

Court of Arbitration for Sport, now in Sydney

The Australian Olympic Committee and the National Dispute Centre inaugurated in February 1996 the Oceania Registry of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Sydney. Senator John Faulkner, Minister for the Environment, Sport and Territories and François Carrard, IOC Director General, officially opened the new office. Speaking on the occasion, Senator Faulkner said: *"The Federal Government is very supportive of this initiative and has long recognized the need for both general arbitration and an appropriate body to hear doping-related appeals in Australia. In opening this office we will be able to provide a vital service to all Australian athletes with access to top legal advice by*

experts in the sporting arena". judge Kéba MBaye, president of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, has appointed Tim L'Estrange, Managing Partner of a leading Australian law firm, to act as the permanent secretary of the Oceania Registry.

The Australian Olympic Committee with the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association (ANZSLA) inaugurated a National Sports Dispute center for all sports including those that are not part of the Olympic Movement. This Centre will be maintained on a full-time basis and will be a place where parties involved in sport can seek recourse in the prevention and resolution of sports-related disputes.
