

Within the International Federations

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)



● *The IAAF Council* will meet at Seoul (KOR) from 14th to 16th April ; the members of the European Council will assemble in Dublin (IRL) from 28th to 30th April 1978.

● *Mr. Palle Lassen*, President of the IAAF Walking Committee, who is extremely pleased with the reintroduction of the 50 km walk to the Olympic programme, hopes that numerous federations will enter athletes in this event in 1980.

● *The national men's and women's teams of the United States of America and the USSR* are to compete against each other for the 16th time at Berkeley, California on 7th and 8th July 1978.

● Statistics

According to a study published by the IAAF bulletin, 252 world records (117 by women) were established between 1967 and 1976 which represents an average of 25 records per year.

1967-1976: 252 world records

Year	Men	Women	TOTAL
1967	11	5	16
1968	29	11	40
1969	7	19	26
1970	6	11	17
1971	14	9	23
1972	21	21	42
1973	12	14	26
1974	5	9	14
1975	21	2	23
1976	19	16	35
Average :	13.5	11.7	25.2

● *The Dan Ferris Meeting*, scheduled on 13th May 1978 at Durham (USA), will bring together about sixty of today's most brilliant athletes. For the first time in a great many years, a Cuban delegation will travel to the United States to participate in this meeting organised to honour the memory of the lamented Vice-President of the IAAF.

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



● *In order to clarify the new rules for the weight of coxes* presented by Mr. Keller, President of the FISA, in our No. 121-122 (p. 725, base of the first column), the Secretary General of the federation has asked us to recall that, whereas the minimum weight for men is 50 kg including a possible maximum deadweight of 5 kg, for women and juniors the maximum weight is 45 kg and to reach this limit women and junior men coxes are permitted a maximum deadweight of 5 kg.

● *The cities of Copenhagen (DEN) and Vienna (AUT)* hone to stage the rowing world championships in 1982 and 1983. Until then, the world championships will be held on Lake Karapiro (NZL) from 30th October to 5th November 1978, at Bled (YUG) from 25th August to 2nd September 1979, Moscow (URS) at the 1980 Olympic Games and Munich (GER) from 17th to 30th August 1981.

● *The FISA international calendar* for May 1978 provides for regattas at Gand (BEL), Caslano (SUI), Mannheim (GER), Tata (HUN), Breisach (GER), Sabaudia (ITA) and Salzgitter (GER).

Federation Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)



● *1978 FIBA calendar*

7th-11th April : Technical Commission, Munich (GER).

25th-30th April : International referees' course, Bogota (COL).

April : 7th Asian women's championships, Kuala Lumpur (MAL).

● *The first world congress of basketball coaches* took place last year at Tenerife (ESP), with the intensive participation of almost 600 people during one week. No. 149, January-February 1978 of the French review "Education physique et sport" (Physical education and sport publishes a study by Jacques Sajin devoted to the three main subjects of this congress : physical preparation, organisation and tactical development.

Federation Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing (FIBT)



● *Mr. Klaus Kotter (GER) will henceforth assume the presidency of the FIBT, owing to the indisposition of Dr. Amilcare Rotta who has been ill for many months and whom we wish a very speedy recovery. This interim arrangement will last until the elections due to be held at the 1980 Congress.*

● *The 1978 four-man bob world championships, contested on the Mt. Van Hoevenberg 1600 m Olympic track at Lake Placid (USA), and watched by Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, were won by the East German team composed of Horst Schoenau, Horst Bernhardt, Bogdan Musiol and Harold Seifert.*

● *The four-man bob nations cup was won by the German Democratic Republic team.*

● *In two-man bobsleigh, the top weight allowed (including the crew) increases from 375 to 385 kg.*

● *The next FIBT Congress will take place on 23rd February 1979 at Königssee (GER).*

Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)



● *The Organising Committee of the 2nd amateur boxing world championships (Belgrade - YUG, 6th-20th May 1978) has brought out an official bulletin. Included in the No. 1 issue are a resumé of the previous championships, information on sport in Yugoslavia and the history of Belgrade ; the second number contains the provisional programme, a report on the preparations and the facilities to be provided, as well as a list of the 40 countries which intend to participate.*

● *Professor Hans Grebe, Vice-Chairman of the AIBA Medical Commission, when giving a doctor's point of view of contemporary boxing, spoke of the importance for doctors to create regulations to protect the health of boxers.*

"What makes the principal difference between amateur and professional boxing are the different possibilities of doctors to influence boxing. The health of a boxer is less endangered by a direct jab to the head than by a technically unclean inside punch... This is why doctors urge all referees and trainers to pay particular attention to technically clean boxing and to give preference to the boxer with technical skills rather than to the brawler.

