

Germany

During the German NOC's most recent general assembly, which was attended by several Olympic medallists, Walther Tröger (right), the newly re-elected NOC president, presented the IOC's Sport for All trophy to Jürgen Palm (left), in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of sport for all.



Symposium: The Athlete is in the centre

The rights of athletes in Olympic sport and everyday competition need to be strengthened. This was the conclusion reached by a four-day symposium organized by the NOC for Germany and held at the German Olympic Institute in Berlin and at the University of Potsdam. Thirty-six jurists from ten countries

participated. Among them, Denis Oswald, IOC member and president of the International Rowing Federation, made the observation that "many sports organizations are still under-developed in this field. Athletes' rights are not sufficiently protected in these organizations and the general principles of rights and fairness are not safeguarded. For these reasons, we have to exert pres-

sure in all areas." He added: "the athlete has to be in the centre. The Olympic Games must remain an event of sport. Money should play only a secondary role," The legal adviser to the NOC for Germany, Christoph Vedder of the University of Augsburg, pointed out that the participants now wish to improve rules and to strengthen the independent third power in sport.



Participants