

COMMISSION REPORTS



International Olympic Academy

The African NOCs featured prominently in the report by Mr Nikos Filaretos, with the commission chairman full of praise for the efforts to promote the Olympic Movement being made by the African countries. There, as elsewhere in the world, the educational action of the national academies, which now total fifty-two, is highly beneficial. Describing last year's sessions at the IOA, the IOC member in Greece noted that they did not all enjoy the same success. While the 31st International Session, which was followed by a fine report, and the meeting of the Sport for All Commission obtained excellent results, the 6th Session for sports journalists was poorly attended, and few of the participants subsequently published articles on their experiences, which seems strange given their profession. There was however an encouraging increase in the number of female participants, a result, Mr Filaretos believed, of the Session three years ago which was devoted to the position of women within sport. Olympia will soon be able to wel-

come even more course participants thanks to extension work begun last September. The new premises will include conference rooms and many other facilities, and will be inaugurated in 1993.

Eligibility

The chairmanship of this commission officially changed hands during this Session. Mr Willi Daume, now an honorary IOC member, handed over to Mr Vitaly Smirnov, Vice-President and IOC member in Russia. The main issues concerning athlete eligibility in the future will certainly arise from the emergence of new nationalities following the break-up of the Soviet Union. Mr Smirnov will thus be the best-placed person to propose the necessary solutions.

Apartheid and Olympism

The question of which flag and anthem the South African delegation will use at the Games in Barcelona is still being studied. This will doubtless be one of the subjects discussed during the trip to South Africa at the end of March by an important IOC delegation headed by H.E. Kéba Mbaye, the commission chairman. The Chairman was pleased with the organization by Solidarity of courses for sports leaders, made possible by the funds created by the sale of television rights to the Games to South Africa. No South African athletes were present at the Winter Games but, with sports unification moving in the right direction, we can hope to see them take part in Barcelona.

Athletes

Mr Peter Tallberg reported on the excellent conditions at the previous meeting of the commission in Nairobi (KEN), thanks to the efforts of Mr Charles Mukora, IOC member in Kenya, and underlined the commitment of the IOC President, especially in recent months, to ensuring that all the athletes of the world will be present at the Games. Drawing attention to the participation by two members of the commission, Prince Albert of Monaco and Mr Thomas Gustafson, in these Winter Games, the IOC member for Finland said that in both Albertville and Barcelona the commission would be

on hand at all times to help the Olympic athletes. The liaison role played by Mr Luis Cervera with COOB'92 was already producing results. Several requests had been satisfied and improvements made, for example to the facilities for the equestrian events. A similar link was anticipated for Atlanta, which the working group would be visiting for the first time early next year, when an assessment of both the year's Games could be made.

Medical

Two new products, aminoptine and mesocarbe, both anabolic steroids, have been added to the list of banned substances.

After congratulating the Barcelona laboratory on its role in dope testing for the Panamerican Games in Cuba, with the help of the laboratory in Mexico which thereby gained some excellent experience with a view to future accreditation, Prince Alexandre de Merode announced the forthcoming accreditation of the laboratory in Lausanne. Following the recent negative reaction to the practice of gender verification among the French scientific and medical community, the Prince recalled that these tests had been performed by the IOC since 1968. Their aim was to ensure that no abnormality offered a female competitor any unfair advantage, and they respected the dignity of the person being tested at all times. Another subject for comment, often more hysterical than scientific or rational, was the issue of AIDS raised recently by the prospect of the participation in Barcelona of Magic Johnson, the American basketball player who has tested HIV-positive. Study of the documentation available had shown that the risk of contamination by the HIV virus through the practice of sport was virtually nil, and the commission and its chairman would therefore have no objection to the participation of an athlete carrying the virus. In conclusion, the Prince, who would like to see the development of continental nutrition programmes, gave an account of publishing activities by the commission. He was particularly pleased at the success of the third Permanent World Conference on Anti Doping in sport, which had produced the first ever educational document of its kind on drugs in sport.

New Sources of Financing

The TOP II Programme, in which 169 out of a total of 172 NOCs are involved, is now almost at an end. This figure demonstrates the IOC's position of strength on the international sporting stage, affirmed Mr Richard Pound, the chairman of this commission. This position is set to be maintained during the next four years with TOP III. This new marketing programme is already under way for the years 1992-1996, and the first contacts have been made. In tandem with this, the Olympic coin programme is taking shape, with the presentation of the first coin in the collection at Vidy on 17th March. The commission, which is currently developing a marketing course with Solid-



The Medical Commission, chaired by the Prince de Merode, met before the Opening of the Session.

arity, is open to all suggestions regarding the development of fund-raising programmes for individual NOCs.

