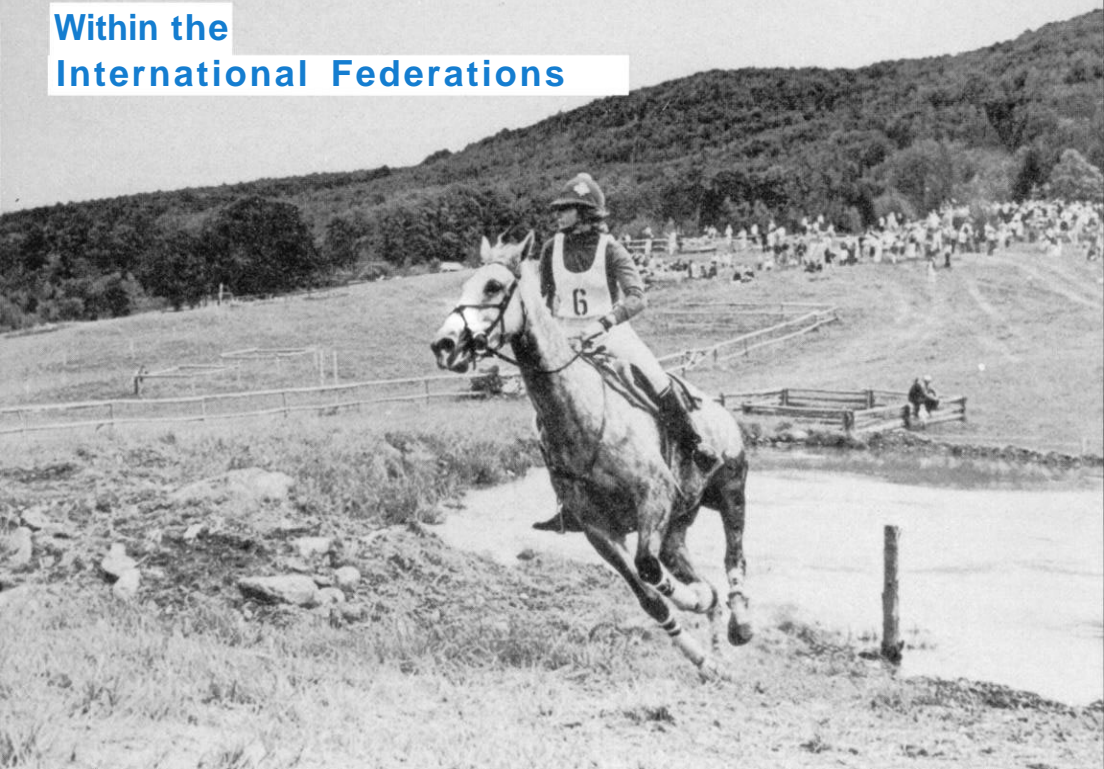


Within the International Federations



The 1977 Annual General Assembly of the FEI

*by Fritz Widmer,
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Under the chairmanship of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, the Annual General Assembly of the Fédération Equestre Internationale was held in Brussels on 13th and 14th December, following meetings of the Board on 10th, 11th and 12th December.

Out of the 64 affiliated national federations 50 were present or represented.

A. Elections

The outgoing and re-eligible members, Mr. Pedro O. Mayorga (ARC), Colonel Gustaf

Nyblaeus (SWE) and Mr. Eric Brabec (POL), were unanimously re-elected members of the Board.

Colonel Nyblaeus and Colonel Thackeray were also confirmed in their respective positions as President of the Dressage Commission and President of the Driving Commission.

Mr. Pedro O. Mayorga was unanimously re-elected first Vice-President of the FEI.

The Disciplinary and Eligibility Commission is as follows for one year :

PT : Mr. John E. Wylie (IRL) ; Ms. Colonel Bruno Bruni (ITA), Chevalier Henry de Menten de Horne (BEL), Colonel Gustaf Nyblaeus (SWE), General Vladimir Stoytchev (BUL).

B. New affiliations

The General Assembly unanimously accepted the affiliation of the national federations of the Virgin Islands, Barbados and Iraq.

