

# Finland and Olympism

*Finland, without financial means, without grounds and handicapped by its very long winters, won surprising victories, simply because its sons had wanted to return with them.*

Pierre de Coubertin  
« Mémoires Olympiques », 1912, page 126

## FINLAND

337,032 square kilometres.

4,665,000 inhabitants (31st December 1974).



## FINNISH OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (FOC) (Suomen Olympiayhdistys)

Founded on 2nd December 1907.

Recognised by the IOC in 1907.

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## Role of the FOC

The Committee's main purpose is to promote the Olympic ideals and the spirit of amateur sport, the physical and moral education of the nation's youth, and the development of general fitness in Finland.

The FOC actively participates in the training of athletes for the Olympic Games. Out of allowances from the government, it awards scholarships to the athletes for training, granted on the representation of the sports federations but at its own discretion.

Apart from the Olympic Games, the FOC co-ordinates the qualifications, requirements and development of top athletes. It also gives coaches, sports leaders, physicians, sports editors and other interested parties modern, professional training based on the latest research results.

The FOC is a completely independent body and is not bound by any extraneous organisation.

## Creation and development

The name Finland first appears in international Olympic history in conjunction with the so-called "Intermediary Games", held in Athens in 1906 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the renovation of the Olympic Games. On the initiative of the spiritual father of Finnish sport, Ivar Wilksman, this event occasioned the constitution of the first Finnish Olympic delegation.

Although the team was reduced to only four athletes owing to the government's refusal to provide travelling expenses, their success far exceeded expectations. Werner Weckman won the gold medal in middleweight Greco-Roman wrestling, whilst Werner Järvinen triumphed in the ancient style discus throw.



*Reinhold von Willebrand      Ernst Krogius*

The 9th IOC Session, held in The Hague in May 1907, accepted Finland as an official member of the Olympic family. This decision necessitated the creation of a National Olympic Committee, which was set up on 2nd December 1907 in Helsinki. Baron Reinhold Felix von Willebrand\* was made President of the NOC and soon afterwards became the first IOC member for Finland.

The first Finnish Olympic Committee (FOC) was provisional and was formed to take charge of the practical arrangements for the forthcoming Games in 1908 and 1912. The latter Games marked the awakening of Finnish Olympic sport, but unfortunately after these Games the Russians tried to prevent the Finnish from taking part again and called for the withdrawal of the IOC representative in Finland. At the Session the IOC held in Paris in June 1914, Finland was struck off the list of Olympic nations, but it returned in 1920 at the Games in Antwerp.

A founder member of the FOC and of the International Yacht Racing Union, Ernst Krogius\* had then succeeded von Willebrand\* as President of the NOC and within the IOC. At that time, following the country's liberation, the FOC became extremely active.

In the 1920's and 1930's the FOC was divided into:

1. a permanent "small Olympic Committee" of six members elected for the whole Olympiad,

2. a "large Olympic Committee", consisting of representatives of various sports, which assembled for different Olympic Games.

In 1933, the Finnish Central Sports Federation changed its structure into specialised federations, following which the athletes of the fourteen federations concerned had the chance of participating in the Olympic Games. Each federation could nominate a representative to the Finnish Olympic Committee. After 1929 the FOC also managed the Olympic Fund. It elected a working commission consisting of six members, five from among itself and the IOC member for Finland.

In 1938 the FOC was re-organised: a Council was founded on which the federations had their own representatives. The Council elected a working group from among itself (present Committee).

Appointed second IOC member for Finland in 1938, Mr. Johan W. Ranggell\* directed preparations for the Olympic Games that the city of Helsinki was to stage in 1940. In this task, he collaborated with the most outstanding Finn of today, Mr. Urho K. Kekkonen\*, President of Finland since 1956 and from 1937 to 1946 President of the Finnish Olympic Committee.

Unfortunately, the war caused these Games to be cancelled. However, the work that had already been done was not completely wasted, since at its Session in Stockholm in 1947 the IOC awarded the organisation of the Games of the XVth Olympiad to Helsinki. Mr.



*J.W. Rangell*



*Erik von Frenckell*



*Paavo Honkajuuri*

Erik von Frenckell\*, a NOC member from 1919, Mayor of the city, elected an IOC member in 1948, presided the Organising Committee for the 1952 Games firmly, diplomatically and skillfully. Historians and all specialists agree that this Olympiad's celebration was the most successful, the most pure and the most enriching.

In 1957 a further re-organisation of the FOC adapted it still better to the Olympic Rules. Twenty-three national federations with sports on the Olympic programme thus ratified its constitution. Since then, the representatives of all these federations decide on the Committee's activities.

