

CANDIDATE CITIES

The cities bidding to host the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in 1996 finished presenting their candidature files to the IOC on 1st February. The English city of Manchester made the last of these presentations which had begun the previous day with Athens, followed by Belgrade (YUG), Toronto (CAN), Melbourne and Atlanta (USA). The files given by the representatives of the cities and the candidature committees to Mr François Carrard, IOC Director-General, and Mrs Françoise Zweifel, Secretary-General, consist of the answers to the exhaustive IOC questionnaires on



The six candidature files in good hands : from left to right : Messrs Raymond Gafner, Juan Antonio Samaranch, François Carrard and Mrs Françoise Zweifel.

the organization of the competitions and infrastructure development projects in accordance with the norms of the IFs, accommodation provisions, guarantees of state support, etc... with each committee free to include documents promoting its city and bid. Two cities are seeking to hold the Games for a second time: Athens, the Greek capital, which hosted the Games of the I Olympiad in 1896 and is again in the running a century later; and Melbourne, which organized the Games of the XVI

Olympiad in 1956, is once again a contender forty years on. During a lunch attended by all the delegations, the IOC President congratulated and thanked each of the cities for its enterprising spirit and willingness to develop sport. The final decision will be taken by the IOC members on 18th September next, during the 96th Session in Tokyo.

GOLDEN RING

The eighth international television sports programmes competition, the 1990 Golden Ring, will be taking place from 15th to 19th October next. This year however, the event, organized every two years by the city of Lausanne and the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) under IOC patronage, will stand out particularly, fifteen months away from the opening of the XVI Winter Games in Albertville, thanks to the holding of an exhibition and a seminar.

The exhibition first of all. This will be on display at the Olympic Museum, and will show the downhill skiing competitions from 1948 in St Moritz to Calgary in 1988, together with a selection of photographs and descriptions of successive Olympic champions. In this way, the IOC will show its support for and interest in this cultural competition.

As for the seminar, this will be led by the EBU with the help of the SSR (Swiss Radio & Television Broadcasting Company). It will consist of a workshop which will bring together the greatest experts on television. Mr Boris Acquadro, head of the TSR sports section, will have the task of organizing the workshop which will be opened by the IOC President and which will study various issues relating to preparations for the courses and infrastructure at the Olympic venues for the Games in Albertville. The subject of television coverage of the Games will naturally be discussed, in particular the difficulties presented in covering the downhill events. Messrs Jean-Claude Killy, co-President of the OCOG, and Swiss ski champion Bernard Russi will present the course they have created especially for the competitions in February 1992.