C. International calendar

The official calendar of championships, official international competitions and international competitions was decided.

182 competitions will be held in 1978 besides the nine following championships :

- world dressage championship, Goodwood (GBR) 5-9/7 ;
- European pony show jumping and dressage championship, Le Touquet (FRA) 28-30/7 ;
- junior European three-day event championship, Burghley (GBR) 30/7-3/8 ;
- junior continental show jumping championship, 10-14/8 : (Europe), Newcastle (GBR)
- senior world show jumping championship, Aachen (GER) 16-20/8 ;
- junior European dressage championship, Amstetten (AUT) 18-20/8 ;
- world driving championship, Kecskemet (HUN) 24-27/8 ;
- senior world three-day event championship, Lexington (USA) 14-17/9 ;
- junior American show jumping championship, Buenos Aires (ARG) 21-24/9.

D. Other decisions

The major decisions taken were :

- the elaboration of new rules for the continental and world open show jumping championships (senior) which will be applicable at the world championship in Aachen (GER) ;
- the elaboration of new international rules for dressage, three-day event and pony show jumping.

A decision will be taken at the General Assembly in December 1978 concerning the use of phenylbutazone.

The 1978 General Assembly is to be held in Paris (FRA) from 11th to 13th December.

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International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)



● Mr. Adriaan Paulen, President of the IAAF, answering the question, "could it be said that the present records have reached the limits of human possibilities ?", declared :

"The setting of a world record depends on a number of factors: the conditions in which a competition takes place, the general atmosphere, etc. But I do not think a record is the main event in an athlete's life. Even the most outstanding athletes should be well-rounded persons. Sport should not be their sole interest in life. Training and competitions should be a source of joy and satisfaction. Each competition should be a holiday."

(From an interview with V. Kukushkin, in "Sport in the USSR".)

● The Colombian Domingo Tibaduiza won the 53rd international New Year race held in the streets of Sao Paulo. 500 runners from 26 countries took part in this last sports competition of 1977.

● 1978 meetings

The IAAF Council is to meet in April to prepare, among other matters, the IAAF Congress planned to be held in Puerto Rico from 2nd to 7th October.

● The official report of the first athletics world cup has now been published. It is presented on page 78 in our "Bibliography" column.

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



● An Extraordinary Congress of the FISA will take place in Lucerne (SUI) on 6th and 7th July 1978.

● The first FISA junior women's championships, which have just been created, are to be held in conjunction with the 9th junior men's championships scheduled from 26th to 30th July 1978 in Belgrade (YUG).

● *At the age of 30, Mr. Denis Oswald is the youngest Secretary General of an Olympic International Federation. Born on 9th May 1947, a Doctor of Laws, he studied at the Universities of Neuchâtel, Zurich and Cambridge. He is a practising lawyer in Neuchâtel. Like his President, Mr. Thomas Keller, he went straight from top level competition to administration in his chosen sport. His rowing honours include 13 titles as Swiss champion, five of them in single sculls (1969, 1970, 1971, 1973 and 1975), participation on three occasions in the Olympic Games (1968 - bronze medal in coxed fours - 1972 and 1976). Coach and President of the Neuchâtel Aquatic Society, he also belongs to the Athletes Commission of the Swiss Olympic Committee.*

Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)



● *The Senegalese men's team easily won the 9th African championships by beating the Ivory Coast by 103:72 in the final. This victory qualifies it for the next world championships (1st to 14th October 1978 in Manila, PHI).*

Fédération Internationale et de Tobogganing (FIBT)



● *As well as the world championships (Lake Placid, 29th January to 12th February) the FIBT international calendar for February includes events at Igls (AUT, 1st to 5th), Sinaia (ROM, 4th and 5th), Tonwald (TCH, 11th and 12th), Igls (AUT, 18th and 19th), Lake Placid (USA, 18th to 20th, national championships), Winterberg (GER, 2nd to 5th March, junior European championships), Sinaia (ROM, 22nd to 26th) and Lake Placid (USA, 25th and 26th).*

Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)



● *Mr. Karl-Heinz Wehr (GDR), Vice-President of the AIBA, notes the following trends in the development of amateur boxing :*

- Tremendous progress in the speed of action in the ring ;
- Successful boxers have a physical fitness which enables them to box offensively at high speed for a period of three rounds ;
- Speed and strength have been improved without however neglecting technical finesse.

