



END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY



For the first time, the traditional end-of-the-year party given by the IOC President, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, for all the members of the IOC Secretariat took place this year at the Olympic Museum. After a cordial welcoming speech by Mr. Jean-François Pahud, Director of the Museum, Mr. Raymond Gafner, IOC Administrateur délégué, took stock of his first six months of administration, pointing out that the reorganization of the departments would be pursued so that each person's responsibilities might be precisely defined. Mr. Gafner expressed the hope that the important year 1986, with the 91st IOC Session in Lausanne and the election of the Olympic Cities for 1992, would pass smoothly and in the best possible atmosphere.

Julie Carter, Personnel Delegate, then thanked the IOC President and Administrateur délégué for the changes they have agreed to make in the working conditions. These marks of consideration towards the personnel have been very much appreciated.

President Samaranch, the last to speak, emphasised that the Secretariat constitutes an integral part of the Olympic family, expressed his satisfaction at the good humour of everyone and reminded the gathering that each person should be aware of his or her usefulness to the Olympic Movement. The party was enlivened by a competition in which everyone was able to test his or her Olympic and sports knowledge and at the same time discover the Museum's collections. The winners were Alain Coupat, Jean-Loup Chappelet and Michèle Irachabal.

Julie Carter, Personnel Delegate, presents the greetings of the entire IOC Secretariat to the President of the IOC. Also attending this friendly gathering were Messrs. Alexandru Siperco, 1st Vice-President, Ashwini Kumar, 2nd Vice-President, H. E. Mr. Louis Guirandou N'Diaye, IOC member in the Ivory Coast, Mr. Raymond Gafner, Administrateur délégué, Mrs. Françoise Zweifel, Secretary General, Messrs. Anselmo Lopez, Director of Olympic Solidarity, and Bernhard Schneider, Assistant Sports Director (in the far back).

H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President, presented the Olympic Order in Gold to H.M. King Juan Carlos of Spain, in a ceremony held at the Royal Palace in Madrid on 19th December in the presence of many personalities of the sports world.