United States); Ms: Toyotaro Ikuta (Japan), Maxwell E. Rich (United States), Dr. Renart Suleimanov (USSR).

● *Commission Chairmen: Judges:* Bernhard Fischer (GDR); *Rifle:* Otto Horber (Switzerland); *Pistol:* Poul Glesner (Denmark); *Clay pigeon:* Severino Rosa-Clot (Italy); *Moving target:* Björn Schullström (Sweden).

● *The 42nd world shooting championships* will take place in Asia for the first time, in 1978. It was Seoul (South Korea) which was awarded them against Mexico.

The first 41 world championships have been held either in Europe or America, with the exception of 1932 when they were held at Cairo in Africa.

● The first junior world championships will be contended in Brazil in 1976.

● *The UIT* will soon be able to boast 100 federations, as it at present numbers 96 nations after accepting five new members: Paraguay, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, the People's Republic of China, and Andorra.

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)

● *Next IWF meetings:* the IWF's Technical and Medical Commissions, Board and Technical Congress will meet from 1st to 4th July at the time of the first junior world championships at Marseilles. The IWF Congress will meet as a prologue to the 29th world championships, to be held from 15th to 23rd September 1975 in Moscow.

International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)

● *The 1975 IYRU Yearbook*, essential for those who follow the development of high-level sailing, has just come out.

● Since 1st April 1975 *the IYRU's offices* are no longer in common with those of the British Federation. The address remains unchanged, but a new telex line (915487 YACHTRACE LDN) may be used.

● *Montreal 76:* the regattas will be divided into three daily races despite the IYRU's request, announced at its 1974 Congress, for a fourth race.



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