

Germany

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the NOC refoundation, which took place in Bonn / Petersberg at the end of 1999, the IOC President awarded the Olympic Order in Gold to former Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and the Olympic Order to the Olympic champions Wolfgang Maennig (rowing - eight with coxswain, Seoul 1988), Michael Krause (hockey, Munich 1972) and

Rosi Mittermaier-Neureuther (alpine skiing - descent and slalom, Innsbruck 1976) in the presence of Walther Tröger, NOC president and IOC member. Moreover, after a preparatory period of 21 years, the German Sports and Olympic Museum was opened in Cologne on the banks of the Rhine at the end of 1999. Karlheinz Wiegmann, director of the Museum, expects 120,000 visitors per year. About



[from left to right] Wolfgang Maennig, Michael Krause, Helmut Kohl, Rosi Mittermaier-Neureuther, the IOC President and Walther Tröger.

2,500 objects of some museum's fund are presented. 100,000 belonging to the presented.

Togo



The start of the race.

On the occasion of the "Sport For All" day, the NOC organized, in collaboration with the Togolese sport for the disabled and cycling federations, a tricycle relay race for disabled competitors and a cycling race. The NOC President Zoumaro Gnofame started

the races in front of the new NOC headquarters in Lomé. Many political and sporting personalities, including Adorn Abotchi, head of the office of the Minister for Culture, Youth and Sport, attended this event, which was sponsored by the IOC.

Syrian Arab Republic

An official ceremony was organized in honour of the sports directors and athletes of 1999. On this occasion, the NOC President and IOC

member Samih Moudallal, awarded the IOC 1999 "Sport and Education" trophy to NOC member Abdel Fatah Al Amir.



Samih Moudallal (left) awards the trophy to Abdel Fatah Al Amir.