The cardinal problem in boxing is the threat of brain injury. "Dementia pugilistica", unfortunately a phenomenon well-known in professional boxing, does not occur in amateur contests primarily because the medical officer has the right to stop a bout... This right was introduced in the AIBA protective regulations laid down in 1957."

**International
Canoe Federation
(ICF)**



● *Inquiry into the quality of water*

The ICF Sports Medicine Committee has been discussing the quality of water at international regattas. The 1978 ICF Congress will be called to approve the following decision :

“For canoeing competitions the water shall comply at least with the following conditions :

- The water in general terms shall be considered suitable if it has the quality of bath-water, so that, for instance, fish can live well in it.
- In respect of bacteria the concentration of enterococci or faecal streptococci must not exceed 250/100 ml and the concentration of thermostable coliform bacteria not exceed 1000/1000 ml.
- Furthermore, the water must not have an offensive odour, look unpleasant or contain chemicals or green algae in a concentration which could endanger the human organism.

If these above-mentioned minimum conditions are not fulfilled, then the water should not be regarded as suitable for carrying out canoeing competitions, for it could provide a serious danger to the health of the canoeists.”

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



● *Doping controls for the 1978 world championships* will include tests for anabolic steroids.

● *The medical control rules* of the International Cycling Union have just been reprinted in French and English.

● *In the Olympic programme*, the FIAC would like the IOC to include the individual track race on points and the women's individual road race.

● *Moscow 1980*

The FIAC's technical delegates for the cycling events will be Messrs. H. J. C. M. Meuwese (HOL) and Heinz Deitrich (GDR), respectively President and Vice-President of the FIAC Technical Committee.

● *The training course for international cycling commissaires*, held in Wellington (NZL) last January, awarded diplomas to 17 candidates. The next course will take place at Tallinn (URS) from 25th May to 6th June 1978.

● *The 1978 junior world championships* will take place in the United States of America with the following programme :
20th-23rd June : Trexletown, track events.
25th June : Washington, road race.
28th June : Washington, team 70 km time trial.

The new open air velodrome at Trexletown was homologated by the FIAC on 7th February. Its cement track is 333.33 m long.

● *Roland Liboton* (BEL) obtained the 1978 world amateur cycle-cross title contested on the Bilbao circuit. The team title was won by the Swiss, G. Blaser, K. Helbling and C. Lafranchi.

● *As from 1980, the world cycle-cross championships* for seniors and juniors will take place at the same time and venue.

● *The 21st Peace Race* (Berlin, Prague, Warsaw) will be held in 12 stages over 1,868 km from 10th to 24th May 1978.

**Fédération Equestre
Internationale
(FEI)**



● *FEI headquarters are now connected by telex - 63288 fedeci.*

● *The question of a proposed total ban on the use of phenylbutazone*, a pain-killing drug for horses, is to be re-examined by the next General Assembly at the end of this year.

● *At the Annual General Assembly in Brussels last December*, certain decisions were made regarding anti-doping controls :

- the number of horses undergoing control will now amount to approximately 10% of those starting in an event ;
- the designation of the horses controlled will be settled in agreement between the Organising Committee and the Veterinary Commission ;
- the order of priority for sampling remains the same, pending the results of a Veterinary Sub-Committee study ;
- schedules must now mention the percentage of horses to be sampled, the scheme to be used and the reason for any derogation in the order of priority of sampling.

● *A seminar and course for international jumping course designers* will take place from 12th-15th April at Warendorf (GER).

Fédération Internationale d'Éscrime (FIE - fencing)



● *The FIE Medical Commission*, which is due to meet in Madrid (ESP) on 17th May, will examine the updating of the anti-doping regulations and prepare the medical congress which will take place two months later at Hamburg (GER).

