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## International Federations

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IAAF

After an intense and exciting season, which began on 31 st May in San Jose (USA) and ended on 10th September in Rome (ITA), Saïd Aouita (MAR) and Yordanka Donkova (BUL) emerged as the overall winners of the 1986 Grand Prix of track and field.

We have spoken often of Aouita (right), the winner in 1984 of the Olympic gold medal in the 5000m and holder of the 1500 and 5000 m world records. In 1986, he came extremely close to setting new records seven times.

Yordanka Donkova (below) astounded the world when, on 17th August, she broke the long-standing record in the women's 100 m hurdles, set at 12"36 by Grazyna Rabsztyń (POL) in 1980, not once but twice in the same day. She went on to beat her best time of 12"29 on two other occasions, leaving the record at 12"26.

Following is a list of those finishing in the top three positions of the final standings and the total number of points earned. Each win was worth 9 points, followed by 7 points for second place and decreasing by one afterwards to eighth place, except at the final where all values were doubled (i.e. 1st-18, 2nd-14, 3rd-12, etc.).



### MEN

*Overall:* 1. Saïd Aouita (MAR), 63 pts; 2. Andre Phillips (USA), 61 ; 3. Steve Scott (USA), 61.

*100 m;* 1. Chidi Imo (NGR), 57 pts; 2. Ben Johnson (CAN), 54; 3. Harvey Glance (USA), 41.

*800 m:* 1. José-Luis Barbosa (BRA), 50 pts; 2. Earl Jones (USA), 49; 3. William Wuycké (VEN), 49.

*Mile:* 1. Steve Scott (USA), 61 pts; 2. Jose-Luis Gonzalez (ESP), 42; 3. Jim Spivey (USA), 37.

*5000 m :* 1. Saïd Aouita (MAR), 54 pts; 2. Vincent Rousseau (BEL), 47; 3. Stefano Mei (ITA), 38.

*3000 m steeplechase:* 1. William Van Dijck (BEL), 54 pts; 2. Henry Marsh (USA), 52; 3. Graeme Fell (CAN), 37.

*400 m hurdles:* 1. Andre Phillips (USA), 61 pts; 2. Danny Harris (USA), 57; 3. Amadou Dia Ba (SEN), 46.

*High jump:* 1. Jim Howard (USA), 59 pts; 2. Doug Nordquist (USA), 52.5; 3. Igor Paklin (URS), 50.75.

*Triple jump:* 1. Mike Conley (USA), 61 pts; 2. Khristo Markov (BUL), 46; 3. Joseph Taiwo (NCR), 44.

*Shot put:* 1. Werner Guenthoer (SUI), 44 pts; 2. Ron Backes (USA), 40; 3. John Brenner (USA), 38.

*Hammer throw:* 1. Yuri Sedykh (URS), 57 pts; 2. Sergey Litvinov (URS), 50; 3. Juri Tamm (URS), 31.



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### WOMEN

Overall: 1. Yordanka Donkova (BUL), 69 pts; 2. Maricica Puica (ROM), 65 ; 3. Tsvetanka Christova (BUL), 63.

200 m: 1. Evelyn Ashford (USA), 59 pts; 2. Ewa Kasprzyk (POL), 49 ; 3. Valerie Brisco-Hooks (USA), 43.

400 m: 1. Diane Dixon (USA), 53 pts; 2. Valerie Brisco-Hooks (USA), 51; 3. Lillie Leatherwood (USA), 45.

1500 m: 1. Maricica Puica (ROM), 62 pts; 2. Doina Melinte (ROM), 51; 3. Cornelia Bürki (SUI), 33.

5000 m: 1. Svetlana Guskova (URS), 41 pts; 2. Patti Sue Plumer (USA), 41; 3. Mary Knisely (USA), 39.

100 m hurdles: 1. Yordanka Donkova (BUL), 69 pts; 2. Cornelia Oschkenat (GDR), 52; 3. Ginka Zagorcheva (BUL), 47.

Discus: 1. Tsvetanka Kristova (BUL), 63 pts; 2. Svetlana Mitkova (BUL), 39; 3. Marta Kripli (HUN), 28.

Javelin: 1. Petra Felke (GDR), 63 pts; 2. Fatima Whitbread (GBR), 59; 3. Trine Solberg (NOR), 43.

