

## Within the International Federations

### International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)



- *The 1981 IAAF Directory* is now available from the Federation's headquarters at 162 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London (GBR). The directory may be kept up to date during the year as subsequent changes of address and names of new officers are printed regularly in the IAAF Bulletin.

### Fédération Internationale de Canoë (FIC)



- *The 1982 senior world championships* will be staged on the familiar regatta course at Ada Ciganlija (YUG) where the 1971, 1975 and 1978 world championships were held. The championships will be preceded by the FIC congress on 28th July. An examination for international judges is scheduled for 29th July.



*The Olympic stadium in Rome.*

- Improvements are currently being made to Rome's Olympic Stadium in readiness for the 1981 athletics world cup due to take place from 4th to 6th September. A ninth lane will be added to the track (which will be completely redesigned) in order to allow the participation of Italy as host country. The representatives of the press will benefit from the extensive work already carried out for the recent European nations football championships and will have at their disposal 1,200 places near the finish line.

In view of the current popularity of jogging, the Italian federation intends to organise a special all-comers' race to coincide with the world cup. As an added incentive, each participant will receive complimentary tickets for three evenings of the championships.

- *The United States national championships* will be held in Sacramento from 19th to 21st June.

- *The Secretary General of the FIC, Professor Sergio Orsi*, recently visited Japan, at the invitation of the Japanese federation, in order to exchange views on matters of mutual interest and, more especially to study the development of the sport in eastern Asia. Mr. Orsi took advantage of his stay in order to survey the proposed sites for canoe regattas should the city of Nagoya be successful in its bid to host the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad in 1988.

- *The slalom and wildwater committee of the FIC* has recently made several important decisions concerning safety measures. It was decided, for example, that certain recently introduced craft having handholds which are not in accordance with the regulations should be barred from international competitions.

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



• *The next FIAC Congress* due to be held in August 1981 in Prague (TCH) will study a proposal to include a 50 km team time trial on the programme for the women's world championships.

• *For 1982, the cyclocross world championships* have been allocated to France, the junior world championships to Italy and the indoor world championships to the Federal Republic of Germany..

• *The 1982 world championships* are scheduled to take place in Great Britain. The road events will be held in Brighton while Leicester will host the track events. The 1983 championships have been allocated to Switzerland to coincide with the centenary of the Swiss federation. The road events will take place in the "Altenrhein" region around Lake Constance and the velodrome at Zurich-Oerlikon will be renovated to house the track events.

• *The 1981 International Calendar of the Union Cycliste Internationale* is now available from the Union's secretariat, 6 rue Amat, 1202 Geneva, (SUI). The booklet also includes the addresses of all national federations currently affiliated to the FIAC.

• No. 116 of "*Le Monde Cycliste*", the official organ of the FIAC, contains detailed reports of all the official meetings that took place in Geneva in November 1980 together with a complete list of amendments to regulations. Inquiries concerning the bulletin should be addressed to the Editor, Michal Jekiel at the Federation's headquarters, 6, rue Amat, 1202 Geneva (SUI).

• *The following records have been recently confirmed by the FIAC*

Outdoor - flying start - ladies' - 200 m : 11.753 by Natalya -Kroucheinitskaya (URS), on 14th September 1980 in Tbilisi (URS) - Central Cycline Stadium ; Indoor - standing start - 4 km team : 4:16.62, by the USSR team, on 25th July 1980 in Moscow (URS) - Olympic Cycling Stadium; Indoor - standing start - 1 km : 1:02.955, by L. Thorns (GDR), on 22nd July 1980 in Moscow (URS) - Olympic Cycling Stadium; Outdoor - standing start - 1 km : 1:02.547 by M. Malchow (GDR), on 14th October 1980 in Mexico City (MEX) - Olympic Cycling Stadium ; Outdoor - flying start - 200 m: 10.580 by G. Singleton (CAN), on 9th October 1980 in Mexico City (MEX) - Olympic

Cycling Stadium ; Outdoor - standing start - 500 m : 27.310 by G. Singleton (CAN), on 9th October 1980 in Mexico City (MEX) - Olympic Cycling Stadium.

In addition, readers are asked to note that the record set by A. Cuff (NZL) on 27th July 1980 was incorrectly recorded in "Olympic Review" No. 157 D. 665. The text should read "flying start" and not "standing start".