● *The number of international licences* has increased from 1,545 in 1926, to 26,102 in 1957 and 71,928 in 1976.

● *The category A calendar for 1978* (continued from our No. 123)

1st-2nd April : Heidenheim (GER), Heidenheim Cup (épée).

1st-2nd April : Budapest (HUN), Tilly Challenge Cup (foil).

13th-16th April : Minsk (URS), Bielorrussia Cup (women's foil).

15th-16th April: Venice (ITA), Venice City Cup (foil).

22nd-23rd April : Budapest (HUN), Hungaria Cup (sabre).

29th-30th April : Bonn (GER), Lowe von Bonn (foil).

6th-7th May : Paris (FRA), Jeanty Challenge Cup (women's foil).

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)



● *1982 already !*

The Organising Committee of the 1982 World Cup, to be held in Spain, has now released the first issue of its information bulletin. This brochure's quality will surprise none of our readers since it has been edited by the renowned journalist and defender of Olympism, *Mr. Andrés Mercé Varela*.

Circular del Comité Organizador de la Copa del Mundo 1982

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● *For the FIFA World Cup in 1982* as many as 15 towns in Spain have applied to organise the matches in the final tournament. They are: Alicante, Barcelona, Bilbao, Elche, Gijon, Coruna, Madrid, Malaga,

Oviedo, Santander, Saragossa, Seville, Valencia, Valladolid and Vigo.

● *The 11th African Nations' Cup* was won at Accra for the third time by Ghana which beat Uganda by 2-0.

● *1978 World Cup in Argentina*

— *Tournament calendar*

<i>1st round</i>	<i>Group 1</i>	<i>Group 2</i>	<i>Group 3</i>	<i>Group 4</i>
1st June		GER-POL (Buenos Aires)		
2nd June	ARG-HUN (Buenos Aires) FRA-ITA (Mar del Plata)	TUN-MEX (Rosario)		
3rd June			ESP-AUT (Buenos Aires) SWE-BRA (Mar del Plata)	PER-Scotland (Cordoba) IRN-HOL (Mendoza)
6th June	ARG-FRA (Buenos Aires) ITA-HUN (Mar del Plata)	POL-TUN (Rosario) GER-MEX (Cordoba)		
7th June			AUT-SWE (Buenos Aires) BRA-ESP (Mar del Plata)	Scotland-IRN (Cordoba) HOL-PER (Mendoza)
10th June	ARG-ITA (Buenos Aires) FRA-HUN (Mar del Plata)	MEX-POL (Rosario) GER-TUN (Cordoba)		
11th June			SWE-ESP (Buenos Aires) BRA-AUT (Mar del Plata)	PER-IRN (Cordoba) Scotland-HOL (Mendoza)

Second round

	<i>Group A</i>	<i>Group B</i>
14th June	Buenos Aires : 2nd group 2 - 1st group 1 Cordoba : 1st group 3 - 2nd group 4	Rosario : 1st group 2 - 2nd group 1 Mendoza : 2nd group 3 - 1st group 4
18th June	Buenos Aires : 1st group 1 - 1st group 3 Cordoba : 2nd group 4 - 2nd group 2	Rosario : 2nd group 1 - 2nd group 3 Mendoza : 1st 4 - 1st group 2
21st June	Buenos Aires : 2nd group 4 - 1st group 1 Cordoba : 1st group 3 - 2nd group 2	Rosario : 1st group 4 - 2nd group 1 Mendoza : 2nd group 3 - 1st group 2

Finals (Buenos Aires). - 24th June : for 3rd place between the second teams of groups A and B ; 25th June : final between the first teams of groups A and B.

— *The FIFA Referees' Committee* appointed on 19th February the 35 referees and linesmen responsible for officiating during the World Cup in Argentina from 1st to 25th June.

— *Doping tests supervised by the FIFA* will be organised on the occasion of this World Cup. Mr. Gottfried Schonholsaer (SUI) will be directing this operation on behalf of the FIFA.



