

## Biographies of the new IOC members



### **IRENA SZEWINSKA (POLAND)**

#### **Born**

24 May 1946.

#### **Marital status**

Married, two children.

#### **Education**

Degree in Economics, University of Warsaw.

#### **Languages**

Polish, English, Russian.

#### **Sports practised**

Athletics, jogging.

#### **Sports career**

Participated in five editions of the Olympic Games (Tokyo 1964, Mexico City 1968, Munich 1972, Montreal 1976 and Moscow 1980): long jump silver medal, 200m silver medal, 4x400m gold medal in Tokyo; 200m gold medal, 100m bronze medal in Mexico; 400m gold medal in Montreal; 10 times world record holder in 100m, 200m, 400m.

#### **Sports administration**

Member of the IAAF Women's Committee (1984-); vice President of the Polish Olympic Association (1992-); President of the Polish Association for Women's Sport

(1994-); Member of the European Athletics Association (1995-); Vice President of the World Olympians' Association (1996-); President of the Polish Athletic Association (January 1997-).



### **HRH PRINCE HENRI DE LUXEMBOURG (LUXEMBOURG)**

#### **Born**

16 April 1955.

#### **Marital status**

Married, five children,

#### **Education**

Graduate in Political Science, University of Geneva (Switzerland); Honorary Doctorate in the Humanities from the Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Connecticut (United States of America); Honorary Doctorate in Law from Miami University, Oxford, Ohio (United States of America); Doctorate in Economics, Khon Kaen University (Thailand); Officer's Brevet from the Sandhurst Royal Military Academy (England).

#### **Languages**

Luxembourgish, French, English, German.

#### **Career**

Colonel in the Luxembourg Army; Appointed Honorary Major of the Parachute Regiment (United Kingdom) in

1989; Appointed Member of the Council of State in 1980; Chairman of the Patronage Committee of the Luxembourg International Trade Fairs Society; Member of the Mentor Foundation Created by the World Health Organization (WHO).

#### **Sports practised**

Swimming, sailing, water skiing, tennis.

#### **Sports administration**

Numerous patronages and honorary chairmanships of cultural and sports associations such as:

Luxembourg Swimming and Lifesaving federation; Luxembourg Winter Sports Federation; Luxembourg Physically Handicapped Sports Federation; Luxembourg Cycling Sports Federation.



### **MOUNIR SABET (EGYPT)**

#### **Born**

29 October 1936.

#### **Marital status**

Married, two children.

#### **Education**

BSc in Military Science.

#### **Languages**

Arabic, English, French.



**Career**

tired air force Major General; Chairman of Egyptian Aviation Services; Board Member of Egypt Air; Board Member of Arab World Egypt Air Hotels.

**Sports practised**

Shooting.

**Sports career**

National Shooting team member (1965).

**Sports administration**

Training supervisor of the Egyptian team for its preparation for the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles (1984); Official, Egyptian shooting team for the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in Seoul (1988); President of the Egyptian shooting federation (1984-1992); Vice-President (1988-1990) then President of the Egyptian Olympic Committee (1990-1992; 1996-2000); President of the African Shooting Confederation (1995-1999).



**NAWAL EL MOUTAWAKEL BENNIS (MOROCCO)**

**Born**

15 April 1962.

**Marital status**

Married, two children.

**Education**

MSC in Physical Education and Physiotherapy, Iowa State University (United States of America).

**Languages**

Arabic, French, English.

**Career**

Secretary of State to the Minister of Social Affairs, responsible for Youth and Sport (August 1997-March 1998).

**Sports practised**

Riding, tennis, squash, jogging.

**Sports career**

Moroccan Champion 100m-200m-400m hurdles (1977-1987); Champion of the Arab World 100m-200m-400m hurdles; African Champion 400m hurdles (1983); USA Champion 400m hurdles (1984); Olympic Champion 400m hurdles at the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles (1984).

