

Within the International Federations

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)

- *Walking*: The first 50 kilometre world championships will be held in Malmö (Sweden) next year.

- *The second Asian Amateur Athletics Championships* held in Seoul (Korea) from 9th to 14th June 1975 are the subject of an excellent report in the IAAF Bulletin No. 16.

- *The Athletics Statisticians Association* (ATFS) today numbers 238 members from 56 countries. Mr. Mikio Oda (Japan, 70 years old), a member of this association since 1951, is none other than the first Asian Olympic champion (triple jump, 1928).

- *1976 meetings of the IAAF in Montreal* 15th July: Technical Committee, 16th July: Medical Committee, 18th and 19th July: meeting of the Board, 20th to 22nd July: Congress.

- *A World Nations Cup* might be held, from 1977 on, a few weeks after each European Cup. It would be open to teams from eight countries: the first three Europeans, one North American, and teams representing Latin America, Africa, Asia and Australasia. The final decision will be taken by the International Federation in October.

- *Athletes of over forty* took part in unofficial World Veterans Championships in Toronto (Canada) at the beginning of August.

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

- *The 6th FISA Junior Championships* inaugurated Montreal's new Notre Dame

Island Olympic rowing course. 107 boats and rowing teams from 25 countries took part. Seven federations (Canada, Germany, German Democratic Republic, Great Britain, the United States, Italy and France) were represented in all eight events.

- 28 countries (compared with 32 in Lucerne) took part at Nottingham (GB) in the *5th Men's World Championships* in which 112 crews competed. Only the federations of the Germany Democratic Republic, the USSR, Germany and the United States were represented in all eight events. On the other hand, the admission of women's rowing events at the Montreal Olympics has given this sport a real boost since 20 countries (a record figure) entered teams for the women's events.

- *The FISA Congress* awarded the staging of the *1978 World Championships* to the New Zealand Federation. The 1977 championships will be held in Amsterdam (Holland). Applications have already been received from Bled (Yugoslavia) for 1979 and Montreal (Canada) for 1981.

The FISA Junior Championships will take place at Villach in Austria in 1976, at Tampere in 1977, in Belgrade in 1978 and in Moscow in 1979.

Among the various reports, mention must be made of one by the *Medical Commission* laying down a sex test for oarswomen, to take effect for the first time at the Olympic Games in Montreal next year. On the other hand, the *Women's Commission* did not accept the proposal to raise the length of the women's course from 10,000 to 12,000 metres and did not agree either to the inclusion in the programme of a new event (coxless fours).

- *The next FISA Congress* will be held in Montreal on 17th July 1976, the day of the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games.

Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)

● The women's teams of Argentina, Hungary, USSR, Canada, Senegal, Korea, Italy, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Australia, Japan, the United States and Colombia will be competing in the *World Championships* to be held in Colombia from 23rd September to 4th October this year.

● *The USSR, winner of the first Inter-continental Nations Cup.* Four European teams (USSR, Yugoslavia, Italy and Greece) competed with four teams from the American continent (United States, Brazil, Canada and Mexico). The new cup will be competed for every other year from now on.

Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)

● *AIBA's Executive Committee* held its first plenary session in Moscow. Twenty-seven of the thirty members attended the meetings.

● *AIBA's headquarters moved to Moscow.* This will simplify the work of the Association's new President, Mr. N.A. Nikiforov-Denisov.

● *Messrs. K. Shibata (Japan) and Petros Nazarbegian (Iran)* will take over the two vacant vice-presidencies.

● *Mr. Anwar Choudhry (Pakistan) appointed Honorary Secretary of AIBA.* He will be responsible for coordinating the work of the continental offices and recruiting new members for the association.

● *Mr. Yuri Markov (USSR), new Administrative Secretary of AIBA,* takes over from Mr. R. S. Goddard (Great Britain). The new administrative secretary, who is 31 years old, is a graduate of the Central Institute of Physical and Sports Education in Moscow. For five years, he worked for the foreign department of the USSR Sports Committee (athletics section). In this capacity he had occasion to attend many meetings of the IAAF. Last December, he was appointed administrative secretary of the European Amateur Boxing Association, an invaluable stepping stone towards his new post. The *Olympic Review* extends him a warm welcome. We are sure that he will succeed in continuing the extremely efficient work of his predecessor.

● *In order to improve the qualifications of international referees,* all will have to pass tests this year. European referees will be tested at Katowice (Poland) during the European Championships. AIBA's Refereeing Commission will act as examiners.

