

MEMBERS' NOTEBOOK

Mrs Flor Isava Fonseca, IOC member in Venezuela and member of the Executive Board, pursues an active career as a lecturer to promote Olympism, as this photograph shows.



Mrs Flor Isava Fonseca, member of the IOC Executive Board, during a conference on Olympism.

Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the IOC Medical Commission, was recently awarded an honorary doctorate in medicine and surgery by the University of Ferrara.

Professor Francesco Conconi gives a description below of the awarding of this prestigious distinction which took place during the celebrations of the 600th anniversary of the university, a historic institution whose students have included such famous names as Nicolaus Copernicus and Paracelsus.

The honorary medical degree was bestowed upon Prince Alexandre de Merode in recognition of the medical and scientific activities performed by the medical Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), of which he is chairman.

Right, Prince Alexandre de Merode wearing his doctor's gown of the University of Ferrara.

This degree was given by the Faculty of Medicine in tribute to the Prince de Merode's efforts in the fight against drug abuse in sports, which have led to regulations, methods and techniques for confronting the problem systematically and establishing an international network of specialized laboratories. Also, the prince's activities in developing sub-commissions of the Medical Commission for the study of sports-related diseases and of the biological bases of motor activities in sport, as well as the organization and dissemination of current sports medicine information through the publications on Olympic Sports Medicine, a series of volumes of great educational and scientific value, for which he provided the impetus.

The *Lectio Doctoralis*, held in the presence of the university teaching staff and many local dignitaries, traced the history, development and the future direction of the IOC Medical Commission.





■ **Miss Anita DeFrantz**, IOC member in the United States, has been elected an associate member of the Academy of Sports in Paris. This honorary title is awarded to those who have made an outstanding contribution in sport and sports administration. The honour has previously been conferred upon Prince Rainier of Monaco; Lord Killanin, honorary life president of the IOC; H.E. Juan Antonio Samaranch, IOC President; and the famous athletes Emil Zatopek (TCH) and Sebastian Coe (GBR).

Messrs Jan Staubo and Jean-François Pahud with the IOC President.

■ **Mr Jan Staubo**, IOC member in Norway, recently gave a part of his collection of Olympic memorabilia to the Olympic Museum library. He is pictured here with President Juan Antonio Samaranch and Mr Jean-François Pahud, Director of the Olympic Museum, in front of the *Olympic Review* collections which he has just presented to them.

■ During his stay in Cairo for the 5th African Games, the IOC President paid a visit to **Mr Ahmed Touny**, IOC member in Egypt, whose delicate health does not allow him to travel very much. The President, who was received by Mr Touny's family, was accompanied by IOC vice-presidents Messrs Keba Mbaye and He Zhenliang, Jean-Claude Ganga, ANOCA president and IOC member in the Congo, and Mr Francois Carrard, IOC director general.



■ **Mr Anselmo Lopez** (ESP), Director of Olympic Solidarity, has just received the Grand Cross of the Spanish Order of Civil Merit. The distinction, conferred upon him by King Juan Carlos, was awarded in recognition of his untiring commitment to promoting sport and helping athletes in developing countries. Mr Lopez, who is also treasurer of ANOC, was formerly the president of the Spanish Basketball Federation and Secretary General of the Spanish NOC between 1977 and 1984. He was chef de mission for the Spanish delegations at the Games in Mexico, Munich and Montreal.