



From left to right : Messrs. Gafner, Slavkov, Tchapkanov, President Samaranch and, slightly hidden by the work of art, Messrs. Yordanov and Gueorguiev.

The talks that followed this formal ceremony were mainly concerned with the preparation of Sofia's candidature for the organization of the XVIth Winter Games, as Mr. Yordanov is President of Sofia's candidature committee.

BULGARIAN STATUE

After the NOCs of Korea and the German Democratic Republic, the Bulgarian NOC has officially handed over to the IOC a bronze statue which will ornament the Olympic park to surround the future Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

This sculpture is the work of the eminent Bulgarian sculptor, Gueorguy Tchapkanov. He came to present his work to the President of the IOC and to Mr. Raymond Gafner, the Administrateur délégué. The Bulgarian delegation was led by Mr. Gueorguy Yordanov, Vice-President of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers who was accompanied by Messrs. Ivan Slavkov, President of the NOC, and Nikolay Gueorguiev, Secretary General.