Among the personalities who have presided the FOC since then, let us mention Mr. Uuno Wilhelm Lehtinen, Mr. Johan Rangell\*, IOC honorary member since 1969, Colonel V. A. M. Karikoski, General Yrjö Valkama, Mr. Akseli Kaskela and the current President, Mr. Jukka Uunila\*, whose co-operation with Mr. Paavo Mikko Honkajuuri\*, IOC member since 1967, has enabled Olympism in Finland to remain faithful to such a glorious past.

Finally, we recall that in 1969 the Finnish Olympic Committee acted as host in Helsinki to the 75th anniversary celebrations commemorating the foundation of the Olympic ideal. Among the guests were Avery Brundage, President of the IOC at the time, and the current President, Lord Killanin. No less than 108 Finnish Olympic champions also took part in this moving ceremony.



*President*

*Urho Kaleva Kekkonen.*

### **IOC members for Finland**

1. Baron Reinhold Felix von Willebrand\*, from 1908 to 1920.
2. Ernst Edvard Krogius\*, from 1920 to 1948.
3. Johan Wilhelm Rangell\*, from 1938 to 1969, honorary member since 1969.
4. Erik von Frenckell\*, since 1948.
5. Paavo Honkajuuri\*, since 1967.

### **Successive Presidents of the FOC**

- 1907-1919: Reinhold Felix von Willebrand\*.  
 1919-1929: Ernst Edvard Krogius\*.  
 1929-1937: Kustaa Emil Levälähti.  
 1937-1946: Urho Kaleva Kekkonen\*.  
 1946-1951: Uuno Wilhelm Lehtinen.  
 1951-1956: Väinö Adolf Mathias Karikoski.  
 1956-1961: Yrjö Armas Valkama.  
 1961-1963: Johan Wilhelm Rangell\*.  
 1963-1969: Akseli Kaskela.  
 Since 1969: Juhani Antti (Jukka) Uunila\*.

\* See biographical notes.

# Representation of Finland at the Olympic Games from 1908 to 1972<sup>1</sup>

## FINLAND AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

- Date of first participation: 1908.

Since then, Finland has sent a small or large delegation to all the Olympic Games and Winter Games.

	Athletics	Rowing	Basketball	Boxing	Canoeing	Cycling	Equestrian Events	Fencing	Football	Gymnastics	Weightlifting
1908	15		●		●		●			31	●
1912	22	6	●	●	●	5			13	25	●
1920	30		●		●		1				1
1924	51		●		●	4	1			8	
1928	35		●	3	●	1	1	4		8	
1932	22		●	2	●					5	
1936	37(4)			6	3	2	1		11	8	
1948	36(3)	5		6	4(1)	5	5	6		8	4
1952	69(13)	26	14	10	10(1)	11	5	11(3)	11	16(8)	6
1956	19	5		3	6(1)	1	7	2		6	1
1960	26(1)	12		7	9(1)	4		6(2)		12(6)	2
1964	17(2)	7	12	5	3					8(2)	4
1968	10(2)	2		4	4	4				6	5
1972	36(7)	3		4	6	7		1		1	11

<sup>1</sup>The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure.

x Sport included in the programme but in which no event was contested.

<sup>2</sup>Demonstration Sport.



	Handball	Hockey	Judo	Wrestling	Swimming	Modern Pentathlon	Shooting	Archery	Volleyball	Yachting	Total
1908	●		●	4	5	●	12		●		67
1912	●	●	●	37	12(2)		19	●	●	28	167(2)
1920	●		●	18	4	1	12		●		67
1924	●	●	●	23	8	3	15	●	●	1	114
1928	●		●	13	3(2)	3	●	●	●	1	72(2)
1932	●		●	10	1			●	●		40
1936	0 <sup>2</sup>		●	13	3(1)	3	8	●	●	12	107(5)
1948	●		●	15	2(1)	3	12	●	●	12	123(5)
1952	●	11	●	16	16(5)	3	11	●	●	14	260(30)
1956	●		●	10	2	3	4	●	●	3	72(1)
1960	●		●	14	6	3	8	●	●	9	118(10)
1964	●			10	7(1)	3	8	●		5	89(5)
1968	●		●	9	5(4)	3	9	●		3	64(6)
1972			1	10	3(2)	4	11	3		8	109(9)

● Not included on the programme.  
1972: water skiing (1).