International Canoe Federation (ICF)

● *The XIIth World Canoe Racing Championships* took place in Belgrade from 31st July to 3rd August. 400 participants (of which 85 were women) came from thirty countries (including the People's Republic of China).

● *The ICF Jubilee Photographic Competition.* We are reproducing the photograph "Youth at the Start" which won first prize. Mr. Antal Gabor, the photographer, is Hungarian. May we congratulate him.



New address

Mr. Hans Egon Vesper, President of the ICF Propaganda and Information Committee, Am Mühlenberg 19/V, D-4100 Duisburg 1 (Germany).

Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme (FIAC)

The 1977 World Cycling Championships will take place at San Cristobal in Venezuela. A velodrome is under construction and will be 333 m. long.

● 300 cyclists from 30 countries took part in the *first Junior World Championships*, held in Lausanne.

● *The British Federation* will celebrate its centenary in 1978.

● *Racing in stages which may become open* to amateurs as well as professionals should not have more than twelve stages.

Fédération Internationale d'Escrime (FIE - fencing)

● *The Indian Federation* is the 75th member affiliated to the International Fencing Federation.

● *563 fencers took part in the 23rd World Championships at Budapest.* These included 147 male foil fencers, 139 female foil fencers, 120 sabre fencers and 157 épée fencers.

● *Alcohol tests* were taken at these championships.

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)

● *One year of Presidency*

Mr. Joao Havelange, President of the FIFA since 7th July 1974, sums up his activity at the heart of world football in the following points:

1. *Europe's position* (it is normal that it should occupy a position of priority within the mechanism of the International Federation).
2. *Administration of FIFA* (three Executive Board meetings, meeting of the Presidents of the continental confederations, visit to 33 national federations).
3. *The 1976 Olympic Tournament:* visit to the installations in Toronto, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Montreal. Football in Canada should receive a decisive boost from this event.
4. *The problems of Argentina:* the number of finalists to be maintained at 16; a visit to Buenos-Aires will be made shortly to see that commitments will be fulfilled.
5. *Project No 1:* as from 1976, for three years, three groups (English, French and Spanish) each one composed of an administrator, a coach, a P.E. instructor, a physician and a referee, will organise courses in 103 countries.
6. *The Youth World Cup* which will bear the name of Gabriel Hanot, will take place in February 1977 in Tunisia. It will bring together 16 teams (six from Europe, three from South America, two each from Africa, Asia and Central America, and one from the host country). Later, we will perhaps pass on to 24 teams, in Iran or in Guatemala!
7. *FIFA Headquarters* should be made more modern and spacious. Plans are being studied.

8. *The return of China.* The return of China amongst us would be a considerable event, which would also bring its return to the Olympic fold.

9. *Changes in the laws of the game.* Although excellent, we must not be afraid of thinking about possible alterations.

10. *Round Table in Monaco:* a very important initiative which could be institutionalised.

(Extracts from the publication FIFA News, No 146.)

● *FIFA Congress 1976:* Friday, 16th July in Montreal.

Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)

● In his latest report, the President of the FIG, Mr. Arthur Gander, states. "*In trying to analyze the events in Varna with regard to the development observed, we should perhaps now ask ourselves if the moment has not now arrived when we should mitigate the trend towards "risk" and "difficulty" which are rapidly becoming more important than deportment and execution. We should take care that artistic gymnastics do not degenerate into pure acrobatics with risk to life and limb. Erroneous attitudes and deficient execution, particularly in the exits with "landings" on the back or the knees, deriving from parts of improperly mastered parts or links in the exercises, should be abandoned in favour of a faultless execution and deportment which is truly artistic. On the other hand, stance and execution within the perspective of the development of the difficulty and the risk should be dominant in so far as a more confident execution of the imperfectly mastered elements and links remain unassured. Art. 28 of the Code of Points is quite clear on this subject. It appears to us that, in Varna, the exhaustion, the disturbances of rhythm, health troubles, etc. were the order of the day and caused relatively numerous accidents. It is our duty to intervene before it becomes too late.*"

● *The Gymnastics Federation of Iraq* is unanimously admitted as a new member of the FIG.

● *The adaptation of the FIG Statutes to article 26 of the Olympic Rules* was discussed and approved at the last FIG Congress.

