

# Olympic Solidarity

## Meeting of the Olympic Solidarity Commission

The Olympic Solidarity Commission held its annual meeting in Lausanne on 14 December 1998.

Following approval of the minutes of the last meeting and the accounts as at 31 December 1997, presented by Olympic Solidarity's auditor Price Waterhouse, an analysis of 1998 and the provisional results as of 15 November were presented by the director, Pere Miró. The main objective of 1998, the second year of the four-year plan, was to implement new programmes, which also involved consolidating and strengthening internal and external structures, working procedures and the necessary communication methods. The main points raised were better use by NOCs and their continental associations of the programmes

on offer, and a gradual increase in the role of the continental associations in the development of Olympic Solidarity programmes in their continents,

The 12 Olympic Solidarity programmes went ahead successfully and the new programmes, such as the "Sydney 2000" Olympic grants, 427 of which have been awarded since 1 September 1998, are already proving to be a success.

This year's activities will be related in Olympic Solidarity's annual report, which will be available in April 1999 and will be distributed to the Olympic family, the press, various universities and libraries and upon request.

A presentation of the 1999 objectives and programmes was also made to

members. This third year of the four-year plan is crucial for consolidating the work of the first two years, based on the objectives set between now and the end of 2000. It is also an important and difficult year, given that many of our programmes are at a development stage. After a two-year setting up and/or implementation phase, specific objectives and follow-up goals have been identified for each one of these programmes in order to maximize the desired results at the end of the four years.

Finally, the ordinary 1999 budget of US \$33,145,000 proposed to the Commission, was approved.

Olympic Solidarity would like to thank all its partners, without whom it could not carry out its actions for the development of sport in the world, for their invaluable collaboration and their enthusiasm.

Nicole Girard-Savoy



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