

Around the NOCs

Spain (COE)



● *The 7th international biennial festival of sport in art* is to be presented in Barcelona from 20th September to 20th October 1979.

Upper-Volta (CNOV)

● *New Executive of the CNOV*, elected at the General Assembly held on 28th December 1978 : *PT* : Adrien Tabsoba Bobo ; *1st VPT* : Sita Barry ; *2nd VPT* : Andre Zoungrana ; *SG* : Pierre Minoungou ; *Asst SG* : Boubacar Ouedraogo ; *T* : Gabriel J. Kabore ; *Asst T* : Georges Tabsoba ; *S* : Abass Seck ; *Asst S* : Salif Ouedraogo ; Technical advisors : Saga Ouedraogo, Martin Kabore.

● *New address of the CNOV*

B. P. 1921, Ouagadougou.



Saudi Arabia (SAOC)

● *El Hadj Shari Tadin, Vice-President of the Singapore NOC*, accompanied by his assistant Mr. Dayton, recently made a visit to Saudi Arabia at the invitation of HRH Prince Faisal Fahd, President of the NOC and the Arab Sports Confederation (*our photograph*), to exchange views on participation in the Olympic movement by their respective countries. Discussion took place on the possibility of coordination of activities in best serving the Olympic movement from the Asian perspective and on international levels.



Ireland (OCI)



● *Dr. Pat O'Callaghan, the first Irishman to win an Olympic gold medal on an Irish team*, was honoured recently with a luncheon and presentation on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his victory in the hammer event at the 1928 Olympic Games in Amsterdam and again in Los Angeles in 1932.

The event honouring Dr. O'Callaghan was attended by another Olympic champion : Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, popularly known during her

career as the "Flying Dutchwoman", who won four gold medals in athletic events at the 1938 Olympic Games in London.

Among the distinguished guests at the ceremony were included Lord Killanin, President of the IOC, Mr. James Tunney, Minister of State at the department of education, Dr. Kevin O'Flanagan, IOC member in Ireland and Mr. van den Berg, Ambassador to the Netherlands.

Kenya
(KOA)



● The second African Universiad was held in Nairobi (KEN) from 29th December 1978 to 7th January 1979 with fourteen national delegations present : ALG, Angola, CIV, EGY, ETH, GHA, KEN, LES, MAD, NGR, UGA, SEN, TOG, ZAM.

● Kenya's President, Mr. Arap Moi, announced during the medal presentation ceremonies at the African University Games that a modern sports complex would soon be replacing Nairobi's antiquated "City Stadium".

Panama
(COP)

● The COP, whose presidential duties are still assumed by Colonel Rodrigo Garcia R., has a new Secretary General : Mr. Arq. Alberto W. Osorio, now occupies this post.

● New telephone Nos. of the COP : 27-2728 and 27-2960.

Peru
(COP)



● To assist Mr. Guillermo Griffiths Escardo (President) in his work, the COP has elected a new Secretary General, Mr. Raul Gamboa Aboado.

● Fully aware, through their own country's geography, of the problems posed by altitude, the members of the COP have proposed that the International Federation take this variable into account when granting recognition for records.

Republic of China
(ROCO)



● The second session of the National Olympic Academy (NOA) was held recently at the Taipei International Youth Activity Centre and included 95 participants who were athletes, students, sports teachers or administrators.

The main idea behind the holding of this meeting was best expressed by the President

of the NOC, Mr. Shen Chia-Ming : "We wanted to bring together from all over the country the young men and women with an enthusiasm for Olympism so that they could study and discuss the principles, rules and organisation of the movement. We hoped that in this way they would gain a deeper understanding of the Olympic spirit which they would then carry to every corner of the land, which would shine out brightly and help destroy prejudices of politics, race and religion in international competition. This was our principal aim."

Among the guests lecturers were Dr. Hwi-sen Chu, Minister of Education who organised an Olympic exhibition for the occasion and gave the opening address, Mr. Otto Szymiczek, Dean of the IOA, who delivered a message from the IOA President, Mr. Nikolaos Nissiotis and Dr. Leona Holbrook from the NOA of the United States.

The success and enthusiasm which greeted this gathering has stimulated the NOC towards preparing for its third session and, in the meantime, convening a special committee to select five delegates from among the 95 participants to attend the 19th Session of the IOA.

D.P.R. Korea
(NOCDRPK)



● Mr. Djeung Djeung Ung has become the Secretary General of the NOC and thus succeeds Mr. Son Gil Chun who has resigned.

● New telephone number of the NOC: 3 - 2798 ; 3 - 5398.

● New telegram address: CNO de R.D.P. de Corie.

USSR
(COURSS)



● New telex number for the COURSS : 7287 knoki su.

● Recent statistics released in the Soviet Union show that the five most widely practised sports in this immense country are : athletics, with the greatest number of licensed participants (6,200,000), followed by volleyball (5,200,000), skiing (4,100,000), football (3,900,000) and basketball (3,500,000).