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ALGERIA

The new President is Mr. Baghdadi Simohamed.



AUSTRALIA

The first Brisbane Olympic Award has been given to two hockey players who will be representing Australia in Seoul in September. Australian hockey team players Mark Hager and Neil Hawgood share a prize of AUS \$5,000, which comes from the AUS \$42,000 surplus generated by the city's bid for the Games of the XXVth Olympiad in 1992. The remainder of the sum was invested and will be used to provide a four-yearly training grant to an Australian Olympic athlete. Dr. David Theile, a swimming gold medallist in backstroke at the Games in 1956 and 1960, Mr. Bernie Dawson, Manager of the Queensland ANZ Bank, a major sponsor of the bid, and Mr. Paul O'Brien, a city solicitor, were on the Board of Trustees which chose the 1988 recipients.



AUSTRIA

The new NOC telephone number is (43.222) 5053365.

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BARBADOS

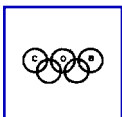
The National Sports Council of Barbados has set up a secretariat service to help national federations. This will provide typing of letters and minutes, photocopying, etc., which will ease problems in preparing official documents. The NOC is encouraging all its member federations to make use of these facilities.



BHUTAN

One hundred sets of athletic wear were sent by the WFSGI to the NOC as part of the 1987 Olympic Aid Programme.

A Sports Day was organized at the same time, with university and local clubs taking part in a range of activities such as a giant slalom, tug-of-war, parachute jumps, aerobics, snow and ice sculpting, bivouac building and concerts.



BRAZIL

The telex number is (038) 2135287 COBR BR.



CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



BULGARIA

The NOC organized a Skiing for All week, patronised by the IOC, in Sofia from 20th to 27th March 1988, on the eve of its 65th anniversary and with the help of the city's bidding committee for the XVIIth Winter Games, the Bulgarian Ski Federation and several local sports clubs. Two thousand people took part in a series of events held on Mount Vitosha : a mass giant slalom, cross-country skiing and downhill.

Mr. Jacob Gheti, 42, the new NOC President, is also President of the Central African Confederation of Amateur Boxing. Besides his role in sports administration, he has also held many positions in government, including Secretary of State for Commerce and Industry and for Finance.

Composition of the NOC board : *1st Vice-President*: Mr. Robert Hgoki ; *2nd*: Prof. Jean Luc Mandaba ; *3rd*: Mr. Patrice Endjigboma; *Secretary General* : Mr. Charles Kenguembat ; *Deputy Secretary General* : Mr. Jean Ombi ; *Treasurer*: Mr. Gilbert Gresinguet ; *Deputy Treasurer*: Mr. Luc Agene and *Technical Director*: Mr. Felix Benam.



CHILE

Mr. Sergio Santander Fantini, 61, the new NOC President, is a keen sports fan who has practised football, swimming, table tennis, athletics, rodeo and motor racing in particular. Indeed, he founded the South American Motor Racing Confederation in 1977. He has long been fully involved in the work of the committee, holding in turn the posts of director, treasurer and 2nd vice-president from 1970 to 1978 and that of first vice-president from 1984 to 1988. A member of the organizing committee of the Pan American Games held in Santiago in 1982, he was vice-president of the organizing committees of the National Games in 1985 and of the South American Games in 1986. He is the author of several laws in his country concerning national sport, how sport is financed and the national games.



The President of the Chilean NOC, Mr. Fantini, on the right, with the Secretary General, Mr. Boullon, on the left.

□ Mr. Jorge Cristián Rodríguez Boullon, 45, Secretary General, is a lawyer and a keen skier and rugby player. In his alternative career as a sports administrator, he has been Secretary General and, since 1987, President of the Chilean Ski Federation.



PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA



Gao Fenglian, one of China's best athletes in 1987.

Two hundred and fifty thousand people nationwide sent in votes for China's ten "Best Athletes of 1987". These are the ten nominated : Mr. Zhuogiang He, who set three world weightlifting world records in the 52 kg class last year; Mr. Yun Lu, gold medallist at the XXIVth World Gymnastics Championships ; Miss Xiamomin Huang, holder of the Asian 200 m breaststroke record set at the Sixth National Games; Mr. Yang Yang, singles title at the Fifth World Badminton Championships; Mr. Jialiang liang, singles title at the 39th World Table Tennis Championships; Miss Gao Fenglian, Women's World Judo Champion ; Miss Lingwei Li, singles title at the World Cup Badminton Championships, Mr. Yingquiang He, world weightlifting record at the Sixth National Games and Mr. Haiguang Liu, a footballer who helped the Chinese team get a place in Seoul.