Nevertheless, these developments run counter to the fact that clean fighting tends to be overlooked. Unfortunately, a certain number of judges and referees tolerate this dangerous trend.

International Canoe Federation (ICF)



● *The ICF Canoe Racing Committee will meet on 8th August 1978, the day before the opening of the 14th world championships which will take place in Belgrade from 9th to 13th August.*

● *Canoeing can be practised by the blind. To prove it the German federation which is organising the 15th world canoe racing championships at Duisburg in 1979 (15th-19th August) will include several demonstration events in its programme.*

● *The 16th world canoe racing championships will be held in 1981 from 29th July to 2nd August at Nottingham (GBR). Mr. Ron Emes is President of the Organising Commit-*

tee. In the same year the British Canoe Union will also hold the world slalom and wild-water championships on the Tryweryn in Bala, North Wales from 21st to 24th July.

**Fédération Internationale
Amateur de Cyclisme
(FIAC)**



● At its last meeting, the *FIAC Management Committee* decided :

- to accept the provisional membership of the federations of Brunei, Macau and St. Kitts ;
- to propose Mr. Aldema, President of the Philippines Cycling Federation, as the Asian continent's delegate to the International Cycling Union ;
- to submit the following modification to the statutes for the approval of the FIAC Congress : *"The name of a national cycling federation must reflect the territorial extent and tradition of its country and be approved by the FIAC..."*

● *The 112 national federations* affiliated to the FIAC are spread over the five continents as follows : Europe (32), Africa (27), America (27), Asia (22) and Oceania (4).

It is estimated that some 3 million men and 100,000 women practise cycling.

● *Mr. Arthur Campbell* (GBR) has been elected President of the Technical Commission of the International Cycling Union (UCI). He succeeds Mr. Louis Perfetta (SUI), who held this post for twelve years and has now become Treasurer of the UCI.

● *During the 1978 season*, ten events will be open to amateurs and professionals : Tour de Corse (FRA, 28th February to 3rd March) ; Paris-Nice (FRA, 5th to 11th March) ; Tour du Vaucluse (FRA, 13th to 18th April) ; Circuit de la Sarthe (FRA, 20th to 23rd April) ; Tour du Luxembourg (LUX, 8th to 11th June) ; Scottish Milk Race (GBR, 14th to 18th July) ; Masferrer Trophy (ESP, 6th September) ; Grand Prix d'Isbergues (FRA, 17th September) ; Grand Prix des Nations (FRA, 24th September) and Etoile des Espoirs (FRA, 11th to 15th October).

● *On the calendar*

— *1978 world championships*

22nd January : cycle-cross in Spain.

19th-25th June : junior in the USA ;

16th-27th August : road and track in Germany (GER) ;

19th-21st October : indoor in Denmark.

— *In 1979* these championships will be held in the Netherlands (road and track), in Italy at Padua (cycle-cross), in France (indoor) and in Argentina (junior road and track).

● *Hans Ledermann* (SUI, 20 years old) has improved the world record of the flying start 1 km event by one second. The record had been held since 1970 by the former Olympic champion Pierre Trentin (FRA). This performance in 1:00.44 represents an average of 58.587 km/h.

**Fédération Internationale
d'Esclime
(FIE - fencing)**



● *The category A calendar for 1978* (continued from our last issue)

4th March : London (GBR), Martini Challenge Cup (épée) ;

11th-12th 'March : Turin (ITA), Martini Challenge Cup (women's foil) ;

11th-12th March: Paris (FRA), Rommel Challenge Cup (foil) ;

11th-12th March : Hanover (GER), Wappen von Hamburg (sabre) ;

18th-19th March : Berne (SUI), Berne Grand Prix (épée).

