



# THE WINTER GAMES : PREPARATIONS SO FAR

Practically two years to the day before the opening of the XVth Olympic Winter Games, while the first stamp in the Olympic commemorative series saw the light of day in Calgary, the annual meeting of the IOC Executive Board and the Association of International Winter Sports Federations, of which Marc Hodler is the President, provided an opportunity to take stock of the progress of preparations so far.

**T**he FIBT, IIHF, FIL, ISU, UIPMB and the FIS were represented by their respective Presidents and Secretaries General (with the exception of General Sven Thofelt, President of the UIPMB, excused). Messrs. Philip Dawson and Brian Olderman, President and Secretary General of the International Curling Federation, also attended these meetings as observers. The Organising Committee for the XVth Olympic Winter Games, "OCO'88", was present in the persons of Messrs. Frank King and Bill Pratt, its Chairman and General Manager. They were accompanied by the Mayor of the host city, Mr. Ralph Klein.

At the press conference he held following these meetings, the IOC President H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, gave full marks to the participants. Several members of the IOC and the Executive Board attended this press conference at which Mr. Raymond Gafner, Administrateur délégué, and Mrs. Françoise Zweifel, Secretary General, were also present.

All is indeed well with the organisation of these Winter Games. The media representatives will benefit from the reasonable price of C \$55 a day for accommodation. For the athletes, the daily rate has been fixed at C \$42, with a possib-



*The OCO'88 delegation : Messrs. James Worrall, IOC member in Canada, Ralph Klein, Frank King, Bill Pratt and Brian J. Murphy, Vice-President in charge of sports.*



*On the occasion of these meetings in Lausanne, the President of the IOC presented Messrs. Bert Isastich, President of the International Luge Federation (FIL), and Walter Wasservogel, Secretary General of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), with the Olympic Order which they were chosen to receive by the IOC at its 87th and 90th Session.*

ility of no charge at all, a solution being looked into at present by the OCOG. On the agenda were demonstration events, their organisation and cost and the number of athletes able to take part in them, as well as a plan for a sports data bank, which gained the support of the three parties involved.

Invitations to the XVth Winter Games will be sent out on 13th February 1987, one year before the opening ceremony, and replies must reach the IOC within four months of that date. The Executive Board of the IOC and the Winter Sports IFs will be meeting with OCO'88 in Calgary on 13th February 1987 and a visit to the venues is scheduled for the occasion.

Meetings  
of the Executive Board  
with the International  
Winter Sports  
Federations,  
10th February.

Executive Board  
11th and 12th February.