Pins of pride : Mr. Fidel Castro, third from right, joins in the applause for past Cuban Olympic Medallists.



CUBA

"Millions of Cubans have experienced the triumph of our athletes and millions of Cubans have felt proud of them" : the words of Dr. Fidel Castro Ruz, President of the Council of State, who presented former Cuban Olympic medallists with their IOC pins on 16th March 1988. He linked their achievements with the general development of sport in Cuba, the aim of which is to enable everyone to have the privilege of taking part.

Also at the ceremony was Mr. Manuel González Guerra, IOC Member in Cuba and NOC President, together with Vice-Presidents of the

Council of State, members of the NOC, directors of the national sports and leisure institute and various other organizations. There to collect their souvenirs was Cuba's first Olympic medallist, athlete Enrique Figuerola, double silver medallist at the Games in 1964 and 1968; boxer Orlando Martínez, gold medallist in 1972 ; Teofilo Stevenson, gold in 1972, 1976 and 1980; judoka Héctor Rodríguez, gold in 1976 ; athlete Alberto Juantorena, double gold medallist in 1976 : volleyballer Jorge Pérez Vento, bronze in 1976 ; athlete Silvia Chibas, double bronze medallist in athletics in 1972 ; weightlifter Daniel Núñez, gold in 1980 ; shooter Roberto Castrillo, bronze in 1980 ; and javelin thrower Maria Caridad Colon, first Latin American woman to win Olympic gold in 1980.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Speedskater Dan Jansen was named the winner of the NOC's Olympic Spirit Award after a vote by the accredited US media covering the Games in Calgary. A gold medal favourite in the 500 and 1000 metres, he participated despite the death



Dan Jansen, winner of the 1988 World Sprint Championships in speedskating and of the United States Olympic Committee's Olympic Spirit Award.

of his sister on the morning of his first event. His Olympic hopes were shattered when he twice lost his balance but his courage and dedication to the team touched the hearts of many Americans. As NOC President Robert Helmick put it : "He could have quit, but he was dedicated to his sister and his sport, and he went out and showed all of us what being an Olympic athlete is all about."



FIJI (ISLANDS)

Mrs. Sophia Raddock is Acting President until the AGM later this year, the first time that a women has held this post. Born in 1924 and a retired civil servant, she had previously been NOC Senior Vice-President and is also chairperson of the Fiji Sports Council. A keen hockey player, she was captain of the Suva and Fiji team from 1945 to 1970 and now manages the Fiji women's hockey team. She was team manager for the Fiji contingent at the South Pacific Games in Fiji in 1979, for the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh (GBR) in 1986 and for the South Pacific Games in Noumea (FRA) in 1987.

Dr. Robin Mitchell, 42, elected Secretary General at the end of last year, is a general practitioner by profession who did his degree at Adelaide University (AUS). He had a very full sports career; representing Fiji in athletics at the South Pacific Games in 1963 and 1969 and in hockey in 1979. He had previously played hockey for South Australia in 1966 and was back on the field again with the Fiji team in the Oceania hockey tournament in 1981. He is the former Fiji national hockey coach and is president of the indoor hockey association. Chairman of the NOC medical commission, a member of ONOC's and the Oceania representative on that of the FIH, he is the organizing secretary of the interim medical commission for the South Pacific Games. He is editor of the Medical Journal.

Mrs. Sophia Raddock, Acting NOC President of Fiji, on the left, with Dr. Robin Mitchell, Secretary General, on the right.



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GREAT BRITAIN

An Olympic Education Pack has been produced. Aimed for use with primary school children aged from eight to twelve years old, it includes four wall charts with teacher's notes, together with information about the ancient and modern Games and the Olympic Movement. The idea came from two members of the education sub-committee of the NOC, Penny Belcham and Linda Spurr, who had returned full of enthusiasm from a course at the International Olympic Academy in Olympia. As well as a quiz for the children and a suggested reading list, the NOC is encouraging pupils to produce their own wall-charts of the 1988 Games, either in Calgary or in Seoul, with a prize competition.



GREECE

The Greek Sports Press Association has presented its thirty-fourth annual award for the best athletes of the year. One hundred and fifty-six professional sports journalists cast their votes for Greek athletes who had distinguished themselves internationally in an Olympic discipline in 1987.

