

News flash

Professor Risto Telama, from the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, and Professor Helmut Digel, from Tübingen University, Germany, were both awarded the **IOC President's Prize**, in the presence of Ron Freigold and Jon Cheffers, respectively president and former president of the International Association of Higher Schools of Physical Education (AIESEP). Professor Telama is one of the world's greatest researchers in sport and child and adolescent lifestyles, mainly in Germany, England, Belgium

and Finland. He has written over a hundred articles on youth psychology for teachers and coaches. Professor Digel works mainly with high-level athletes. He has made remarkable achievements in the fields of research, education and coaching. He is also president of the German Athletics Federation and vice-president of the German National Olympic Committee. The IOC President's Prize was created at the end of the 1970s in memory of the former president of the AIESEP, Jose M. Cagigal, to improve science and sports

teaching. Two prizes are awarded every four years, one with a theme chosen by

the IOC President, and one without. This year, the theme was sports education.



(From left to right) Jon Cheffers, Ron Freigold, Risto Telama, Helmut Digel and the IOC President.

Success for the 2nd Military World Games

The second edition of the Military World Games, organized under the auspices of the International Military Sports Council (CISM), were held in Zagreb, Croatia. The opening ceremony was attended by 35,000 spectators in the Maksimir stadium in Zagreb, among whom the President of Croatia, Franjo Tudman, the IOC President and the CISM President, Gianni Gola. During the ten days, some 3,975 athletes coming from 74 countries gave sporting performances of a high level and numerous military records were broken. Despite a few missing personalities, due to a busy International calendar and

the obligation to participate in other qualifying championships for Sydney, the military athletes excelled themselves in Zagreb. In particular, the opportunity for some big names in athletics to put the finishing touches to their preparation one week before the World Championships in Seville. Twenty-two disciplines (with canoeing and rowing as demonstrations) were part of the programme of this 2nd edition. In team sports there were some intense finals of a high technical level. In combat sports, where numerous military athletes are on international civilian podiums or in so-called military sports such as shooting, parachuting or

naval and military pentathlon, they attracted many spectators for all the finals. It should

Croatian Armed Forces in collaboration with the city of Zagreb, the National Olympic



The opening ceremony

be mentioned that the organizers gave free access to the stadium. The success of these Games is thanks to, among others, the work accomplished by the

Committee and the national and international sport Federations. CISM is now working on the organization of the 3rd Military World Games in 2003.