● *Mr. Alex Lylo*, President of the FIG Men's Technical Committee, analysing the activities of the judges at the last Olympic Games, declared :

"There is no doubt that the best teams participated and the best judges from the individual affiliated federations were selected. Whereas it was seen that the gymnasts gave of their best, this was not always the case with the judges. And here it must be said that not only the FIG but also the affiliated federations must accept responsibility for the judges selected."

● *Creation of junior European artistic gymnastics championships* : these will be held every two years during May. They will unite girls from 12 to 15 years and boys from 14 to 18 years.

● *Attribution of official championships*

- The 1978 European rhythmic sports gymnastics championships to the Spanish federation.
- The 1979 European championships to the German federation (GER) for the men's events and to the Danish federation for the women's.
- The 1979 world cup to the Japanese federation.
- The 1979 world rhythmic sports gymnastics championships to the British federation.
- No federation has yet been appointed to organise the 1978 world cup.

● *Moscow 1980*

The programme for the next Olympic Games has been drawn up as follows : Sunday 20th July : women's compulsory exercises ; Monday 21st July : men's compulsory exercises ; Tuesday 22nd July : women's free exercises ; Wednesday 23rd July : men's free exercises ; Thursday 24th July : finals of the men's and women's combined exercises ; Friday 25th July : men's and women's apparatus finals.

● *The 12th women's A world championships* will be held in Bratislava (TCH) from 30th November to 10th December 1978. The draw is as follows :

- pool A : GDR, YUG, ROM and a team from the Asian continent ;
- pool B : URS, TCH, HOL and a team from the African continent ;
- pool C: HUN, POL, GER and a team from the American continent.

The continental confederations have until 1st August to name their teams.

● Following the women's group B world championships from 3rd-10th December in Germany, *honour cups* were awarded to the following players : Milenka Slavic (YUG) — best shooter with 32 goals, and Renate Schlizki (GER) — best goalkeeper, and to the French team for its fair play.

● *The men's group C world championships* are to take place from 5th to 19th November 1978 in Italy. Nine teams will participate : AUT, FIN, ISR, ITA, LUX, NOR, POR, SUI and the Faroe Islands.

● If the 1978 IHF Congress agrees, *junior world championships* will be held every two years.

● *Moscow 1980*

Twelve men's and six women's teams will take part in the Olympic tournament from 20th to 30th July 1980. The matches will be held in the Sokoniki Sports Hall (8,000 spectators) and the Dynamo All-sports Hall (presently under construction) which will hold 5,000 spectators.

● *The 1978 IHF Handbook* will include technical guidelines for the representatives of the International Federation, practical advice for secretaries and time-keepers, an historical record, etc.

**Federation Internationale
de Hockey
(FIH)**



● At the 21st FIH Congress in Buenos Aires (ARG), Mr. René G. Frank (BEL), outgoing President, was re-elected President of his federation. Mr. Ashwini Kumar (IND) was replaced at the vice-presidency by Mr. Ramaswamy (IND). Messrs. Dara (PAK) and Cowlshaw (GBR) were re-elected Vice-Presidents.

Furthermore, the delegates established 28th July 1980 as the date of the 22nd FIH Congress in Moscow.

● “World Hockey”, the FIH’s bulletin, publishes an article in its No.31 by H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Vice-President of the IOC, entitled “Hockey : a great team sport”.



**International Ice Hockey
Federation
(IIHF)**

● The 70th anniversary of the Czechoslovak Ice Hockey Association will be celebrated on 7th May during the group A world championships in Prague from 26th April to 14th May.

● A doctors’ seminar will also be organised in Prague. Under the direction of Dr. J. Tintera (TCH) medical experts from seven countries will lecture on “Traumatology and Orthopaedics” and “Physiology and Hygienics”.

● The IIHF’s Year Book is now on sale after having been published for the first time. The 280-page volume contains excellent statistical data on all world championships and member associations. It may be ordered from Tom Ratschunas, Box 270, 00531 Helsinki, Finland.

● The fourth annual international cup for veteran teams will be held in Tokyo (JPN) from 17th-24th March 1979.

● By winning the group C world championships in Las Palmas (ESP. 9th-19th March) the Netherlands has assured its place in group B for the next season, along with Austria. Spain and Belgium, last in the general classification, are eliminated from group C at least until 1980. The final results were : 1. HOL., 2. AUT, 3. DEN, 4. People’s Republic of China, 5. BUL, 6. FRA, 7. ESP, 8. BEL.

