

News flash

Islamic Republic of Iran

At the initiative of the Iranian NOC, the Sports Association of the Islamic Republic of Iran will shortly be setting up a sports arbitration tribunal to settle disputes arising in connection with sports activities.

Jahangir Beglari, a lawyer and member of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) who will oversee the project, recently met the NOC president Mostafa Hashemi Tabatabaie to discuss details.



(from left to right) Mostafa Hashemi Tabatabaie and Jahangir Beglari.

Poland

The Polish Olympic Committee celebrated its 80th anniversary last December. To mark this occasion, a concert was given in the

presence of Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski and the IOC President. In addition, decorations were presented to past and present Polish athletes.



Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski with the IOC President.

Brazil

Organized in Rio de Janeiro by the Brazilian NOC, the IV World Olympic Fair welcomed some 10,000 visitors from 24 to 29 November 1998. The Fair was officially opened by the NOC president, Carlos Arthur Nuzman, in presence of the minister of culture, Francisco Correa Weffort; the vice governor of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Luis Paulo Correa da Rocha; the mayor of Rio de Janeiro, Luiz Paulo Conde; the president of the National Institute for the Development of Sports, Luiz Felipe Cavalcanti de Albuquerque; and Jean-François Pahud, curator of the Olympic Museum, Manfred Bergman, and Maurizio Tecardi, representing the IOC.

Most of the visitors came from municipal schools and community projects. A total of 6,000 pupils students visited the collectors' stands. Some lectures were also given: "Olympism and Youth" (Anita DeFrantz, IOC vice president); "An Olympic Museum" (Jean-François Pahud); "What is Olympic Numismatic and its Future?" (Robert Huot); "Sydney International Coin Programme" (Antoine Boogaard); "Olympic Philately" (Manfred Bergman); "Philately and Youth" (Geraldo Ribeiro); "Olympic Collecting and Internet" (Alexandre Huot). On the last day, a highly successful auction was conducted. Several Brazilian Olympic medallists honoured the Fair with their

presence. Furthermore, the NOC in a joint venture with the Brazilian Post and the Caixa Bank launched the Olympic Lucky Lottery. Part of the revenue from this lottery will go towards the preparation of the Brazilian teams for the 1999 Panamerican Games in

Winnipeg and for the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney in 2000.

It should also be noted that the fifth Olympic collectors' World Fair will be taking place at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne from 21 through 23 May 1999.



(From left to right) Luiz Paulo Correa da Rocha, Carlos Arthur Nuzman, Marcia Nuzma, Francisco Correa Weffort, Luis Paulo Conde, surrounded by students from the municipal school system.