

Around the National Olympic Committees

"The Antigua Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association" receives provisional recognition.

In accordance with the instructions of its 77th Session, the IOC has granted provisional recognition to the Antigua Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association, in order to enable its athletes to take part in the celebration of the XX1st Olympiad, provided that this NOC's statutes are completed by then and thus in conformity with the IOC Rules. Final recognition can only be given by the 78th IOC Session in Montreal.

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Member federations: athletics, basketball, cycling, football and weightlifting.



Belgium

● *"The Olympic elite"* preparing for the Olympic Games are to be visited by the King of the Belgians on 7th April at the Molembeek basin, then at the Heysel stadium. Afterwards, the sovereign will attend a reception at the headquarters of the Belgian Olympic Committee, when a series of Olympic stamps with surcharge will be presented.



Canada

● *Women and sports administration* (complement)

Mr. Robert F. Osborne, Vice-President of the Canadian Olympic Association, wrote to us:

"In the January-February 1976 issue of Olympic Review in the section entitled Women and Sports Administration, you kindly included a reference (page 43) to Mrs. Ginette Vachon as being 'the first Canadian woman to become President of a national federation.'

I am confident that I speak for many of my male colleagues when I say that we have

encouraged, and indeed have welcomed, the participation of women in the administration of sport in Canada for many years. However, although there are women presidents of organisations such as the Women's Field Hockey Association and the Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union, it is true that the election of a woman as President of a prominent Olympic sport is still newsworthy. Consequently, I feel that it is important that I add some information so that the record may be correct.

In November of 1974, the Canadian Track and Field Association elected Mrs. Diane Clement as its first woman President. She will serve for a period of three years.

Mrs. Clement, the mother of two children, is a resident of Richmond, British Columbia, where her husband, Dr. Douglas Clement, is a practising physician. Previous Canadian Olympians at Melbourne in 1956, she as a sprinter and he as a middle distance runner, they have continued their active interest in track and field as coaches and administrators. They are excellent examples of former international athletes who are making an outstanding contribution to their sport.

I thought that your readers might like to know that the honour of being the first

woman President of a major athletic association in Canada in a sport involving both men and women belongs to Mrs. Diane Clement..."

- The new meeting room of the Canadian Olympic Association was inaugurated on 4th October 1975 by the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee. A commemorative plaque, presented by the IOC, will mark the event. This was handed at Innsbruck to Mr. Harold M. Wright, President of the COA (on the right), by Lord Killanin, President of the IOC (on the left), on behalf of the IOC.



Chile

- New Board of the Comité Olimpico de Chile for the 1976-1980 period:

PT: Mr. Armando Gellona Ansaldo (re-elected); VPTs: Messrs. Isaac Froimovich Echjeter, Sergio Santander Fantini; SG: Mr. Ivan Correa Castillo (elected); T: Mr. Guillermo van Echouwen Figueroa; Ms: Messrs. Enrique Riofrio Cocke, Carlos Ossandon Sanchez, Alejandro Rivera Bascur (IOC member).

Dominican Republic



- The first issue of the NOC's official bulletin (in Spanish) presents articles on the 1977 National Games, the history of sport and Olympism, the philosophy of sport, etc., besides the message of the President of the Comité Olimpico Dominicano, Mr. Roque Napoleon Munoz.

- Board of the Comité Olimpico Dominicano: PT: Ing. Roque Napoleon Munoz;

VPTs: Dr. Carlos Lamarche Rey, Prof. Jose de Js. Sanchez; SG: Don Rafael Duquela; Asst. SG: Ing. Hilton Cabral; T: Don Maximo Gomez Franco; Ms: Dr. Joselyn Rodriguez Conde, Dr. Aldo Russo, Dr. Fernando Diaz Espinal.

Finland



- The "Olympic Rings" review No.1/76, published in English by the Finnish Olympic Committee, was sent to us just before the XIIth Winter Games. We should like to thank those responsible for the quality of this brochure which mirrors the Olympic life of the Finnish people.

- Olympic champion, then Member of Parliament. Miss Sylvi Saimo, 1952 500 m. kayak champion, re-elected to the Finnish Parliament last year, will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of her first election this year. Our congratulations.



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Great Britain

- 19 million British television viewers watched the victory of their compatriot John Curry. Mr. Sam Leitch, BBC 1's head of sport, said: "The figures for these Games are over 30 % up on 1972."

- Colin Campbell, by coming 13th in four-man bobsleigh at Innsbruck, became the first Briton to have taken part in both the Olympic Games (athletics, 1968 and 1972) and the Winter Games.

- The Illiffes - Serena, Valentina and Piers (two sisters and a brother) - all participated at the XIIth Winter Games in the British delegation.