It was the first time ever that world championships have been held on Spanish territory and they honoured the enormous progress achieved by the Spanish Ice Hockey Association over the past few years.

● The group B world championships disputed in Belgrade (YUG, 17th-20th March) were won by Poland. The final result was : 1. POL (7 victories, 1 tie), 2. JPN, 3. SUI, 4. ROM, 5. HUN, 6. NOR, 7. ITA, 8. YUG. The Polish team thus moves up into group A, having spent only two years in group B, whereas Italy and Yugoslavia descend into group C.



**International Judo
Federation
(IJF)**

● A new formula for the men’s European championships, to be held from 4th to 7th May in Helsinki (FIN), was recently adopted during a meeting of the European Judo Union at Ostermundigen (SUI).

Under this system the four medal winners of the previous year’s competitions in each weight category will be divided into pools of four or five people. The winners of these pools will then go into direct elimination and repechage contests, either for the final eight or for the quarter finals, depending on the number of competitors.

It is possible that this new system will be adopted for world championships and Olympic Games if it proves to be satisfactory.

● Mr. Charles S. Palmer, President of the IJF, declared himself highly satisfied with

the organisation of the Hungaria Cup for men held in Pecs on 11th and 12th March. On his return from the competitions, President Palmer emphasised the progress made in the four years since he first attended this tournament.

Judokas from 14 nations, as far away as Japan and Cuba, participated in the competitions with the former country gaining most of the medals, followed by France.

● *The next European junior championships* will take place at Miskos (HUN) in November of this year.

Fédération Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)



● *The television rights for the Winter Games received from the IOC* enable the FIL to cover the living expenses of two athletes from each nation taking part in every event which it organises both on artificial and natural runs.

● *The Soviet Vera Sosulia and the Italian Paul Hildgartner in single seater, and Bremse and Krikis (URSS) in double seater* feature on the 1978 honours list of the world championships contested at Imst in Austria.

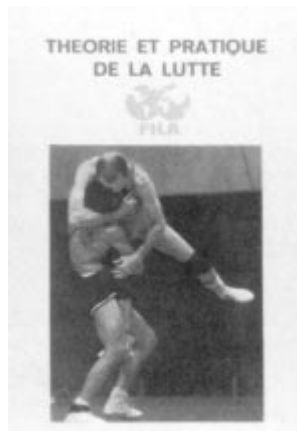
Fédération Internationale de Lutte Amateur (FILA - wrestling)



● *The wrestling world championships*, which were due to open in Mexico on 2nd September, have been deferred until 20th to 27th September. The FILA Congress will be held on 19th September.

● *"Theory and practice of wrestling"* No. 4, the FILA's technical review, presents a report of the President, Mr. Milan Ercegan, entitled: "How to guarantee objective and high quality refereeing". Other articles deal with preparation of wrestlers, tactics, mini-wrestling and the FILA's regulations on doping.

● *The first issue of the official bulletin printed by the FILA* appeared at the beginning of the year and contains in particular the rules for sambo. This magazine is due to be published three times per year.



Fédération International de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)



● *The 3rd world championships in Berlin, 18th-28th August 1978*

The Organising Committee of these championships, presided by Mr. Harm Beyer, published its first press bulletin on 15th February and the first issue of its information brochure which presents in particular a very interesting historical retrospective of swim-

ing in Germany. The press officer will be Mr. Gerd Heydn, 31 years old, swimming specialist at Sport-Informations Dienst agency of Düsseldorf. Five hundred journalists, reporters and cameramen are expected at these competitions which will take place in the pool built for the 1936 Olympic Games and completely remodelled to conform to the FINA's requirements, as well as in the facilities at South Spandau (water polo) and at Schoneberg (synchronised swimming). For the first time, a youth camp will be organised on the lines of the Olympic Games' camp.



The emblem of these championships is the work of a Nuremberg artist, Pierre-Jorg Hiener, who has designed the symbolic bear of Berlin dressed as a swimmer.

The total cost of these championships is estimated at DM. 22.8 million (SF. 23 million).

