

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD IN COURCHEVEL



For its meeting with the Association of Winter Sports Federations (AIWSF) this year, the Executive Board travelled to Savoy, a name which for the next three years will be appearing frequently in these pages as it is in this region of France, in the resorts around Albertville, that the venues are being prepared ready to host the XVIth Olympic Winter Games. Courchevel, nestling in a pleasant, sunny Alpine valley where the ski jumping and Nordic combined events will take place, was the setting for these first meetings of 1989.

The finishing touches to the programme of the next Winter Games were added by the Executive Board, with the approval of the AIWSF. This programme, consisting of 55 events : 31 for men, 22 for women and two mixed, will see the introduction of moguls, in freestyle skiing, and also two other new disciplines. These will be women's biathlon with three events : 15 km, 7.5 km and a 3 x 7.5 km relay; and short track speed-skating for which four

events are planned : 1,000 m (men), 500 m (women), 5,000 m relay (men) and 3,000 m (women). In cross country skiing, the 15 km (men) and 10 km (women) events are likely to be divided into two sections, one with freestyle technique, the other using the traditional technique (with rankings based on the Gundersen method). A decision on this will be taken this month after the World Nordic Ski Championships in Lahti (FIN). As demonstration sports, the

Executive board has chosen curling, speed ski-ing, ski ballet and ski aerials. At the same time, the team figure skating event which the COJO had sought to include was definitively rejected. A rescheduling of all the events will now be performed in order to fit everything into the 16-day period of the Games.



Messrs. Michel Barnier and Jean-Claude Killy Co-Presidents of the OCOG, report to the Executive Board on the state of preparations. A working session in the friendly atmosphere of a rustic chalet.