□ Meeting in Stuttgart on 23rd and 24th August, the IAAF Congress approved the entry standards for the 1988 Olympic Games, adopted a set of rules for international indoor competition, including World Indoor Records, and agreed

upon modified regulations governing the advertising within arenas and on clothing. The delegates also voted to welcome Aruba, American Samoa, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea and Guam into their midst, bringing the total number of affiliated federations to 179.



### FISA

Indonesia and Singapore were admitted as new extraordinary (meaning with one vote instead of three) members of FISA at the Federation's annual Congress held in Nottingham (GBR) on 16th August. The Congress also decided that the 1990 Junior World Championships will be held in Aiguebelette (FRA).

The following Commission chairmen were confirmed for four-year terms : Regattas-Christopher Davidge (GBR), Equipment-Mr. Bjorn Borgen Haslov (DEN), Women-Mrs. Magdalena Sarbochova (TCH), Men and Juniors-Mr. Wilfried Hofmann (GDR), Veterans-Mr. Jannus Boelen (HOL), Touring-Mr. Bo Gammals (FIN) and Medicine-Dr. Hans Howald (SUI). Mr. Thor Nilsen (NOR) has been named as the new head of the Competition Commission. All of the above sit on the FISA Council.



*At the opening, of the IAAF Congress in Stuttgart, Mr. Primo Nebiolo, IAAF President, President the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. Helmut Kohl, with a commemorative medal.*



**IBA**

Although the news is rather late, we thought mention of the 1986 World Championships in Baseball was warranted as it has just been made an Olympic sport, as from 1992. Cuba captured both the Youth and Senior titles at the tournaments held last summer in Canada and the Netherlands, respectively. Chinese Taipei took second place at both events, tying with Korea for the men's silver medal. The United States had the third best win-loss record of the Youth as well as the Seniors.

Italy will host the World Championships (senior) in 1988 and the 1990 edition will be held in Edmonton (Canada).

- c) teams occupying the first six places at the preceding World Championships (1990) will qualify the same number of teams from the continents to which they belong.
- The zones concerned will then determine their own qualification systems
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| Total: | 12 |
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*Women's Olympic Tournament*

The following teams are eligible to participate :

- a) qualified ex officio :
    - the host country 1
    - the three best teams of the preceding World Championships (1990) 3
  - b) the four best teams of the Women's Olympic Qualification Tournament 4
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| Total : | 8 |
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**FIBA**

In our last report concerning the FIBA, an unfortunate inversion was made in the results of Soviet Union men's world champions. In fact, the American team won the title over the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia taking third place. We ask our readers to accept our apologies for the error.

Further, in order to make perfectly clear the system of qualification for the Olympic Games in 1992, we are printing here the information we received in October from the Secretary General of the FIBA, Mr. Boris Stankovic.

*Men's Olympic Tournament*

The following teams are eligible to participate :

- a) qualified ex officio :
    - the host country 1
  - b) Africa 1
  - the Americas 1
  - Asia 1
  - Europe 1
  - Oceania 1
- The World Congress ratified :
    - The affiliation of 5 new National Federations which are now members of the FIBA : Montserrat, Aruba, Cook Islands, Gibraltar and the Federated States of Micronesia.
- The FIBA therefore now has 166 affiliated members.
- The World Congress eliminated the word "amateur" from the name of the FIBA and from its General Statutes and internal Regulations. Henceforth, its name is the Federation Internationale de Basketball, International Basketball Federation, abbreviated : FIBA (written without full stops, BA : Basketball).
  - The World Congress rejected a proposal by the Central Board on the new eligibility principles, which would make possible more open competition in the FIBA's tournaments. The decision was taken by 31 votes against, 27 for and 14 abstentions.

- The proposal put forward by the Technical Commission on modifications to the Official Basketball Regulations concerning the penalty for intentional and disqualifying fouls was approved with immediate effect. These fouls are to be penalised by two free throws and possession of the ball.
- The World Congress ratified a proposal from the International Organisation Commission on modifications to the rules for the next cycle of World Championships, in particular:
  - Men's World Championships: 16 teams;
  - Women's World Championships: 16 teams;
  - Girl's Junior World Championships: 16 teams;
  - Boys' Junior World Championships: 12 teams.The new financial conditions relating to these championships were adopted.
- At its meeting on 3rd July 1986, the Central Board entrusted the organisation of the 11th Men's World Championships in 1990 to Argentina; the 11th Women's World Championships in 1990 to Malaysia; the 3rd Girls' Junior World Championships in 1989 to Spain and the 3rd Boys' Junior World Championships in 1987 to Bormio (ITA).
- 194,200 spectators and 933 accredited journalists from 31 countries attended the 10th Mens' World Championships held in Spain from 5th to 20th July 1986. The final was broadcast on television in 25 countries.

