

## Lithuania

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the sports movement's return to Lithuania, some 600 personalities including Olympic athletes, sports federation officials, coaches, professors and journalists, attended the NOC's general assembly. The highest decorations of the Lithuanian NOC, including its Order of Honour, were presented to many of the defenders and promoters of the Olympic ideal in

Lithuania, such as Valdas Adamkus, president of the Lithuanian Republic; Vytautas Landsbergis, president of the Lithuanian parliament; Gediminas Vagnorius, Lithuanian prime minister; Angelé Rupsiené, Olympic basketball champion; Danas Pozniakas, Olympic boxing champion; Romas Ubartas, Olympic discus champion; Povilas Karoblis, president of the Lithuanian Olympic Academy.



*The NOC president, Arturas Poviliunas (left) presents the NOC's Order of Honour to the president of the Lithuanian Republic, Valdas Adamkus.*

## Albania

As follow-up to a Protocol Technical Agreement concluded between the National Olympic Committee of Albania and the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) in 1998, a regional seminar on the introduction and development of sports in schools was organized in Tirana on 7 and 8 December. Representatives of the

National Olympic Committee of Albania, teachers of physical education, representatives of the Directorate of Education of Tirana, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports and the Ministry of Education took part. The seminar was conducted by Professor Fabrizio Pellegrini, appointed by the CONI, who provided the participants with extensive practical information.



*The participants in the seminar*

## El Salvador

Thanks to the financial support of Olympic Solidarity and local Olympic sponsors, the National Itinerant School of Sports Administration is performing sterling work in terms of training national sports leaders. To date, courses have been held in the towns of San Miguel, Usulután, Zacatecoluca, Santa Tecla, Santa Ana Ahuachapán, Sonsonate and, of course, the capital San Salvador. The president

of the El Salvador Olympic Committee, Melecio Eduardo Rivera, is coordinating and directing the work of the School.

Parallel to this, in 1998 the El Salvador NOC created the "First National Coaching Diploma", with the aim of providing an in-depth study of the methodology of training and establishing an academic-type sports science training and refresher course programme.



*Group photo*