

Presidential activities



H.R.H. Olav V of Norway thanking the President of the IOC after receiving the gold medal of the Olympic Order. Also in the photo are Mr. Jan Stambo, IOC member and Mr. Arne Mollen, NOC President.

Calgary, site for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games

Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch paid his first visit to the city of Calgary, accompanied by the Director of the IOC, M^{me} Monique Berlioux. The President of the IOC viewed the sites in a helicopter and declared that he was very impressed with the locations for the Winter Games in 1988. He attended a working session of the Calgary Olympic Development Association (CODA) and reviewed their plans for the preparation of the sites and installations. The CODA, whose President and Chairman are Messrs. Frank King and Bob Niven, is in the process of forming and incorporating the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (OCOG). Mr. Samaranch assisted at a press conference, and at that time papers were signed by the CODA and the Mayor of Calgary,

Mr. Ralph Klein, incorporating the OCOG. Mr. David Leighton will be the President of the Organising Committee.

While in Canada, Mr. Samaranch also met with IOC member Mr. Richard Pound and together they discussed the draft resolution for the protection of the Olympic movement which was presented a few days later to Mr. Javier Perez de Cuéllar, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Norway : 27th-28th February 1982

Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, attended the remaining two days of competition at the 1982 Nordic Skiing World Championships in Oslo (NOR).

Accompanied by Mr. Arpad Csanadi, IOC member and Honorary Sports Director of the

Hommage to King Olav V

Below is the text of Mr. Samaranch's speech at the occasion of awarding the gold medal of the "Olympic Order" to King Olav V of Norway:

"Your Majesty,

It is indeed my particular pleasure and honour to address you today in my capacity as President of the IOC and in front of so many of your loyal compatriots. Norway has a long-standing reputation as a sporting country. Its continuous success in all international sports competitions such as the medals Norway has just won in these World Ski Championships are a witness of the fact that this particularity extends to all Norwegians. I would only like to recall that you yourself won a Gold medal in Yachting in the Olympic Games in Amsterdam in 1928, when Crown Prince, besides now being President in honour of the international Yacht Racing Union.

As a man, you endeavour to unite the highest qualities of both mind and body and as an active sportsman, you find it natural and only right to try to reach the highest level. You have achieved this in the best possible way.

As a King, and since then, you have maintained a very close relationship with the Olympic movement and with the sports world in general. Your support has always been extremely gratefully received and appreciated.

King Olav the fifth of Norway, in recognition of your outstanding merit in the cause of world sport and your faithfulness to the Olympic ideal as illustrated by Pierre de Coubertin, renovator of the Olympic Games, I award you the gold medal of the Olympic Order."

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IOC, he viewed the 50 km race and at the competition site awarded the "Olympic Order" in gold to King Olav V of Norway, for his vast contributions and activities in the world of sport. The King, in reply, was most grateful for the honour bestowed on him with this medal of commemoration.

The 150th NOC

The Oman Olympic Committee has become provisionally recognised by the President of the IOC.

This recognition will be submitted for ratification in May at the next IOC Session in Rome. At that time there will then be 150 NOCs.

That evening Mr. Samaranch was a guest at an official dinner given by the Norwegian Olympic Committee which King Olav V also attended. Mr. Arne B. Mollen, President of the NOC, officiated at the reception and there were several Norwegian sports leaders present, including Olaf Poulsen, President of the International Skating union, Arild Honne, Vice-President of the International Archery Federation (FITA) and Jan Staubo, IOC member for Norway. During the dinner, King Olav V expressed his pleasure with the success of the Championships and spent several moments commenting on the importance he placed on fairness in sport and his support of the Olympic movement.

The following day the 90 m jumping event took place at the famous Holmenkollen Arena. To the chagrin of the organisers, the site was engulfed in a thick fog. Despite this, over 100,000 spectators, including Mr. Samaranch, attended the competition, which was won by Matti Nykaenen of Finland.

Luxembourg: 2nd-4th March 1982

Mr. Samaranch then travelled to Luxembourg where at the airport he was greeted by the Chamberlain of the Grand Duke and the President of the Luxembourg Olympic Committee, Mr. Gerard Rasquin. Also there to welcome the arrival of the President of the IOC were several Council members of the NOC. A working lunch had been organised, enabling those gathered to review the programme of Mr. Samaranch's visit and examine the major questions which would be studied during the course of the next two days.



In the first row, surrounding H.R.H. Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg and the President of the IOC, are, to the right, Gérard Rasquin and Raymond Hastert (President and Secretary General of the NOC), and, to the left, Mr. Decker (Vice-President). Second row (center) is Mr. Affi Scherer (treasurer of the NOC), surrounded by Mr. J. L. Margue (right), Messrs. G. Deibener, N. Hauptert (left) and in the last row are Messrs. M. Schlungs, F. Wies, F. Weyler and P. Fonck.

Later in the day Mr. Samaranch officially opened an exhibition organised by Mr. Tony Krier at the new Municipal Theatre. The exhibition, using a variety of media, portrayed the history of sports and the Olympic movement in Luxembourg. The Mayor of the city, Mrs. Lydie Wurth-Polfer was present for the opening, as well as the administrative council of the NOC and many past Luxembourg athletes and participants in the Olympic Games from as early as 1920 until the most recent Games in Moscow in 1980. Afterwards the administrative council of the NOC met with the President of the IOC at their headquarters.

In the evening an official dinner offered by the Council included Mr. Samaranch, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Olympian, Madame Colette Flesch, and the Physical Education and Sports minister, Mr. Emil Kriebs.

On the morning of the 3rd March, he received an audience by the President of Government and State Minister, Mr. Pierre Werner, and then met with Mr. Kriebs.

After a lunch given by H.R.H. Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg, functioning as a member of the

IOC, Mr. Samaranch devoted the rest of the afternoon to radio and television interviews. Before leaving Luxembourg he had the occasion to further meet with the NOC Council members and various other sports leaders to discuss sports matters in the Grand Duchy, as well as meeting privately with H.R.H. the Grand Duke at the Palace.

In the next issue we shall go into detail on the President's further activities. They include : attending the opening ceremonies of the ski World Championships for the Handicapped in Villars-sur-Ollon (SUI), visits to Kuwait, North Yemen, South Yemen, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, attending the Cross-Country World Championships in Rome, and the inauguration of the headquarters of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) in Paris.

Beginning on the 28th March, Mr. Samaranch will visit Moscow and then begin a trip visiting seven Asian countries. He will travel to Pyong-Yang (PRK), Beijing (CHN), Hong-Kong (HKG), Manila (PHI), Tai-Pei (TPE), Seoul (KOR) and Tokyo (JPN).