# Representation of Finland at the Winter Games from 1924 to 1976<sup>1</sup>

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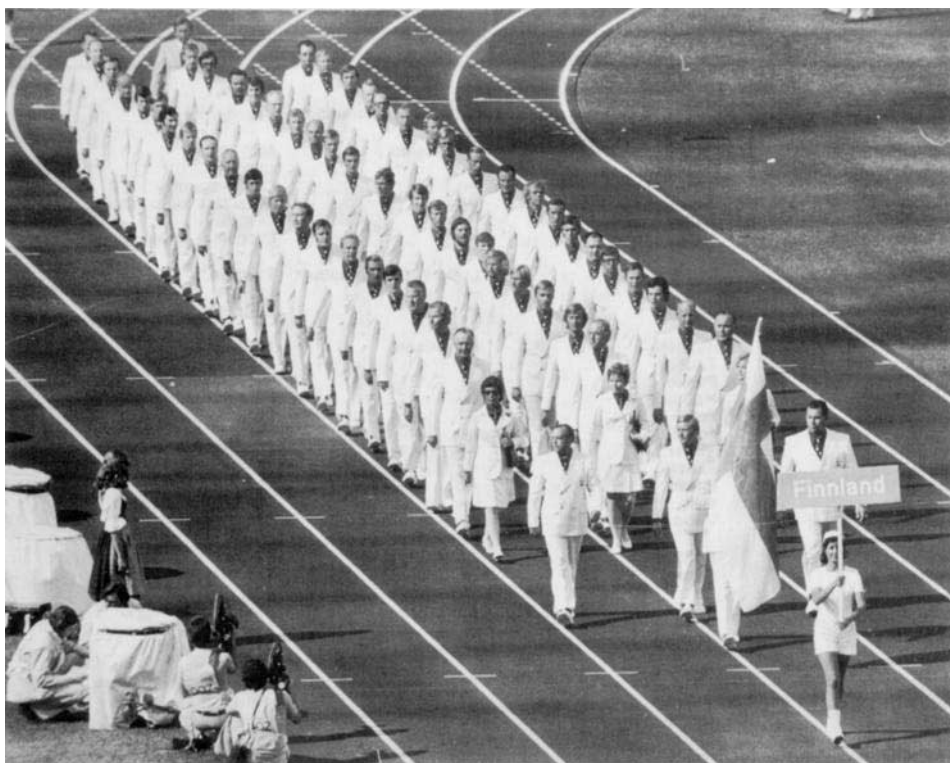
	Biathlon (skiing & shooting)	Bobsleigh	Ice Hockey	Luge	Speed Skating	Figure Skating <sup>2</sup>	Skiing	Total
1924	●			●	3	2(1)	8	13(1)
1928	●			●	6	3(1)	9	18(1)
1932	●			●	1	1	5	7
1936	●			●	5	1	13	19
1948	●			●	5		19	24
1952	●		17	●	6	2(1)	25(4)	50(5)
1956	●			●	6	1	23(3)	30(3)
1960	4	●	17	●	7(2)		21(4)	49(6)
1964	4				10(2)		21(4)	51(6)
1968	6		18		8(3)		25(5)	57(8)
1972	6		20		6(2)		24(6)	53(8)
1976	6		18		4 ( 2 )	1	21(7)	50(9)

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<sup>1</sup> The figures in brackets represent the number of women included in the first figure.

● Not included on the programme.

<sup>2</sup> In 1920 at Antwerp: 2(1) in figure skating.



*Munich 1972: the Finnish delegation.*

● **Finnish cities which have applied to stage the Olympic Games**

Helsinki, candidate city for the organisation of the 1936 Olympic Games. Helsinki, appointed city for the organisation of the 1940 Olympic Games; these Games originally attributed to Tokyo could not take place because of the Second World War.

*Helsinki*, organising city for the 1952 Olympic Games, celebrating the XVth Olympiad, from 19th July to 3rd August, with 5867 participants (including 518 women) from 69 countries.

Lahti, candidate city for the organisation of the 1964, 1968 and 1972 Winter Games.

Tampere, candidate city for the organisation of the 1976 Winter Games.

# The Finnish Olympic Champions

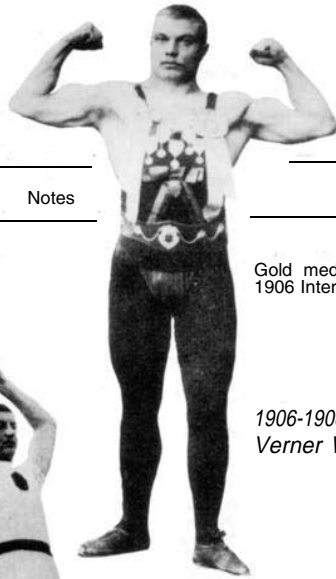
## I. Titles obtained at the Olympic Games

\* The names in heavy print indicate that the champion in question will be mentioned again later on.

\* We would like to thank in advance all readers able to help us complete this table and give us news of all the champions.