The dates of the 3rd world championships have now been fixed from 18th to 28th August 1978, and not from 19th to 29th as planned.

● *World records*

- 1500 m freestyle W : Tracey Wickham (AUS), on 8th February 1978 at Brisbane in 16:14.93 (old record : Alice Brown (USA), in August 1977 in 16:24.60).
- 800 m freestyle W : Tracey Wickham (AUS), on 22nd February 1978 at Brisbane in 8:30.53 (old record : Michelle Ford (AUS), on 21st January 1978 in 8:31.30).

● *The Brazilian swimmer Maria Elisa Guimaraes* is the first South American to clear the minute mark in 100 m freestyle. She in fact achieved the time of 59.93 secs. at the swimming competitions of the Brazil Trophy which was held last February in Rio de Janeiro.

Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB)



● *The 1978 biathlon world championships* took place from 28th February to 5th March in Hachfilzen (AUT). The German Democratic Republic competitors proved their skill by winning four of the six events — the junior 15 km (Andreas Hess), the senior 10 km sprint (Frank Ullrich) and the senior 4 x 7.5 km and the junior 3 x 7.5 km relays. Odd Lirhus and Kjell Sbak, both from Norway, won the senior 20 km and the junior 10 km sprint respectively.

The 1979 championships for seniors and juniors will take place in Ruhpolding (GER) from 26th January to 3rd February.

● *On the April calendar for modern pentathlon*, international competitions are arranged in Paris (FRA. 3rd-9th). Alma Ata (URS. 8th-14th), Erevan (URS; 20th-25th), Rome (ITA, 25th-30th) and Warendorf (GER, 29th-3rd May).

International Skating Union (ISU)



● *The figure skating world championships*, held at the beginning of March in Ottawa (CAN). saw the surprise victory of the American Charles Tickner over the favourites Jan Hoffmann (GDR) and Robin Cousins (GBR). In the women's event, Annette Poetzch (GDR) beat Linda Fratianne (USA) and Suzanne Briano (ITA). The Soviet pair Irina Rodnina-Alexander Zaitsev for their part won their sixth world title ahead of Manuela Mager-Uwe Bewersdorff (GDR) and Tai Babilonia-Randy Gardner (USA). Irina Rodnina thus obtained her tenth world title.

In ice dancing, the title holders Irina Moiseeva and Andrei Minenkov (URS) were dethroned by their compatriots Natalia Lini-chuk and Gennadij Karponosov. The Hungarian couple Kristina Regoeczy and Andras Sallay took third place. Eighteen countries participated in these world championships.

● *The sprint world championships at Lake Placid* were marked by the absolute domination of Eric Heiden (USA, 19) who had already won the three world titles (sprint, combined and junior) in 1977. His sister Beth (18 years old) was beaten by the Soviet Liubov Sadchikova (26), although she had won the junior world title at Montreal (CAN) the previous week.

● A few weeks later, *the men's speed skating world championships* took place at Gøthenburg (SWE). Thirty-three skaters from 16 countries competed over 500, 1500, 5000 and 10,000 m and the most coveted title, the combined. Below we give the results :

500 m : 1. Eric Heiden (USA), 2. Jan Egil Storholt (NOR), 3. Lobanov (URS).

1500 m : 1. Eric Heiden (USA), 2. Jan Egil Storholt (NOR), 3. Stenshjemmet (NOR).

5000 m : 1. Eric Heiden (USA), 2. Sergei Martsjuk (URS), 3. Piet Kleine (HOL).

10,000 m : 1. Stensen (NOR), 2. Jan Egil Storholt (NOR), 3. Sergei Martsjuk (URS).

Combined : 1. Eric Heiden (USA), 2. Jan Egil Storholt (NOR), 3. Sergei Martsjuk (URS).

● *The Soviet Tatiana Averina* was the great victor of the women's world championships held in Helsinki (FIN) on 5th and 6th March. Second over 500 m behind her compatriot Valentina Golovenkina, she won the 1000 and 1500 m. Marion Dittmann (GDR) took first place in the 3000 m. Combined result : 1. Tatiana Averina (URS), 2. Galina Stepankaya (URS), 3. Marion Dittmann (GDR).

