

At its final meeting of 1986, the IOC Executive Board focused its attention mostly on matters concerning upcoming Olympic Games, those of 1988 and afterwards, but also heard reports on other IOC activities.

With less than two years to go, the 1988 Summer and Winter Olympic Games loom imminent and even those of 1992 are not so far away, now that the sites have been chosen. Looking to Calgary, the Executive Board reviewed the process for sending out the invitations, which will be done on 13th February 1987, as well as the manuals drawn up by OCO'88 regarding identity cards and entry form. The latter was approved, subject to several modifications to be verified by June of this year. As for the plans for accreditation and identity cards, it was agreed that the Presidents and Secretaries General of all IFs and NOCs shall, along with the IOC members, be admitted without tickets to all competition venues, except in the case of the opening and closing ceremonies. The Executive Board also asked OCO'88 to produce a non-technical brochure containing general information.

If approved, a new accreditation procedure calling for three Olympic Family categories (labelled simply IOC, IF and NOC teach containing cards for guests) will be adopted by the OCOGs in both Seoul and Calgary. As it would constitute a change in the bye-law to Rule 59 of the "Olympic Charter", the proposal, drawn up by the Executive Board, must be put to the entire IOC membership for a vote at the 92nd Session in May.

For Seoul, the technical brochures have been approved in principle, while the matter of quotas for foreign judges and referees remains in the hands of the IFs and should be clarified within the next month. The Executive Board has designated the Shilla Hotel as the official residence of the Olympic Family during the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad.

Sir Lance Cross, Chairman of the Television Commission, gave an extensive report on preparations for broadcasting the 1988 Games. Much of his presentation was a progress report not requiring decisions, but both the Commission and the Board gave much consideration to the implication for future Games, in light of difficulties that had arisen. Proposals regarding relevant provisions in the host city contracts and the use of the television rights revenues are to be studied at the February 1987 meeting.

Also in 1988, at its Session in Seoul, the IOC will choose the host city of the XVIIth Olympic



*The Executive Board at work*

Winter Games in 1994; two years later, they will vote for the site of the 1996 Olympic Games. As the IOC feels it is necessary to establish guidelines limiting promotion expenditures by future candidate cities, a letter has been sent to all NOCs outlining the following rules drafted by the Executive Board.

- No candidate city reception or exhibition is to be held during the year 1987.
- Joint receptions may be organized by the candidates for the XVIIth Olympic Winter Games at the 93rd and 94th IOC Sessions in Calgary and Seoul. Exhibitions may be staged only during the 94th Session.
- Those cities bidding to host the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad may hold joint receptions at the 95th and the 96th IOC Sessions in 1989 and 1990. Exhibitions may be staged only for the 96th Session at which the host city will be chosen.

For the selection of cities to host the Olympic Games after 1996, the Executive Board approved a proposal to hold the elections in odd-numbered years, thereby better distributing the activity of the IOC. It remains to be decided, however, whether the OCOGs will have five or seven years to prepare. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Briefly, the other decisions taken by the Executive Board were the inclusion, upon the recommendation of the Programme Commission, of women's judo, a demonstration sport in Seoul, in the Olympic programme as from 1992; the creation, as proposed by General Sven Thofelt, President of the UIPMB, of a commemorative pin for Olympic medallists to be awarded as from 1988 and available to past medallists, as well; and the establishment of an IOC Sport and Study trophy for 1987, given through the NOCs to the athlete in each country best combining athletic and academic achievement.