Name	Christian Name	Sport	Event
Weckman	Verner	Greco-Roman wrest.	Light heavyweight
<b>Kolehmainen</b>	<b>Hannes</b>	Athletics	5000 m.
<b>Kolehmainen</b>	<b>Hannes</b>	—	10,000 m.
<b>Kolehmainen</b>	<b>Hannes</b>	—	Cross-country
Saaristo	Julius	—	Javelin, both hands
<b>Taipale</b>	<b>Armas</b>	—	Discus
Taipale	Armas	—	Discus, both hands
Koskelo	Kaarlo	Greco-Roman wrest.	Featherweight
Saarela	Yrjö	—	Heavyweight
<b>Väre</b>	<b>Eemeli</b>	—	Lightweight
Kolehmainen	Hannes	Athletics	Marathon
Koskenniemi	Teudor	—	Team cross-country
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	—
Liimatainen	Heikki	—	—
<b>Lehtonen</b>	<b>Eero</b>	—	Pentathlon
Myyrä	Jonni	—	Javelin
Niklander	Elmer	—	Discus
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	10,000 m.
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	Cross-country
Pörhölä	Ville	—	Shot put
Tuulos	Vilho	—	Triple jump
<b>Anttila</b>	<b>Kalle</b>	Freestyle wrestling	Lightweight
Leino	Eino	—	Middleweight
Friman	Oskari	Greco-Roman wrest.	Featherweight
Lindfors	Adolf	—	Heavyweight
Väre	Eemeli	—	Lightweight
Katz	Elias	Athletics	Team 3000 m.
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Ville</b>	—	—
<b>Ritola</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	—
Lehtonen	Eero	—	Pentathlon
Liimatainen	Heikki	—	Team cross-country
<b>Ritola</b>	<b>Ville</b>	—	—
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	—
Myyrä	Jonni	—	Javelin
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	1500 m.
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	5000 m.
<b>Nurmi</b>	<b>Paavo</b>	—	Cross-country
<b>Ritola</b>	<b>Ville</b>	—	10,000 m.
Ritola	Ville	—	3000 m steeplechase
Stenroos	Albin	—	Marathon
Pihlajamäki	Kustaa	Freestyle wrestling	Bantamweight
Anttila	Kalle	Greco-Roman wrest.	Featherweight
Friman	Oskari	—	Lightweight
Westerlund	Edvard	—	Middleweight
Larva	Harri	Athletics	1500 m.
Loukola	Toivo	—	3000 m. steeplechase
Nurmi	Paavo	—	10,000 m.
Ritola	Ville	—	5000 m.
Yrjölä	Paavo	—	Decathlon

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
<b>1908</b>	1882	1968	Gold medallist at the 1906 Intermediary Games.
<b>1912</b>	1889	1966	
—	1889	1966	1906-1908 - <i>Verner Weckman</i>
—	1889	1966	
—	1891	1969	
—	1890		
—	1890		
<b>1912</b>	1888	1953	1906-1908 - <i>Verner Weckman</i>
—	1884	1951	
—	1885	1974	
<b>1920</b>	1889	1966	Obtained altogether 60 world records.
—	1887	1965	
—	1897	1973	
—	1894		
—	1898	1959	
—	1892	1955	
—	1890	1942	
—	1897	1973	
—	1897	1973	
—	1897	1964	
—	1895	1967	
<b>1920</b>	1887	1975	1912 - <i>Armas Taipale</i>
—	1891		
<b>1920</b>	1893	1933	1920-1924-1928 - <i>Paavo Nurmi</i>
—	1879	1959	
—	1885	1974	
<b>1924</b>	1901	1949	
—	1896		
—	1897	1973	
—	1898	1959	
—	1894		
—	1896		
—	1897	1973	
—	1892	1955	
—	1897	1973	
—	1897	1973	
—	1897	1973	
—	1896		
—	1896		
—	1889	1971	
<b>1924</b>	1902	1944	1936 - <i>Kustaa Pihlajamäki</i>
<b>1924</b>	1887	1975	
—	1893	1933	
—	1901		
<b>1928</b>	1906		1920-1924-1928 - <i>Paavo Nurmi</i>
—	1902		
—	1897	1973	
—	1896		
—	1902		