Alberto Ballarin reports that *"the opinion of drivers and technicians has been unanimous: the track is excellent, perhaps the best in existence anywhere in the world... Calgary has received optimistic approval, above all, regarding the technical aspect, the length and particular characteristics of the track. On a run such as that of Calgary, which is a total of 2,060 m in length (the longest in the world with 1475 m of racing track and a gradient of 123 m), a good driver and a coordinated crew have the chance to show their skill and to consider the race really and truly over, only when they are over the finish line, not before."* Apart from a few operational problems, which should easily be overcome with the experience gained during this winter, everyone, including FIBT President Mr. Klaus Kotter, was favourably impressed.



AIBA

During its 11th Ordinary Congress, held last November in Bangkok (THA), members of the AIBA elected Prof. Anwar Chowdhry (PAK) as their new President. He had been Secretary General since 1974 and before that a Vice-President. Another former Vice-President, Mr. Karl-Heinz Wehr (GDR), will replace Prof. Chowdhry as Secretary General.

After elections for the other posts on the Executive Committee, the composition is now as follows: *PT*: Prof. Chowdhry (PAK); *Hon. Life Pt*: Mr. N. A. Nikiforov-Denisov (URS); *Past Pt*: Col. Donald F. Hull (USA); *VPTs*: Africa: Mr. Taieb Houichi (TUN) and Maj. Gen. Francis W. Nyangweso (UGA); Asia: Mr. Seung-Youn Kim (KOR) and Dr. Sakchye Tapsuwan (THA); Europe: Prof. Emil Jetchev (BUL) and



FIBT

Calgary's new bobsleigh track, where the competition of the Olympic Winter Games will take place next year, was inaugurated last November with test runs by two-man teams from AUS, AUT, FRG, GBR, GDR, HOL, ITA, MEX, NOR, SUI, SWE, URS and USA. Writing in "Bob" magazine, the official publication of the FIBT, journalist

Mr. Luciano Fileni (ITA); N. America: Messrs. Raúl Villanueva Torres (CUB) and Paul Konnor (USA); Oceania: Mr. Arthur Tunstall, O.B.E. (AUS); S. America: Messrs. Francisco Morillas (ARG) and Eduardo Leon Hidalgo (VEN). *Ms.*: Africa: Maj. Marsden H. Madoka (KEN), Messrs. Ismail H. Osman (EGY), H. Bouchentouf (MAR) and Alioune Diop (SEN); Asia: Mr. Toshihito Ishimaru (JPN), Capt. Aspy Adajania (IND), Sheikh Mubarak Al-Sabah (KUW) and Mr. K. Thiruganatho (SIN); Europe: Messrs. Clive J. Howe (GBR), Vladimir Cordienko (URS), Boleslaw Idziak (POL) and Ahmet Comert (TUR); N. America: Messrs. Juan Francisco Garcia (MEX), Domingo B. Solano (DOM), Angel Maldonado (PUR) and Jerry Shears (CAN); Oceania: Dr. Ching-Kuo Wu (TPE) and Mr. Syd C. Ashton, M.B.E. (NZL); S. America: Messrs. Orlando Raso (BRA), Stanley Moore (GUY), Tito Castagnola (PER) and Byron Lopez Castillo (ECU); Messrs. Danilo Ivanovic (YUG), Heinz Birkle (FRG), Narcis Tamiro (TAN), Falah Mahmoud (IRQ) and Felix Jones (IRL). *Chm. of the Med. Comm.*: Mr. Yukio Yoshida (JPN).

□ The office of the AIBA is now located in the German Democratic Republic and all correspondence should be addressed to the new Secretary General, Mr. Karl-Heinz Wehr. The address is as follows: Postamt Volkradstr., postlagernd, Berlin 1137 (GDR). Telephone: 4384 437. Telex: 11 49 19.

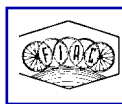


#### ICF

The ICF granted admission to the national federations of four countries — Samoa, India, Malta and Chile — during its Congress held on 18th August in Montreal (CAN) just before the World Championships.

