

International Association of Amateur Baseball (AINBA)

Possessing a rich university experience backed by many years as a successful coach. Mr. Robert E. Smith has just become President of the AINBA, after already acting in this capacity for several months. For 10 years, he was one of the leading members of the National Confederation of University Associations of Athletics and Baseball Coaches before becoming its President from 1976 to 1978.

After gaining his doctorate in Physical Training and Athletics Administration at the University of Florida in 1973, two years later he was elected secretary of the Baseball Federation, then President in 1978. He has also been a member of the executive board of the United States National Olympic Committee. Mr. Smith, who has already devoted 25 years of his life to athletics and baseball has been awarded many distinctions, including one in 1969 for the best national coach of the year.

Vice-President of Greenville College, and author of many articles published in sports periodicals, he is 45, married and has two children aged 18 and 21.

• *Results of the elections to the Board of Directors*

At the AINBA congress which was held at Edmonton (USA) on 5th August 1981 :

Honorary Life PT: Mr. Manuel Gonzales Guerra (CUB), IOC member: PT: Mr. Robert E. Smith (USA); VPT.- Mr. Bruno Benek (ITA) ; Member: Mr. Miguel Oropeza (MEX).

Fédération Internationale de Roller-Skating (FIRS)

• *The FIRS* has just brought out a remarkably illustrated brochure aimed at making its activities better known. Founded in 1924, this

federation at present numbers 42 national federations from the five continents. It organises World Roller Hockey Championships every other year and world speed skating and figure skating championships every year.

• *A course, for coaches* organised by the International Rink-Hockey Committee, will be held in Lisbon (POR) in May 1982 under the supervision of Mr. Harro Strucksberg.

International Softball Federation (ISF)

• *At the 10th Congress of the International Softball Federation*, which was held from 29th to 31st May 1981 in Honolulu (USA). Mr. W. W. Kethan (USA) was re-elected President for the 9th time since 1965, while Don E. Porter (USA) was re-elected Secretary General.

Five new national federations joined the international federation : BOT, CHN, IND, ISR, PER raising the total number of member countries to 44.

• *The Women's World Softball Championships* will be held in Taipei (CTO) from 1st to 12th June 1982.

• *The Women's Softball Qualifying Tournament for the Panamerican Games 1983* is scheduled for February 1982 in Mexico.

• *The Men's Softball Fast Pitch Championships* qualifying for the 1983 Panamerican Games in Caracas will be held in Venezuela from 1st to 8th September 1981.

• *The Men's Softball Fast Pitch World Championships 1984* will be held at Midland (USA).