● *1977 assessment*

Counting up the total number of finalists in 1977 from each country in the senior world championships (Buenos Aires - ARG), junior world championships (Vienna - AUT) and Universiad (Sofia - BUL), the USSR federation heads the list with 18 finalists. It leads the following federations : HUN (13), ITA and FRA (8), GER (6), POL (5), ROM and SUI (4), GDR and SWE (2), NOR and TCH (1).

**Fédération Internationale
de Football Association
(FIFA)**



● *The 1978 FIFA World Cup rules*, available from the FIFA Secretariat in Zurich (SUI), runs into 22 chapters.

● *5,377 journalists* from 93 countries have submitted a preliminary request for accreditation to the 1978 World Cup. The continental distribution is as follows : South America (3,875), Europe (1,704), North and Central America (480), Asia (94), Oceania (49) and Africa (35). In 1974, at the previous Cup in Germany, the total figure was only 3,276.

● At the last Congress of the Concacaf in Mexico on 6th October 1977. *Mr. Hiram Sosa* (GUA) was re-elected a member of the FIFA Executive Committee for a further term of four years.

**Federation Internationale
de Gymnastique
(FIG)**



● *The 55th FIG Congress* brought together delegates from 44 national federations in Rome (ITA) at the end of last November. The work was chaired by *Mr. Yuri Titov* (URS), President of the FIG. Among the chief decisions were the following :

- The adoption of the reports from the President and the three technical committees (men's, women's, and rhythmic sports gymnastics) ;
- The ratification of the technical regulations in preparation since 1972 which had been accepted by the technical assemblies ;
- The affiliation of the national federations of Bangladesh and Cyprus ;
- The modification of the cycle of world championships which will henceforth take place every two years. This cycle will commence in 1979: The first 12 teams in this championship will be invited to participate in the Olympic Games of the following year.

The following Championships will feature on the 1981, 1983 (qualification for the Olympic Games), and 1985 calendars.

● *The world artistic gymnastics cup* will be held each year in November-December or in June, alternating with the world championships which will then take place at the end of the year.

**International Handball
Federation
(IHF)**



● *The 17th IHF Annual Congress* will take place in Reykjavik (ISL) from 7th to 11th September 1978.

● *The German Handball Federation* organised from 3rd to 10th December the women's group B world championships. Held in 22 sports halls and involving 14 national teams, the final result was as follows :
1. YUG - 2. POL - 3. ROM - 4. GER - 5. HOL - 6. DEN - 7. SWE - 8. FRA.
The first five teams have qualified for the A world championships.

● Four regional courses organised in Baghdad (IRQ), Freiburg (GER), Trinec (TCH) and Bucharest (ROM) have added 48 referees to the international A list.

● *The Turkish Handball Federation* has been admitted provisionally as the 69th member association of the IHF. The next Congress will have to approve this decision taken by the Federation's Council.

● *The 2nd IHF meeting on the exchange of medical experience* is to be held in Copenhagen (DEN) on 3rd February 1978, during the men's group A world championships from 26th January to 5th February.

● "*Mini-handball*" is developing as an initiation to the sport, as it did in basketball.

● *A guide* for organisers of events under the auspices of the IHF is currently being prepared.

**Fédération Internationale
de Hockey
(FIH)**



● *The 4th world cup* (Buenos Aires - ARG, 19th March to 2nd April) will involve 14 teams divided into two groups :

Group A : IND (world title-holder at Kuala Lumpur (MAL) in 1975), AUS (placed second in the 1976 Olympic tournament at Montreal), BEL, CAN, GER, POL and England.

Group B : ARG, ESP, HOL, IRL, ITA (replacing URS, withdrawn), MAL, PAK.

The first two teams in each group will qualify for the semi-finals. The final will take place on 2nd April.

● *The 5th world cup* will be organised in India at the end of 1981 or the beginning of 1982. Fourteen teams are to be invited : the first nine of the 4th world cup and the first five of the 2nd intercontinental cup to be held in 1980 or 1981.

