

Brian Wightman



Former ONOC vice-president **Brian Wightman** passed away last November in Auckland (New Zealand) at the age of 63. Wightman was a leading sports administrator, sportsman, teacher and education officer who had served Fiji and other countries at the national level in rugby, athletics, physical education and sports administration. He was a famous rugby international, having represented England and Canada in the 1960s. He played a key role in all South Pacific Games held in the various countries of the region from 1979 to the mid-1990s. He also served on the Executive Committee of the Fiji Rugby Union for several years and was Manager of the Fiji Rugby Team against Ireland in 1976. He was also the first Manager and Coach of the Fiji's Rugby Sevens Team to win the Hong Kong Sevens in 1977, General Manager of the Fiji Team for the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton in Canada in 1978, Manager of the Fiji team for the Games of the XXIII Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984. Wightman was vice-president of the Oceania National Olympic Committees from 1980 to 1989 and of the Commonwealth Games Federation from 1982 to 1994. He was awarded the Olympic Order in Silver in 1986, a first for an islander of Oceania, and Life Membership of the Fiji National Olympic Committee in 1987.

Guillermo Montoya Sánchez



The Mexican **Guillermo Montoya Sánchez** died on 24 December 1999 in Mexico aged 80. Montoya Sanchez collaborated for many years with the President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and IOC member Mario Vázquez Raña on a national, continental and world level. He was the first head of the ANOC president's office in Mexico when it was created in 1979 and member of ANOC's communication commission until his death. On a continental level, he was Secretary General of the Organizing Committee for the VII PanAmerican Games in Mexico, Executive Secretary of the PanAmerican Sports Organization (ODEPA) and Secretary General of the Central American and Caribbean Sports Organization (ODECABE). On a national level, among the many functions he carried out for 59 years, most noteworthy are those of Executive Secretary of the Mexican NOC and lifetime honorary Secretary General of the NOC.

Fritz Thiedemann

The German **Fritz Thiedemann**, twice Olympic equestrian champion, died at the beginning of January in Heide (Germany) aged 81. Thiedemann won gold in team jumping at the Games of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne in 1956 and at the



Games of the XVII Olympiad in Rome in 1960. At the Games of the XV Olympiad in Helsinki in 1952, he was the first rider to win a medal (bronze) in two different events, individual jumping and team dressage.

Henry Eriksson



The Swedish Olympic champion, **Henry Eriksson** died on 8 January 2000, aged 79. Born in January 1920, Eriksson started running at the Gefle IF club. In 1946, he won silver in the 1,500m at the European championships. Two years later, at the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London, he won the 1,500m event with his countryman Lennart Strand second and Willem Slijkhuis, of Netherlands, third. His running career ended barely a year after his Olympic success. A fireman by profession, Eriksson shared in four relay world records at 4x1,500m and 4xmile with three other clubmates who were also firefighters.