

Surinam and Olympism

SURINAM

163,820 sq. km.

400,000 inhabitants (approximately).



SURINAAMS OLYMPISCH COMITE
(Surinam Olympic Committee) - SOC

Recognised by the IOC in 1959.

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Role of the SOC

- To spread and protect Olympism.
- To promote and encourage the physical, moral and cultural education of the youth of the country with a view to forming their character, improving their health and sense of public spirit.

Creation

Sam Salomons, founding President of the SOC, first established contact with the IOC in August 1958. At the time only the national football federation was properly affiliated internationally. The efforts made to develop the organisation of sport in Surinam enables the IOC to recognise the SOC at its 1959 session.

Successive Presidents of the SOC

1959-1961: Sam Salomons.

1961-1969: Otto R. G. Vervuurt.

1969-1976: Paul J. Kappel.

1976: Dr. Baltus F. J. Oostburg *.



Prof. B. F. J. Oostburg, President

¹ See biographical notes.

SURINAM AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES PRESENT ORGANISATION OF THE SOC

- **Date of first participation:** 1968

- *The present Statutes* were adopted on 7th September 1959.

• Representation of Surinam at the Olympic Games

	Athletics	Judo	Total
1968	1		1
1972	2	1	3
1976	2	1	3
1980			0

• *Composition*

The SOC comprises ordinary members with the right to vote, representatives of the sports federations whose sport is included on the Olympic programme, and ordinary members without the right to vote, delegated by other federations.

- *The Executive Board, (or Council)* elected by the General Meeting for 2 years, administers the Committee.

• Federations affiliated to the SOC

	Affiliation IF
Athletics	1961
Basketball	1959
Boxing	1976
Football	1929
Judo	—
Swimming	1972
Volleyball	—
Tennis	—

• Present members of the Board

PT: Dr. Baltus F. J. Oostburg * ; *SG:* Mr. Marcel Meyer ; *T:* Mr. Henk W. J. Brandflu ; *MS:* Messrs. Leonard Moi Thuk Shung * (past SG), Robert Ferrier, Willebrod Axwijk, Jack Mossel.



1976 - Montréal: The Surinam delegation

THE SOC AND OLYMPISM

- *The Olympic Day* is not yet celebrated in Surinam.

- Protection of the Olympic emblems

Action will be taken soon to assure legal protection.

- The international Olympic Academy

The SOC has not yet participated in the Academy's activities, but plans to do so as soon as possible.

SPORT IN SURINAM

- **Other governing sports bodies**

The national sports federations.

- **State aid for the sport's movement**

The sport's movement receives no State assistance.

- **Training of sports officials**

This is carried out by the national sports federations. Olympic Solidarity also contributes now to the training of sports leaders.

- **Sport at school**

Sport is included in the curriculum for young people of 12 to 18 years.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Dr. Baltus F. J. Oostburg

President of the SOC since 1971.

Born on 20th August 1928. Graduated from the Surinam Medical School in 1953, from the Columbia University in New York City in 1963 and of the University of Leyden in 1974. He was Minister of Health from 1967-1969. In 1969, he became deputy Director of the Bureau of Public Health. Since 1975, he has been a professor of Parasitology at the University of Surinam. He has served as President and member of various Sport associations and is the Honorary President of the Surinam Athletic Association.

Mr. Leonard Moi Thuk Shung

Secretary General until 1982



Born on 22nd January 1939. Secretary General of the SOC. Following the completion of studies in administration and a six-year career as a customs officer, he became a staff director. In the realm of sport, he has served as president and secretary general of basketball and football clubs and is certainly a great asset in his new endeavour as consultant for the SOC.

