

## The Presidents of the IFs and their activities 1979-1980\*



**Col. Don F. Hull**  
**President**  
**of the Association**  
**Internationale**  
**de Boxe Amateur**



The International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA), now plans to hold some type of world championships each year. These world championships, in addition to the continental championships and the various regional tournaments and national championships, will provide our best amateur boxers with competition to help them prepare for the quadrennial Olympic Games. The 1979 world championships include the junior world (under 19 years) championships in Bucharest (ROM) in September, and the world cup championships in New York (USA) in October. For the world cup, participants qualify by winning their continental

championships and then progressing toward the world competition in New York.

In 1980, the AIBA members will concentrate their activity toward preparation for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. We expect 90 countries to participate in the sport of boxing. Our AIBA technical delegates are working closely with the Moscow Organizing Committee in an effort to make our sport of boxing the finest of the 1980 Olympic Games.

*D. F. H.*  
*12th February 1979*



**Adriano Rodoni**  
**President**  
**of the Fédération**  
**Internationale**  
**Amateur de Cyclisme**



Our objective, as regards the Games of the XXII<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad in Moscow, is to induce the greatest possible number of national federations to send strong delegations of track and road cyclists to Moscow. The results

achieved in both 1978 and 1979 at regional events and continental championships point to a favourable conclusion to this project.

Our fruitful co-operation with Olympic Solidarity has enabled us to assist certain national federations in their preparations for the next Olympic Games.

\*See the first part of these messages in "Olympic Review" No. 136.

The construction of the 1980 Olympic velodrome, the only one of its kind with a covered track 333 metres in length, was supervised by our technicians. Still with regard to the Games, the FIAE has provided instruction for several judges and technicians who are to serve in Moscow ; some twenty assistant judges also received training in the Soviet capital with our assistance.



I should like to express here the FIAE's satisfaction — we are pleased with the relations maintained with the Moscow OCOG in preparation for the Games of the XXII<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad.

A hopeful future awaits us.

A. R.

14th February 1979



**Pierre Ferri**  
**President**  
**of the Fédération**  
**Internationale**  
**d'Escrime**



For the FIE, preparations for the Olympic Games will be in the foreground for the period 1979-1980.

These preparations will involve two stages : some fifteen large international category A events, which will enable top-level fencers to meet and test their form and skills against one another, are to take place before August. At the same time, in the wake of last December's Asian Games, other large regional events are to be held, notably the Pan-American Games and the Mediterranean Games. The best fencers will then meet in August at the world championships to be held in Melbourne, Australia, thus providing a fitting conclusion to this important season.

After a two-month rest, the second stage will find all fencers engaged in intensive training for the Olympic Games, the same international events being featured as in 1979 with the exception of the Regional Games which are never held in an Olympic year. Each of these events will bring together hundreds of fencers and will enable each affiliated federation to test its best competitors and to make suitable choices for its representatives in Moscow.

Concurrently on its calendar, the Federation Internationale d'Escrime has planned international events for young people up to

twenty years of age. Following various test competitions, the strongest competitors, to be selected by their national federations, will meet at the under 20's world championships, which will be held from 5th to 9th April at Notre Dame University in Indiana, located on the outskirts of Chicago (USA). The same scheme is planned for 1980, with the under 20's world championships to take place from 4th to 7th April in Italy (in a city yet to be determined).

The best from among these young people will be joining their senior counterparts, should they prove themselves worthy of such an honour, on the national teams to be named for Moscow.

Thus, over two seasons of intensive training, all fencers, regardless of age, may attain the highest possible levels of achievement and present, in Moscow, exciting fencing events certain to arouse the enthusiasm of all spectators, including many Muscovites, who have always appreciated great fencing competition.

P. F.

20th February 1979





**Charles S. Palmer**  
**President of the**  
**International Judo**  
**Federation**



Following the IJF Congress held in London on 9th December 1978—the first held since the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal—it was confirmed that we have some 105 member federations.

