

Olympic Solidarity

International Coaching Course in Budapest

In the framework of the Olympic scholarships for coaches programme, twenty-six coaches, including two women, representing 21 different countries took part in an international course organized by the University of Hungary's Institute of Training and Physical Education from 15 September to 8 December 1999 in Budapest.

The training programme included theoretical and practical courses on sport in general and on specific subjects linked to sport. The participants were given the opportunity to learn about selection and preparation systems for elite Hungarian athletes and

the country's national teams. They were also able to attend national competitions and championships.

The lecturers included well-known teachers and professors, most of whom had themselves enjoyed a high-level sports career.

During the closing ceremony the title of Doctor Honoris Causa of the University was awarded to Judge Kéba Mbaye, IOC vice-president, in the presence of a number of eminent personalities such as József Tihanyi, Rector of the University, János Mészáros, Pro-rector for science, Etele Kovács, Pro-rector for education, Tamás Aján, Secretary General

of the Hungarian Olympic Committee and of the International Weightlifting Federation, Ágoston Schulek, President of the Hungarian Athletics Association and Vice-president of the European Athletics Federation, and László Karger Kocsis, assistant at the office of the Hungarian Ministry for Youth and Sport.

Yassine Yousfi, projects officer for Olympic Solidarity, reminded the coaches who had received certificates that it was now their responsibility to develop their national sports structures and to act as spokespeople for Olympic Solidarity's training programme in their respective countries.



The participants at the course in Budapest.