International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)

● Delegates at the International Ice Hockey Federation's Congress adopted the *new statutes* providing for an increase in the number of members of the executive committee to eleven (instead of nine) and the creation of two new posts, treasurer and secretary (functions carried out so far by the President).

● IIHF Council

PT: Dr. Günther Sabetzki (Germany, elected); *VPTs*: Mr. Miro Subrt (Czechoslovakia), Mr. W.H. Thayer Tutt (United States); *SG*: Mr. Walter Wasservogel (Austria); *T*: Mr. Kurt Berglund (Sweden, elected); *Ms*: Mr. Jack Devine (Canada, elected), Mr. Freddy Schweers (Holland), Mr. Marjan Lixa (Yugoslavia, elected), Mr. Andrei Starovoitov (USSR), Mr. Esko Paltanen (Finland, elected), Mr. Reto Tratchin (Switzerland, elected).

● Other decisions made by the Congress:

- World Championships now open to professional players.
- As from 1976, eight teams (instead of the present six) will compete in the Group A World Championships. After the first round the first four teams will fight for the title and the remaining four against relegation.
- For the next world tournament, Group A will consist of: the USSR, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Finland, the United States, Poland, Germany and GDR.
- Forthcoming Group A World Championships:
1977: Austria; 1978: Czechoslovakia; 1979: USSR; 1980: Sweden.

● *Innsbruck 76*: Sweden will be replaced by Japan in the next Ice Olympic Hockey Tournament.

● Mr. John Francis Ahearne (Great Britain) retires after 42 years of dedicated service to ice hockey...

The announcement of the retirement of President Ahearne stupefied members taking part in the 1975 IIHF Congress at Gstaad (Switzerland). A member of the federation for 42 years, President since 1954, having presided over 55 congresses, attended 35 world championships, without missing a single one since 1934, and eight Winter Games, Mr. Ahearne (74 years old) takes his place among the most devoted international officials in the history of sports administration. Mr. J.F. Ahearne, unanimously elected Honorary President of the IIHF for life, will undoubtedly continue to lend his support to his favourite sport and will try to help advise all those wishing to benefit from his tremendous experience.



...Dr. Günther Sabetzki (Germany) appointed new President of the International Ice Hockey Federation.

The new President of the IIHF, who is of German nationality, was born on 4th June 1915. He completed his studies with a thesis in economic and political sciences. An eclectic, active sportsman (team sports: football, handball, hockey—and individual sports: skating, tennis and swimming)... While making his career in economics journalism and publishing, he also devoted a great deal of his time to administrative work in skating and ice hockey. His election as President of the IIHF was obtained by a clear majority with 36 votes to the 16 gained by Mr. Freddy Schweers (Holland). The *Olympic Review* extends its heartiest congratulations to him and its best wishes for his future success.



International Handball Federation (IHF)

● *Montreal 1976.* Twelve teams will take part in the Olympic Tournament. Eight will come from Europe including Rumania, world champion team, one team will represent the African continent and one the Asian continent. Canada, the host country, and either Argentina or the United States will make up the list of the participating teams.

● 45 National Federations have informed the IHF of their entry in the *Olympic Qualification Tournaments*. This means that 70% of the member associations are interested. Europe accounts for 32 entries, Africa 15, Asia 5 and America 3.

● *Somes dates:*

World Championships, Group B from 25th February to 6th March 1977 in Austria.

World Championships, Group A in 1978 in Denmark.

● *At the Sixth Women's World Handball Championships*, teams from the USSR, Yugoslavia, 1973 World Champion, Tunisia, Japan, Hungary, Norway, Poland, GDR, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and the United States will compete against each other. These Championships, to be held in Russia from 2nd to 14th December, will select four teams for the 1st Women's Olympic Tournament to be held in Montreal in 1976.

● Minister Erwin Lanc has been elected President of the Austrian Handball Federation.

● *The 1975 IHF Handbook* (in German, French and English) comprising the history, statutes, eligibility rules for handball players (the former amateur rules), doping regulations and rules of play, has been published.

Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH)

● *The new code of rules* came into force on 1st August last. This big step towards the unity of world hockey will favour a new growth in this most educational sport.

● *Montreal 1976.* Mr. René Frank, President of FIH, reported the excellent condition of the artificial Olympic field in McGill stadium and the eight teams taking part in the Montreal International Competitions

Tournament all expressed their satisfaction with it. Even so, a certain adaptation seems necessary.

