



The Executive Board in Lausanne

The IOC Executive Board held its last meeting of 1997 from 2 to 5 December in Olympic House in Lausanne. The IOC President, the four vice-presidents — Prince Alexandre de Merode, Pál Schmitt, Richard W. Pound and Anita L. DeFrantz — and members Kéba Mbaye, Zhenliang He, R. Kevan Gosper, Thomas Bach, Chiharu Igaya and Un

NAOC's recommendation, adopted on 1 December, to set the starting point for the men's downhill skiing event at the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano at 1,765 metres. Following the report by IOC members Mario Vázquez Raña and Carlos Agustín Arroyo, it was also decided to lift the indefinite suspension placed on the Ecuadorian Olympic

During the meetings the IOC expressed its satisfaction at the strong support within the United Nations for the resolution to uphold an Olympic truce during the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano. One hundred and seventy-eight member states supported the resolution.

The Nagano Games will be broadcast in some 140 countries, which is an increase of 40 to 50% over the 1992 Games in Albertville.

The city of Quebec (Canada) was chosen to host the Sport For All Congress in the year 2000.

Two hundred and eighty medals will be awarded at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, as compared with 271 in Atlanta in 1996.

Representatives of the International Federations for Olympic winter sports were also present for a joint meeting with the Executive Board. They included IOC member and FIS president Marc Hodler; Gian Franco Kasper, secretary general of the FIS; Anders Besseberg and Peter Bayer, president and secretary general of the UIPMB; Robert H. Storey and Ermanno Gardella, president and secretary general of the WCF; René Fasel, IOC member and IIHF president; Jan-Ake Edvinsson, IIHF secretary general; Josef Fendt and Svein Romstad, president and secretary general of the FIL; Ottavio Cincuenta, IOC member and ISU president; and Fredi Schmid, ISU secretary general.

The Executive Board will meet again from 30 January to 1 February 1998 in Nagano, from 27 to 29 April in Sydney, from 2 to 4 June in Seville, from 14 to 16 September in Seoul and from 11 to 13 December in Lausanne. The 107th IOC Session will take place in Nagano from 3 to 5 February.



As according to Swiss tradition, Marc Hodler (left) presents a gift of vintage wine to Makoto Kobayashi (right) in the presence of the IOC President.

Yong Kim, heard reports from the IOC Commissions, working groups and the administration. The organizing committees of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, led by director general Makoto Kobayashi, the Games the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, presided over by Michael Knight, and the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, directed by Frank Joklik, reported to the Executive Board on the progress of preparations.

One of the most important decisions taken by the Board was to approve

Committee, and to recognize Danilo Carrera as NOC president.

The addition of a new stimulant to the IOC's list of banned substances — carphedon — and an anabolic steroid of — androstenedione — was also approved. Prince Alexandre de Merode indicated that a generous anonymous donor had given the IOC \$120,000 to continue with biomechanical research. The Executive Board also decided to grant provisional recognition to the International Automobile Federation (FIA).