**International Ice Hockey
Federation
(IIHF)**



● *The first junior world championship*, held in Canada from 22nd December 1977 to 2nd January 1978, resulted in the victory of

the USSR team which beat the Swedes 5:2 in the final.

● *Grenoble : 1968-1978*

Ten years after the Olympic tournament, the capital of Dauphiné hopes to stage an international tournament assembling the Canadian, Czechoslovak and Soviet teams before the end of 1978.

● *The group A world championships* will take place in Prague (TCH) in 1978 from 26th April to 14th May, in Moscow (URS) in 1979 and in Stockholm (SWE) in 1980.

**International Judo
Federation
(IJF)**



● *The 1978 calendar* features the European championships from 3rd to 7th May in Helsinki (FIN).

**Fédération Internationale
de Luge de Course
(FIL)**



● *According to Erhard Feuereis*, Vice-President of the FIL, regulations for competitors' safety and the holding of events has reduced the number of accidents to 0.085%.

● *The 26th FIL Congress* is to take place at Imst (AUT) on 20th January 1978 during the 19th world championships being held there from 18th to 22nd January.

The Vice-Presidents of the FIL will present the reports of the commissions ?

- Mr. Richard Hartmann (GER) on the technique and construction of runs ;
- Mr. Erhard Feuereis (GDR) on sports and sports medicine ;
- Mr. Lucjan Swiderski (POL) on natural runs and youth.

Mr. Helmut Ganster (AUT), Treasurer, will present his financial report and Mr. Luke Patnode, President of the Luge Commission of the Organising Committee of the XIIIth Winter Games will give an account of the situation at Lake Placid.



● *The first world cup* is listed on the calendar for the 1978 season. Each nation will have the right to enter eight men, five women and four teams of two. Final classification will be according to the total of points gained in the four following competitions :

- Königssee cup,
- Nations cup,
- Scandinavian cup,
- Alpine countries cup.

● A modification of the statutes appearing on the agenda may transfer *FIL headquarters to Liechtenstein*.

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)



● *The 4th world swimming championships*, after those held in Belgrade (1973), Cali (1975) and Berlin (19th to 29th August 1978) will take place in 1982. Those cities wishing to organise them should apply to the Secretary General of the FINA before 28th February 1978.

● During 1977, eleven personalities were chosen to appear in the *Swimming Hall of Fame* at Fort Lauderdale (USA)—three coaches : Sherman Chavoor (USA), Peter Daland (USA), George Haines (USA) ; three women swimmers : Shane Gould (AUS), Debbie Meyer (USA), Galina Stepanova-Prosumenschikova (URS) ; four men swimmers : Alex Jany (FRA), Chet Jastemski (USA), Mark Spitz (USA), Mike Burton (USA) ; and a diver : Mickey Balitzen Riley (USA).

● *Ulrike Tauber (GDR) and Brian Goodell (USA)* have been named swimmers of the year by the jury of our sister publication "Swimming World" which combined representatives of many magazines on swimming.

● A course for European water polo referees is to be organised by the European Swimming League in Milan on 4th and 5th February 1978.

Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB)



● *In February* international biathlon competitions are planned at Linthal (SUI, 3rd-5th), Zlatibor (YUG, 4th-5th), Zakopane (POL, 5th-8th), Moena S. Pellegrini (ITA, 9th-10th), Poina Brasov (ROM, 10th-12th), Szlarska Proeba (POL, 16th-19th), Chamonix (FRA, 18th-19th) and Anterselva (ITA, 21st-25th).

● *In March* the modern pentathlon competitions on the UIPMB 1978 international calendar will take place in Sydney (AUS, 4th-6th), Melbourne (AUS, 11th-14th) and Uddel (HOL, 28th-30th).

International Skating Union (ISU)



● *1978 world championships*

— Speed skating

4th-5th February : junior M and W in Montreal (CAN).

11th-12th February : sprint M and W at Lake Placid (USA).

25th-26th February : M in Gothenburg (SWE).

4th-5th March : W in Helsinki (FIN).

