
THE GOLDEN RING AWARDS

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Finn Heiner (DAN), the international jury of the television sports broadcasting competition, held at two-yearly intervals under the patronage of the IOC, chose its winners on the 30th December last in Lausanne.

Seven reports and eighteen documentaries on sport were submitted for selection in this event, designed to promote sport on television.

In the "Reporting" category, the Golden Ring was awarded to "Pourquoi Paris-Roubaix...", coverage of one of the most famous French cycling races by Mr. Jean Barberousse of channel TFI. The Silver Ring went to "The Beach Race", a film by Dolf Koelbloed of the Dutch television channel NOS.

Two productions in English were chosen in the "Documentary" section: the film "Watch me now" by Mr. David Stewart of the American TV company CPB/WHMT was awarded the Golden Ring and the Press Price. The Silver Ring was awarded to Mr. Mark Sharman for "The Race is on", commissioned by the British commercial television channel ITV/TVS.

On this, the 5th occurrence of the competition, President Samaranch wished to honour Swiss television. By offering its special prize to Mr. René Schenker, at the moment when he is leaving his

position on the Board of Radio Television Suisse Romande, the IOC is both paying homage to his abilities as an administrator and expressing its thanks to his organisation for its unfailing interest in Olympic issues. The Count de Beaumont, IOC Member in France, presented this prize in the name of the President, who was prevented from attending by the work of the Executive Board.

The Press jury, which awarded the Press Price, was made up of journalists and chaired by Mr. Maurice Vidal, first Vice-President of the Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive (AIPS) (International Sporting Press Association). It also gave a special mention to the Soviet Television channel TSS for its film "The heights of Tamara Byokova".

Finally, the prizes for the Best Young Reporter were won by Nicolas Imhof, first prize and Pascal Bourquin, second prize. The third prize was shared equally by Eric Haldemann and François Mireval. Chairman of the jury was Mr. Jean-Pierre Leupin, Head of Personnel at Television Suisse Romande.

Since it has become increasingly difficult to draw the line between reporting and documentaries, the conditions of entry for the Golden Ring Awards will be revised for the next competition, to be held in 1986.



*The Count de Beaumont
handing the IOC special prize
over to Mr. René Schenker*