1936 - *Kustaa Pihlajamäki*



1912-1920 - Annes Kolemäinen

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
1928	1900 1892		
1928	1899	1967	
1932	1907	1969	
—	1909		
—	1908	1973	
1932	1903		
1932	1899	1967	
1936	1910	1940	
—	1907	1969	
—	1902		
1936	1911		
1936	1914		
1936	1907	1944	1964 - Pentti Linnosvuo
1936	1902	1944	Hermann Pihlajamäki's cousin.
1948	1915		Won the 1958 world archery championship.
1948	1919	1962	
—	1919	1962	
—	1919		
—	1919		
—	1919	1962	
—	1919		
—	1918		
—	1915	1966	
—	1914		
—	1907		
—	1914		
—	1907		
—	1914		
1948	1921	1965	
1952	1929		1952 - Sylvi Saimo
1952	1914		Member of Parliament.
—	1927		
—	1919		
—	1927		
—	1919		
—	1931		
—	1920		Member of Parliament.
1956	1931		
—	1931		
1956	1933		
1960	1937		1968 - Kaarlo Kangasniemi
1964	1940		
1964	1933		
—	1929		
1968	1941		
1972	1948		
—	1949		
—	1949		







1972 - Lasse Viren

## II. Titles obtained at the Winter Games

Name	Christian Name	Sport	Event
Jakobsson Jakobsson	Ludowika Walter	Figure Skating	Pairs —
Skutnabb <b>Thunberg</b> <b>Thunberg</b> <b>Thunberg</b>	Julius <b>Clas</b> <b>Clas</b> <b>Clas</b>	Speed Skating	10,000 m. 1500 m. 5000 m. 4 races event
<b>Thunberg</b> Thunberg	<b>Clas</b> Clas	Speed Skating	500 m. 1500 m.
Saarinen	Veli	Nordic Skiing	50 km.
Jalkanen Karppinen Lähde Nurmela	Kalle Klaes Matti Sulo	Nordic Skiing	4 x 10 km. relay — — —
<b>Hasu</b>	<b>Heikki</b>	Nordic Skiing	Combined
<b>Hakulinen</b> Hasu Korhonen Lonkila Mäkelä Wideman	<b>Veikko</b> Heikki Urpo Paavo Tapio Lydia	Nordic Skiing	50 km. 4 x 10 km. relay — — — — Nordic Skiing W.
<b>Hakulinen</b> Hyvärinen Hietamies Polkunen Rantanen	<b>Veikko</b> Antti Mirja Sirikka Siiri	Nordic Skiing	30 km. Special ski jump
		Nordic Skiing W.	3 x 5 km. relay —
Alatalo Hakulinen Huhtala <b>Mäntyranta</b> Hämäläinen	Toimi Veikko Vainö <b>Eero</b> Kalevi	Nordic Skiing	4 x 10 km. relay — — — — 50 km.
Kankkonen <b>Mäntyranta</b> Mäntyranta	Veikko <b>Eero</b> Eero	Nordic Skiing	70 m. jump 15 km. 30 km.
Mustonen	Kaija	Speed skating W.	1500 m.
Takalo	Helena	Nordic Skiing W.	5 km.
Pitkänen Mieto Teurajärvi Koivisto	Matti Juha Pertti Arto	Nordic Skiing	4 x 10 km. relay — — —

## III. Titles obtained in the Art competitions

Name	Christian Name	Category	Work
Karhumäki	Urho	Epic Works	"Into free water".
Lindegren	Yrjö	Architecture (Designs for town planning)	"Athletic centre in Varkaus".
Tynni	Aale	Lyrics	"Laurel of Hellas".

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
<u>1920</u>	1884 1882	1968 1957	
<u>1924</u>	1889 1893 1893 1893	1965 1973 1973 1973	
<u>1928</u>	1893 1893	1973 1973	
<u>1932</u>	1902	1969	
<u>1936</u>	1907 1907 1911 1908	1941	
<u>1948</u>	1926		
<u>1952</u>	1925 1926 1923 1923 1926 1920		
<u>1956</u>	1925 1932 1931 1927 1924		
<u>1960</u>	1929 1925 1935 1937 1932		
<u>1964</u>	1940 1937 1937		
<u>1968</u>	1941		
<u>1976</u>	1947		
<u>1976</u>	1948 1949 1951 1947		

1924 - Clas Thunberg  
Member of Parliament.

1960-1964  
Eero Mantyranta

1952 - Veikko Hakulinen

1956 - Siiri Rantanen

Year	Birth	Death	Notes
<u>1936</u>	1891	1947	
<u>1948</u>	1900 1913	1952	



*Members of the NOC for 1973-1976. First row, from left to right: Paavo Honkajuuri, Pertti Paloheimo, Hannu Koskivuori, Jukka Uunila, Väinö Soininen, Erik von Frenckell. Second row, left to right: Kalevi Tuominen, Anneli Schwartz, Magnus Stahlberg, Valle Resko, Paavo Aitio, Nils Erik Nyman, Aarno Pajunen, E. J. Toivanen, Mauri Vierumäki, Osmo Kaipainen, Einar Friman, Ossi Sjöman, Pentti Heinonen, Helge Hygren, Erkki Woivalin, Manno Rintanen, Peter Tallberg.*

## PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE FOC

- *The present statutes* came into force on 22nd May 1973.