Ghana



- Lt-Colonel M. P. Simpe-Asante, President of the Ghana Olympic Committee, whom we presented in our last number, has just received the Grand Medal (Military Division) from his government for distinguished services. Our congratulations.

Guatemala



● *Mrs. Ingrid Keller de Schiavoni, Secretary General of the Comité Olimpico Guatemalteco, honoured.* On 2nd February, she received the title of best sports leader of 1975 for her many national and international activities in the service of sports development and better

understanding between peoples. The *Olympic Review* sends her all its congratulations.

● While the XIIth Winter Games opened on 4th February, an earthquake of unparalleled violence destroyed and laid waste a large part of Guatemala. All devotees of Olympism are thinking of their many Guatemalan friends and can assure them that sports and Olympic solidarity are a reality.

Hungary



● *Olympic oath of Hungarian sportsmen*

In one of the most patinated theatres of Budapest, the Vigszínház, the Hungarian competitors, officials, coaches and doctors preparing for the Games of the XXIst Olympiad took an Olympic oath on 29th February 1976 in the presence of 1,200

invited guests. After the welcome address by Dr. Arpad Csanadi, Secretary General of the Hungarian Olympic Committee and IOC Executive Board member, Dr. Sandor Beckl, President of the Hungarian Olympic Committee, indicated that the Hungarian public expected respect for the Olympic spirit and honest performances from all those who represent Hungary at Montreal.

The text of the Olympic oath was read by the Olympic shooting champion in Tokyo, Dr. Laszlo Hammerl, who is preparing for his fourth Olympic Games, and then repeated by the 400 members of the Olympic delegation. A message from the Hungarian youth addressed to all Olympic competitors present was preceded by a welcome speech from Janos Varga, wrestling gold medallist in Mexico.

Italy



● *The 7th edition of the Youth Winter Games* assembled at Lurisia nearly three hundred participants aged 9 and 10, and selected from 19 regions of Italy, from 9th to 12th March 1976. On the programme appeared a cross-country race (2 km. for the girls and 3 km. for the boys), a boys' and girls' slalom, a boys' and girls' 4 x 2 km. relay, as well as demonstrations of luge and jumping.

● *Milan and its new sports centre.* This covered stadium for 15,000 spectators occupies an area of 45,000 sq.m., of which 20,850 sq.m. are covered; it is located just by the San Siro stadium.



Dr. Sandor Bexckl at the rostrum. 1. Laslo Hammerl. 2. Janos Varga. 3. Dr. Arpad Csanadi.

Luxembourg



- *For an overall sports policy*

Reorganised in 1974, the COSL has become the central sports authority in Luxembourg. Through a thirty-two page brochure entitled "For an overall sports policy", the NOC sets out to contribute to:

- The awareness of the place and role of sport in modern society, of the size and variety of problems that it poses, of the



necessity for the future of the nation of undertaking the efforts required for their harmonious solution;

- The establishment of objectives for its future activity, within the sphere of its own exclusive jurisdiction, as within that of consultation, co-operation and co-ordination with public authorities.

The only ambition of this document is that the problems broached in it by the COSL should be the subject of a large examination by all those they concern so that, together, they put sport in a position where it can fulfil its own essential functions.

- *Women and sports administration* (complement)

Miss Colette Flesch, member of the NOC, former Olympic competitor, and Burgomaster of the city of Luxembourg, has been made President of the Luxembourg Fencing Federation.

German Democratic Republic



- *The Society for Promoting the Olympic Ideal in the GDR* has given a token cheque for 2.3 million Marks (2.3 million Swiss francs) to Mr. Manfred Ewald, President of the GDR NOC, who thanked the President of this organisation, Mr. Manfred von Brauchitsch. He indicated that this gesture showed once again the keen sympathy and great attachment felt by the GDR population towards its Olympic team. Thanks to this donation, for the first time all costs of the GDR team's equipment and participation in the Olympic Games will be covered.

- *The VIth Children's and Youth Spartakiad* will take place in Leipzig from 25th to 31st July 1976, at the same time as the VIth GDR sports and gymnastics festival.

- *The Deutscher Turn und Sportbund (DTSB)*, the GDR's central sports organisation, has 2.5 million members (14.8 % of the population) from over 8,000 sports associations.



Peru

- *New Board of the Comité Olimpico Peruano*: *PT*: Mr. Guillermo Griffiths Escardo; *VPT*: Mr. Miguel Pellny Guardia; *SG*: Mr. Luis Donayre Mestres; *T*: Dr. Raul Gamboa Aboado; *Director*: Mr. Rodolfo Cremer; and Mr. Eduardo Dibos (IOC member).

The Pan American Sports Organisation (PASO-ODEPA), with the objective of setting up a documentation in Spanish, would like to receive all details about technical and historical works and publications on sport and Olympism.

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