

# News flash

## Rainbow Days

Looking ahead to the 8th Rainbow Days in 2001, which will have the central theme of "Children of all countries on an Earth for all



humankind", the international Rainbow Days movement is preparing some preparatory events in the form of international children's encounters and at least two conferences, in Europe and on another continent, for youth leaders. The Hungarian town of Sárospatak, in the Borsod region in the heart of Europe, will host the first international children's encounters from 7 to 17 July 1999, on the theme of sport and environmental education. A children's festival will offer sports and cultural events; a forum for young instructors will discuss themes for the 8th Rainbow Days; an exhibition of stands representing the various different delegations and organizations will be set up in Sárospatak's Rákóczi Castle. Tunisia will host the second international children's encounter from 7 to 17 July 2000.

## Denmark

The members of the women's curling team, which won the silver medal at the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, received their Olympic medallists' pins from IOC member Niels Holst-Sørensen. This was Denmark's first-ever Olympic Winter Games medal.



(From left to right) Trine Qvist, Jane Bidstrup, Helena Blach Lavrsen, Margit Pörtner, Dorte Elisabeth Holm and Niels Holst-Sørensen.



## Costa Rica

NOC president Jorge Nery Carvajal (left) presents the NOC's Gold Medal to the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Angel Rodriguez, in recognition of his valuable support to the Olympic Movement in Costa Rica.

## Malaysia

During a visit to the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, the Malaysian Minister for Youth and Sport, Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin bin Mohd

Yassin, informed the IOC that Kuala Lumpur intends to bid to host the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008. On the same occasion, the minister and his accompanying delegation

met several IOC directors to discuss the candidature process. The minister said that the decision to present a bid by Kuala Lumpur had been taken by his government.



(From left to right) Beatrix Hurst, Michael Payne, the deputy secretary to the minister; Minister Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin bin Mohd Yassin, the IOC President, Dato' Alexander Yu Lung Lee, Mohd Azmi Razak, Gilbert Felli and Fékrou Kidane.