Elections were held during the meeting to fill places on the Board of Management for which the mandates had expired. The composition is now as follows: *PT*: Mr. Sergio Orsi (ITA), re-elected; *VPTs*: Messrs. Otto Bonn (HUN) and

Ronald Emes (GBR); *SG*: Mr. Caslav Veljic (YUG); *Cont. Reps.* for Africa: Mr. Eny Bertrand Niaba (CIV), for America: Messrs. Jose Sade (CUB) and Robert Sleeth (CAN), for Asia: Mr. Tsunekichi Komuro (JPN), for Europe: Messrs. Lars Bennback (SWE), Ulrich Feldhoff (FRG), Jose Perurena (ESP) and Joachim Weiskopf; *Comm. Chmn.*: Messrs. Mondy Engel (LUX, slalom and wildwater), Jorn Cronberg (DEN, marathon), Edward Serednicki (POL, touring), Per Sjholt (SWE, canoe sailing), Andre Vandeput (BEL, promotion and information), Nikola Velev (YUG, racing) and Jon Verstuft (BEL, sports medicine). Mr. Peter Maasen (FRG), a former vice-president of the ICF and a member of the ICF since 1966, was elected honorary member.



#### FIAC

Representatives of forty-seven national federations attended the FIAC Congress held in Colorado Springs (USA) on 26th August, immediately before the 1986 World Cycling Championships took place in that same city. Apart from studying budgetary matters and discussing proposed amendments to the FIAC Statutes, the delegates heard a report on the preparations for cycling at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul and voted to adopt a four-year plan for the promotion of participation in the sport.

The affiliation of the national federations of St. Vincent and Surinam was approved by the Congress as was the inclusion of a 50 km ladies' team time trial on the programme of future world championships. The members also passed a set of Regulations governing the Junior World Championships, to be held annually.

□ On the decision of the Executive Committee of the International Cyclist Union (UCI), meeting in Colorado Springs on 27th August 1987, France will host the 1989 Road and Track World Championships, Denmark the 1988 Junior World Championships and the Federal Republic of Germany the 1988 Indoor Championships.



*Father and daughter: the outgoing FEI President and his successor.*



### FEI

H.R.H. Princess Anne of Great Britain was elected unanimously and by acclamation President of the FEI at that Federation's General Assembly held in London (GBR) on 10th and 11th December. She succeeds her father, H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who had presided over the organization since 1964. A devotee of equestrian sports, the Princess competed in the Three-Day Event at the Games of the XXIst Olympiad and is a former European champion. She is also the Honorary President of the British Olympic Association.

Also during the Assembly, the federations of Netherlands Antilles and Oman were admitted as full members and that of Israel as a provisional member, bringing the total number of affiliated federations to eighty-eight.

The two members of the Bureau whose mandates expired last year, Messrs. Eryk Brabec (POL) and General Saad Khalifa (EGY), were unanimously re-elected for another term of office.

The 1987 General Assembly will take place in Paris (FRA) on 9th and 10th December. Bern (SUI), where the FEI headquarters is located, will host the 1988 Assembly.



### FIFA

Officials in Italy, led by Mr. Franco Carraro, IOC member, are busy preparing for the 1990 World Cup. On 13th November last, the public got its first glimpse at the emblem and mascot, both selected through competitions. The Italian Head of State, Mr. Francesco Cossiga, and Mr. João Havelange, the President of FIFA and IOC member in Brazil, were among those gathered at the Quirinal Palace, seat of the national government, for the formal unveiling. A number of other eminent persons from industry, politics and the Church attended the ceremony as a demonstration of their support of the event.

The emblem and mascot, shown here, were designed by Vittorio Picconi and Lucio Boscardin, respectively.





**FIG**

The Singapore Gymnastics Federation has been admitted as the ninetieth member of the FIG.

- a working group on youth matters is to be formed under the authority of Mr. Toni Schenk (ITA) and consisting of Mr. Peter Knauseder (AUT), Mr. Hans Fritz (FRG) and Mrs. Elisabeth Nagele (SUI);
- the luge federations of the Netherlands Antilles, Israel and New Zealand are now members of the FIL.

New statutes, administrative regulations, financial regulations and rules concerning awards will be discussed at the 1987 Congress.