— Figure skating

7th-11th March : seniors in Ottawa (CAN).

22nd-25th March : juniors in Megève (FRA).

M men - w : women.

● *To commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Winter games* held at Grenoble in 1968, a large number of skaters will take part in a figure skating gala at Grenoble's sports centre on 6th February.

**Fédération Internationale
de Ski
(FIS)**



- Out of the 267 FIS jumping judges, of 18 different nationalities, 57 are Norwegian.



- Doping controls will be carried out at the 1978 world Alpine and Nordic skiing championships. In most of the events, the first four and two drawn by lot will be tested.

- Well-known for his press commentaries, talented theorist, President of the FIS Committee for the Alpine World Cup and Calendar Planning, our friend *Serge Lang* summarises as follows the new rules on the starting order for Alpine runners :

“A basic step has been taken. From now on runners will start in the exact order of their FIS points classification.

The national quota, which hitherto prevented more than four competitors from the same country from being in the same group of 15 competitors, has been abandoned. Lots will be drawn—without any quota limitation—for the first fifteen only. In the second legs of the

slalom or giant slalom the order of classification of the first leg will determine the starting order (except for the first five, who will start in reverse order). Talented skiers still not highly placed in the FIS points classification will make notably more rapid progress as the second leg will now take on the value of a final. For all the events in the world cup and European cup, only runners with 75 points will have the right to start after the fifteenth provided they are not yet among the first group.

The reform of the giant slalom should be far-reaching. It has had the unfortunate tendency to become an “elongated” slalom. The limitation of the number of gates (no greater than 15% of the gradient) will give back the giant slalom its original character of controlled descent...”

**Union Internationale
de Tir
(UIT - shooting)**



- Mr. Georges A. Vichos, President of the UIT, declared recently :

“ . . . Two major steps of universal importance to our sport have been made in recent years.

Shooting has become the sport of both sexes. The number of female participants is growing constantly and the scores are getting higher. Separate shooting events for ladies are no longer a supplement to the open tournaments ; they tend to become the other half of each official competition. This is a great achievement of ours in the field of sport which we constantly hope to confirm within the Olympic programme.

The other major step is air guns which have drawn hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of new shooters, equally of both sexes, especially among the younger generation. With air guns, shooting has become an all-year-round sport, a sport for every hour of the day and night—a great advantage for workers or students—a sport for all weather conditions. We also hope to confirm this achievement of ours within the Olympic programme...”

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



● *Moscow 1980*

Messrs. Arild Honne (NOR) and Don Lovo (CAN), both Vice-Presidents of the FITA, will be the technical delegates for the Olympic events.

● *Training and refresher courses and seminars for judges* will be organised in future under the auspices of the FITA.

● *On the 1978 calendar*

5th-6th August : 6th European target archery championships at Stoneleigh (GBR)

16-17th September : 6th world field archery championships in Geneva (SUI)

24th-26th November : 4th Americas target archery championships at Rio de Janeiro (BRA).

**International Weightlifting
Federation
(IWF)**



● Between now and April, the IWF will have published an historical encyclopaedia on weightlifting entitled "*80 years of weightlifting in the world and Europe (1896-1976)*", written by Mr. Vladan Mihajlovic, Vice President of the European Weightlifting Federation and Secretary General of the Yugoslav federation.

● *World records*

The middleweight Vartan Militosyan (URS) has increased his clean and jerk record by 500 g to 195.5 kg in Riason (URS), and the heavyweight David Rigert (URS) has claimed the snatch record at 176.5 kg.

● As from 1978, *international judges* may not exceed the age of 60.

**Fédération Internationale
de Volleyball
(FIVB)**



● *On the calendar*

Whereas the men's and women's world cups, which were held throughout the month of November in Japan, constituted the major events of the 1977 international season, the highlights of the 1978 season will be the world championships, scheduled from 23rd August to 7th September in the USSR for women, and from 21st September to 1st October in Italy for men.

● *Presidents of the FIVB Commissions*

sports organisation : Mr. Sinan Erdem (TUR).

Rules of the Game : Mr. Henry Aujard (FRA).