Basketball player Nicos Gallis, who helped the national team to a win in the European championships, was pronounced best male athlete, as he had been already by European journalists. Swimmer Elli Roussaki won the women's award for the third consecutive year after her first place in 200 m butterfly at the Universiade in Zagreb (YUG) and her fourth at the European Championships in 1987. The Greek basketball team, which carried off the European championships title for the first time ever last year, was a natural choice for the best team award.



GUATEMALA

Mr. Willi Kaltschmitt Lujan, NOC President, presented the IOC President, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, with the Presidential Medal of the Republic of Guatemala during the Games in Calgary. This medal had been awarded by President Marco Vinicio Cerezo Arevalo and the government of Guatemala to the IOC on 11th February 1988.



Mr. Kaltschmitt handing the trophy to Mr. Carlos Pontaza (on the right).

□ The Guatemalan Journalist Association, in existence now for nearly forty years, has been awarded the IOC Sports Journalist Trophy for 1988 for its long service in promoting Olympism throughout the country. The presentation was made to the president, Mr. Carlos Pontaza, on 19th March. Members of the NOC, the Guatemalan Sports Confederation, federations, athletes of the year for 1987 and more than two hundred journalists and special guests attended the ceremony at the associations offices.



HAITI

Mr. Guy Dumesle, First Secretary at the embassy of Haiti in Mexico, has been named chef de mission for the Haitian delegation in Seoul. A first division footballer, he has also practised volleyball, athletics, tennis and badminton. At present on the NOC board as an advisor, he has covered a great deal of ground in sports administration : as international referee for FIFA, Secretary General of the national athletics commission, Vice-President and Secretary General of the Haitian Football Federation, Vice-President of the national commission for school sports and a frequent participant at international congresses. He drew up the present statutes of the NOC and the national judo, football and amateur karate federations and is responsible for co-ordinating IOC Solidarity courses in Haiti.



ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

The ceremony to award the IOC Pins was held on 1st March 1988. NOC President, Mr. Hashemi Taba and the executive board, together with the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Mohaherani, top government officials and foreign ambassadors to Iran gathered at the Shahid Fahmideh Club, one of the oldest gymnasiums in Teheran, to honour the country's Olympic medallists.

After the Secretary General, Mr. Afsharza-deh, had given a short address praising the new initiative, Iranian athletes gave a display of ancient sports. Mr. Mahmoud Namdjou, who gained a silver medal in weightlifting in 1952 and a bronze in 1956, made a speech of thanks on behalf of all the sportsmen present, expressing their pleasure at this proof that past Olympians had not been forgotten.

Family photo with the Iranian Olympic Medallists.



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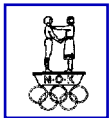
A "Pre-Olympic" sub-committee has been set up to promote athletics, boxing, table tennis and shooting in the run-up to the Games in Seoul.

A NOC delegation is to take part in a seminar for sports experts in FRG.



LIBYA

The Secretary General, Mr. El Mehdi Abulhairat, born in 1936 in Tripoli, was a member of the national track-and-field and basketball teams for many years and also played football with a top Libyan team for eight. He has been a technical adviser and coach to the national athletics team and in this capacity was part of the Libyan delegation to the Olympic Games in Mexico, and chef de mission in Los Angeles.



NORWAY

The NOC has nominated Mr. Victor Johansen, 59, for the 1988 IOC Sports Journalist Trophy. His work spans thirty-five years, first as a freelance writer for the newspaper 'Nidaros', then staff writer for 'Adresseavisen', of which he became sports editor in 1960. He held this post until 1983, attending nine Olympic Games, and winning a journalist's prize for his coverage of the Games in Mexico. He also attended several Winter Games. In addition to his Olympic journalist's

career, he has worked at world ski and athletics championships and many speed-skating competitions. He spent twelve years as President of the Norwegian sports journalist's association.



Mr. Victor Johansen, on the left, who received the 1988 IOC Sports Journalist Trophy in Trondheim on 4th May 1988, with the President of the NOC of Norway, Mr. Jan Gulbrandsen.



NEPAL

The NOC general council met on 8th May 1988 and re-elected Mr. Sharad Chandra Shaha President. Mr. Deegamber Man Suwal became the new Secretary General. The rest of the committee is as follows : Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Deepak Echara and Pramod Sjb Rana; Joint Secretary, Mr. Subarna Bahadur Chhhetri and members, Messrs. Dwarika Ram Bhagat Mathema, Basudev Pradhan, Ram Krishna Varma, Kunti Rana, Sashi Raj Pandey, Deepak Bajracharya.

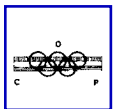


OMAN

The NOC has a new fax machine, number (968) 799890.

