



O B I T U A R I E S



Lia Manoliu, president of the Romanian Olympic Committee, died on 9 January in Bucharest at the age of 65. She was Olympic champion on six occasions between 1952 and 1972, and is the only athlete to have participated in six editions of the Olympic Games, beginning her Olympic career at age 20 in the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki in 1952 and ending at the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972. She won the gold medal in discus at the Games of the XIX Olympiad in Mexico City in 1968, setting an Olympic record (58.28m), and won bronze medals at the Games of the XVII Olympiad in Rome in 1960 and the Games of the XVIII Olympiad in Tokyo in 1964. The many distinctions awarded to her include the Olympic Order, which she received in 1974. She was a member of the Commission for the International Olympic Academy and Olympic Education, the International Amateur Athletic Federation's commission on women (1976-1995), and the executive board of the European Olympic Committees (1974-1981; 1985-1993).



The American Olympic champion **Rod Milburn** died in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (United States of America), at the age of 47. He won the gold medal in the 110 m hurdles at the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972, establishing a world record in 13"24.



Willemijntje "Willy" den Ouden died in Rotterdam (Netherlands) at the age of 79. At age 14, she was the youngest member of the Netherlands delegation to the Games of the X Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932, where she took the silver medal in swimming in both the 100m freestyle and the 4x100m freestyle relay events. Four years later, at the Games of the XI Olympiad in Berlin, she was Olympic champion in the 4x100m freestyle relay

with teammates Jopie Selbath, Tini Wagner and Rie Mastenbroek.



Olympic champion **Ivan Yariquin** died in October 1997 at age 49. He was Olympic champion at the Games of the XX Olympiad in Munich in 1972, and in the Games of the XXI Olympiad in Montreal in 1976. In 1993, he was elected president of the Russian wrestling federation and in 1996 he became a member of the International Wrestling Federation executive board.



The Olympic medallist **Harry Glass** died at age 67, in Klingenthal (Germany). He was Germany's national ski jumping champion in 1954, 1955, 1956 and 1958, and was the first athlete from the former German Democratic Republic

to win a bronze medal, at the VII Olympic Winter Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 1956.



The Swiss rower **Jean Bourquin** died in Sion (Switzerland). He won a gold medal at the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam in 1928.



French skier **James Couttet** died in late November in Chamonix (France) at the age of 76. He became world champion at 16 in 1938 in Engleberg (Switzerland) and later took a total of 17 French championship titles. Acting both as a coach and a competitor, he won the silver medal in the slalom and the bronze in the combined event at the V Olympic Winter Games in St. Moritz in 1948.