**Sports administration**

Inspector reporting to the Minister of Youth and Sport, Rabat (October 1989); National sprint and hurdles trainer (October 1990); Member of the National Olympic Committee of Morocco, Elite Commission (November 1992); Deputy National Technical Director of the Royal Moroccan Athletics Federation (November 1993); Organizer of the first and second women's road races in Casablanca (1993 and 1994); Member of the IAAF Executive Bureau (August 1995); Vice-President of the Royal Moroccan Athletics Federation (May 1997).

**MELITON SANCHEZ RIVAS (PANAMA)**

**Born**

8 November 1934.

**Marital status**

Married, five children.

**Education**

Certified Public Accountant.

**Languages**

Spanish, some English.



**Career**

Chief Accountant, Director of Internal Auditing and Inspector of Public Spending, La Bizkayna, S.A., chain of supermarkets and industries (1957-1976); President and partner of Sanchez, Rivas y Asociados, S.A., Certified Public Accountants (1976-).

**Sports practised**

Baseball, softball.

**Sports administration**

President of the Panamanian Softball Federation; Treasurer of PASO; Executive Member of ODECABE, ORDECA and ODEBO; President of the Central American and Caribbean Softball Confederation; Vice President of the Softball International Federation; Chef de Mission at the Games of the XX and XXI Olympiads in Munich (1972) and Montreal (1976).

**LEO WALLNER (AUSTRIA)**

**Born**

4 November 1935.

**Education**

MBA, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna (1958); Doctorate, University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna (1961); Practical training in Italy, the USA and Sweden.

**Languages**

German, English.



**Career**

Economic advisor of the Federal Chancellor Josef Klaus on the basis of a consultation agreement with the Office of the Federal Chancellor (1964-1967); Consultant to various enterprises and institutions; General Manager of the Austrian Economics Society (1967); General Manager (sole Managing Director) of Casinos Austria AG (1968); President of the Board of Casinos Austria (International) AG (1977-); Vice President of the Austrian Association of Concert Hall Owners and all Organizers of Events (KLBV) (1980-); President of the Management Board of the Österreichische Lotterien Ges.m.b.H. (1986-).

**Sports administration**

President of the Austrian Olympic Committee (1990-).

**HRH THE PRINCE OF ORANGE  
(NETHERLANDS)**

**Born**

27 April 1967.

**Education**

Degree in History, University of Leiden.

**Languages**

Dutch, English.

**Sports practised**

Tennis, running, skiing, sailing, golf, rock climbing, horse riding, skating, diving.



**Sports activities**

Patron of the Netherlands Olympic Committee\* Dutch Sports Federation; Honorary Member of the Royal Naval Yacht Club; Honorary Member of the Royal Dutch Yachting and Rowing Association; Patron of Sail Amsterdam'.

**SER MIANG NG (SINGAPORE)**

**Born**

6 April 1949.

**Marital status**

Married. three children.

**Education**

BA with honours in Business Administration, University of Singapore.

**Languages**

English.

**Career**

Managing Director, TIBS Holding Ltd; Director of many companies; President, Automobile Association of Singapore (1988-); 1992 Outstanding Manager of the Year (Singapore Business Awards).

**Sports practised**

Sailing, scuba diving.

**Sports administration**

Chairman of the Singapore Sports Council (1991-); Vice President of the Singapore National Olympic Council (1991-); Vice President of the Organizing Committee

and Chairman of the Finance Commission for the 17th SouthEast Asian Games in Singapore (1993).



**SAMIH MOUDALIAL (SYRIA)**

**Born**

20 September 1939.

**Marital status**

Married, four children.

**Education**

Studied social and economic planning (1958).

**Languages**

Arabic, English, French

**Career**

Planning and census director at the Finance Ministry; Director General of two industrial companies; Advisor and secretary to the Speaker of the Syrian parliament.

**Sports career**

World weightlifting champion,

**Sports administration**

President of the Messaloun sports club (1975); President of the Syrian Weightlifting and Physical Education Federation (1975-); President of the Arab Weightlifting and Physical Education Federation (1981-); President of the Syrian Olympic Committee (1981-); Second Vice-President of the International Mediterranean Games Committee (1983-).