□ The three teams of athletes, boxers and shooters participating at the Games in Seoul are training hard. A seventeen-member delegation will also take part in the Paralympics following the Games. Sixteen youngsters are preparing for the Youth Camp in Seoul, where they are to perform traditional Omani dances. The NOC has also sent exhibits for the art and culture exhibition.

The Minister of Education and Youth, Yahya bin Mahfudh al Mantheri, opened a week-long IOC Solidarity training course in sports leadership on 25th March 1988. It was organized jointly by the NOC and the Asian Olympic Council in Muscat, with a total of twenty-five people taking part.



PARAGUAY

Mr. Adriano Jara Carmona, NOC Vice-President and Secretary General of ODESUR, has been awarded the Carlos Alberto Gómez Prize by the Association of Sports Journalists of Paraguay. Mr. Carmona had a successful career as a journalist before becoming a sports administrator and presents a long-running television programme about health. He was President of the NOC from 1978 to 1986 and is a key figure in the promotion of the Olympic Movement in his country.



POLAND



Mr. Aleksander Kwasniewski, the new NOC President elected on 25th January 1988, was born in 1954 in Białogard. He studied Transport Economics at Gdansk University. From 1981 to 1985, he worked on various magazines aimed at young people and became editor of 'Sztandar Młodych' (The Young People's Flag). He then joined the council of ministers until 24th October last year when he became President of the Committee of Youth and Physical Culture.



GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC



Mr. Erich Honecker, Chairman of the Council of State, third left, and Mr. Manfred Ewald, right, NOC President, congratulate medallists from the GDR team.

Mr. Erich Honecker, Chairman of the Council of State, received the GDR delegation who had taken part in the XVth Winter Games on 25th April and conferred state honours on athletes, coaches, officials, scientists and journalists who had made important contributions to the success of the team. Indeed, the NOC of the GDR was celebrating one of its best results ever at the Winter Games.

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DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The presentation of Olympic Pins took place on 12th April 1988. Messrs. Jun-Gi Jong, Vice Premier, Yu-Sun Kim, IOC Member and NOC Presi-

dent, Ung Chang, NOC Secretary General and Se-Jin Kim, Director of Korean Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee took part in the ceremony. Mrs. Pil-Hwa Han, joint silver medallist in the 3000 m speed-skating at the XIth Winter Games in Innsbruck made a speech of thanks on behalf of all the medallists. The event was given wide coverage by national press and television.



Olympic Pin Ceremony in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. With Mr. Yu-Sun Kim, IOC Member, third from right, a line-up of medallists.



EL SALVADOR

Mr. José Antonio Guandigue, Secretary General, has sent a summary of the main NOC activities over the last six months. He notes that the NOC President, Mr. Melecio Eduardo Rivera, was re-elected President of the Salvadorean Table Tennis Federation at the end of last year.

□ The first Sports Psychology Day was held on 12th December 1987, organized by Dr. Victor

Manuel Ordóñez, director, and Mr. Hugo René Ovalle, psychologist, of the sports confederation of Guatemala. One hundred and fifteen people from national federations, government and private sectors and universities were present. Medicine and psychology in relation to basketball were the subjects of another course organized by the NOC on 6th February 1988, with a turn-out of a hundred and fifty people.

□ The IIIrd Central American Congress of Sports Medicine, patronised by both the IOC and the International Federation of Sports Medicine, was held from 1st to 5th March 1988. Dr.

Eduardo Henrique De Rose, Secretary General of FIMS, Dr. Jorge Pinto Ribeiro (BRA), and Dr. Jose Reinhart (ECU) were amongst the lecturers. Present were representatives from CRC, GUA, HON, NCA, PAN and BIZ.

□ An Olympic Solidarity course for Cycling Coaches took place from 13th to 26th October 1987, conducted by Prof. Juan Carlos Pérez (ESP). Forty people took part.



AMERICAN SAMOA

Mr. John Samia, NOC President, has recently passed away. One of the founders of the South Pacific Games in 1963, he remained actively involved in them for over twenty years. He lived to see his greatest aspiration become reality with the recognition of the NOC in 1987, granted during the visit of the IOC President, H.E. Mr. Juan Antonio Samaranch, to American Samoa. Always a voice to be listened to on the subject of sport in the region, the fledgling Olympic committee is a lasting tribute to his work.

Mr. John Samia seated centre at the welcome reception for the IOC President.



