



IOC Members in Session.

REPORT BY THE COMMISSIONS

The International Olympic Academy

It was a good year for the IOA who between May and September fitted in visits from 1,200 people; sixteen events, eleven of which on an international level; seminars involving national academies; an international forum of young people organised to coincide with the VIIth European Athletics Conference; and a symposium devoted to biomechanics in sport. It appears that all too often, those on the courses are under- or badly informed about Olympic topics and the area in which the Academy is involved. Moreover, the African and Asian delegations are too often under-represented, whence the necessity of considering a higher subsidy from Solidarity to cover the travel costs. The presence of ten IOC Members at the course last summer aroused a good deal of interest on the part of the participants, and it would be interesting to follow up

this experiment by developing it further next year. The topic chosen for the 28th Session is a comparison between Olympism at the beginning and the end of the XXth century; contemporary Olympism confronted with its history. There is a rich programme in prospect which we will return to during the spring.

Athletes

During the two weeks the Games were taking place in Calgary, the Athletes' Commission occupied an office at the Olympic Village in order to be able to listen to the participants and to give out information about its activities. Conscious of its role as the voice of the athletes within the IOC, it initiated discussion about a range of subjects involving top level sport, and took advantage of the village newspaper to express its own opinion to provoke ideas and reactions.

Peter Montgomery, for example, raised the question of those who supply drugs in an article we will reproduce later. Two lectures organized during the second week of the Games enabled the athletes to express their own ideas and relate their experiences. These exchanges of views were very well received, as was a brochure which was distributed dealing with the work of the Commission. A chance to make its objectives more widely-known and increase its influence.



The Athletes Commission at work

Messrs. Ken Read and Vladislav Tretyak will be presenting an evaluation of this experience which will be useful in deciding what action to take in Seoul. The Commission is already very satisfied with the cooperation from SLOOC, who have appointed Mr. Kang-Soon Shin to liaise between the two bodies. In addition, the representatives from the Commission who took part in the activities of the IOA at its last session were very impressed by the work which the IOA carries out, and Vladislav Tretyak was interested in a well-documented report on retraining and careers' advising for athletes, and the assistance which these necessitate during these crucial periods. A working group is to consider the aid supplied by the NOCs in this area, and will describe its results in a report to be presented at the 1990 Congress. The next meeting will, as every year, take place in December, but in Vienna this time during the NOC-Executive Board meeting. A joint meeting with the Executive Board is also planned.

Cultural

In his report, Mr. Pedro Ramírez Vázquez put forward several propositions combining the research and ideas of the members of the Commission which he chairs. He acclaimed the quality of the Olympic Arts Festival, highlighting the contribution made by young people through the series of drawings on the theme "Images of Winter", which showed the naturalness and finesse of children's enthusiasm for winter sports. Mr. Vázquez, who thinks the arts festival should be open to all countries which practise winter sports, welcomed the initiative by the radio and television office in Sarajevo which wants to see musical groups from countries hosting the Winter Games gather together from time to time. Such a meeting could, according to Mr. Vázquez, take place every four years during the Winter Games and the Summer Games, in the Olympic Village.

Finance

The 1988 budget proposal was submitted by the Finance Commission and accepted by the Executive Board last December. This proposal fixed the budget for the financial year at 19,985,000 Swiss francs, an increase of 3.9% over the previous year. Despite the increase in the number of tasks to accomplish, the operating costs for the IOC have been kept at the same level during the four years of the Olympiad.

Judicial and Revision of the Charter

After the 92nd Session, the working document of the "Charter" was sent to all the IOC Members who in turn proposed some minor changes in the formulation of certain rules, and asked some practical questions which could arise at Games in the future. All these points will be studied.

Medical

The Medical Commission has met on three occasions since the 92nd Session, in September, October and November 1987, discussing questions on doping and biomechanics in sport, biochemistry and physiology as well as coordination with the NOCs. The number of laboratories accredited by the IOC for doping tests has continued to grow to a present total of 21, including those of the two Olympic cities, Calgary and Seoul.



The Medical Commission.