● *New world record: on 3rd March* at Inzell (GER), Eric Heiden improved the 3000 m world record in 4:7.01.

Fédération Internationale de Ski (FIS)



● *The FIS Bulletin No. 1/1978* presents world skiing statistics, with in particular the first six in all world championships between 1924 and 1976.

● *The Nordic skiing world championships* staged in Lahti (FIN) from 17th to 26th February were extremely successful, with almost 600 athletes and officials from 22 countries taking part. These championships were notable for the Finnish women's magnificent victory in the relay.

— Results

Men :	70 m jump	Mathias Buse (GDR), 19 years old
	90 m jump	Raiesanen (FIN)
	Nordic combined	Konrad Winkler (GDR), 23 years old, 3rd in 1976
	15 km	Josef Luszczek (POL), 22 years old
	30 km	Sergei Saveliev (URS), 30 years old, 1976 Olympic champion
	4 x 10 km	SWE (Lundbaeck, Johansson, Limby, Magnusson)
	50 km	Sven Ale Lundbaeck (SWE), 30 years old
Women :	5 km	Helena Takalo (FIN), 31 years old, 1976 Olympic champion
	10 km	Zinaida Amosova (URS), 28 years old
	20 km	Zinaida Amosova (URS)
	4 x 5 km	FIN (Taina Empioe, Marja Lissa Hamalainen, Hilka Rühivuori, Helena Takalo)



● *The 1978 Vasaloppett* produced a great surprise : contrary to all expectations, the Frenchman Jean-Paul Pierrat, recently classed third in the 50 km at the Lahti world championships, won ahead of four Swedes and a Finn. Since 1948, when foreigners were first admitted to the event, this is only the fifth time that this remarkable race over 85.8 km has not been won by a Swede.

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



● *The fifth international fair for hunting and sports arms* will be held at Nuremberg (GER) from 7th to 10th April 1978.

● *The official history of the UIT* will be published in English before the end of April.

● *The 12 best marksmen of all times* have been classified in the following order by Karl-Heinz Lang, editor of the UIT review for 17 years and whose recent death has shocked the sports world :

- No. 1 : Konrad Stäheli (SUI) - Rifle
- No. 2 : Torsten Ullman (SWE)- Pistol
- No. 3 : Gary Anderson (USA) - Rifle
- No. 4 : Karoly Takacz (HUN) - Pistol
- No. 5 : Anatoli Bogdanov (URS) - Rifle
- No. 6 : Margaret Murdock (USA) - Pistol
- No. 7 : Pentti Linnosvuo (FIN) - Pistol
- No. 8 : Makhmoud Umaro (URS) - Trap
- No. 9 : Michel Carrega (FRA)- Rifle
- No.10 : Lones Wigger (USA) - Rifle
- No.11 : Harald Vollmar (GDR) - Pistol
- No.12 : Konrad Wirnhier (GDR) - Skeet

Konrad Stäheli was Olympic champion in 1900 and between 1898 and 1914 won 22 world championship titles both in rifle and pistol.



● *Table of single FITA world records*

Women		Country	Year	Record	Possible maximum
FITA	Zebiniso Rustamova	URS	1977	1304	1440 points
70 m	Zebiniso Rustamova	URS	1977	315	360
60 m	Zebiniso Rustamova	URS	1977	332	360
50 m	Lena Sjöholm	SWE	1977	319	360
30 m	Zebiniso Rustamova	URS	1975	348	360
Team	Luan Ryon Irene Daubenspeck Ruth Rowe	USA	1977	3741	4320

Men		Country	Year	Record	Possible maximum
FITA	Gian-Carlo Ferrari	ITA	1977	1318	1440 points
90 m	Darrell Pace	USA	1975	309	360
70 m	Gian-Carlo Ferrari	ITA	1977	336	360
50 m	Sante Spigarelli	ITA	1977	340	360
30 m	Darrell Pace Darrell Pace	USA	1975	354	360
Team	Richard McKinney Richard Bednar	USA		3812	4320

Fédération Internationale
de Volleyball
(FIVB)



● *The 1978 world championships* will be staged in the USSR (women's tournament, 25th August to 6th September) and in Italy (men's tournament, 21st September to 1st October). Both tournaments will comprise 24 teams.