We begin 1979 with judo events being held in the Hapoel Games in Israel and continue through May at the South Pacific Games in Fiji, June at the Pan-American Games, July with the Spartakiad in Moscow and September at the Mediterranean Games in Split. There are, in addition, our yearly continental judo championships.

The major event of our “own” calendar is the men’s senior world championships to

be held in Paris from 4th to 9th December inclusive, where a record number of countries are expected to participate.

1980—Olympic year—is our “low” activity year. However, we are hoping to hold our first women’s senior championships and our 3rd junior men’s world championships in that year.

C. S. P.  
 16th February 1979



**Bert Isatitsch**  
**President**  
**of the Fédération**  
**Internationale**  
**de Luge de Course**



The 27th Congress of the FIL, held on 25th and 26th January 1979 in Berchtesgaden (GER) was an unqualified success.

A comprehensive sports programme was established and new regulations were drawn up for events on artificial and natural runs.

|                | Winter Games | World champ. | European champ. | European junior champ. |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Artificial run | 1980         | 1981         | 1980            | 1980<br>1981           |

|             | Winter Games | World champ. | European champ. | European junior champ.       |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Natural run | 1984         | 1983         | 1982<br>1984    | 1982<br>1983<br>1984         |
|             |              | 1982         | 1981<br>1983    | 1980<br>1981<br>1982<br>1983 |
|             |              | 1984         |                 | 1980<br>1981<br>1982<br>1984 |
|             |              |              |                 |                              |

Greece and the Netherlands have been admitted to the FIL by a unanimous vote and thus become the Federation's 26th and 27th members.

A seminar for coaches is to be organised from 7th to 14th May in Hagenow (GDR).

The Sports Commission is to meet at the beginning of May in Vipiteno (ITA).

The meeting of the FIL Executive will be

held from 17th to 20th May in Hagenow (GDR).

Proposed 400 m. runs will help promote the development of the sport among young people, it is thought, as well as enabling organisers to reach a wider public.

B. I.

14th February 1979



**General Sven Thofelt**  
President of the  
Union Internationale  
de Pentathlon Moderne  
et Biathlon



The activities of the UIPMB 1979-80 will be conducted in accordance with a well established programme.

Our union has now 52 countries affiliated for modern pentathlon and 40 for biathlon, with a couple of other nations having shown interest. We must help them to take the decision and to have a good start, by providing them with instruction and courses etc. It is to be hoped that the IOC Commission for Olympic Solidarity will accord us its usual understanding and assistance.

The UIPMB changes its rules and competition regulations only every fourth year, after the Olympic Summer Games. These meetings require, nonetheless, careful advance preparation.

A very important question is whether world championships for ladies shall be established or not.

In 1978 modern pentathlon had three world cup competitions for ladies, organised with good participation.

For winter biathlon, rules for women's competition were presented and discussed at the January 1979 Congress.

A national and international competition programme for ladies will be introduced. Whether world championships are to be

included depends on the development. The general opinion seems to be that those championships should be organised only on the conditions that at least 10 nations participate and that the standard of the performances be worthy of the world title. The quality of world championships must be upheld.

Among other important proposals for changes to the regulations are the following :

#### *Modern pentathlon*

Raising the number of rings from 10 to 20 at the target for pistol-shooting, in order to have a better classification of the shooters.

Changing as well the number of days for the whole pentathlon from five to four or even three days for economic and doping-test reasons.

Changing the order for the starts in running (individual start with one minute intervals, whereas the order is now decided by draw).

The proposed system would rank athletes according to the number of points earned after the first four events, with the start involving one of two staggered methods. Under the first method, the competitor with

the lowest number of points would begin, followed by competitors having obtained higher totals, each departing at one-minute intervals. Under the second system, the highest ranked athlete would begin, followed by those with lower scores, each setting out at intervals in accordance with his score so that the first man to cross the finish line would be the winner, the second man, the silver-medallist and so on. This "handicap start" is good for spectators, press, radio and television and it gives the -athletes the opportunity to fight "neck and neck" as is the case in all running events.