International Judo Federation (IJF)

● *The 1975 World Championships in Vienna* (23rd to 25th October) will coincide with the Austrian Federation's 25th anniversary. A meeting of IJF doctors will be held on 19th October. Let us mention that a dope test will be carried out during these competitions and that anabolic substances are included on the list of prohibited products.

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)

● *The second World Swimming Championships*, held at Cali last July, are the subject of a report in our feature "Around the NOCs" on page 424.

● *FINA's Executive Committee*, meeting in Cali, decided not to accept swimmers from the People's Republic of China. Moreover, South Africa continues to be excluded from the International Federation owing to its apartheid policy. Rhodesia, on the other hand, after investigation, might be allowed to join again.

● All athletes, trainers and even federations who refuse to compete against certain opponents or who impede FINA's cooperation with other member federations risk exclusion.

International Skating Union (ISU)

● *The 36th Congress of the ISU* was held from 10th to 13th June 1975 at Munich (FRG).

Council re-elections:

PT: Jacques Favart (France); *VPTs:* John R. Shoemaker (United States) (figure skating) and Hendrik Roos (Holland) (speed skating); *Ms:* Hermann Schiechte (Germany), Josef Dedic (Czechoslovakia), Elemer Tertak (Hungary) for figure skating and Olaf Poulsen (Norway), Victor Kapitonov (USSR), Icilio Perucca (Italy) for speed skating; *Substitute Ms:* Oskar Madl (Austria) for figure skating and Heinz Dragunsky (German Democratic Republic)

for speed skating; *SG*: Beat Häslér (Switzerland).

Commission Presidents: Sonia Bianchetti-Garbato (Italy) for figure skating, Lawrence Demmy (Great Britain) for ice dancing, Anne Kvaalen (Norway) for speed skating, Ernie J. G. Matthews (Great Britain) for short-track speed skating.

Mr. George Häslér has been elected Honorary Secretary for life after having been involved in the administration of the ISU for 28 years.

Review of the marks system in figure skating: 30% for compulsory figures, 20% for the short programme and 50% for free skating. This marking will favour spectacular skaters to the detriment of purely technical skaters. Formerly, compulsory skating accounted for 40% of the overall mark.

Refusal of amnesty for former professionals wishing to become amateurs again.

Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB)

● *The 1975 World Modern Pentathlon Championships have been postponed.* They will now take place in Mexico from 15th to 19th November. The UIPMB Congress will be held on the same occasion.

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

● *FITA Congress in Interlaken*

Main decisions:

- The new FITA Eligibility Rules were adopted as from 1st July 1975, incorporating the IOC Eligibility Rules.
- The National Archery Associations from Columbia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Malaya were accepted into membership, bringing the number of affiliated National Archery Associations to 57.
- Mr. J. Bastar (Czechoslovakia) was elected Honorary Vice-President.
- Canberra (Australia) will stage the 1977 World Championships (from 7th to 13th February).
- Election of the Administrative Council for 1975-1977:

PT: Mrs. I.K. Frith, O.B.E.; *VPTs*: Messrs. G. Helwig, A. Honne, P.J. Prieels and R. Simon; *SG*: Mr. D.M. Thomson;

T: Mr. D.G. Shepherd; *Ms*: Messrs. B.S. Andersson, F. Gnecci-Ruscione, O. Gorchokov, D.M. Love, W. Pakiela, C.B. Shenk and N. Skoric.



● *The XXVIIIth World Archery Championships* took place in Interlaken (Switzerland) with a record entry of 232 competitors (105 women) from 39 countries. Nearly 5000 spectators were present at the victories of the American, Darrell Pace (18 years of age), and the Russian, Zebiniso Rustamova (20) as well as some new world records. Some days later, young Darrell Pace confirmed his superiority and asserted his Olympic claims in Joliette near Montreal where the future Olympic competitions will be held. Will he manage again next year?

Fédération Internationale de Volleyball (FIVB)

● *The following will take part in the 1976 Olympic tournament*: Japan, the Olympic champion; Poland, the world champion; Canada, the organising country; the continental champions of North America, South America, Asia, Africa and Europe as well as the teams coming first and second in a qualifying tournament among 23 countries. This tournament will be held in Rome in the middle of January. Teams taking part in the women's tournament will include: the USSR, the Olympic champion; Japan, the world champion; Canada, the organising country; the champions of Europe, North America, South America and Asia. The eighth team to qualify will be the winner of a tournament to be held at Heidelberg (Germany) next January.