• *The "Le Coq Sportif" European Cup* was created on the initiative of the FIAC. Five track competitions were taken into consideration : San Sebastian (ESP) on 20th May : individual points awarded; Monteroni di Lece (ITA) on 24th May : 4 km team pursuit ; Warsaw (POL) on 4th June (sprint); Brno (TCH) on 20th June : 1 km time-trial ; Munich (FRG) on 22nd June : individual pursuit.

National federations contesting the European Cup had to take part in at least three out of the five competitions. The final choice was made according to the number of points gained in each competition.

Italy therefore was the first winner of this new European Cup trophy.

The final ranking was as follows :

- 1st : ITA, 49 points,
- 2nd : FRG, 32 points.
- 3rd : SUI, 32 points.
- 4th : CHI, 26 points.

**Fédération Equestre  
Internationale  
(FEI)**



• *The President's CUD for 1980* was won by France with a total score of 38 points in the FEI international team jumping championship, open to all countries represented in Nations Cups by at least six different riders during the year. Great Britain (35 points) and Switzerland (32% points) finished second and third respectively.

**Fédération Internationale  
d'Escrime  
(FIE - Fencing)**



• *The next medical congress of the FIE* is scheduled for 11th July 1981 in Clermond-Ferrand (FRA) to coincide with the world championships, The theme will be "Confronta-

tion sports : neuropsychophysiological aspects”.

A booklet is now available on “The physiology of exertion in sport” which was the theme of the previous medical congress held in Marly-le-Roi on 6th May 1979.

**Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)**



- *The special commission appointed to study the question of non-professional players* met in Zurich recently in order to consider a new formula for the competition for amateurs abandoned in 1978 due to the lack of interest shown by the associations and public alike. The commission reached the conclusion that it would be premature to propose to the Executive Committee the creation of a new cup tournament to replace the old competition especially as the whole question of players' status is currently undergoing changes.

**Federation Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG)**



- *The 1981 FIG Congress* is due to take place in Mexico City (MEX) from 14th to 16th November.

- *The Executive committee of the FIG* has decided as from 1st January to reintroduce open scoring for artistic gymnastics instead of using an average of the marks given by four judges.



**International Handball Federation (IHF)**

- *Anti-doping controls* are to be instituted during the 3rd B world championships due to be contested in 24 French cities from 21 st February to 1st March. Five minutes (as opposed to ten as is the usual practice) before the end of each match, one (preliminaries) or two (final stages) players will be selected by lot to undergo the tests. No-one except the player concerned and the official doctor will be allowed into the room while the test is being carried out.



**Federation Internationale de Luge de Course (FIL)**

- *The 1981 FIL youth congress* was convened on 15th January in Bludenz (AUT).

Included on the agenda were a report by Mr. L. Swiderski (POL) and a talk entitled “You and the sport of luge” by Professor Bert Isatitsch (AUT), President of the Federation. In addition delegates were given a preview lecture on the arrangements for the 1982 junior world championships due to be staged in Lake Placid (USA).



*The Executive Board of the FIL : from left to right (standing) - Helmut Ganster (AUT), Björn Walden (SWE), Jan Steler (FRA) and (seated) Erhard Feuereis (GDR), Bert Isatitsch (AUT), Richard Hartmann (FRG) and Lucjan Swiderski (POL).*

## FIS Information

by *Sigge Bergman*,  
former Secretary General.

When these lines are being written (January 28th), we have reached the peak of the ski competition season. The main interest is focused on the Alpine World Cup, as is always the case when the winter does not comprise Olympic Winter Games or world championships. Right now, about half of the 71 competitions, for men and women, giving world cup points have been carried out. The remaining competitions will take place in Scandinavia, USA, Japan and Bulgaria, whereupon the final will be staged from 26th to 28th March in the Yugoslav ski resort Kranjska Gora.

The publicity for the world cup has been enormous. The mass media have devoted much space and time to the events. The importance of the world cup as propaganda for Alpine skiing stands in a class by itself.

Two matters have dominated the debate: who will win the all-round cup, the Swede Ingemar Stenmark, a super talent in slalom and giant slalom, or somebody else, perhaps the American Phil Mahre or the Swiss Peter Müller. Right now, Stenmark has taken the lead, in spite of the fact that he does not compete in downhill. This fact has caused new-debates as to the fairness of the cup-rules.

The other important question is the downhill itself. Far too many accidents have taken place. People seem to be of the opinion that the speed is too high-average speed registered at more than 100 km per hour in one competition after another. Many of the world's foremost specialists in downhill have had severe accidents. The technical racers, meaning the specialists in slalom and giant slalom, do not wish to risk their precious legs and therefore refrain from starting in downhill. The sport naturally suffers from this fact. Moreover, the fact that some courses have not always been well enough prepared has contributed to the number of accidents.

