

The Presidents of the IFs and theirs activities 1979-1980



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With an expanded Bureau staff in London of five full-time and two part-time members, working in conjunction with the President and Council, the International Amateur Athletic Federation looks forward to a full 1979-80 programme. The current year will be highlighted by the 2nd World Cup competition, to be held in Montreal (24th-26th August).

This new concept first established in 1977 has, as was hoped, generated considerable enthusiasm on the continents and stimulated a competitive self-sufficiency and increased pride in their athletic achievements among the area group associations. Plans are already well advanced for the first athletic championships of Africa (Dakar, August 1979) and Asia will also hold a major regional meeting in Tokyo to help select its World Cup team. Similarly, Europe and the Americas have already organised their own qualifying competitions in order to establish their top performers.

This growing interest in the sport of track and field has encouraged the IAAF to work side by side with Olympic Solidarity in a programme of technical aid for the developing nations. This has become an expanding area of the IAAF's work with exciting potential. The programme for 1979 is already established with a full range of courses throughout the world.

The IAAF is aware that athletics in the stadium is part of a wide spectrum of sport, and, to this end, the annual cross country team world championships (Limerick (IRL),

March 1979, and Paris (FRA), March 1980) and biannual walking world championships for the Lugano Trophy (Eschborn (GER), September 1979) are permanent fixtures on the calendar with an increasing number of entries every year.

With a firm eye on the future health of the world's athletes, the IAAF will continue its fight against the *use* of drugs in sport, and to this end, the Medical Committee is continuing its work to increase the number of doping control centres in strategic places and to encourage testing at an increased number of meetings, both at the national and international levels.

The time to the 1980 Olympic Games will obviously pass quickly. However, we already have full confidence in our Moscow hosts, as we know with certainty that the basis for an excellent athletics programme, in which all athletes in the world can take part, has been set up.

We in the IAAF look forward to joining our fellow International Federations in contributing towards the joyful celebration in Moscow of the 1980 Olympic Festival.

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7th February 1979





Thomas Keller
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In 1979 FISA will organise the following main events :

- World championships for women in Bled (YUG) from 30th August to 2nd September.
- The FISA championships for lightweight oarsmen will be staged during the same period on the same course.
- World championships for men in Bled (YUG) from 3rd to 9th September.
- FISA championships for juniors in Moscow from 15th to 18th August on the Krylatskoye rowing course which will host next year's Olympic rowing competitions.
- Rowing will be included in the programme of this year's Pan-American Games in Puerto Rico. A channelised river in the vicinity of San Juan will serve as regatta course.

— The rowing events of the Mediterranean Games will be held near Sibenik, where a new rowing centre has been created.

1980's main event will be the rowing regatta of the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad in Moscow.

The FISA championships for juniors (men and women) will be staged after the Olympic Games. probably from 14th to 17th August on the newly finished Hazewinkel course in Belgium.

The FISA championships for lightweight oarsmen will be staged in connection with an international regatta, the date of which has yet to be determined.

T. K.

13th February 1979



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As is the case in all years preceding the celebration of the Olympic Games, 1979 will be a particularly heavy year for our Federation.

In addition to the periodic meetings of the Board of Management and the standing commissions we shall be organising, in the

various branches of our sport, several world and continental championships and international events.

— For the first time in the history of open water competition, the 16th slalom world championships and the 11th wildwater

world championships are to be held at a location not on the European continent.

This constitutes a veritable return to the sport's beginnings as these championships are to be organised in Canada, the country in which canoeing originated, at Jonquière, from 1st to 8th July.

- From 1st to 6th August, the 7th European junior championships will take place in Tampere, Finland.
- The 15th senior canoe racing world championships, combined with the European championships, are to be organised from 14th to 19th August at Duisberg in the Federal Republic of Germany, on a completely renovated course which is to be inaugurated on that occasion.
During these championships, a symposium on sports medicine is to be held, bringing together the majority of specialists from among our member-federations.
- Several days following these championships, the canoe racing championships for the Americas are to be contested in Dartmouth, Canada from 30th August to 2nd September.

- To conclude the season, canoe-kayak events will be included for the first time on the programme at the Mediterranean Games in Split on 21st and 22nd September.

In 1980, competitors in canoe racing will be directing all their efforts to preparing for the Olympic Games in Moscow and only a few international regattas will be organised at the beginning of the season.

Participants in slalom and wildwater will be vying for the fourth edition of the European Cup and the Interfederal Cup for which qualifying events are to be organised in at least three different countries.

Add to all this the canoe sailing regattas, the marathon races, currently undergoing a great expansion, as well as the great international tours, and it becomes apparent that the sport of canoe-kayak is thriving, as it offers a greatly varied choice of activities in response to each individual's aspirations.

*C. de C.
12th February 1979*



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The FIBT followed a new way to arouse interest in new countries and encourage more activities in existing member federations. After several training sessions in March 1978, the Netherlands founded a federation and entered the FIBT on 23rd June, 1978. By awarding the 1984 Winter Games to Sarajevo, the IOC heightened the interest in bobsleigh in Yugoslavia. Sportsmen from that country took part in training sessions and in the European junior championships. Yugoslavia is soon expected to become the 25th member-federation of the FIBT. In an attempt to give an equal chance to all competitors, special training sessions

were offered on the world and European championships runs, exclusively for nations not having won a medal the last five years. Teams from sixteen federations (three more than last year) entered the world championships in Königssee—including a new entry from the Netherlands as well as Czechoslovakia and Japan after a long absence.

*K. K.
14th February 1979
(To be continued)*

