

## **The NOCs meet the IOC Executive Board**

As required by the Olympic Rules, the IOC Executive Board and the delegates from the National Olympic Committees held a meeting in Rome on 16th and 17th May 1975 to discuss common problems in a spirit of cordiality.

Nearly 200 delegates from 96 NOCs took part in these discussions at the Foro Italico, headquarters of the Italian National Olympic Committee, in the impressive hall of honour which had been arranged to perfection.

Many speeches, sometimes impassioned, often discerning, on the twenty-four points of the agenda enabled the IOC Executive Board to sharpen its knowledge of a good many subjects and thus to prepare future Olympic activities.

Olympic Solidarity, which is financed by the NOCs' share of the rights for the televised broadcasting of Olympiad celebrations, was one of the major topics. The report submitted was widely approved. The second part of the meeting was set aside for the China question. Each delegate was able to express his opinion on the request for recognition by an NOC of the People's Republic of China and the possible consequences. The President of the IOC, Lord Killanin, recognised the benefit of this large forum of information to the search for the best solution.

The President of the CONI, Mr. Giulio Onesti, and his colleagues, the master planners of these days, laid on excellent organisation, for which we should like to thank them here.

### **Next meeting**

The IOC Executive Board will meet the delegates of the NOCs in 1977 at Abidjan.