

1990	APRIL	
BELGRADE	24th-26th	IOC Executive Board (I)
	27th	Executive Board with the ASOIF
JUNE		
BARCELONA	4th	20th meeting of the ANOC board
	5th-7th	IOC Executive Board (II)
	6th-7th	ANOC General Assembly
	8th	Meeting of the IOC Executive Board with the NOCs
	23rd	Olympic Day
AUGUST		
MADAGASCAR	24th-2nd Sept.	3rd Games of the Indian Ocean
SEPTEMBER		
TOKYO	14th-16th	IOC Executive Board (III)
	16th-19th	96th IOC Session
	20th	Commission for the Olympic Movement
BEIJING	22nd-7th Oct	11th Asian Games
NOVEMBER		
MONTE CARLO	24th	GAISF Congress
DECEMBER		
LILLEHAMMER	9th-11th	IOC Executive Board (IV)
	12th	Executive Board with the International Winter Sports Federations
1991	APRIL	
LAUSANNE	IOC Executive Board (I)	
	Executive Board with the ASOIF	
This calendar is provisional.		

For once this title must be understood in its widest sense. My Hello is in fact written with the furthest point of a pen so long that, leaving Vidy and passing through the centre of our planet, it re-appears at the Antipodes, that is to say in New Zealand, where it is midnight when it is still only noon on the shores of Lake Geneva.

They say that travel broadens the minds of the young. In this sense, at least, youth is eternal. Here I am in a land bursting with greenery, dormant volcanoes, countless inlets and millions of sheep grazing in near-freedom, and it is here, I discover, that my last Hello could have been written, as this is truly a kingdom of volunteers.

The 14th Commonwealth Games, which will be starting in a few hours, are the most spectacular demonstration of this. To take but the example of security, there are around 700 people recruited in a highly original fashion from all sections of society. To be sure, the "strong-arm" security is the task of a core of seasoned professionals equipped with the necessary means, but who are, as it were, kept in reserve in the background. For the rest, the ground is covered by volunteers who look after "friendly security", chosen not from among zealous specialist officials who are quickly out of their depth, but from among people, irrespective of their professional training, who are recognized as being quick-thinking and possessing courteous common sense, flexibility and decisiveness. Such people, whose civility is tried and tested, are entrusted with looking after permanent relations with the accredited guests, particularly in such delicate areas as traffic, competition venue access, contact between the media, the athletes and their entourage, information, communications and transport. Quite obviously, it will be highly interesting to watch this formula being put into practice.

It goes without saying that such volunteers do not come about by chance. To succeed, this training must be able to draw on a vast and sound tradition of volunteer