

Colombia

The President of the Republic of Colombia, Andrés Pastrana, met with the IOC Director of International Cooperation, Fékrou Kidane, in Bogota. The IOC initiative on sport for a culture of peace and the observance of the

Olympic Truce was at the centre of the discussions which took place in the presence of the Colombian Minister of Sports, Diego Palacios, as well as the NOC president and secretary general, Andrés Botero and Alberto Ferrer Vargas.



(from l. to r.) Diego Palacios, Andrés Botero, Andrés Pastrana, Fékrou Kidane and Alberto Ferrer Vargas.

Slovakia

On the occasion of the Slovak Olympic Academy general assembly, the President, Ján Grexa, awarded the IOC 1999 Sport and Education trophy to Frantisek Sykora, a highly-respected sports educationalist and scientist. Throughout his career, Sykora has devoted most of his scientific research to the examination and assessment of physical develop-

ment in young Slovaks, as well as their well-being and motor abilities. Concurrent with his research, he has also worked on a terminology encyclopaedia. Following the publication of his first book in 1958, in 1995 he published, in collaboration with the Sports and Physical Education Faculty, a Dictionary of Physical Education and Sports Terminology.



Frantisek Sykora (left) being congratulated by Ján Grexa.

Sweden

On the occasion of the 'Sydney 2000' Olympic Ball organized at the Grand Hotel in Stockholm, the president of the Swedish Olympic Committee, Carl-Gustav Anderberg, officially presented the IOC 'Olympic' Door of the Year 2000' to the King of Sweden, Carl XVI Gustaf. Among the 400 guests were Princess Lillian, the president of the European Olympic Committees (EOC) and IOC member Jacques

Rogge, IOC members Arne Ljungqvist and Gunilla Lindberg, IOC honorary member Gunnar Ericsson, the Ambassador of Australia in Sweden Stephen Bardy and SOCOG director general responsible for sports Bob Elphinston. Fifty-five Olympic champions and over 100 athletes from the Swedish delegation for the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney were also present at this ceremony.



King Carl XVI Gustaf (left) receiving the IOC trophy from the hands of Carl-Gustav Anderberg.

Islamic Republic of Iran

In recent years, the National Olympic Committee of the Islamic Republic of Iran has made several accomplishments in the fields of sports science and technology. In biomechanics, after a 20-year long wait, two biomechanical assessment centres were equipped with a complete set of camera hardware. Taking into account the importance of establishing special centres responsible for identification and guidance of sport talents to highest competitive levels and following approval of the Board of Ministers and of the Islamic Consultative Assembly,

high level sports centres are planned in all 28 provinces of the country equipped with the necessary facilities such as cardiovascular devices, spirometric device, physical fitness hydraulic devices for all-over body muscle improvements. Furthermore, the Sports Medicine Federation, which provided sports medicine services to athletes and to the sport community, has received all the necessary medical equipments for the radiology centre, the doping control laboratory, the dental care centre and the physiotherapy centre.