

Around the National Olympic Committees

Congo



- *The new executive bureau of the Congolese Olympic Committee*, elected by the annual general meeting held in Brazzaville on 14th December, is made up as follows :

PT: Raymond Ibata (re-elected) ; *VPTs*: Pascal Mouassiposo, Fulgence Massamba ; *SG*: Jean-Baptiste Longonda ; *Asst. SG*: Albert Otina ; *TG*: Prosper Samba ; *Asst. TG*: François Bat-simba ; *Auditor*: François Makoundou ; *Administrative Director*: Mrs Simone Kakou. The meeting also named the Minister for Youth and Sport honorary president and confirmed Mr. Jean-Claude Ganga as honorary secretary general.

- *Note the change of box number* for the Congolese Olympic Committee; it is now 1007 (instead of 2061), in Brazzaville.

Egypt



- *Mr. Abouelfutouh Elsayed* has taken over the post of director gen-

Olympic Committee following the death of Mr. Tawfik Helmi.



Ecuador

- *The general assembly of the COEq.*, meeting on 20th December 1980 in Quito, elected its executive committee for the period 1980-1984. Mr. Sabino Hernández Martínez was re-elected president, while Mr. Oswaldo Molestina Zavala succeeds Mr. Jaime Muñoz as secretary general.

PT: Sabino Hernández Martínez ; *VPTs*: Alberto Velasco Ponce, Victor Andrade Zavala ; *SG*: Oswaldo Molestina Zavala ; *T*: Ernesto Arroba Molestina ; *MS*: Eduardo Rodríguez Game, Ángel Cadena Cadena, Jaime Esteves Crespo, Jorge Portalanza, Marco Resales, Faustino Cornejo Menacho ; *ex-officio*: M. Agustín Arroyo Y.

United States of America



- *A monument* representing the Olympic flame is to be erected on the summit of Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, not far from USOC's offices. The names of some 1000 American athletes holding an Olympic title will be engraved on the monument.

- *Bruce Jenner (USA)*, Olympic gold medalist in the decathlon event at the Games of the XXIst Olympiad in Montreal recently married the American actress Linda Thompson.

France



- *The Sports Academy*, headed by Comte Jean de Beaumont, IOC member in France, met at the Cercle Interallié in mid-January to award its prizes for 1980. The Grand Prix of the Sports Academy, intended as a reward for the best sporting exploit accomplished in the world, was awarded to Eric Heiden (USA), holder of all the Olympic titles for men's speed skating at the XIIIth Winter Games.

The other prizes awarded include :

- the Henri Desgrange prize to Jacques Marchand, a leading figure in the National Union of French Sports Journalists ;
- the Deutsch de la Meurthe prize to the fencer Pascale Trinquet, 1980 Olympic champion in both the individual and team events ;
- the team prize to the French equestrian teams for jumping and the three-day event ;

- the women's prize to the skier Perrine Pelen for her six victories in the world cup and her 3rd place in the slalom at the Winter Games at Lake Placid.

The Sports Academy also decided to make a special award of a gold medal to two non-French champions—the Liechtenstein downhill skiers Hanni Wenzel and her brother Andreas—both were champions in the world cup and Hanni also won two gold medals and one silver at the 1980 Winter Games.

- *The scientific days of the French society of odonto-stomatology in sport* are to be held on 24th and 25th April 1981 in Marseilles. On the 24th, a practical seminar will be held on “den-to-maxillary protection for athletes”. The 25th will be devoted to the subject of “odonto-stomatology and dietetics for athletes”.

Great Britain



- *The Sports Council* is to receive a state grant of £21 million (89,770,000 Swiss francs) for the period 1981-1982. Mr. Hector Munro, the Sports Minister, has announced.

• Sport for all

Anyone involved in sporting matters within government and private organisations is invited to take part in a course to be held from 11th to 23rd October 1981 with the theme “Sport for all : problems and opportunities”. The programme will include discussion on progress, problems, motivation and promotion and comparisons of experience in the participants' countries.

The course is under the direction of Peter C. McIntosh, formerly senior inspector of physical education.

Fees : £590 (2540 Swiss francs), including board and lodging.

For further information, contact the Director, Courses Department, the British Council, 65 Davies Street, London W1Y 2AA.

- *Peter Lawson*, secretary general of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, has notified

us of the organisation's new address, which is as follows :

Francis House
Francis Street
London SW1P 1DE
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India



- *The new address of the Indian Olympic Association is as follows:*

Exhibition Hall (Art Gallery), New Complex, Pragati Maidan, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg., New Dehli 110 001 (India).

