

### 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.

### IN LAUSANNE

The International Co-ordination Committee of World Sports Organisations for the Disabled (ICC) was received by President Samaranch on the 10th of January at the Chateau de Vidy. This Committee represents four international organisations : the International Stoke Mandeville Games Federation (ISMGF), the International Sports Organisation for the Disabled (ISOD), the Cerebral Palsy International Sports and Recreational Organisation (CP-ISRA) and the International Blind Sports Association (ISBA). The delegation, led by Mr. Jens Brömann, Vice-President of the ISBA, was made up of Mr. G. Cabézas and Mr. G. Princivalle, President and Technical Director of ISOD, Miss J. Scruton, Secretary General of ISMGF and Mrs. Molendijk, Mr. Brömann's guide.

In his welcome to the Committee, Mr. Samaranch recalled that the purpose of this encounter was not only to take stock of the actions undertaken in 1984, but also to co-ordinate the efforts of everyone to facilitate the participation of the disabled in sports competitions in the years to come.



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## IN MONACO

On Friday, the 25th of January, Monaco inaugurated the new Louis II sports complex. H.S.H. Prince Rainier had invited President Samaranch to attend this ceremony, at which H.H. Prince Albert, H.E. Mr. Jean Herly, Minister of State of the Principality, Mr. Henry Rey, President of the NOC and numerous personalities from the world of sport were also present.



On the occasion of his previous visit to Monte-Carlo, the President had been to visit the construction site of this veritable city of sport, which will be able to host both indoor and open air international competitions. The new centre is built on artificial land reclaimed from the sea. It includes a multisports stadium with a seating capacity of twenty thousand, an adaptable gymnasium with a floor area of 1056 square meters, an Olympic swimming pool and nine training halls.

This new sports venue designed by the French architect, Mr. Henry Pottier, is thus characterised by its complete flexibility and its harmonious relationship with its urban surroundings.