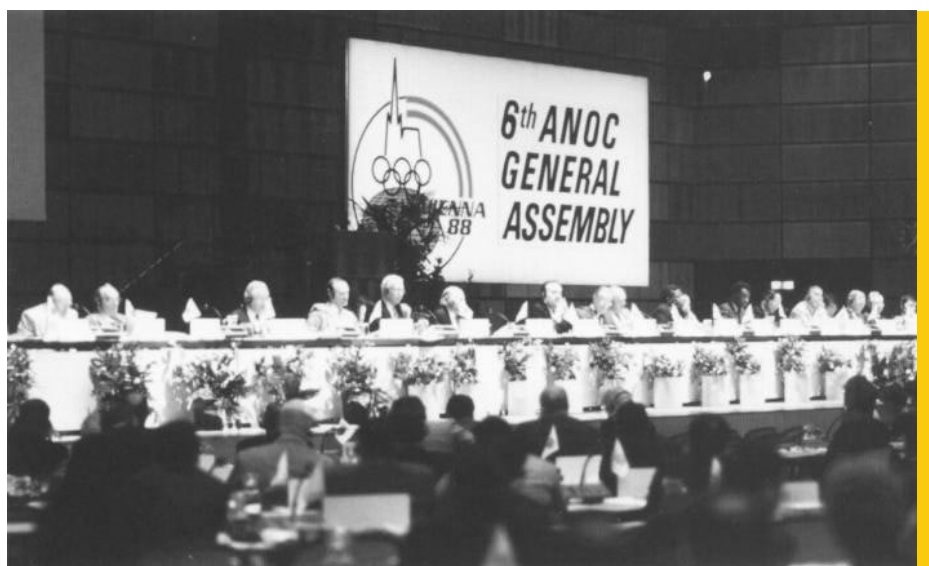


GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANOC

The VIth General Assembly of ANOC adopted various resolutions. One of these concerns the fight against doping which is directly inspired by the IOC's position, and adds that it is necessary to study the motives and reasoning which lead to athletes using these substances.



The podium at ANOC's General Assembly.

Taking the floor in his capacity as treasurer to the ANOC, Mr. Anselmo Lopez — also Director of Olympic Solidarity — noted that Solidarity's funds had increased significantly. These came mainly from the television rights for the broadcasting of the Games, and although they had been judged insufficient by some NOCs had made it possible to organise 1,182 courses for athletes and 97 for sports leaders to be held in third world countries during the XXIVth Olympiad. The funds had increased from 16.8 million dollars to 37.6 million dollars for the next four years with a view to the preparation for the 1992 Olympic Games, and this increase would be sufficient to satisfy those countries who

most needed assistance. A commission would be responsible for studying the question of the allocation of funds, since certain delegates were against the present system which favours those countries where sport is already well developed. We will report on this subject next month.

Mr. Marian Renke, Secretary General of ANOC, presented a draft Athlete's Code to the Assembly. No vote was taken on this text, which brings up to date the debates on the status of an Olympic athlete. He stressed that it was necessary to defend fair play and Olympic ethics without trying to make a distinction between different categories of athletes, and whilst requesting



As a sign of gratitude, all NOCs which took part in the Games in Seoul had their names engraved on a plaque which they presented to the IOC President.

the NOCs to play a more important role. The NOCs were asked to submit their comments and the modifications they wished to add to this draft in order that a working group could draw up a final version. The "Olympic Charter", of which the new version would be submitted for approval by the IOC members during the 96th Session in Tokyo in 1990 could also take this text into consideration. In any case, major discussions on this subject should be held during the Olympic Congress of 1994.

The General Assembly requested that demonstration sports should be discontinued and expressed the wish that Spanish became the third official language of the Games.

MORE WOMEN AT THE GAMES

Women's participation at the Olympic Games has increased considerably, Mr. Vitaly Smirnov, Chairman of the IOC Programme Commission and member of the Executive Board stated. Between Munich in 1972 and Seoul in 1988, the number of sports on the programme of the Summer Games for women increased from 7 to 15, those competing in them from 1,070 out of

7,147 to 2,438 out of 9,417 participants. This tendency may increase further if women's participation were to be encouraged in Asian, Latin American and African countries, said Mr. Smirnov, who announced at the same time that the IOC intended to invest the sum of 250,000 dollars to support the measures taken in this connection.

ORDERS AND DECORATIONS

The joint meeting between the IOC and ACNO was an opportunity to pay tribute to personalities in the world of sport whose action had been of particular benefit to the sports movement during the Olympic year. This was made possible by the fifth edition of the "Gold Medals from *Champion d'Afrique*" donated by Adidas. This year, the all-African multisports magazine run by Mr. Hassine Hamouda was to choose H.E. Mr. Kéba Mbaye, judge at the International Court of Justice and Vice-President of the IOC, Messrs. Seh-Jik Park, President of the SLOOC and Frank King, Chairman of the OCO'88 Council, as well as Crown Prince Sidi Mohamed of Morocco, to whom the decoration would be awarded at a later date.

Mr. Frank King had not only come to Vienna to receive the award, but also to present the Executive Board with a cheque for one million dollars from the OCO'88, intended to help finance the new Olympic Museum. The *Champion d'Afrique* medals, which have been awarded every two years since 1980, have been presented, among others, to Messrs. Juan Antonio Samaranch, Peter Ueberroth, President of the Los Angeles OCOG, Joao Havelange, President of FIFA and Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, former Director General of Unesco.

Mr. Mario Vázquez Raña, President of the Association of NOCs, received the gold Olympic Order. This prestigious decoration was awarded by the IOC President, who stressed his eminent role in the work of Olympism. "I am happy in my work as President when I see the success of the Games in Seoul", stated Mr. Samaranch, "We all know that this success is to a large extent due to the National Olympic Committees".



The magazine "Champion d'Afrique" presented its gold medal awards for 1988 to Messrs. Kéba Mbaye, Frank King (r. and centre) and Seh-jik Park, who could not attend the ceremony.

A smiling Mr. Mar Vázquez Raña wearing the Olympic Order in Gold after the presentation made by the IOC President.