**FIH**

The Australian men won the 6th World Cup tournament which took place in London (GBR) from 4th to 19th October 1986. The "home team", England, took second place while the Federal Republic of Germany finished third.



**FILA**

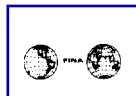
We have learned of the death last October of Joseph R. Scalzo (HUN) of a heart attack at the age of sixty-six years. Joseph Scalzo, who was honorary Vice President of the FILA, worked within that Federation for many years, making a significant contribution to the development of the sport of wrestling.



**FIL**

Members of the FIL met in their XXXVth Congress on 20th and 21st September in Falun (SWE). Following are some of the important decisions taken:

- during FIL competitions at 1gls, where the World Championships will be held, foreign teams with seeded places for 1986/87 shall not be permitted to train on the track in order to ensure equal chances for all participants;
- the 1987 World Cup, the dates of which had been previously undecided, will take place in Calgary (CAN) from 17th to 22nd February;
- the 1988 World Junior Championships will be hosted by Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA);



**FINA**

FINA has lowered its annual affiliation fee from SF 600.— to SF 200.—. This decision, which became effective this year, was made at the Federation's General Congress last August in Madrid (ESP).

The Congress also voted to place Masters Swimming in a category of its own and a committee was formed with Mr. Gary Stutsel (AUS) as its chairman. The next World Masters Championships will be held next year in Brisbane (AUS); in 1990, they will be organized in Rio de Janeiro (BRA).

For strictly technical matters, another Congress was held during the same period, again in Madrid. Among the important results of general interest are:

- approval of the 50 m Freestyle as an Olympic and World Championship event;
- addition of a one metre Springboard competition to the Olympic, World Championship and FINA Diving Cup programmes;
- a change in Olympic and World Championship Water Polo tournaments making the final game a contest for first and second place and the one just before for third and fourth;
- the introduction of two sets of scores, Artistic Impression (40 % of total) and Technical Merit (60 %), in the judging of Synchronized Swimming routines.

Regarding doping, the FINA Bureau adopted a set of sanctions providing for at least eighteen months' suspension of an athlete found guilty for the first time and up to a lifetime for a repeated offence. Anyone found helping, advising or even knowing an athlete to use a forbidden substance faces up to a lifetime suspension.

□ Upon the decision of the FINA Bureau, Andorra and Antigua-Barbuda have been admitted as new members of the Federation.



FIS

### THE 1987 ALPINE SKI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS PISTES

The World Skiing Championships are to begin on 27th January at the famous resort of Crans-Montana in the Valais, Switzerland. This most important sports event of the season, which goes on until 8th February, will attract a large number of participants and keep fans of downhill skiing glued to their television sets. These days, it is the quality of the pistes which gives top-level championships their particular value. We know that the need to find ever larger obstacle-free zones sometimes makes a certain amount of clearance necessary. For these Championships, five hectares are to be cleared of trees. The Organising Committee, in reply to the various protests against the clearance, recalls that it is not the same thing as clearance in mid-forest. Clearance will take place along existing pistes without doing any damage to the protective forest surrounding the resort of Crans-Montana and altering neither its nature nor its function. It will not increase the danger of avalanches.

Moreover, as the Organising Committee's bulletin explains, the forest surface around Crans-Montana is constantly on the increase, as is also the case in Valais as a whole, where the forest has grown from 92,000 hectares in 1950 to 97,900 hectares in 1980.

We are publishing here a description of the pistes which appeared in the *World Championships Journal* (No. 3), presented by Bouby Romaldi and Edouard Rey.

#### CHETZERON

In 1950, the Chetzeron piste was first used for the Swiss national skiing championships. At the time, the piste was 15 metres wide, and it took a great deal of courage to launch oneself at high speed down this narrow corridor.

Today, although it follows the same line, the piste looks different. Facing south, bumpy and with a slope which varies between 48 % and 13 % (average gradient 34 %), the piste starts at



Primin Zurbruggen (SUI)

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Chetzeron (altitude 2105 m.) and ends at an altitude of 1591 m., at the new spectator enclosure of Plan-Mayens. The difference in height is thus 514 m.

This piste will be used for the two combined slaloms, the two giant slaloms, and the two super-G races of the 1987 world championships.



### MONT-LACHAUX

The Mont-Lachaux piste was first used in 1937. At that time, a Swiss engineer called Hefti had built a ski-lift there which went up the slope in zigzag fashion. These days, access to the piste is much easier by cable-car and modern ski-lift.

