



ADVICE FOR CANDIDATE CITIES

On 4th and 5th December last, meetings were held for the delegations of the candidate cities for the organization of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad. There were representatives from Atlanta, Athens, Belgrade, Manchester, Melbourne and Toronto, and observers sent from cities hoping to organize the XVIII Winter Games in 1998 and of the organizing committee of the IOC Session in Tokyo, at which the city for 1996 will be chosen.

The procedure for the election and the details of the contract, which must be signed between the IOC and the organizing committee of the city chosen immediately after the announcement of the results, was presented point by point by Mr Richard Pound, Vice-President and lawyer, and who offered all the explanations necessary of a text that becomes ever more detailed and precise. The questions of commercialization and media were examined by means of a videocassette introducing the Top Programme, which was commented upon by Mr Michael Payne, IOC Marketing Director. Miss Michèle Verdier, IOC Director of Information, noted for her part that the Media Guide was to be sent to each of the cities as soon as it appeared in its revised format. A constructive meeting with a view towards future partnership.

COINS, MEDALS AND A BICYCLE

The end of a year is the right season for presents of all kinds. The President, as

we said, donated his stamp collection to the Museum, and Mr Frantisek Chalus gave his collection of commemorative coins and medals. A third collection has also been added to the stock of the Museum, with nineteen commemorative medals from the Games of the Olympiad given by Mr Milan Ercegan, the President of the International Amateur Wrestling Federation. In our photograph, President Samaranch is seen presenting Mr Phil Coles (left) with the medal for the Games of the XVI Olympiad in 1956 in Melbourne. On the right can be seen H.E. Louis Guirandou N'Diaye, IOC member in the Côte-d'Ivoire, and Mr Sinan Erdem, IOC member in Turkey, who were in Vidy to take part in the meeting of the Commission for Olympic Solidarity. The Spanish artist Xavier Carbonell had come to present President Samaranch with a canvas with a sporting and Olympic theme, which appears on page 4 of this issue. Finally, an unexpected present in the shape of a dandy horse appeared in the lobby of Olympic House. This distant ancestor of the bicycle was a present from the mayor of the city of Karlsruhe (FRG), Mr Norbert Vöhringer.

