
News from Lithuania

In March, the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Algirdas Brazauskas, and Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, expressed their joint desire to create a Polish-Lithuanian foundation for the development of sport and culture in their countries. At a meeting between the Polish President, who was formerly the president of the Polish NOC, the Lithuanian NOC president, Arturas Poviliunas, and secretary general, Petras Statuta, the main theme of discussion was the contribution of state leaders to the promotion of sport and the national and international Olympic Movement.

In addition, as a tribute to the centennial of the Olympic Games in February, the well-known Lithuanian climber Vladas Vitkauskas planted the Olympic flag at the top of Mt. Aconcagua in the Andes, the highest peak on the American continent (6,559 m), to symbolize the effort and desire which Olympism inspires to surpass oneself.

Vladas Vitkauskas, holding the Olympic and Lithuanian flags, with NOC President Arturas Poviliunas.