The start is at 2210 m., on a hillock between Cry-d'Err and Mont-Lachaux. The piste crosses the Cry-d'Err ski area and leads to the top of the face of Mont-Lachaux. Down through a series of turns, it takes the skier to the «Combe des Dames», and after that the piste follows an old line through the forest. Then to the top of the most impressive section of this slope, where there are four turns down an incline which varies between 25 % and 35 %.

The finish is at the spectator enclosure of the Piste Nationale, at an altitude of 1533 m. This is also the finish area for the men's downhill and the two slalom pistes.

The Mont-Lachaux piste will be used for the women's downhill and combined downhill. The final section of the piste is the course for the men's and women's slaloms.

### THE PISTE NATIONALE

It was in 1940, when the first Swiss ski championships at Crans-Montana should have taken place, that the piste was named the "Nationale". The championships were called off because of the general mobilisation in 1939, and the fact that

nearly all the organisers were on military service. From 1942, the Piste Nationale was used every year for Mont-Lachaux Trophy races. When these were stopped, there were the 1973 Swiss alpine ski championships, and since 1977 several World Cup races.

The first section of the downhill is on the slopes of Bella-Lui leading to Cry-d'Err. The start is at 2526 m. The piste then crosses the ridge at Cry-d'Err, and plunges down towards the south-east, with an average drop of 60 %. A number of turns follow a bumpy stretch and the skier arrives at the flat "Oulesse" section which marks the beginning of the forest. After the forest, the final schuss leads to the Nationale finish-line, at an altitude of 1533 m.

This piste will be used for the men's downhill and combined downhill.



ITTF

The 11th World Veterans Championships, held recently in Rimini (ITA), proved to be a very special event with a record of over one thousand participants from thirty-eight countries. Open to all players over 40 years of age, the tournament consisted of a total of seventeen competitions — singles, doubles and mixed doubles — in five age groups, the oldest of which was 80 years (singles only). A number of world champions from years past took part in the event, amongst them John Leach (GBR-1949 and 1951), Zarco Dolinar (YUG-1954), and the Vice-President of the ITTF for Asia, Mr. Xu Yinsheng (CHN-1965).



UIT

A series of important meetings, culminating in the UIT General Assembly, were held in Suhl

(GDR) at the same time as the World Sport Shooting Championships. The Executive Committee met first, on 3rd September, to review preparations for the championships and the upcoming Assembly, as well as to decide upon the sites of the 1987 World Cup competitions. They will be as follows:

- Rifle and pistol: Mexico City (MEX), Havana (CUB), Suhl (GDR), Munich (FRG), Zurich (SUI) and Seoul (KOR).
- Running game targets: Mexico City, Suhl and Seoul.
- Trap and skeet: Mexico City, Havana, Montecatini (ITA), Moscow (URS) and Seoul (KOR).

The Executive Committee also agreed, at a second meeting on 9th September, to institute Final World Records (FWR) in the thirteen Olympic disciplines based on the total score obtained in both the qualifications and finals.

On 4th September, the Administrative Council elected Mr. Woo-Jae Lee (KOR) Vice-President, filling the vacancy left with the death of Chong-Kyu Park, who was an IOC member in Korea. Mr. Roger Riard (FRA) was named a new member of the body, replacing the late Pierre-Etienne Guyot. The Council also accepted the membership of the national federations of Nepal and Uganda. Another Administrative Council meeting on 10th September dealt purely with the constitution of the various committees.

The General Assembly took place on 5th and 6th September with the participation of delegates from eighty-one member countries. Among the proposals approved by the delegates were two gestures of good faith: first, an expression of gratitude to the UIT President and Secretary General, Messrs. Olegario Vázquez Raña and Horst Schreiber, for all their efforts; second, the insertion of a paragraph in the Constitution regarding collaboration with the IOC and the participation of shooters in the Olympic Games. As Australia had withdrawn its candidacy for the 1987 World Air Gun championships, Hungary offered to host the event which shall take place from 19th to 26th October in Budapest. In 1989, Sarajevo (YUG) will host the Air Gun World Championships and Montecatini (ITA) will organise those for Trap and Skeet Shooting.



