

"TEAM 92" VOLUNTEERS FOR WINTER GAMES

Mrs Claire Potvin, Messrs Jean-Claude Killy and Jean-Albert Corrand (from l. to r.) presented the report of the organizing committee to the Executive Board.



Mr Jean-Claude Killy, Co-President; Mr Jean-Albert Corrand, Director-General of the Albertville/Savoy'92 Organizing Committee ; and Mrs Claire Potvin, in charge of COJO/NOC relations, made up the delegation who had come from Albertville to present a final report for 1989.

Mrs Potvin announced the holding of a seminar for NOCs on 21st, 22nd and 23rd March next in the Olympic city, with the help of Olympic Solidarity. This encounter should enable those responsible within the NOCs for preparing the delegations for the Games to familiarize themselves with how the 1992 Winter Games will be organized. Several points will be discussed on this occasion, in particular logistical questions concerning the sports teams. Two days will be given over to visiting sites and facilities, with the third day to allow the participants to get to know each other and exchange information on the running of the COJO.

The volunteer programme in Albertville is taking shape. The four to six thousand COJO volunteers, whose task will be to help with the general organization and smooth running of the XVI Winter Games will be grouped together under the title

"Team 92". At Les Menuires, the COJO has begun an awareness campaign amongst local clubs and leaders with a view to recruiting which will take place primarily at the venues (40% of the total number). Those in charge of the programme then intend to approach the specialist sectors (universities, regional firms) and finally to answer the specialist candidatures. 1,200 letters have already arrived at the COJO headquarters from all over the world, even though recruitment and training will not begin for another year or so. In a quest for efficiency, it was decided to reduce the number of people selected, while rationalizing as much as possible the tasks to be performed. The work that the volunteers perform during the Games is no soft option; sometimes the hours are long and patience is sorely tried, but for these men and women, who have often already experienced one or more sets of Games, it is truly unique experience within an extraordinary event.