- *The General Assembly* meets in principle once at the end of an Olympiad, but can be convened in extraordinary session.

- *The Council* consists of 80 representatives of the national sports federations. It is usually convened twice or three times a year and takes all important decisions on the Olympic movement in Finland on behalf of the General Assembly.

- *The Administrative Board*, composed of 25 members, is the administrative and executive body. It meets nine or ten times a year.

- *The Executive Committee*, made up of the President, three Vice-Presidents and three members, deals with questions of lesser importance.

- **Members of the present Administrative Board<sup>3</sup>**

*PT:* Jukka Uunila\*<sup>3</sup>; *VPTs:* Hannu Koskivuori<sup>3</sup>, Pertti Paloheimo<sup>3</sup>, Väinö Soininen<sup>3</sup>; *Ms:* Erik von Frenckell\* and Paavo Honkajuuri\* (IOC members), Paavo Aitio, Einar Friman, Kaarlo Hartiala<sup>3</sup>, Pentti Heinonen, Osmo Kaipainen<sup>3</sup>, Lennart Kivi, Yrjö Kokko, Harry

Lindblad, Jouko Loikkanen, Helge Nygren, Nils-Erik Nyman<sup>3</sup>, Eino Mäkinen, Aarno Pajunen<sup>3</sup>, Valle Resko, Ossi Sjöman<sup>3</sup>, Peter Tallberg, E. J. Toivanen, Mauri Vierumäki, Erkki J. Woivalin; *Hon. Ms:* Akseli Kaskela, J. W. Rangel\* (IOC honorary member); *SG:* Magnus Stahlberg\*.

- **Financing of the FOC**

The FOC's annual budget is normally around 2 to 2.5 million Fmk<sup>1</sup>. For the Olympic year 1976 it has increased to 3.4 million<sup>2</sup> Fmk. About 60/70% of the funds is received from the government in the form of subsidies. The remainder comes from contracts made with various companies, from pins and donations.

The financing of the Olympic movement in Finland has always depended on the generous hand of her people. When Finland participated for the first time in the modern Olympic Games in 1908, part of the money was raised through public donations. The official fund raising, organised by the FOC, began in 1914 in view of the 1916 Olympic Games, which were subsequently cancelled. Until 1960, fund collecting was carried out entirely by voluntary workers, but since then the

\* See biographical notes.

<sup>1</sup> FS = 1,300,000 to 1,625,000.

<sup>2</sup> FS = 2,210,000.

<sup>3</sup> Members of the present Executive Committee.

Olympic Committee has been responsible with the aid of a permanent committee of financial experts, established in 1965, and a marketing group which was set up in 1974. Various methods for raising funds have been used: raffles, special stamps and stickers, souvenirs, "Olympic shows" and of course through the media. During the present Olympiad, many commercial firms have contracted to use a variation of the Olympic Torch emblem, designed by Jukka Toivonen,

for which the FOC is compensated accordingly. Finns living abroad, particularly in America, also give their financial support to Olympic activities. For example, their efforts enabled fifteen Finnish athletes to take part in the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, or in other words the entire team of successful wrestlers and gymnasts. The present Manager of the NOC's Fund Raising Committee is Mr. Valle Resko who participated in the 1928 and 1948 Olympic Games as a boxer.

### ● Federations affiliated to the FOC

#### 28 Olympic federations...

	Creation	Affiliation to the IF	Members in 1972
Athletics	1906	1913	280 000
(Walking)	1961	1913	?
Rowing	1910	1938	4 796
Basketball	1939	1939	25 000
Boxing	1923	1946	8 567
Canoeing	1932	1946	3 174
Cycling	1898	1970	12 000
Equestrian	1933	1933	6 373
Fencing	1931	1936	709
Football	1907	1908	247 517
Gymnastics	1900	1924	39 250
Handball	1941	1946	18 000
Hockey	1950	1950	2 330
Ice hockey	1928	1928	48 506
Judo	1958	1962	6 000
Luge	1970	1970	?
Wrestling	1906	1913	15 000
Swimming	1906	1928	42 869
Modern pentathlon	1948	1949	35 200
Biathlon	1960	1960	12 178
Skating	1908	1894	10 110
Figure skating	1961	1960	?
Skiing	1908	1924	207 286
Shooting	1919	1922	972
Archery	1946	1948	156 016
Volleyball	1959	1957	67 625
Weightlifting	1934	1938	20 630
Yachting	1906	1907	21 000

#### ...and four multi-sports federations:

	Creation
Finland's Swedish Central Sports Federation	1945
Finnish Central Sports Federation	1900
Workers' Sports Federation	1919
Central League of Workers' Sports Clubs	1959

## THE FOC AND OLYMPISM

### ● IOC Sessions held in Finland

1952: Session in Helsinki.