**FITA**

Team competitions for both men and women will be included in the programme of the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad in Seoul, making a total of four events instead of two. This decision was made by the IOC Executive Board at its meeting in Seoul last September.

CI Korean women set two new world records on 28th September during the Xth Asian Games in Seoul (KOR). Miss Mi-Ja Kim gave a near perfect performance at 30 m., earning 354 points out of a maximum possible score of 360 and beating the previous record by 19 points. She and her teammates, Jin-Ho Kim and Jung-Ah Park added 10 points to the old team record of 3925, where the maximum possible score is 4320.



**FIB**

Three proposals for a new game formula, to be applied on a trial basis at certain international tournaments, were introduced at the XXth FIBV Congress held in Prague (TCH) on 5th and 6th September. Briefly, the suggested formats are as follows:

1. After four sets under the present rules, a fifth set will be played as a tie-breaker in which points will be awarded to a team, regardless of whether or not it was serving in a system known as a 'running score'.
2. Each set will be played to a final score of 12, rather than 15, and only a one point lead is necessary for a team to win.

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3. A match will consist of five sets, the first four played to a final score of 30 and in which winning actions will receive points regardless of which team is serving. The fifth set will be played to 15 points, again with running score, but two points difference would be needed to constitute a win.

The Congress also decided on the locations of the 1990 World Championships: Women - People's Republic of China and Men - Brazil.

Qualifying tournaments are planned to take place in Yugoslavia (men) and in Hong Kong (women). The 1987 Junior World Championships will be held in Bahrain (men) and Korea (women), while those of 1989 will be organized by Kuwait (men) and Thailand (women).

Two new events are on the volleyball horizon. The first is the World Beach Volleyball Championship which is scheduled to take place in February 1987 on Rio de Janeiro's Ipanema Beach. Sixteen teams will be taking part. The other hatchling of the FIVB is a World League, a championship between the top eight national teams, the first of which is expected to take place in 1989.

Seven new federations have been accepted as affiliates of the FIVB. They are Antigua, Aruba, Monserrat, Santa Lucia, Macao, Saipan and Vanuatu. Another ten have applications pending. At present, the FIVB has 163 member federations.

The FIVB Congress voted to institute both a Players' Commission and a Press Commission. The former shall be comprised of ten members: one male and one female from each of the five Continental Confederations.

Finally, the next Congress of the FIVB will take place in Seoul (KOR) on 14th and 15th September 1988, just before the Games of the XXIVth Olympiad.

□ The women from the People's Republic of China showed everyone once again that they are the best in volleyball when they won the World Championships in Prague last September. In the final match, they beat Cuba, relegating them to second place, while Peru finished third in the tournament.

For the first time, awards were presented to the best players in each of the six fundamental actions of the sport. This practice was adopted

by the FIVB at their last Congress and the recipients are determined by means of a computerized system. In the case of the women, Lazara Gonzales (CUB) was chosen as the best spiker, Xiaoujin Yang (CHN) best receiver, Xilan Yang (CHN) best passer, Valentina Ogjenko (URS) best blocker, Maiké Arit (GDR) best service and Denisse Fajardo (PER) best at defense.

□ The men's World Championships took place in Paris in early October with the United States team as the victor. The USSR finished in second place, followed by Bulgaria in third.

The awards for the best player in each action were presented as follows: attack: Vladimir Skurikhin (URS); receiving: Gianni Errichiello (ITA); setting: Alain Fabiani (FRA); blocking: Petio Draghiev (BUL); service: Craig Buck (USA); defense: Bob Ctvrtlik (USA).



**IWF**

An article appearing in "World Weightlifting" (86/3), the official magazine of the IWF, describes the past ten years, from 1976 to 1986, as the Golden Decade of Weightlifting. During this period, the sport underwent extensive growth: the number of national federations affiliated to the IWF went from 104 to 124; new competitions, including the World Cup, were added to the programme; and the overall number of competitors has risen greatly with twenty countries having produced at least one world champion. Looking at performances, world records for total scores were improved upon by no less than 20 kg in the 52 and 100 kg categories and as much as 65 kg in the 110 kg class, with an average increase of 33.25 kg per category (15.65 kg in the snatch and 16.7 kg in the jerk). Over 420 world records have been set since 1976 by only ninety-three athletes. Who broke the most? Yuri Vardanian (photo) of the Soviet Union who, in 1977, won the first of his



twenty world championship titles and since then has made thirty-seven record-breaking lifts, earning him the well-deserved title of “Best World Champion of a Decade”.



