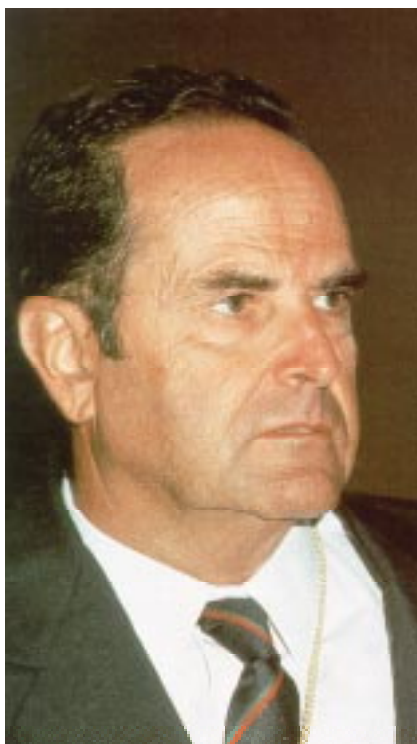


Participants in the Olympic Games



FERNANDO FERREIRA LIMA BELLO

An IOC member since 1989, Fernando Ferreira Lima Bello is both a successful engineer and an outstanding athlete, whose several sailing titles include a world championship (Snipe) and the second place in the European championships (Star). He also took part in the Games of the XIX Olympiad in Mexico City in 1968 and of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972, in the Dragon class. During his career as a sports leader,

he has headed several national sports organizations and been active at international level. A member of the Portuguese NOC since 1975, he has also served as its president. In addition, he acted as chef de mission at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

He is a member of the Cultural Commission and the Commission for the International Olympic Academy and Olympic Education.

OR : What is your earliest image of the Olympic Games?

When I was seven years old, I saw the 1936 Olympic Games film six times, since my uncle was the owner of a movie theatre. It was the beginning of an immediate love affair.

OR : What is your best memory or favourite anecdote from the Olympic Games?

When I was 24 years old, in my prime years as a sailor, I missed the Melbourne Games because of my enrolment in the army (times have changed!). Later, I had the chance to participate, much too old, in Mexico and Munich.

OR : In your opinion, what is the significance of the Centenary of the Olympic Games?

All the celebrations of the Olympic Games are an important factor in the development of the Olympic ideal. The Centenary can be capitalized upon to better stress that ideal.

OR : What role do you feel sport and Olympism play in modern society?

They are a very important element in total human development, especially in the fields of health, education, international friendship and culture.

OR : What message would you like to give to today's youth?

High-level sport is now seen as an opportunity to make money. You can

study, make money in many different ways and always enjoy sports, and this will perhaps give you much more pleasure.



Munich 1972