

## PRESIDENTIAL ACTIVITIES

### IN ROME

The medal of honour of the Federation Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (FISA) was awarded to the President of the IOC, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, as a tribute to his contribution to the successful staging of the Games of the XXIIIrd Olympiad.

Mr. Thomas Keller, President of the FISA, presented him with this decoration at the extraordinary Congress of this federation, which was held in Rome from the 10th to the 13th of January.

In thanking Mr. Keller, the President recalled the important part played by all the Sports Federations in this success, which was a very reassuring indication for the future of the international sports movement. "Unity of action remains imperative", he pointed out, "the more so when conditions are difficult. However, he went on", the co-operation of the federations in the development and choice of solutions no longer needs to prove itself ; it is a working method upon which the future of sports depends". As the assembly had met to examine proposals to be submitted to the IOC for approval concerning the introduction of new categories of craft into the programme of Olympic competitions, President Samaranch was assisted on

this occasion by the Technical Director of the IOC, Mr. Walther Tröger.