Others, like laboratories in Sao Paulo (BRA), Costa Rica (CRC), Havana (CUB), Warsaw (POL), Puerto Rico, New Jersey, PDLA and Vanderbilt (USA) have submitted their requests. Those in Breda (HOL) and Oslo (NOR) will be taking their tests shortly. The creation of laboratories in Athens (GRE), Beijing (CHN) and Budapest (HUN) is being encouraged. These laboratories will soon have at their disposal a code of ethics which will provide them with the principles of "good practice".

How far have the planned studies into biomechanics progressed? They were got under way in Calgary, as planned, and under excellent conditions thanks to Prof. Benno Nigg from the University of Calgary. The studies will cover cross-country skiing, ski jumping, biathlon, bobsleigh and speed skating. The ideas regarding filming proposed for the Games in Seoul have been approved by the IFs. The firm Eastman Kodak has agreed to provide its services and to supply the films. The Redlake company will supply the high speed cameras. The dynamometer platform used for the ski jump experiment performed in Calgary was supplied by AMTI.

The Commission is currently devoting itself to working with the NOCs to promote the "Olympic Book of Sports Medicine" in their countries. Active support from national sporting organizations is vital to the success of the project (see page 133 for the presentation of this book).

The first International Scientific Congress will take place in 1989. The sports science division of USOC has already offered to undertake the organization for it at the training centre in Colorado Springs. The manual of sports medicine intended for experts involved in setting up Solidarity courses will be reviewed by Dr. Kenneth Fitch and Dr. Roger Jackson. Finally, a new body could soon be created, comprised of representatives from the IOC, the IFs and the NOCs; it would have the task of checking on doping during the time athletes are training for competitions.

Preparation of the XIIth Congress

The regulations for the Congress have undergone several modifications since the Session in Stan-

bul. A more open formula has been adopted to make the work more effective, taking into account comments from Members of the IOC, the IFs and NOCs.

Programme

The Olympic programme for the XVth Winter Games will be adopted during the 94th Session in Seoul, with particular attention focused on demonstration sports with a view to definitive inclusion of these. The list of events should also be decided upon in Seoul.

For the Games in September, the Commission has accepted the following changes: swimming, the maximum number of entries per sex and per NOC is fixed at 30; rowing, the distance for the women's event is increased to 2,000m, in accordance with the technical rules of the FISA; boxing, the maximum number of participants in the super heavyweight category may rise from 12 to 20 given that the AIBA can guarantee their Olympic level; tennis, the 16 female participants who qualify in the doubles tournament may be admitted to the singles tournament provided that this does not increase the number of participants; baseball, the request by SLOOC and the IBA for a demonstration tournament to be organized with eight teams has been accepted in this particular instance; regarding ice-hockey, the number of players per team has increased from 22 to 23, according to the rules of the IIHF.

The Commission has been studying the future Olympic programme, and while stressing in its report that Olympic recognition in no way indicates inclusion within the programme, it admits that more federations should be recognized by the IOC, provided that they meet the required conditions. Against this, inclusion of a sport on the programme should be subject to stricter criteria. The same is true for new events, and the level of admission of these should be increased. Events which have lost their popularity or which no longer fulfil the required conditions should be eliminated. It is regrettable that the recommendations for a reduction in the number of participants has not been followed by any noticeable action. Participation by women, when it reflects the amount of sporting activity by women throughout the world, must be encouraged.

In agreement with the NOCs and IFs, the Commission recommends a better balance between team sports and individual sports, and also between the level of participation of men and women. Likewise, it considers that a stable programme, based on an eight year period, gives NOCs the best chance to prepare their athletes.

With the aim of promoting sport, especially on the African, Asian and Latin American continents, the Commission suggests the creation of a coordinating committee with Solidarity which would study which sports need to be encouraged in which countries, with particular focus on participation by women.



The Press Centre in Calgary.

Within the perspective of the Congress, the Commission is preparing an analysis listing all its considerations on the future of the programme of the Games. The final version of this programme, once it has been approved by the IOC, will be sent to the NOCs and IFs.

Press

Almost all the members of this Commission were in Calgary. Working with Miss Michele Verdier, Director of Information of the IOC, the Commission ensured the smooth running of the media system, and met with international agencies, the firm Kodak and SLOOC so that lessons could be learned for the Games in Seoul where SLOOC have, moreover, accomplished a considerable amount of work since the Asian Games.