### Winter Biathlon

Making the 20 km (15 km junior) more attractive and spectacular by the introduction of targets, which-as in the 10 km sprint and the relay-disappear when hit.

Use of group starts in the individual races—as in the relay race to provide the event with a more exciting aspect.

Some small technical additions to the regulations concerning weapons, targets, shooting places etc.

Studies in order to confirm that the balance "shooting - skiing" still is correct. (Each to have equal emphasis). Drawing up the calendar constitutes another primary task. Hundreds of large national and international competitions must be arranged around the world championships and the Olympic Games.



**Jacques Favart**  
President  
of the International  
Skating Union



The International Skating Union, which is to celebrate its 88th anniversary in 1980, is the world governing body for ice speed skating and figure skating. The Union is comprised of 39 member federations representing 32 nations distributed among five continents.

### Modern Pentathlon

| Year | Seniors                     | Juniors           |
|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1979 | Budapest (HUN)              | Haag (HOL)        |
| 1980 | Olympic Games, Moscow (URS) | Spain             |
| 1981 | Zielona Gora (POL)          | France            |
| 1982 | Bucharest (ROM)             | London (GBR)      |
| 1983 | Warendorf (GER)             | San Antonio (USA) |
| 1984 | Los Angeles (USA)           | Caire (EGY)       |

### Biathlon

| Year | Seniors                        | Juniors          |
|------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1979 | Ruhpolding (GER)               | Ruhpolding (GER) |
| 1980 | Winter Games Lake Placid (USA) | Sarajevo (YUG)   |
| 1981 | Lahti (FIN)                    | Lahti (FIN)      |
| 1982 | Minsk (URS)                    | Minsk (URS)      |
| 1983 | Anterselva (ITA)               | Anterselva (ITA) |
| 1984 | Winter Games Sarajevo (YUG)    | Chamonix (FRA)   |

These are the most important activities of our Union.

S. T.  
12th February 1979



- Senior men's, women's, pairs and dancing world championships.
- Junior men's, women's, pairs and dancing world championships.

*In speed skating*

- European men's championships over four distances.
- European women's championships over four distances.
- Men's world championships over four distances.
- Women's world championships over four distances.
- Men's and women's sprint world championships over two distances.
- Junior men's and women's world championships over four distances.
- ISU men's and women's small oval championships over four distances.

The small oval championships (minimum dimensions 26 x 56 m.) constitute a new event officially approved by the 1977 Con-

gress for a three-year probationary period. It is virtually certain that the May 1980 Congress will decide to recognise them as world championships owing to the great interest they generate and to the possibility of practising this branch of the sport on all the great many covered ovals now existing throughout the world.

In figure skating, the ISU has initiated the organisation, beginning last year, of course sessions for international judges and in 1979 is to administer the first examinations which thereafter will be required for those wishing to serve as European or world judges.

Ice skating is still in the process of a great expansion with records being broken annually in speed skating and considerable progress being registered in figure skating.

J. F.

8th February 1979



A few months before the opening of the 1980 Olympic Winter games, the main activity of the Federation Internationale de Ski and its affiliated national associations is directed towards the preparations of the ski competitions in Lake Placid.

Experiments on the Olympic courses on and around Whiteface Mountain have been made this winter, when international competitions were carried out in Alpine skiing, as well as in cross-country and jumping. The first impressions concerning the technical facilities were satisfying, and the outlook for the games can be optimistic.

In May 1979, the delegates of the national ski associations will meet in Nice for the 32nd International Ski Congress. This

Congress will be a so-called rule congress as 101 items on the Congress agenda are proposals for amendments of the competition rules which can only take place every four years.

Competitions this winter have in part been affected by a lack of snow and unfavourable weather conditions.

M. H.

20th February 1979



*(To be continued)*