- *Shib Sanatan Banerjee* has been president for twenty years of the Referees Association of Asansol. This association brings together about 200 judges and referees of both sexes in 13 disciplines : athletics, basketball, boxing, football, weightlifting, hockey, archery, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, cricket, kabaddi and khokho. Fifty of them officiate at national level. The association holds many training courses in the area, has a sports library which its members may use, organises various meetings, and publishes technical brochures, in addition to “The Asansol Referee” bulletin.

The organisation celebrated its 21st anniversary on 11th January. A seminar on the promotion of sport, an exhibition and a musical evening were included in the programme.

Ireland



- *The boxing international Mel Christie (IRL)* was recently called to the Bar by the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice. O'Higgins, in the Supreme Court of Ireland. Mr. Christie, who is the first Irish champion at the new weight over 92.3 kg, hopes to continue to represent Ireland in international bouts as well as practising as a barrister in the Four Courts.

Israel



• Mr. Arie Rosenweig, Deputy Chairman of the Organising Committee for the *11th Macabiah World Games* has sent us the provisional programme for this gathering, which features 31 events to take place from 6th to 16th July 1981.

• *A Jewish hull of sport fame* is to be opened next July at the Wingate Institute. The first meeting of the selection committee will be held in October.

• *Mr. Uri Afek* has replaced Mr. Yariv Oren as chairman of the board of directors of the Wingate Institute.

Italy



• *The general assembly of the CONI* planned for 30th April will include the four-yearly elections of its president, vice-presidents, national advisers and secretary general.

• *Our friend Donato Martucci*, head of the CONI's press service, has retired after 33 years of efficient presence, throughout which time he was always ready to help, reliable and diplomatic, earning him the friendship of sports journalists throughout the world.

• *Mussimo Della Pergola (ITA)*, Secretary General of the international sports press association (AIPS), has been awarded the gold medal of the Italian NOC for his services to national and international sport.

Fully acquainted with the problems of Olympism, Mr. Della Pergola, a correspondent at every post-war celebration of the Olympic Games, has for many years been an active member of the IOC Press Commission.

Kuwait



• *Sheikh Fahed Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah*, president of the NOC, said in comment on his meetings with the secretaries of local sports clubs, that there should be emphasis on giving a new

image to the role of young people in sport, instead of concentrating only on the problems of debts and construction.

Luxembourg



• *27 national sports federations* currently use the meeting rooms, filing cabinets and office machine room of COSL's Sports House.

• *The COSL* has been studying for some months the possibilities of the national sports bodies using computerisation. The following information is taken from a preparatory document used at a joint meeting on this subject (published in "COSL Informations" N^o. 3/1980).

"One of the major problems which confront nearly all the sports federations is that there is a general shortage of administrators.

One of the facets of this problem is the lack of availability of the administrators currently in office, who frequently find it extremely difficult to cope adequately with the fundamental activities of their respective federations; all too often they have to devote a considerable proportion of their time-and let us not forget that their work as administrators of their favourite sport is voluntary-to routine administrative duties, while their basic task of conception and animation is relegated to second place.

In order to improve this situation, the voluntary administrators should have at their disposal an infrastructure capable of relieving them of most of their routine administrative work; this infrastructure is either human (paid administrative staff) or technical (e.g. photocopy machines, etc.).

It was with this in mind that the COSL's administrative council made its sports commission responsible for analysing to what extent computerisation, used by the federations, could contribute to relieving our federations' administrators of their demanding, repetitive and tedious tasks; furthermore, the federations which employ paid administrative staff could make considerable savings in time in certain areas by using these methods.

"If private sport does not want to be taken over by the state or industry, it must organise itself better"; its administrative management must follow modern management methods.

It is of course not a question of computerising because it is fashionable; firstly we must properly analyse and define the needs of the federations in this respect ; we must see if the computer could help to solve some of the sports federations' administrative problems more easily and more quickly. That is why the COSL's sports commission wants to start by studying, in collaboration with the country's larger federations, the scope of the federations' requirements in this area.

In this context, the following areas could be of interest to the federations :

1. handling licences, including those for sports medicine ;
2. compiling sport classifications and derivatives, e.g. classification by points (tennis, table tennis, etc.) ;
3. handling card tiles containing members' addresses and lists of subscribers to the federal review, e.g. addresses in the form of adhesive labels ;
4. all kinds of statistics which at the moment have to be compiled manually from card tile systems ;
5. possibly financial management (accounting) ;
6. recording information concerning referees (diplomas, examinations, etc.) ;
7. handling awards, diplomas, medals, etc. ;
8. keeping records of federal tribunals.

