



THE MUSEUM OF THE XIVth WINTER GAMES IN SARAJEVO

The Museum of the XIVth Winter Games is situated in a former private residence of the Viennese period, with finely decorated facades painted in contrasting colours. The interior has been entirely renovated with a view to its new use. The curator is Miss Planirca Mikulic.

Inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch on the day of the Opening of the Games, in the presence of Mr. Mahtar M'Bow, Director of the UNESCO, and Mr. Branko Mikulic, President of the Organising Committee for the Games, this museum is primarily designed to conserve and permanently display the essential part of the official documentation which marked the various stages in the preparations for the Games and which give an account of the sports events as they took place. Thus, the visitor can see or see again the series of posters for the XIVth Winter Games and the portfolio "Art and Sport", which contains the works of six graphic artists on the theme of winter sports. Today they have the special charm of events which have gone down in history.

Donated items, more than five hundred in all, wooden skis and old sports equipment, have been flowing in since last year. They are on display in a specially reserved room, as are the two hundred

works offered by artists of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. Paintings, sculptures and graphics give a broad view of the contemporary artistic production of the country.

A library, containing three hundred works on sport, a photograph section and a record section, make up the rest of the permanent collection of this exemplary museum.

To give a harmonious and educational public image to the union of sport and culture, the museum officials organise a program of daily lectures, with the aid of a diaporama and videocassettes.

Temporary exhibitions are organised on a daily basis: "Sports photography at the XIVth Winter Games", for instance, highlighted the documentary and artistic values of the work of photographic reporters during the competition. "Olympic Portraits" by Hasan Fazlic, provided a unique gallery of caricatures of personalities present at Sarajevo during the Games. Other exhibitions have been given over to such artists as the French painter Victor Vasarely or to the photographer and sculptor, native of Sarajevo, Franjo Likar.