

# News flash

## Meeting in Hong Kong, China

The annual meeting of the IOC Women and Sport Working Group was held on 27 March in Hong Kong, China, under the chairmanship of IOC Vice-president Anita L. DeFrantz. The meeting was officially opened in the presence of Betty Tung, wife of the chief executive of

the Hong Kong special authority, David Lan, the minister responsible for sports, and Timothy Fok, the Hong Kong NOC president. The members of the group also took part in the opening of the annual Hong Kong Sport Festival, dedicated this year to women and sport.



(From left to right) Timothy Fok, a hostess, Betty Tung, Anita L. DeFrantz and David Lan.

## Bulgaria

The latest Bulgarian Olympic club was opened at Radnevo in the presence of the president of the Bulgarian NOC and IOC member Ivan Slavkov. Under the patronage of the NOC, 37 Olympic clubs have been created in the country's main cities. Named after various Bulgarian sports personalities, these Olympic clubs have

been established in parallel with existing sports structures and are intended to create social communities whose activities combine the principle of Olympism with the efforts of local authorities, sports schools and families. Olympic clubs have also been established at universities and secondary schools.



Participants at the opening of the 37th Olympic club in Bulgaria.

## Albania

A Cultural Olympic Evening held in March in Tirana, honoured the famous Albanian weightlifter the late Aleksander Kondo. Among the personalities in attendance at the ceremony were the secretary general of the International Weightlifting Federation and of the Hungarian Olympic Committee Tamas Ajan, NOC officials, government officials, athletes, friends and relatives of Aleksander Kondo. A video clip was presented on the subject of national art and

sports values in Albania. An exhibition by the Albanian painter K. Buza was also organized.

On the initiative of the Women and Sport Commission and Sport for All Commission of the Albanian NOC, the Olympic Day "Women - Sport - Challenge'99" was organized last March in the city of Elbasan, located 55 km from the capital Tirana. A total of 100 former women athletes aged from 35 to over 60 from Tirana, Shkodra, Korca and Elbasan participated in different sports: indoor ath-

letics events, basketball, volleyball, aerobic dance and tug-of-war. The Cup of the Olympic Day was awarded

to the team of Elbasan by Ela Tase, chairwoman of the Women and Sport Commission.



The Tirana women's team.