



*The Executive Board and the Nagano OCOG.
In the front the IOC President and Makoto Kobayashi (on his right).*

(AIWF); an NOC representative appointed by the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC); and three athletes (elected by the athletes at the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano). The following will not be eligible for election : nationals of the countries involved in a candidature, and members of the Executive Board apart from the President and the evaluation commission chairman. There will be a strict ban on visits by IOC members to candidate cities.

The college will have the task of selecting, from the six cities bidding, the two finalists which will go forward to a vote by the 109th IOC Session, taking place in Seoul (Korea) from 17 to 20 June. This reform will apply only to the election procedure for the 2006 host city; for the future, the IOC will wait to hear the recommendations made by the IOC 2000 Commission. The 108th Session concluded with the formal adoption of the Lausanne Declaration on Doping in Sport. It was agreed in principle to set up without delay, in cooperation with the IFs,

NOCs, athletes, intergovernmental organizations and governments, an anti-doping agency scheduled to be operational by the time of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, in 2000. The IOC also made public its interim report on the XXVII Olympiad (1997-2000), which was distributed during the 108th Session and posted on the IOC's website : <http://www.olympic.org>. Like the IOC's annual accounts, this interim report complies with international accounting standards, and was audited by Pricewaterhouse Coopers. The report is composed of five sections : the IOC activity report; the report of the auditors and financial statements for the IOC; the report of the auditors and financial statements for the Olympic Foundation; the report of the auditors and financial statements for the Olympic Museum; and statistics on the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano in 1998. The proceedings in Lausanne ended with the traditional joint meeting between the IOC Executive Board and the International Summer Olympic Sports Federations.

Executive Board

Meeting at Olympic House in March, the IOC Executive Board approved the recommendations by the Ad Hoc Commission chaired by Vice President Richard W. Pound, following its investigation into allegations of inappropriate conduct in connection with the bid by Salt Lake City to stage the XIX Olympic Winter Games in 2002.

The Executive Board also heard reports from : Makoto Kobayashi, director general of the organizing committee of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano (NAOC); Mitt Romney, president of the organizing committee of the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City (SLOC); John Coates, vice president of the organizing committee of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney (SOCOG); and Stratis Stratigis, president of the organizing committee of the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens (ATHOC).



Thierry Sprunger, director of the IOC department of control and coordination of operations.



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