Programme

As he entrusted the chairmanship of this commission to Mr Philippe Chatrier, IOC member in France, the IOC President asked him to have a revised Olympic programme ready to present to the Centenary Congress in 1994. Mr Chatrier will present his first report to the next Session in Barcelona.

Press

The facilities for the media at the Winter Games venues were impressive and, it seems, satisfied the members of the profession. For Barcelona, a limit of 4,500 accreditations has been set by the commission, which will be performing a final quota revision in April.

Radio-Television

Here, too, according to Mr Un Yong Kim, CBS and the other rights-holders seemed genuinely satisfied with the conditions provided for them at Môtiers and at the venues in general. In Barcelona, preparations were going well. The communications tower was nearing completion, and a meeting was planned for March in order to study those issues still pending. There

stress the work of Solidarity on behalf of the NOCs. The Director of Solidarity had commissioned a comparative study into the costs of staying at the Olympic villages in Sarajevo, Calgary and Albertville. At the latter two, accommodation for the athletes was free of charge, and for these XVI Games, Solidarity was intending to pay US \$2,200 for an official, US \$6,000 dollars and US \$800 dollars per athlete who had actually participated. In spite of the lack of success of Solidarity courses in Europe and the reduced number of courses by the Itinerant School in Africa owing to political troubles, Mr Anselmo Lopez was, on the whole, satisfied with the results of the 802 courses staged during the first three years of the current Olympiad. A further 331 courses were scheduled for 1992. The various programmes of four-month scholarships awarded to talented young athletes and coaches had been very well received.



Messrs Richard Pound, Chairman of the New Sources of Financing Commission, and Un Yong Kim, Chairman of the Radio-Television Commission, in conversation with the IOC President.

were apparently some problems with VAT in Lillehammer, where rates offered were 50% lower than for Albertville, but 20% higher than for Barcelona. Finally, Mr Kim referred to the success of the first seminar for African television broadcasters.

Solidarity

At the start of the Winter Games, Mr Anselmo Lopez wished particularly to

New Olympic Museum

With the shell of the new museum in Lausanne complete, the phase of installing the museology had now begun. Mr Raymond Gafner gave a brief account of the progress of work on the building, which will be inaugurated at a special Session in June next year. The collaboration between the Mexican museologists and the IOC team of architects, engineers and graphic designers will now become full-time in order to ensure the best conditions for the implementation of the museology. The running of the Olympic Museum, which will be surrounded by a park full of works of art, will be performed by a foundation, whose statutes and composition are currently under study. An Association of Friends of the Museum will also be set up, and the presidency of the association has just been accepted by Mr Paul-René Martin, the highly-respected former mayor of Lausanne. On a more technical level, Mr Gafner announced finally that, to maintain strict levels of temperature and humidity, water would be taken from Lake Geneva at a depth where it is constantly at 7°C by means of a closed-circuit pumping and discharge system. This choice of an energy-saving system, and the decision to alter the shape of the building to save an oak tree

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are a reflection of the desire to respect the environment in the widest sense of the term which, as Mr Gainer stressed, is wholly in keeping with the tenets of Olympism.

Olympic Pavilion in Seville

A modern version of a Greek temple, the work of Messrs Pedro Ramirez Vazquez and Rafael de la Hoz, the pavilion which will bear the Olympic colours at Expo92 in Seville is ready. Mr Carlos Ferrer, who paid tribute to Mr Enrique Moreno de la Cova, his deputy in Seville, described the internal structure of the pavilion, whose task is to promote Olympism during the six months of the World Fair. Several works of art will be on display, notably the Cosmic Athlete, on loan from the King of Spain, and a collection of Olympic torches.

Centenary Congress

A multi-image presentation, introduced by the President of the French NOC, Mr Nelson Paillou, gave the members an idea of how the 1994 Centenary Congress in Paris will look : a historic session in the great amphitheatre of the Sorbonne on 23rd June 1994 and a meeting of the Executive Board in the Salle Auguste Gréard, the exact spot where the IOC was founded a

century ago. Several philatelic and numismatic exhibitions will highlight the link between art and sport. The programme of the Congress proper, which will take place in August, will be officially unveiled by the IOC President in Paris on 25th November 1992, the 100th anniversary of the declaration by Pierre de Coubertin advocating the restoration of the Games.

Descente Donates a Coat

On the occasion of the Writer Games, the firm Descente, which had already kindly distinguished itself in Calgary in 1988, repeated its generous gesture by offering once again a coat to all the members of the IOC as well as to those of its secretariat. A gift that was particularly appreciated when attending open-air competitions. On behalf of the IOC and its staff, the IOC President warmly thanked Mr Tom Toida, representing the firm Descente (photo below).

Mr Raymond Gafner, Administrateur Délégué heads the commission for the new Olympic Museum.