The working group on the media coordination which the IOC President set the task of

resolving the problems common to all the media, has for the first time brought together representatives from each of the Commissions.

Radio and Television

The report presented by the chairman, Sir Lance Cross, deals with the first meeting as an official joint commission, last September, of the Radio and Television Commissions. On this occasion, the President of the IOC reminded those present of the importance of this Commission, not only because the major part of the IOC's revenues derive from television, but also because the promotion of the movement which this medium provides is irreplaceable. An indepth debate provided the chance to tackle the questions in abeyance at Calgary and Seoul, some of which have today found an appropriate response.

A technical manual dealing with the logistical aspects of broadcasting will be drawn up to act as a guide in the planning and organizing of the Games, for the benefit of African countries where radio is the main news medium.

Sport for All

The Commission dwelt on the success of the Olympic Day run organized for the first time last June. A working group comprising members of the Commission, of the Sports Department, the Director of NOC relations, Solidarity and representatives from the World Federation of Sporting Goods Industries (WFSGI), is to establish precise directives to help NOCs in preparing for this run which it is hoped will become an annual Olympic event.

The working group coordinating the work carried out between annual meetings has established precise rules concerning IOC patronage of national Sport for All events. A brochure prepared with the help of Solidarity will be made available to all the NOCs.

Olympic Solidarity

Announcing that the report on the activities of Olympic Solidarity would be published shortly, Mr. Anselmo Lopez contented himself with a brief description of the activities of Olympic Solidarity of which he is Director. Nonetheless, he stressed that in one way or another, every NOC has received assistance from Solidarity; two hundred and thirty-eight technical courses took place in 1987 on all five continents and

within the framework of twenty-five IFs. The development and coordination programme with the IFs and the Medical Commission has expanded, and, for the first time Solidarity worked together with Sport for All in organising the Olympic Day run. Mr. Lopez then devoted the main part of his report to one of the most important projects ever undertaken in the interest of sport: the Itinerant School of Sports Administration. This project, described in an article by Marie-Helene Roukhadzé elsewhere in next month's Review, is aimed at improving the preparation of leaders and all those involved within sporting organizations. Solidarity has already seen some positive results. The reactions from NOCs who have already benefited from courses organised by the School are generally positive, and in view of these results, the number of courses will increase during 1988.

Olympic Museum

The Museum which last June celebrated its fifth anniversary continues to gain experience which it will be able to put to good use in the running of the future premises, despite the lack of space in its current location. The ever increasing number

of visitors demonstrates the success of this initiative of President Samaranch. Present in Calgary with its mobile exhibition on the Olympic Winter Games and a selection of children's drawings, the Museum was on the spot with its team headed by Museum Director, Mr. Jean-François Pahud, to gather the maximum amount of information, documents, photographs, champions' autographs and other souvenirs which will go to augment its collections.

The documentation centre which forms part of the Museum will include a section on plans, photographs and texts showing developments in sports-related architecture. Finally, Mr. Pahud and Mr. Vázquez are launching an appeal for items to enrich the collections, either in the form of gifts, or in the form of loan of items which could be included in one of the temporary exhibitions.

Court of Arbitration for Sport

The CAS has aroused a good deal of interest since its inauguration in 1987. Two new cases were submitted to it, one of which had already been brought before a civil court. Several requests for legal advice have also been made to the CAS by different bodies or federations, and it is about to submit a report on an important problem involving two International Federations both of which claim to have a monopoly on representing one particular sport. Within the context of anti-doping measures, Mr. Schwarr, the Secretary General, who is a member of a commission with the task of studying harmonization of the procedure and sanctions towards doping, is to produce a recommendation for introducing into the statutes of each IF a statute involving turning to arbitration if any conflict should arise.

Modification of Rules of the Charter

Paragraph 4 of Rule 18 has been modified. It will henceforth read as follows: "Resolutions, with the exception of those covered by the terms of Rule 22 shall be passed by an absolute majority of the votes cast. Spoilt ballot papers and abstentions (modified section) shall not be taken into consideration for the calculation of the required majority. Each member present shall have one vote. Voting by proxy is not allowed. A secret ballot shall be taken if the Chairman of the meeting so decides or if one of the members present requests it. In the event of a tie, the Chairman shall have the casting vote."

Removal of Rule 28 (see p. 86).

