

Anniversary for the sporting press: the AIPS is 70

On 1st July 1994, the AIPS is 70. The International Sporting Press Association will celebrate this anniversary in Paris, where it was founded in 1924,



It was the French journalist Frantz Reichel who had the idea of setting up an international association of the sporting press in 1920 in Antwerp, during the Games, but the actual creation was not until four years later in Paris. Seventeen countries: France, Germany, Great Britain, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, the United States, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Hungary, Japan, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Belgium were represented at the first congress on 3rd July which ratified the statutes. Reichel was elected president, and was replaced only after his death in 1932 by the Belgian Victor Boin, with the Frenchman Drigny being succeeded by the Belgian Herbauts as secretary general. After the second world war, which interrupted its activities, the association met for a congress in London, in August 1948 during the Olympic Games. At the Cortina d'Ampezzo congress in 1956, the two Swiss Henri Schihin (President) and Max Ehinger (Secretary) were elected, with Victor Boin becoming honorary president. Increasingly active, and its usefulness quickly recognized, the AIPS enjoyed a constant increase in its number of member journalists. In Naples in 1966, the congress was important for three reasons: the reworking of the statutes,

the renewal of the mandates of the leaders of the association and the election of Félix Lévitán as first vice-president. In the meantime, the AIPS was recognized by the IOC, at its 56th Session in Munich, as the only movement truly representing the aspirations and professional interests of journalists specializing in sport. The work of its numerous commissions is behind this recognition which results in permanent contacts with all the

The Briton Frank Taylor succeeded Lévitán in 1973, and an Indian, Bobby Naidoo; took over as secretary general. They were replaced in 1977 by two Italians, Enrico Crespi and myself. In 1981, Frank Taylor was back again. In 1989, after twelve years of service, the secretary general became vice-president, leaving his post to Turkey's Istvan Gyulai; he was succeeded in turn by the Finn Matti Salmenkyla, who still holds the position, with Tur-

of Sydney as Olympic city for the year 2000 should allow this situation to be remedied.

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**IOC/BEST PHOTO
COMPETITION:
THE WINNERS GET
THEIR PRIZES**

Some agreeable news from Lillehammer which already feels a long way away, but which it seems important to mention here. The winners of the IOC/Best Competition to find the best sports photos received their prizes on the eve of the Games in Lillehammer. At a congenial gathering at the Adidas Club House in the presence of President Juan Antonio Samaranch, the seven photographers, or their representatives, always on the lookout for a new crop of sports photographs, received the prizes awarded at the 5th Competition in July 1993. The Review presented the winning efforts in issue No 311, back in September 1993. The winners were: Ken Geiger (USA), from the Dallas Morning News, Fessel Rudiger (GER) from Bongarts and Thomas Metelmann (GER), independent, for the black-and-white category; Christo Steve (AUS) from the Sydney Morning Herald, Stuart Hannagan (AUS) from The Age and Hans Heus (NED), independent, and Pascal Rondeau (FRA) from Allsport for his portfolio.



sports organizations: IOC, IFS, NOCs and the organizing committees of sports events, in particular the Olympic Games. In 1964, again in Munich, the election of Félix Lévitán as president, and an international board with Herbauts as secretary general, brought a new direction to the programme of activities and gave fresh impetus to the AIPS, as could be seen at the Florence congress a few years later. Indeed, it was in 1972 that the idea of a card was introduced, modelled on those distributed by the Italian NOC to their country's own sports journalists. This card, which we presented on behalf of the Italian sports journalists union, offered several practical advantages which the AIPS sought to obtain for all the members of the association. As a result, from then on the AIPS number appeared on requests for accreditation.

key's Togay Bayatli as president. In its 70 years of existence, the AIPS, which has altered its statutes several times on the basis of new experience, and which enjoys the support of sponsors as useful as they are discreet, has thus had just seven presidents and six secretaries general. No congress has ever been held in Oceania, but the choice

"OLYMPIC MAGAZINE" TWO, ON EUROSPORT

The second in the series of 50-minute programmes that Eurosport regularly devotes to the Olympic Movement was broadcast on 26th May. Concentrating on South Africa and the reintegration of its NOC into the international sports family, this programme presented, several Olympic subjects, including a retrospective on the Olympic Museum after a year of operation. It also looked at relations between the IOC and the WHO.

A satellite television network, Eurosport specializes in live broadcasts of sports events on the European continent, and the achieved on audience figure, of 27 million during the figure skating competitions of the XVII Olympic Winter Games.