CHINESE TAIPEI



Dr. Ching-hua Lee, was elected to replace Mr. Peter Bei Teh Chang as Secretary General at the NOC executive meeting on 6th January 1988. Born in 1947 and an associate professor of history at Cheng Chi University, he obtained his Ph.D. in New York. He took over from Mr.

Chang, who remains first Vice-President, on March 14th.

□ The tenth session of the National Olympic Academy took place from 12th to 17th January 1988.

□ The first edition of the NOC's Olympic quarterly magazine came out on 1st January this year.



CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Mr. Jindrich Polednik has taken up the post of NOC President left vacant by the death of Mr. Antonin Himl.

□ The new telex number is 122650 CSTV C.



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THAILAND

The NOC now has a telex machine, number (086) 22356 TNOCTH.



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Mr. Alexander Chapman, Secretary General, has sent a report on the NOC's activities in 1987. Its financial position improved in 1987 following an agreement with local firms to sell bingo tickets and provide advertising costs. Mr. Chapman notes that Trinidad and Tobago were represented by a ninety-strong team at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis, whose participation costs were partly met by the government. The year's Olympic Solidarity courses included lawn tennis, sailing and table tennis.



TONGA



H.R.H. Princess Sable Pilolevu Tuita, NOC President, shows the IOC's invitation to the Games in Seoul. Mr. Brian Wightman, Secretary General, is on the left.



TUNISIA

National Olympic Day was celebrated on 15th May 1988 throughout Tunisia; Mr. Slaheddine Baly, NOC President, recently nominated as Minister of Justice, and Mr. Abdelhamid Escheïckh, Minister of Youth and Sports, presided over the event at the El Menzah Sports Centre in Tunis. Sports competitions were held in Sfax, Kelibia and Bizerte as well as in the capital. The previous day, Mr. Baly had presented the President of the Republic, Mr. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, with a commemorative medal in recognition of his support in making the day one of national importance in this Olympic year.

After speeches underlining the responsibilities of those athletes who are to represent the country in Seoul in football, volleyball and table tennis, there was a ceremony to honour those who had done so in the past: Mohamed Gammoudi, an athlete who won a silver in the 10,000 m at the Games in 1964, a gold in the 5000 m and silver in the 10,000 m in 1968 and another silver in the 5000 m in 1972 and Habib Galhia, who won a bronze in light welterweight boxing in 1964.

The full composition of the NOC board is as follows : H.R.H. Princess Salote Pilolevu Tuita, *President*; Mr. Brian Wightman, *Secretary General*; Messrs. Tevita Tupou, *Senior Vice-President*; Siaoisi Palelei, *Vice-President*; Sione Ma'ilei, *Treasurer*; Tevita Puloka, *Medical Counsellor*; Takaelali Finau, Tevita Hingano, Vili Salakielu, Siaoisi Kava, Savieta, Ms. Joyce Faupula, Sisili Faukiuvea, Iteni Helu, Uli Ilolahia, Feleti Sevele and Loni Sikahema, *members*, most of whom have special responsibilities for particular sports.

Tonga is busily engaged in preparations for hosting the 1989 South Pacific Games.



Mr. Slaheddine Baly, handing the Olympic Pin to Mr. Habib Galhia, with Messrs. Abdelhamid Eschiekh and Abbas Mohsen, on his right.



ZAIRE

Mr. Tsimpumpu Wa Tsimpumpu, NOC President, was given the order of merit of the African Football Confederation on the occasion of the final of the Africa Cup. He was honoured for the support he has given to the confederation and to football as a whole throughout the continent, particularly in his capacity as a sports journalist. The founder of the Union of African Sports Journalists, he has worked a great deal with the international press such as Radio France Internationale, 'France Football', AFP, and 'African Sport'.



TURKEY

The sports journalist Mr. Haluk San was awarded the IOC trophy for 1988 at the meeting of the NOC board on 22nd March 1988. The ceremony was performed by the Vice-President Mr. Vahit Colakoglu and was broadcast on national television that evening.

□ The new executive board decided at the meeting of the NOC board on 24th May 1988 is as follows : Mr. Jefi Firatli takes over as President from the late Mr. Turgut Atakol ; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Vahit Colakoglu and Güner Frik; Secretary General, Mr. Sinam Erdem with Messrs. Türkiye Peker And Atilla Durukan as assistants; Director of Finance, Mr. Haluk San and Accountant, Mr. Ayhan Demir; Members, Mr. Kemal Kamiloglu and Yalçın İpbükten.

The telephone number is : (90.1) 519 49 31/32/33.



Mr. Colakoglu presenting the trophy to Mr. Haluk San.