



The Sessions of the National Olympic Academies of AUT, BEL, CAN, CHI, ESP, TPE

The latest session of the Spanish Olympic Academy took place from the 16th to the 24th November 1982. Several of the National Olympic Academies have held their yearly assemblies within the space of the last six months. The Chilean Olympic Academy met on the 24-25-26th March for its third session, while the Taipei National Olympic Academy was already organising its sixth general session in Taipei city itself. As for the Austrian Olympic Academy, it had gathered from the 21st to 23rd April at Rif, at a meeting which served as a "training course" for the next International Olympic Academy session at Olympia.

The National Olympic Academy sessions always bring together important representatives of the Olympic and sporting worlds. The Spanish session witnessed the presence of people such as the IOC Director Mrs. Monique Berlioux. the directors of Universities and Schools of Advanced Education, and even the Minister for Sport... Professors, doctors and sports directors delivered speeches at the third session of the Chilean Olympic Academy... Mr. Otto Szymiczek, doyen of the International Olympic Academy, travelled to Taipei to meet up with professors from American universities, and with Mr. Chuan-Kwang Yang (TPE), Olympic decathlon medalist in 1960 in Rome... The Austrian Olympic Academy session included not only its own working group, but also guests from the Federal Republic of Germany (RFA) and from Bulgaria (BUL). and the participants at past International Olympic Academy meetings, as well as some of the members invited to the July session of the International Olympic Academy at Olympia.

The yearly National Olympic Academy sessions allow the opportunity for discussing a wide range of subjects relevant to Olympism and to sport, as shown by the list of conferences presented at the latest session of the Spanish Olympic Academy : "The Organisation of Modern Olympism", by Mrs. Monique Berlioux, IOC Director ; "The Olympic Games of Ancient Greece", by Mr. Conrado Durantez, director of the Spanish Olympic Academy;



"The Modern Olympic Games : Problems, Incidents, Political Implications". by Mr. Otto Szymiczek, doyen of the International Olympic Academy; "The French Classics and Sports Literature", by Mr. Antonio Gallego Morell, vice-chancellor of the University of Granada ; "Olympism Prior to Contemporary Society", by Mr. Jose Maria Cagigal, president of the International Association of Colleges of Advanced Education for Physical Education ; "Universities and Olympism", by Mr. Rafael Portaencasa Baeza, vice-chancellor of the Polytechnic University of Madrid ; "Sport, Culture, Politics and the Law", by Mr. Jesus Hermida Cabreiro, Minister for Sport... During the latest Chilean session, the journalist Julio Martinez and the sports director Juan Carlos Esguep presented the subject of "Violence in Sport", while the psychologist Ariel Leporatti

and the medical doctor Bernardo Chernilo developed the more general topic of "Education and Sport"... The discussions in Taipei turned on "Olympism" and "Amateurism and Professionalism in Olympic Sport", while the participants of the Austrian Olympic Academy session studied the themes of "The Possibility of Propagation of the Olympic Ideal Among Young People" and "For Fair-Play and Against Violence in Sport"...

While certain National Olympic Academies are already celebrating several years of existence, others are only just beginning their duties. Such is the case, for example, of the Belgian Sports Academy which was inaugurated on the 23rd October 1982 by Mr. Raoul Mallet, president of the Belgian Olympic and Interfederal Committee (BOIC) and of the new Olympic Academy, by the Prince Alexandre of Mérode, IOC member, by Messrs. Jacques Rogge and Adrien Vanden Eede, respectively vice-president and Secretary General of the BOIC, and by Messrs. Gianerelli and Macharis, representatives of the French and Flemish communities for the Ministry of Culture. The

Belgian Sports Academy is divided into four sections dealing with pedagogy, Olympic philosophy, an athletes committee and a sports museum. One of its aims is to play a role in the training of all sports directors, whatever their positions on the ladder of sports hierarchy.

The president of the Canadian Olympic Academy, Mr. Roger Jackson, doyen of the Physical Education Faculty of the University of Calgary and member of the winning coxless pair rowing crew in 1964 at the Tokyo Olympics, announced the chosen topic for their first session ("Sharing the Olympic Experience") and expressed the wish that the discussions between athletes and sports authorities might help make Canadians generally aware of the preparation of the XVth Winter Games in Calgary in 1988.

Several other National Olympic Academies will be holding either a yearly or an inaugural session in the months to come, thereby complying with the IOC's wish that the Olympic Ideals might be spread throughout the world.