Referees : Mr. Endre Holvay (HUN).

Trainers : Mr. Horst Baacke (GDR).

Medical : Dr. Cherebetiu (ROM).

● *Courses for coaches*, organised by the FIVB International Committee, will be held in Hong Kong (28th March to 11th April), France (June), United States of America (1st to 14th July) and Venezuela (1st to 14th December).

**International Yacht
Racing Union
(IYRU)**



● *Moscow 1980*

Among the decisions made by the IYRU officers meeting in London at the end of 1977, Mr. Nigel Hacking, Secretary General, informs us of the following resolution :

"That the offer of the USSR Yacht Racing Federation to supply hulls of the 470 class for all competitors in the 1980 Olympic regatta be accepted with thanks but with the following conditions :

a) *That they supply a minimum of 15 hulls for the 1978 Tallinn regatta that may be either chartered or purchased by competitors of various countries with not more than one for each country. Those buying boats may use their own fittings. Chartered boats will be complete with fittings supplied by the USSR. In the 1980 olympic regatta competitors will be allowed to bring their own fittings if they so choose.*

b) *In the event these hulls are badly lacking in uniformity the IYRU can elect to allow*

competitors in the Olympic regatta to bring their own boats.

c) *The hulls supplied for the 1980 Olympic regatta are to be new hulls."*

● *The Europe class has become extremely successful since it became international. Between 1st December 1976 and 31st March 1977 318 Europe boats were built and since 31st March, another 250 boats have been built. The IYRU draws our attention to another construction success : 197 Contenders were built in 1976 as against 34 in 1973, 48 in 1974 and 59 in 1975.*

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Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire (FISU)

● *For the World University Games in Alpine and Nordic skiing (5th to 12th February 1978 in Splinderuw-Mlyn - TCH) each national federation may enrol a maximum of six participants per event.*

● *New FISU Executive Committee :*

PT: Mr. Primo Nebiolo (ITA) ; VPTs: Messrs. Sergei Ivanov (GRS), Gilbert Schwaar (SUI), Nicolas Rodis (USA), Günther Eglin (GER), Constantin Anastasov (BUL) ; SG : Mr. Claude Pineau (FRA) ; T : Mr. D.S. Wenden (GBR).

● *Statistics : 4.389 participants from 85 national federations were counted on the occasion of the 1977 Universiad in Sofia (BUL).*

International Federation of Body-Builders (IFBB)

● *The next world championships are scheduled in Acapulco (MEX) from 29th October to 5th November 1978.*

● *Mr. Ben Weider, President of the IFBB, has told us that the programme of the 1978 Asian Games in Bangkok (THA) will include body-building as a demonstration sport.*

Fédération Internationale de Sauvetage et de Sports Utilitaires (life-saving)

● *Mr. Klaus Bartnitzke, President of this Federation's Propaganda and Finance Commission, has edited a small brochure describing the origin, development, statutes, activities and prospects of the Federation. This brochure is available from the General Secretariat at the following address : Eduardo Dato 18, Madrid 10 (ESP).*

● *The world tetrathlon aquatic life-saving championships are staged every two years, we are informed by Mr. José Antonio de Pas&al (ESP). President. Each team is made up of three or four competitors (men or women) who have to complete all the events-four in all-that are the same for men and women :*

- 50 m dummy life-saving
- 200 m utilitarian swimming through obstacles
- throwing the competition buoy (3.5 kg)
- life-saving from a craft.

International Softball Federation (ISF)

● *Softball and bandy experts will continue throughout this year the exchange policy already under way. Mr. Bill Kethan, President of the ISF, states : "We have found interests in common. This allows better development in our respective sports..."*

● *The women's world championships will take place from 21st to 30th July 1978 in Okazaki (JPN).*

● *The men's world championships will be held in Seattle (USA) from 27th June to 6th July 1980.*

● *Softball is increasing remarkably in popularity in the following European countries : BEL - ESP - FRA - GBR - HOL - ITA - SMR - SUI - SWE - TCH - YUG.*