Team leaders, coaches and the competitors themselves have in different ways expressed their concern. The competitors-ladies included- and the highest authorities of the FIS have met for discussions. In January, the coaches formed a union and now demand rights to be consulted in their sphere of interest and capacity. Everybody proba-

bly desires to keep the downhill on the programme, but it must be more adapted to the human frame and its limitations.

FIS experts are now pondering this problem. It will finally be up to the Congress (10th to 17th May 1981) to take the most suitable decisions for the promotion and future development of the sport, the World Cup included.

The winter up to now has shown that the world cup in cross-country and jumping wins more and more terrain. It will also be a matter for the coming Congress to decide if these cup events will be permanently included in the competition programme.

The FIS Council met in Amsterdam, mainly to prepare for the coming Congress. Here follow a few decisions which may be of interest to the readers of the "Olympic Review".

The Council unanimously decided to inform the IOC that the FIS is opposed to the inclusion of any sport in the programme of the Olympic Winter Games, which is not directly related to snow and/or ice.

It is the opinion of the President that there would be a fair chance that the IOC accept the Alpine combination for the 1988 Games. This in consideration of experiences gained at the new discipline which was included in the 1982 World Championships in Schladming (AUT).

The Congress will discuss the possibility of introducing a special status of-membership for national associations with less than three associated clubs and less than 500 registered individuals. While waiting for the Congress decision, the Council has approved, subject to ratification by the Congress, the application of the Senegal Ski Association and the Ski Association of Monaco as temporary members of the FIS.

An agreement has been formed between the FIS and the International Grass Skiing Federation regarding collaboration. The IGSV prefers to remain an independent member of the GAISF, but the FIS would represent the IGSV within the frame of the Olympic movement.

The next meeting with the Council will take place in connection with the Congress in Tenerife on 11 th May.

**Fédération  
Internationale  
de Natation  
Amateur  
(FINA - Swimming)**



*Michael J. Burton,  
the FINA's new technical  
director (see  
Olympic Review No.  
159).*

- The 2nd FINA world water polo cup will now definitely be staged in California (USA) and commence towards the end of April.
- The Japanese amateur swimming federation have informed the FINA of its willingness to host the International Swimming Games at the Olympic pool in Tokyo in 1981. The intention of the Japanese federation would be to host the event every two years and thereby promote the sport in eastern Asia.

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



- No. 6/80 of "International Shooting Sport", the official journal of the UIT, features a series of graphs showing "the development of shooting in the 1970's", based on average records in shooting and the trends over ten years. Inquiries concerning this magazine, which is published six times a year in three languages, may be obtained from the editor, Anton Kovacic, Erich-Ollenhauer-Strasse 32F, D-6200 Weisbaden (FRG).

**International Weightlifting  
Federations  
(IWF)**



- Following two years of preparatory work, the Oceania federation was founded on 6th November 1980 in Melbourne (AUS). Its first officers are Messrs. Les Martyn (AUS), President, Lyn Jones (AUS). Secretary General, Paul Wal-

lywork (Western Samoa Islands), V.P. Sharma (FIJ) and Bruce Cameron (NZL), Vice-Presidents. Such continental federations serve as indispensable links between the federations of their regions and the IWF central organisation. The new federation plans to organise the championship for the continent every two years.

- Victor Sotz (URS) recently equalled the world record for the clean and jerk in the 100 kg category with a lift of 230 kg achieved during the USSR cup tournament in Alma-Ata (URS). He shares the record with his compatriot Adam Saidoulaiev who lifted the same weight whilst competing in Frankfurt-on-Oder (GDR) on 8th November 1980.

**Recognised Federations**

**International Association  
of Amateur Baseball  
(AINBA)**

- Mr. Manuel Gouzález Guerra (CUB) has been made Honorary President of the AINBA. Sr. Carlos Garcia (NCA) thus becomes President of the federation and Dr. Robert E. Smith (USA) first Vice-President/acting President. All correspondence should henceforth be addressed to Dr. Smith at Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois (USA) Tel : (home) 618/664-1747 (office) 618/664- 1840.

**Fédération Internationale  
de Roller-Skating  
(FIRS)**

- We print below the calendar for the three roller sports world championships for 1981 :  
14th-16th August: Speed skating world championships (track) in Leuven (BEL).  
21 st-23rd August : Speed skating world championships (road) in Leuven (BEL).  
9th- 13th September : Artistic skating world championships in Nelson (NZL).