Naturally, these applications could not all be carried out at the same time ; we must proceed in stages according to priorities.

That will be the purpose of the meeting with the federations.

Depending on the results of this meeting, the sports commission will continue its work and will analyse the problems of a practical nature which will not be lacking in a project of this magnitude (e.g. what sort of hardware would be most suitable ? How should it be used ? How much would it cost? What reception structure should be planned within the federations using the system ?) given that the COSL would be prepared: if necessary, to assume overall responsibility for these activities in order to concentrate the administrative "potential" of private sport in the country and' in this way would be able to offer the federations a sufficiently advanced system-since it would be sufficiently large in volume-which although it could not solve the problem of the lack of sports administrators in Luxembourg, could at least contribute to easing it."

Netherlands



- *Mr. Rudolfo (Ruud) Frese*, the new secretary-treasurer of the NOC, was born in 1935. He speaks many languages-French, German and English, as well as his native Dutch. He holds an important post with IBM. An enthusiastic follower of sport in general, he was particularly active in basketball, in which he was a high-level player and trainer. Among the many posts he has occupied in sports administration, we should mention that he was president of the national basketball federation.

Poland



- *Irina Szewinska*, the greatest Polish sportswoman, solemnly said goodbye to competition sport at a ceremony organised on 14th December 1980 in Warsaw on the occasion of the general assembly of the national athletics federation. She will nevertheless remain active among her friends in athletics, since she has been elected to the executive bureau of the federation and she is chairperson of the women's commission.



The President of the Polish NOC, Mr. Marian Renke, presenting Irina Szewinska with a crystal cup.

This election-together with that of the high-jumper Jacek Wszola, Olympic champion in 1976, as president of the Council of Athletes and member of the executive bureau-is evidence of a tendency in the national sports movement to bring the athlete and the administrator closer together.

- Every four years the COP rewards the best works of artists having chosen sport for their inspiration. Among the 1980 prizewinners are Tadeusz Kubiak for his collection of poems on sports subjects, Andrzej Kotkowski for his film entitled "Olympiad 40", Tomasz Sikora for his photographs, Karol Sliwka for his posters, particularly on "Moscow 80", and Ryszard Kubiak for the original idea and production of the show commemorating the 60th anniversary of the COP.



Puerto Rico

- *Mr. German Rieckehoff* IOC member, has recently been re-elected president of the NOC.



German Democratic Republic

- *The Olympic association of the GDR* has presented Mr. Manfred Ewald, president of the NOC, with a cheque for one million marks. The money, raised by donations to the association, will be used to equip and prepare the NOC's Olympic delegations for 1984.

- *The 8th sport and gymnastic festival and the 9th Spartakiad for children and young people in the GDR* will take place as usual from 25th to 31st July 1983 in Leipzig.

- *Barbara Krause*, triple gold medallist in the swimming events at the Games of the XXIIInd Olympiad in Moscow, recently married Lutz Wanja, a champion backstroke swimmer who was placed 5th in the backstroke event at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. The ceremony took place in Potsdam.

Switzerland



- *"Who is the most popular Swiss athlete of all time?"* That was the question many Swiss people were asked as part of an opinion poll. The result was rather surprising-far in the lead was Bernhard Russi, Olympic downhill skiing champion in 1972 and silver medallist in 1976, with 34 % of all the votes.

- *Mr. Hans Möhr* has been president of the federal commission for gymnastics and sport since 1972. He was recently re-elected by the federal council for a further period of four years.

- *The Swiss volleyball federation* now numbers more than 20,000 licence-holders. It has grown rapidly, from 1800 in 1970 and 9300 in 1975.

USSR



- *Lina Kachushite (URS)*, Olympic Champion and world record holder in the 200 m breaststroke event has recently abandoned active competition in order to devote herself to her physical education studies at the University of Vilnius.

- *Viktor Savchenko (URS)*, silver medallist in boxing (75 kg) at the Games of the XXIIInd Olympiad in Moscow has decided to retire from competition. In a career which brought him 251 victories in 279 bouts, Savchenko was also a bronze medallist at the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal. European champion in 1977 and world champion in 1978.

- *Irina Rodnina and Alexander Zaitsev (URS)*, gold medallists in figure skating at the XIIIth Winter Games in Lake Placid bid farewell to the world of top-level competitive skating at a colourful ceremony held in Moscow on 15th December 1980.