IYRU

### TRIBUTE TO BEPPE CROCE

Mr. *Frédéric Rochat* (SUI), former member of the constitutive committee of the IYRU and former Vice-President of the Swiss NOC has sent us this tribute to Beppe Croce, President of the IYRU, who died in September 1986 (See OR No. 228). Coverage of Olympic news has prevented us from publishing it until now.

“How sad we were to hear the news of the death of Beppe Croce at his home in Genoa on 16th September last, at the age of 72.

For months, we had known that he was suffering from an incurable illness, but we believed that he would still have the strength to be with us in London in November to chair the IYRU’s General Assembly. He wanted to so much.

This great President gave the best of himself to our sport at every level. As a club and class president, President of the Italian Yachting Federation, a member of the Italian Olympic Commit-

tee and finally President of the IYRU, he was able to promote yachting like no other official.

It was in Naples, on the occasion of the Games of 1960, that the international sports authorities discovered the organisational and diplomatic talents of Beppe Croce. Entrusted by the Organising Committee for the Games of the XVIIIth Olympiad with the arrangements for the Olympic regatta, he demonstrated his great knowledge of yachting on that occasion. It was then that two new categories, the Flying Dutchman and the 5.5 m, made their difficult debut. There was great discussion at the time concerning the choices to be made. Great firmness was needed to calm everyone down. In 1969, when Sir Peter Scott retired as President, Beppe Croce, well-prepared for the task, drew great electoral support which carried him to the presidency of the IYRU.

The great development, one might even say explosion, of our sport, is the result of sixteen years of high-quality presidency and a policy of



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greater openness vis-a-vis world sports authorities.

Able to steer a steady course both at sea and in the boardroom, he overcame our Union's many difficulties and navigated his way skilfully through the troubled waters which are sometimes the lot of every International Federation.

Beppe Croce is no longer with us. All over the world, he is being mourned. We admired and loved him for his exceptional human qualities. We bear him enormous gratitude for all the support and enthusiasm he gave us. We have lost a great helmsman, heeded and revered."

F. R.

□ During the General Assembly which took place in London early in November, the members of the IYRU elected their new President, *Mr. Peter Tallberg*, aged 49, IOC member in Finland and formerly Vice-President of the IYRU.

Yachting is undoubtedly Peter Tallberg's speciality: he won his first major sports victory when he became European junior champion in a sailing dinghy in 1953. That was the first step on the way to a long career punctuated by a series of victories in the Finn or Star class at national and regional regattas, culminating in a fourth place at the World Championships in 1967. An Olympic yachtsman, taking part in the Games in Rome (15th in 5.5 m), Tokyo (4th in Star), Mexico (11th in Star), Munich (12th in Soling) and Moscow (11th in Star), Peter Tallberg also has several squash and skiing laurels to his credit. He is an all-rounder, taking delight in competition.

Having trained as an economist, he naturally turned towards the administration and management of sport. As a member of the board of the Finnish NOC, he always took an active part in various commissions. Until 1978, he also served on the Executive Committee of the Finnish Central Sports Federation. After that, he became more directly involved with yachting. Vice-President and representative for Europe within the IYRU since 1965, he also represented the Star class on the Union's Olympic Commission. In 1976, he captained the Finnish Olympic-yachting team and acceded the following year to the presidency of the national federation, going on to become President of the Scandinavian Union, a post he held until 1981.



*Mr. Tallberg conversing with the IOC President*

As an expert in matters of administration and regulations, Peter Tallberg, who became a member of the IOC in 1976, rapidly came to play an important role in various Olympic Commissions, joining first the Eligibility Commission in 1979 and then the Programme Commission in 1980. The following year, he entered the Commission for the Olympic Movement and became Chairman of the newly-formed Athletes' Commission created in accordance with the wishes of President Samaranch. His sports background and Olympic experience ensure that he is fully able to enter into the reflections of the champions who form its membership. These are all assets which will serve him in the exercise of his new responsibilities.

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## Recognized Federations

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FIQ

Bowling, already on the programme of the Asian, Southeast Asian and Central American Games, will be a part of the Pan American Games, as from 1991. It will also be an exhibition sport at the Olympic Games next year in Seoul.

□ With the recent addition of the Virgin Islands, the FIQ now has seventy member federations.