



The IOC President's Final Press Conference

"The Best Games in History..."

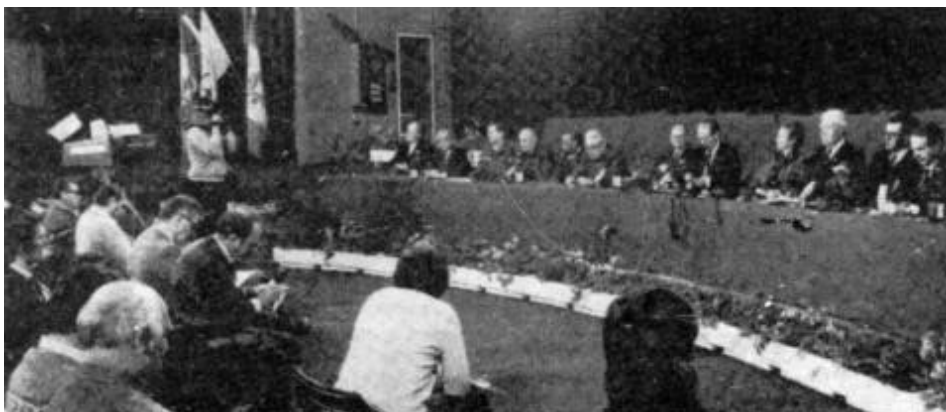
"Six years ago, in Athens, when Sarajevo was chosen to organise the Winter Games, I was certain that these Games would be perfect/organised; at the time when all the competitions are drawing to a close, I can state that they are the best organised in history".

It was with these words that the IOC President, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, visibly pleased and relaxed, opened his last Press Conference the day before the closure of the Games. He then thanked the Organising Committee, the inhabitants of Sarajevo and of Yugoslavia for their enthusiasm and also for their efforts towards the success of this long-term endeavour. The only complaint was over the bad weather which finally improved and did not prevent any event from taking place.

Replying to questions from the numerous journalists present, the President returned for the last time to the subject of the organisation of these Winter Games, remarking that the necessary preparations : accomodation, transport for competitors and the Press, the computer network, had been perfectly arranged, and above all the problems that had arisen during these eleven days had been diligently and smoothly ironed out.

Cooperation and friendship were the two key words for everyone, providing an example for future organisers of this event.

And since questions were no longer forthcoming, President Samaranch concluded by saying that *"Sarajevo was not a large town and Yugoslavia not a large country, but that they were the organisers of a large sports event which all the participants will remember for many years to come"*.



During his final Press Conference H.E Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch was surrounded by five Presidents of the International Federations who were all satisfied with the excellent running of the events and the general organization From left to right, Gunther Sabetzki (IIHF), Olaf Pouisen (ISU). Prince Alexandre de Merode, Member of the Executive Board, Marc Hodler (FIS) Ashwini Kumar arid Alexandru Siperco, IOC Vice Presidents Pavle Lukac, responsible for public relations within the Organising Committee the IOC President, Mrs Monique Berlioux, IOC Director, Sven Thofelt (UIPMB), Klaus Kotter (FIBT)