### ● Olympic Awards obtained

#### *Olympic Cup*

1924 - By the Finnish Gymnastics and Athletics Federation in tribute to this country's sportsmen who had shown great examples of vigour and purpose.

1941 - By the Finnish Olympic Committee for the excellent preparation of the 1940 Games that had to be cancelled due to the international situation.

1953 - By the City of Helsinki for the glittering page of Olympic history written on the occasion of the 1952 Olympic Games.

#### *Sir Thomas Fearnley Cup*

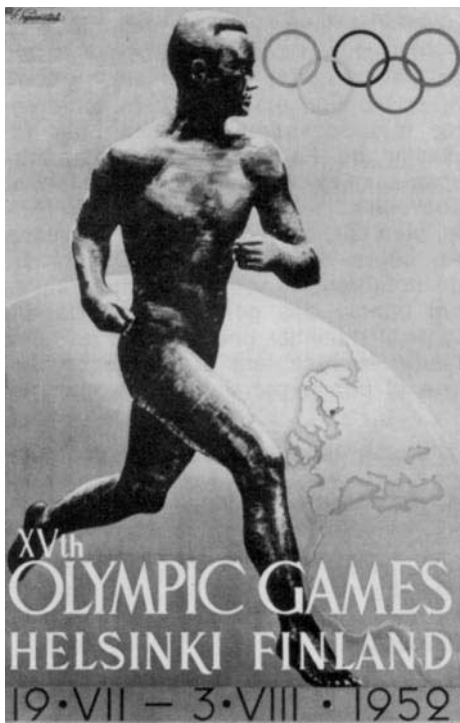
1961 - By Nyländska Yacht Club on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

### ● Protection of the Olympic emblems

According to a resolution of the Finnish patent authorities on 18th June 1970, the FOC has the exclusive trademark right to the Olympic rings and, together with some other international companies, the right to the word "Olympia".

### ● Olympic Day

This has never been celebrated regularly in Finland. Olympism is promoted in various other ways; for example, the 75th anniversary of the Olympic idea was celebrated at Helsinki in 1969, in the presence of Mr. Avery Brundage and Lord Killanin, respectively President and Vice-President at the time.



### ● International Olympic Academy

Finnish participation in the proceedings of the IOA has been modest. However, we would mention Mr. Lauri Pihkala who gave a lecture in 1966 on "The neglected legacy of Philostratus - Method of the ancient pentathlon".

### ● Publications of the FOC

Since 1974, the FOC has been publishing an annual Olympic report. Although in Finnish, this work does contain summaries in English.

For the XIth Winter Games, the FOC produced No. 1/1976 of a brochure in English entitled "Olympic Rings" which may appear regularly.

In addition, let us add that since 1932 the FOC has issued a publication presenting the Finnish delegation for each Olympiad celebration.

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## SPORT IN FINLAND

### ● Other sports governing bodies

The State Sports Council, acting under the Ministry of Physical Education, co-ordinates sport and recreational activities. It also suggests the funds that are allocated to sport by the government.

As previously mentioned, there are four central voluntary organisations:

- Finnish Central Sports Federation,
- Central Union of Workers' Sports Clubs,
- Workers' Sports Federation,
- Finland's Swedish Central Sport Federation.

### ● State aid for the sports movement

The State makes annual grants to the FOC and central sports federations for their activities. These further divide the money between their sports federations, sports districts and clubs. In addition, the State provides funds for building and repairing different kinds of sports institutes and for their activities.

The FOC and the sports federations grant scholarships for the training of athletes according to the rules confirmed. During the past few years, the State has been granting money for hiring coaches for the sports federations.

### ● Sport at school

Physical education is on the programme of all levels of school education. On average, two hours per week are reserved for sport, according to the pupils' age and the type of education.

### ● Sports institutes

There are twelve sports institutes in Finland:

Eerikkälä Sports Institute, Kisakallio Sports Institute, Kuovila Sports Institute, Kuortane Sports Institute, Sports Institute of Lapland, Pajulahti Sports Institute, Solvalla Sports Institute, Finnish Riding Institute, Tanhuvaara Sports Institute, Finnish Sports Institute, Varala Sports Institute and Vuokatti Sports Institute.



