



Honorary Doyen

In 1996, centenary year of the Olympic Games, the Grand Duke Jean de Luxembourg celebrated his 50th year of IOC membership. He was coopted in 1946 in Lausanne at the first IOC Session after the Second World War.



Presentation of the Olympic Order in gold by the IOC President to the Grand Duke Jean de Luxembourg.

Since then, the Grand Duke has followed developments closely and made an effective and beneficial contribution to the Olympic Movement's impact in the world. The Grand Duke has worked with four out of the seven IOC Presidents, which is a record in itself.

The Grand Duke Jean de Luxembourg, who became IOC Doyen in 1976, is an exceptional man gifted with outstanding qualities, whom we are all proud to know.

Sadly, the Grand Duke resigned at the 107th IOC Session in Nagano. As a token of its deep respect for him and in recognition of the services he has rendered to the Olympic Movement, the Session unanimously decided to

appoint the Grand Duke Jean de Luxembourg Honorary Doyen of the IOC and to award him the Olympic Order in gold. He has been succeeded in the IOC by his son, Prince Henri de Luxembourg.



(Left to right) new IOC members Irena Szewinska, Prince Henri de Luxembourg and Mounir Sabet.



The Grand Duke congratulating his son, a new IOC member.