Matches are scheduled at Leningrad, Minsk, Odessa and Riga (URS) and at Ancona, Bergamo, Parma, Rome, Udine and Venice (ITA).

The draw for the preliminary rounds will be made on 10th April 1978 in Rome (ITA).

● *The 1980 FIVB Congress* will take place on 31st July and 1st August in Moscow on the occasion of the Olympic Games.

● To celebrate its quarter century, *the Swiss Archery Association* will organise the world field archery championships at Geneva in 1978.

International Weightlifting
Federation
(IWF)



● *The 1978 senior weightlifting world championships* will now be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania (USA) from 4th to 8th October, Iran having withdrawn its invitation to stage these championships. *The IWF Annual Congress* will precede the competitions on 3rd October. The 1979 championships are scheduled for 14th-16th October in Sofia (BUL).

● Following the success of its *fight against doping* in 1977 the IWF has decided to extend to 1978 the “anabolic resolution” adopted in 1976.

● An extraordinary meeting of the IWF Technical Committee was held in Athens at the end of February. The following items were discussed : qualifying standards for the 1980 Olympic Games ; organisation of coaching clinics in 1978 ; modification of technical rules and the staging of the 1978 senior world championships. Recommendations are to be submitted to the Executive Committee.

● World records

During the “Friendship Prize” tournament in Moscow (URS, 16th-20th March) where more than 180 weightlifters from 18 countries participated, numerous world records were broken. The first new record was claimed by Kon Ion-chi (PRK), who improved by 500 g the *flyweight snatch record* of 109 kg, previously held by Alexander Voronin (URS).

Other records were :

Light heavyweight

Yuri Vartanian (URS) improved two world records, both by 2.5 kg : the clean and jerk to 210 kg and the total of two movements to 375 kg.

The old clean and jerk record was held by Milzer (GER) with 207.5 kg and the total by T. Stoitchev (BUL) with 372.5 kg.

Middle heavyweight

Igor Nikitin (URS) claimed the two movements records with 390 kg.

Lightweight

Serge Pevzner (URS) bettered by 500 g the clean and jerk record held by his fellow countryman Michel Kirjinov with 177.5 kg. Yanko Rousev (BUL) took the junior records for snatch with 135 kg and the clean and jerk with 175 kg.

● Erratum :

In our No. 123 issue we incorrectly reported that international judges may not exceed the age of 60. In fact no such decision has been made by the IWF and we apologise for any inconvenience our error may have caused.

International Yacht
Racing Union
(IYRU)



● The IYRU 1978 international calendar is available from the Union's secretariat for the price of £1 (SF.3.80.).

In the Olympic classes, the 1978 world championships will be held as follows :

470 : Marstrand (SWE) - 28th July-4th August.

Tornado : Weymouth (GBR) - 8th-15th September.

Star : San Francisco (USA) - 5th-14th October.

Flying Dutchman : Caesarea (ISR) - 12th-22nd October.

Finn Gold Cup : Manzanillo (MEX) - 16th-26th November.

● The first meeting of the newly created *Committee for women's sailing* was held in Barcelona (ESP) on 15th January.

● The *Class Policy and Organisation Committee* is to meet on 4th and 5th May in New York (USA).

● *Races for international classes will be held :*

— in May at Trieste (ITA, 1st-6th), Wolfgangsee (AUT, 12th-15th), 15th International Sailing Week at La Rochelle (FRA, 14th-21st), Gdansk (POL, 22nd-1st June), Forte dei Marmi (ITA, 25th-28th), Rijeka (YUG, 25th-28th), Nesabar (BUL, 25th-4th June), Oslo (NOR, 27th-28th) and Hayling Island (GBR, 27th-29th).

● The 1978 Year Book is now available from the IYRU offices at the price of £3. This very useful booklet includes the addresses of the 74 affiliated national authorities, a list of all the available publications and some of the IYRU meetings for this year.

● At the *Soling world championships* in Rio de Janeiro (BRA, 21st February-5th March) the Brazilian Gastao Brun carried off the world title, although he had not won any of the seven races which comprised this championship.