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## FINNS AND THE INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

Besides Mr. Krogius\*, one of the founders of the International Yacht Racing Union, Mr. Viktor Smeds, President of the Fédération Internationale des Luttés Amateurs (wrestling) from 1929 to 1952, and Mr. Bruno Nyberg, President of the International Weightlifting Federation from 1952 to 1960, let us mention Mr. Lasse Heideman, President of the International Orientation Federation since 1975, and Mr. Kauko Ahlström who has been at the head of the Bowling Section of the International Bowling Federation since 1957.

### ● Sports installations

According to statistics, there are:

- 39 sports grounds,
- 13 ice rinks,
- 7 outdoor swimming pools.
- 15 artificial ice stadia.

### ● Sports which draw the biggest crowds

Athletics, skiing, ice hockey, horse racing, Finnish baseball and football.

### ● Sports experiencing the greatest developments

Orienteering, combined skiing, shooting, ice hockey and figure skating.

### ● Percentage of practising sportsmen in Finland

Competitive sport is practised by about 5/7% of the population. Recreation sport is practised by about 10/12%.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

### Erik von Frenckell

IOC member for Finland since 1948.

A member of the Finnish NOC since 1919, Mr. von Frenckell was linked to sports administration at a very early age, since in 1905, at the age of seventeen, he presided the School Athletics Federation. An all-rounder, he devoted himself to the development of many sports: gymnastics, athletics, skiing, golf, flying, motoring and football, presiding the latter sport's Finnish federation from 1918 to 1952. Mayor of the city of Helsinki for almost a quarter of a century, he chaired the Organising Committee for the magnificent Olympic Games in 1952. Active within the IOC, he presided its Commission of Enquiry for the Winter Games from 1965 to 1968, and its Joint Commission III from 1968 to 1971, in addition to taking part in the work of various other committees.

### Paavo Mikko Honkajuri

IOC member for Finland since 1967.

Born on 26th November 1914 at Helsinki, graduate of the Institute of Tech-

nology in Helsinki, mining councillor and Director of very reputable businesses, Mr. Honkajuuri devoted his leisure time to sports administration and sailing. As a sports administrator, he presided the Finnish Ice Hockey Federation from 1952 to 1957, and the Finnish Golf Association since 1969. As a yachtsman, he took part in a number of regattas and cruises between 1945 and 1960. He succeeded Mr. Rangell within the IOC, where his composure and foresight quickly gained him his colleagues' confidence.

### **Urho Kaleva Kekkonen**

President of Finland since 1956, President of the Finnish Olympic Committee from 1937 to 1946.

Without any doubt, one of the most devoted sports followers among the present Heads of State. Born in 1900, equally gifted in sport as in his studies, the future President always managed to mix his professional activities with his sporting life. Finnish sport is honoured to count him among the best examples of a complete sportsman.

### **Ernst Edvard Krogius (1865-1955)**

IOC member for Finland from 1920 to 1948.

Lawyer, consul and shipowner. Founder member in 1907 of the Finnish NOC, to which he remained attached until his resignation in 1948, having been its President for ten years (1919-1929). As President of the Finnish Yachting Association (1906-1917) he contributed to the creation of the International Yacht Racing Union in 1907. Finally, let us not forget that this respected leader succeeded in winning a bronze medal at the 1912 Olympic Games on a 12 m. yacht "Heatherbell".

### **Johan (Jukka) Wilhelm Rangell**

IOC member for Finland from 1938 to 1967, now honorary member.

Born on 25th October 1894 at Hauho. Finnish triple jump champion and record-holder (1912-1913). Elected to the IOC in 1938, President of the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games which were due to be held in Helsinki in 1940, Mr. Rangell became Prime Minister in 1941. From 1934, he presided the Finnish Central Sports Federation, a position he accepted again between 1951 and 1953. He also took on the presidency of the FOC from 1961 to 1963. In 1951, he was presented with the Trophy of Finnish Sports in recognition of his outstanding contribution.

### **Magnus Stahlberg**

Secretary General of the FOC since 1973.

Born on 20th April 1935 at Närpiö. Lawyer. Council member of the Finnish Athletics Association in 1973-1974.

### **Juhani (Jukka) Ahti Uunila**

President of the FOC since 1969.

Born on 4th June 1923 at Oulu. Director of the Kuortane Sports Institute (1949-1960), President of the Finnish Athletics Association (1965-1974), Vice-President of the Finnish Central Sports Federation since 1961, member of the FOC since 1957, he was its Vice-President from 1965 to 1968.

### **Baron Reinhold Felix von Willebrand (1858-1935)**

First IOC member for Finland from 1908 to 1920.

Prime Minister of Finland, he became founder President of the Finnish Olympic Committee, a position he held from 1907 to 1919. After resigning from the IOC, he devoted himself between 1921 and 1927 to the management of Finland's Swedish Central Sports Federation.