

CONTINENTAL ASSOCIATIONS



PAN AMERICAN SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS (PASO)

The Barbados Olympic Committee is currently studying the possibility of organizing the first Games of the Small Countries in the region in 1994 and will report to the PASO committee in April. This was one of the initiatives under discussion at the meeting of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) in Mexico City on 18th and 19th November last prior to the Central American and Caribbean Games.

All NOCs were represented at the meeting, which was attended by the IOC President and with the following IOC members present: Mr Agustin Arroyo (ECU), Miss Anita DeFrantz (USA), Mr Ivan Dibos (PER), Mr Manuel Gonzalez Guerra (CUB), Mr Eduardo Hav (MEX), Mr Robert Helmick (USA), Mrs Flor Isava Fonseca (VEN), Mr Willi Kaltschmitt (GUA), Mrs Carol Anne Letheren (CAN) and Messrs Fidel Mendoza Carrasquilla (COL), Col. Antonio Rodriguez (ARC) and José Vallarino Veracierto (URU). A report on the First Pan American Winter Games in Las Lenas, Argentina, which finally took place in September 1990, concluded that these had been successful, even though only the alpine skiing events could be organized because of a lack of snow. Countries that took part were Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, USA and Mexico.

Another event in the offing: a Pan American Olympic Congress either later this year or in 1992 to discuss the co-ordination of Solidarity courses in the region.

The sport of squash has been recognized by the organization and will be included on the programme of the Pan American Games in the future. The recognition of karate is still being decided.



ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES (AENOC)

European Youth Olympic Days

The 19th General Assembly held in Amsterdam on 22nd and 23rd November con-

firmed that the "European Youth Olympic Days" - to be held from 12th to 21st July in Brussels - will be open to all European countries and not just the twelve in the E.E.C. The event will be held under the patronage of the latter of King Baudouin of the Belgians and the IOC, which has given the organizers the right to use the Olympic designation and emblem. A project for European Youth Olympic Days in Winter Sports is being studied by the association's technical commission, and has been approved in principle. Aosta, one of the bidding cities for the 1998 Winter Games, has already presented a project to host such an event in 1992. Other candidatures are likely.

These Olympic Days are aimed at children of an average age of 14 to 16, depending on the sport. The twelve E.E.C. countries will be represented this summer by a maximum of 165 participants and the 22 other European countries by up to fifty each. The sports on the programme for team sports are basketball and football for the boys and, for the girls, hockey and volleyball. Individual sports are athletics, swimming, tennis, judo, table tennis and girls' rhythmic gymnastics. Ten sports in all.

NOCs' Need for Support

One of the association's major concerns is the Central and East European NOCs' current financial difficulties. Dr Jacques Rogge, the president, stresses that these countries need help in maintaining their excellent past contributions to the Games and the Olympic Movement. The West European committees have plenty of knowledge and experience to share. Initiatives like the marketing seminar held in Budapest last November are very much in demand.

AENOC and the E.E.C

The single European market, which will begin in 1993 will affect sport in Europe and a liaison office with the E.E.C is to be set up, which will be a source of two-way communication between the AENOC and the E.E.C. Various Community regulations could conflict with NOCs' interests. With this in mind, twenty one of the European sports confederations have agreed to contribute towards a project of lobbying the E.E.C.



**ASSOCIATION OF
AFRICAN NOCs (ANOCA)**

Mascot for the first European Youth Olympic Days.

The 13th session of the ANOCA Executive Committee meeting was held in Olympic House in Lausanne on 29th November.

At the meeting (see photo below) were the President, Mr Jean-Claude Ganga, IOC member in the Congo, Vice-Presidents Messrs Abdelkarim Darwish and Moustapha Kamara, the Secretary-General Prof. René Essomba, IOC member in Cameroon, Mr Ismail Bhamjee, Treasurer and Zone Presidents Messrs Hamid Rachdi Alami, Alioune Badara Diouf, Koffi Guipro, Kamal Hamid Shaddad, Thomas Sithole and Rampaul Ruhee, IOC member in Mauritius.

The city of Istanbul was chosen to host the 1991 assembly. The 1992 and 1993 Seminars for Secretaries-General will be held in Belgrade (YUG) and Oslo respectively.

1991 AENOC Calendar

- 13-14.2 Juridical Seminar, Moscow
- 7.3 Executive Board, London
- 6-7.5 12th Secretaries-General Seminar, Moscow
- 21-26.5 4th of the Small States of Europe, Andorra
- 27.6 Executive Board, Athens
- 28.6-12.7 11th Mediterranean Games, Athens
- 12-21.7 European Youth Olympic Days, Brussels (BEL)
- 17.10 Executive Board, Istanbul (TUR)
- 22-23.11 20th General Assembly

Discussions focused on the future new headquarters in Yaoundé (CMR) and on the meeting of the African sports leaders with the South African sports authorities in Hararé (ZIM). The composition of the new Supervision and Monitoring Commission is : Chairman, Maj.-Gen. Francis Nyangweso, ANOCA Vice-President and IOC member in Uganda; members : Messrs Sithole and Larfaoui and Michael Glover, President of the SCSA.

The ANOCA Executive Board outside IOC headquarters in Lausanne.

