
Recognized Organizations



ICC

Over 1200 athletes from forty countries took part in the first World Championships and Games for the Disabled from 3rd to 17th August 1986 in Gothenburg (SWE). They competed in track and field, swimming and archery events. Their Majesties King Carl Gustav XVI and Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who are ardent supporters of sports for the disabled, attended the Opening Ceremony and officially opened the Games.



**INTERNATIONAL
SPORTS COMMITTEE
FOR THE DEAF (CISS)**

The International Sports Committee for the Deaf (CISS) became a member organization of the ICC last year, uniting with five other worldwide bodies representing different types of handicaps. Although the CISS will retain its autonomy with regard to the World Games for the Deaf and other activities, its membership in the ICC shall strengthen disabled sport in general through cooperation, mutual support and sources of funding, among them the IOC.



GAISF

THE GAISF's NEW BOARD



The General Assembly of the General Association of International Sports Federation (GAISF/AGFIS) was held on 26th October 1986. As we announced in our previous edition, Mr. Un Young Kim, IOC, member in Korea, President of the World Taekwon-

do Federation (WTF) and Honorary President of the Korean NOC, was elected to the head of the Association to replace Mr. Thomas Keller, who, after occupying the post of president for seventeen years, did not stand for re-election.

The new board is made up as follows: *Honorary PT*: Mr. Thomas Keller (PT FISA); *PT*: Mr. Un Yong Kim (PT WTF); *VPT*: Mr. Tamas Ajan

(SG IWF); *SG-T*: Mr. Luc Niggli (SUI); Ms: Messrs. Francesco Gnecchi-Ruscione (PT FITA), Robert J. Helmick (PT FINA); Gian Franco Kasper (SG FIS), Isidro Oliveras (PT UMSN), Craig Reedie (Honorary PT IBF), Horst Schreiber (SG UIT), Fritz Widmer (SG FEL).

□ By way of a prelude to this Assembly, the GAISF held its XXth Congress in Monte Carlo (MON) on 23rd and 24th October, the main theme being commercialisation in sport. The Congress was attended by representatives of a number of communication organisations, television networks and sports promotion and sponsorship companies. The focus of the discussions was television coverage of sports without a large popular following. The ability to draw spectators is one of the conditions necessary for attracting broadcasting organisations, but it should not be forgotten that certain disciplines which are very popular serve to arouse interest in sport in general, thereby benefiting those sports which are less in the public eye. Sponsorship, according to the experts, should be sought at all levels, starting on a local basis, where it can provide a considerable source of assistance for "minor sports". In the interests of the credibility of controls, this form of support can only function via sports institutions, avoiding all direct relation with the athlete.