

# HELLO FROM VIDY

This May issue will inform our readers about the principal decisions taken by the IOC Executive Board at its meetings in Barcelona at the end of April.

The most important of these decisions is indisputably the agreement on the prevention of doping in sport reached between the IOC and the International Summer Sports Federations. The complete text of this agreement features on page 198. A close reading of this document shows that it confronts with a choice all those who are directly concerned by the Barcelona agreement. Either they continue clinging timorously to their positions of principle which commit them to nothing, or else they move quickly to take concrete action where it is needed, amongst athletes and those around them, to demonstrate that they have progressed from vague words to firm action, thereby following the example set by the IOC.

Such an attitude is indispensable if, in the greatest challenge ever to face the Olympic Movement, we wish to retain credibility in the eyes of the world, which looks to us to take the leading role in the battle in which what is at stake is keeping top level sport clean.

If the Olympic authorities have succeeded in removing the hypocrisy clouding the relationship between the athlete and money, is it not so as to condone a far worse hypocrisy surrounding the athlete and doping.

Another important decision made in Barcelona concerns the internal organization of the IOC, namely at Vidy.

As from 1st October 1989, Mr. François Carrard, who has been the IOC's legal advisor for several years, will take on the responsibility for IOC administration, together with the title of Director General.

At the time when in June 1985 the IOC Executive Board asked me to become head of IOC administration, it was agreed with the IOC President that I would retain the position until the end of his first mandate, with two major objectives in view :  
— progressively to provide the IOC with a working tool adapted to present-day needs and attitudes ;

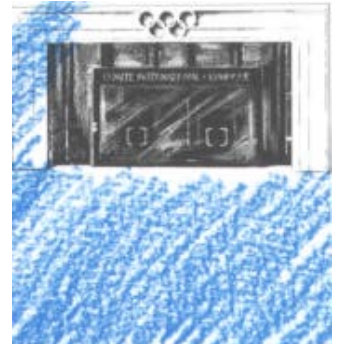
— to find as quickly as possible a lasting solution for the administrative hierarchy of the IOC in order to enable it to move full-speed ahead into the decade which will see the celebration of its centenary.

Naturally, not everything is complete, and here I am thinking particularly of the areas of computing and marketing. But it is probable that in the coming months these two key sectors will become fully operational.

My greatest satisfaction is in knowing that I shall be handing over responsibility to an excellent management team, assisted by an administrative council and staff whose stability and calibre are already tried and tested.

Mr. François Carrard has, through his professional activities, acquired a thorough knowledge of the running and requirements of an international institution as prestigious as the IOC. His inside knowledge of the IOC is extensive, as all those who might be tempted to mislead him know very well. In the world outside the IOC, he is experienced in the difficult art of conversing, dealing and negotiating with the most varied of interlocutors. At his side, the discreet, cheerful and efficient presence of Mrs. Françoise Zweifel as IOC Secretary General is a further guarantee of success. Amiable and hard-working, as she tends to the needs of the Olympic family Françoise Zweifel succeeds admirably in combining patience with efficiency, firmness with approachability and far-sightedness with loyalty. Her tact and diplomacy are greatly esteemed by every member of our Movement, from the humblest to the most exalted.

It is the duty of the IOC administration to strive constantly to improve the public image of the IOC. The renown and esteem enjoyed by the institution which it is our privilege to serve, and consequently the degree of our own responsibility towards it, were again highlighted recently with the wave of sympathy produced by the temporary indisposition of our President, who is happily now back amongst us once again. But then is May not the most beautiful month of the year, the month of renewal?



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