

Obituary

Rodrigo de Castro Pereira, aged 96. Honorary Member of the Portuguese Olympic Committee. He took part in the Games of the VIIIth Olympiad in Paris in 1924 in the tennis competitions and received the Mohammed Taher Trophy in 1966 for his great merit.



Arild Hønne (NOR), aged 67, member of the Norwegian archery team at 7 world championships, Vice-President of the FITA in 1979, and later Honorary President. He was also a technical delegate at the Olympic Games in 1972, 1976, and 1980, and received the bronze medal of the Olympic Order in 1982.



Serguei Shalibashvili (from Tbilissi, Georgia, URS), 21 years, a specialist in the tower dive, died on 16th July last after having struck his head against the platform while carrying out a particularly rare and difficult dive during the tower diving competition at the summer Universiad at Edmonton (CAN). The young athlete's name will be engraved on the wall of honour in the stadium, following a donation for this purpose given by an inhabitant of Edmonton, who was deeply distressed by this tragic accident.



Taik Soo Kim, IOC member in Korea since 1977, has died at the age of 57. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Kim was also active in public and political life in his country. He was elected three times to the Korean National Assembly.

He played an important role in the field of sport and the promotion of Olympism in Korea, and was President of the Korean NOC from 1971 to 1979, and became Honorary President in 1979. A former athlete and football player, his administrative career began when he became President of the Korean Sports Federation for the Province of Kyungnam in 1961. He had been President of the Korean Amateur Boxing Federation, President of the Korean Amateur Sports Federation, and member of the Executive board of the AIBA since 1975.

In his letter of condolence to the Korean NOC, H.E. Mr. Antonio Samaranch, President of the IOC, announced that he would award the Silver Medal of the Olympic Order to Mr. Kim posthumously, and that he would hand this over to Mr. Kim's family during his forthcoming visit to Korea in September. All members of the Olympic Family join the President in sending condolences to Mr. Kim's family.

Vim Rigassi is no more

With the death of Vico Rigassi, we have lost a major figure in sports journalism. The celebrated Swiss reporter has been struck down by a heart attack at the age of 78. Born in 1905 at Stampa, in the Bregaglia valley (SUI), he made his debut in journalism working for the Swiss telegraph agency at Berne. Very quickly, he turned to sports reporting, and became one of the pioneers of radio commenting. He was an astonishing polyglot and knew how to captivate his audience's attention by linking commentaries, in his own inimitable style, in German, French, Italian and Romansh. The major European sports papers regularly published articles under his by-line. His kindness, enthusiasm and humanism made him appreciated by everyone in his profession. With Vito a certain conception of how the profession of sports journalism should be exercised has died too. The Olympic Review sends its heartfelt condolences to his son Lelio, his family, those close to him and his many friends.