

# Distinction and appointments

At a ceremony in Berlin, the IOC President awarded the **Olympic Order in Gold** to the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr Richard von Weizäcker, in the presence of Messrs Walther Tröger and Thomas Bach, IOC members, Willi Daume and Berthold Beitz, honorary members, and various sports personalities from the NOC and national federations. President Juan Antonio Samaranch drew attention to the eminent qualities of the German president within the field of sport, which he has always supported strongly through his regular attendance of national and international sports events of all kinds during his two terms as Federal President.

The sports director of the Generalitat of Catalonia, **Mr Fidel Sust** received the **Olympic Order** at a congenial ceremony at the Dr Melcior Colet Sports Museum and Studies Centre in Barcelona. The IOC President, officiating at the ceremony, emphasized the scale of the task accomplished by Fidel Sust on the occasion of the Games in Barcelona.

*"This key role", he said, "is a clear example of the policy of integration and cooperation which has developed between Olympic sport and the sports department of the Generalitat."* Mr Josep Lluís Vilaseca, Secretary General for sports in the Generalitat, who had already received the Olympic Order, declared that *"this tribute*

*paid to Fidel Sust by the IOC is a source of particular emotion and the mark of international recognition for his devotion to young people and his amount of work for sport"*. Another personality from the Spanish sports world, **Rogelio Rengel**, a renowned journalist, also received the Olympic Order from President Samaranch in the presence of the FIFA president, Mr Joao Havelange. Rengel is the founder and editor of *Don Balon*, and *Don. Basket*, sports magazines which are extremely popular in Spain and Venezuela, and, after creating 'the Don Balon prize for Sports literature, he launched a Juan Antonio Samaranch Sports Poetry Prize at the request of the IOC President.

IOC member in Germany **Mr Thomas Bach** has been appointed chairman of the IOC evaluation commission which will play a key role in the choice of which city will host the **XIX Olympic Winter Games in 2002**. The commission, which has the task of carefully studying each of the candidature files which must be submitted before 18th

August next, will visit all of the ten bid cities. The evaluation report produced by the commission will be given to the electoral college responsible for selecting the four finalist cities that will be put to the vote by the IOC members at the 1595 Session in Budapest.

**Mr Fekrou Kidane**, who has just been appointed as **Chef de Cabinet to the IOC President**, will also head the **Department of International Cooperation**. Under the responsibility of President Samaranch, this new IOC department will look after relations and cooperation with international bodies, in particular the United Nations and governmental and non-governmental educational, social, humanitarian, political and professional organizations. In addition, Mr Kidane will be dealing with the files on edu-



*Mr Fekrou Kidane. Left, the IOC President presents the Olympic Order to Mr Fidel Sust.*

cation, development and environmental issues and specific and special projects.

The IOC President has appointed Mr Karel Wendl to head the Olympic Studies and Research Centre, with the title of curator. The Centre, which has recently taken up residence at the Olympic Museum where it is at the disposal of researchers, will be able to count on a team that includes Mrs Michelle Veillard, previously in charge of the IOC archives. A doctor of law and renowned specialist on Olympism, Mr Wendl has headed the Olympic Research Department in Vidy for several years.

**Mr Jean-Philippe Rochat**, (37), a Lausanne lawyer, has been chosen by the IOC President to succeed the late Gilbert Schwaar. However, Mr Rochat, a former university ski champion and member of the Swiss team whose particular interest is sports law, will be devoting no more than a third of his time to the CAS. He will be involved primarily in completing the establishment of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport, which will be created officially on 22nd June, at the meeting of the IOC Executive Board in Paris. The role of the ICAS will be to rule and give final judgements on the cases submitted to it on appeal by the decentralized arbitration tribunals soon to be created all over the world. The new CAS secretary general has also been given the task of setting up a permanent tribunal to deal with any disputes that might arise on the occasion of the Games and thus avoid recourse to ordinary courts.

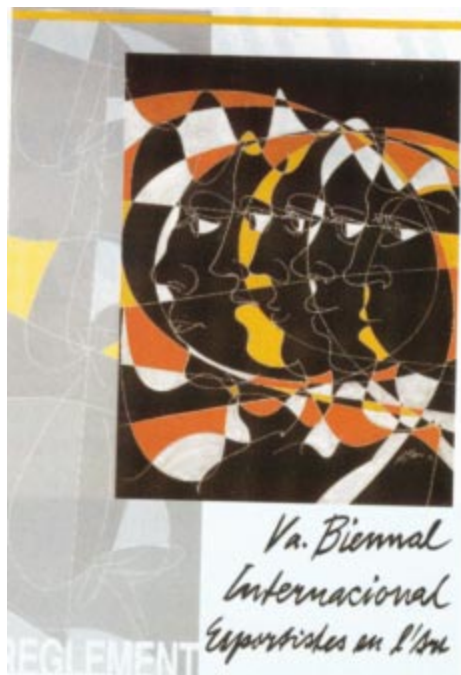
#### **IOC SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY**

The Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal, 1994 has also been proclaimed the Year of the Family by the UN. In this spirit of solidarity, the IOC took part in the International Day of the Family celebrated around the world on 15th May last. On this occasion, President Juan Antonio Samaranch declared:

*"The Olympic family pays tribute to all the families of the world for the role they play in the areas of education*

### **THE V ATHLETES' ART BIENNIAL IN BARCELONA**

*Since 1985, Olympic athletes have been displaying their hidden talents, and the V Athletes' Art Biennial, which this year coincides with the celebration of the Olympic centennial, is a recognized cultural event in the sports world. Staged with the support of the IOC, it is open exclusively to Olympic athletes. These young, or not-so young, artists can take part in three areas: painting, drawing and sculpture, with total freedom to choose techniques, styles and themes. The works will be displayed at the Dr. Melcior Colet Sports Museum and Studies Centre in Barcelona after selection by an international jury which has the task of awarding several prestigious prizes. The prize of honour is given by the IOC President, with the Generalitat of Catalonia offering the first and second prizes and the remaining prizes sponsored by various financial partners: the city of Barcelona, the Spanish WC, the Higher Sports Council, the magazine Don Balon, Lufthansa, Seville 2004, etc...*



*and culture. The Olympic Movement is happy that the year 1994 has been proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly the International Year of the Family and the International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal.*

*We, the members of the Olympic family, believe that sports clubs and teams are families which can teach the concepts of fair play and tolerance, self-control and self-respect, solidarity and fraternity, and, can foster a healthier lifestyle for the whole of society. This celebration also offers us the opportunity to think of all the families which are suffering.*

*We therefore appeal to everyone concerned, especially political leaders, to spare children, women and old people so that they might live peacefully and decently as active members of the international family."*



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