

The Seychelles and Olympism

REPUBLIC OF THE SEYCHELLES

277 sq. km. (92 islands scattered over an area of 388,500 sq. km. in the Indian Ocean).

62,000 inhabitants (approx.).



COMITÉ OLYMPIQUE DES SEYCHELLES (COSeY)

Recognised by the IOC in 1980.

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Creation

In October 1979, the Executive Board of the IOC granted the COSeY provisional recognition. This recognition was officially confirmed at the IOC session at Lake Placid in February 1980.

THE SEYCHELLES AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES

The first participation of the COSeY at the Olympic Games took place in Moscow in 1980.

The delegation was made up of nine athletes, including two women, and three boxers.





The members of the Bureau of COSeY, including Mr John Pillay, President, and Miss Rose-Mary Uranie, Secretary General (4th and 5th from the right).

PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE COSeY

• Present members of the Executive Board

PT: John Pillay * ; *SG:* Miss Rose-Mary Uranie * ; *Ms:* John Prosper, Jack Causton, Mike Irvine, Antonio Gopal, Norman de Silva, Willis Prosper, Walter Fernandez.

• Federations affiliated to the COSeY

	Creation	Date li affiliation	Members in 1979
Athletics	1976	1979	413
Basketball	1975	1979	143
Boxing	1969	1977	32
Hockey	1972	1979	212
Weightlifting	1963	1979	192



The best boxers of 1979.

SPORT IN THE SEYCHELLES

- **State aid for the sports movement**

The government subsidises the NOC and the sports federations. It provides sports installations and grants a number of scholarships to the best sportsmen.

- **Other sports governing bodies**

The football, volleyball, badminton and table tennis federations.

- **Training of sports leaders**

On leaving school, one can become an "animateur", or assistant coach. After one year's practical work one is eligible to become an "initiateur", or instructor for beginners and after two years, a fully-fledged instructor. International qualifications are required to become a coach.

- **Sport at school**

From 6 to 9 years old : 1 hour daily.

From 10 to 12 years old : 30 minutes daily.

From 13 to 17 years old : 2 hours a week.

- **Sports installations**

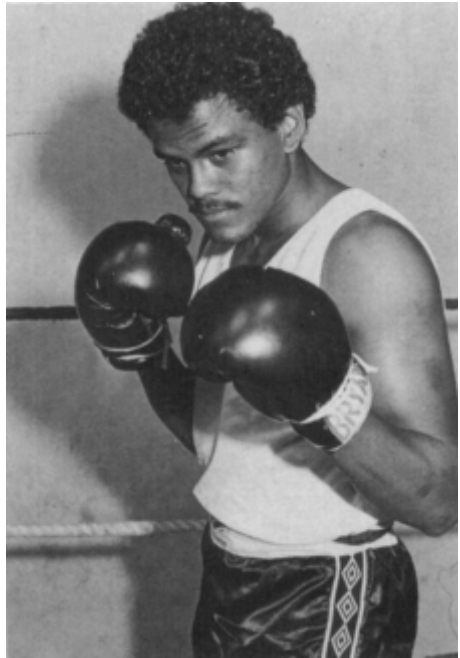
- One sports centre.
- One gymnasium.

- **Sports which draw the biggest crowds**

Football, boxing, athletics, volleyball, hockey.

- **Sports experiencing the greatest development**

Athletics, boxing, football.



Mr Pillay, the best boxer in the Seychelles.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

John Pillay

President of the COSeY.

Born on 14th December 1941, at Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles. A physical education instructor trained in the British Army stationed in Germany. An officer in the Army of Liberation of the People of the Seychelles, then from 1979, head of Sports Officers at the Ministry of Youth. He has practised various sports : rugby, basketball, volleyball, athletics, boxing and karate

Rose-Mary Uranie

Secretary General of the COSeY.

Born on 11th March 1958, at Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles. She was a qualified teacher at the Teachers' Training College before being appointed a sports officer. She has played volleyball, netball, gymnastics, hockey and athletics and also attended coaches' training courses for these sports

