

# Art and Sport

## Election to the Athletes' Commission

Following the reforms adopted by the 110th IOC Session in Lausanne last December, the structure of the Athletes' Commission was altered to include 19 members: eight athletes representing the summer sports, elected during the Games of the Olympiad; four athletes representing the winter sports, elected during the Olympic Winter Games; and seven athletes appointed by the IOC President, to ensure a fair balance in terms of sex, sport and region. For the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, which will mark the start of the new election procedure, the four athletes who obtain the largest number of votes will serve a term of eight years, and the next four elected will have a four-year term. The latter four will thus conclude their term at the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004, where four new members will be elected. The athletes appointed by the IOC President will serve an eight-year term. The eight athletes elected will become IOC members for the duration of their

term within the Athletes' Commission, after their appointment by the next IOC Session in Sydney.

The NOCs had until 15 March to respond to the IOC's invitation and submit candidatures of athletes representing the summer sports. Forty-four athletes are now candidates for election to the IOC Athletes Commission during the Games in Sydney: five are from Africa, six from the American continent, nine from Asia, 22 from Europe and two from Oceania. Of these, 40 competed in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, and many hope to be taking part in the Games in Sydney. Thirteen sports out of the 28 on the programme in Sydney are represented, namely athletics, rowing, badminton, basketball, canoe-kayak, aquatic sports, gymnastics, tennis, table tennis, shooting, archery, sailing and volleyball.

To be eligible, the candidates must fulfil the following conditions:

- no more than one candidate per National Olympic Committee (NOC) may be proposed;

- candidates must be at least 18 by 1 October 2000;

- candidates must not have been guilty of any doping offence during their sports career;

- candidates must have been selected by the athletes' commission of the NOC in question, or by the equivalent representative body;

- candidates must have taken part in the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta in 1996, or be taking part in the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney.

The list of candidates (see box) will be validated by the Executive Board at its meeting in Lausanne on 18 and 19 April, and will be given to all the athletes taking part in the Games in Sydney when they arrive at the Olympic Village.

The voting period will begin on 16 and conclude on 27 September, and the results will be announced on 28 September. The elected athletes will then be co-opted as IOC members on 29 September, during the final part of the 111 th IOC Session.

## Candidatures to the IOC Athletes' Commission

Name	Country	Sexe	Date of birth	Sport
Konstantin Andriushin	KGZ	M	19.05.76	Aquatics
Roland Baar	GER	M	12.04.65	Rowing
Peter Blange	NED	M	09.12.64	Volleyball
Sergei Bubka	UKR	M	04.12.63	Athletics
Perica Bukic	CRO	M	20.02.66	Aquatics
Charmaine Crooks	CAN	F	08.08.62	Athletics
Robert Ctvrtlik	USA	M	08.07.63	Volleyball
Pascal Dangbo	BEN	M	13.04.72	Athletics
Yaping Deng	CHN	F	06.02.73	Table Tennis
David Douillet	FRA	M	17.02.69	Judo
Rania Amr Elwani	EGY	F	14.10.77	Aquatics

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Kenneth Erichsen	GUA	M	28.12.72	Badminton
Manuel Estiarte	ESP	M	26.10.61	Aquatics
Nedžad Fazlija	BIH	M	25.02.68	Shooting
Maria Julia Garisoain	ARG	F	22.07.71	Rowing
Fakhre Al-Dein Fuad Gor	JOR	M	23.10.67	Athletics
Allen Paul Julie	SEY	M	22.03.77	Sailing
Nicolae Juravschi	MDA	M	08.08.64	Canoe-kayak
Barbara Kendall	NZL	F	30.08.67	Sailing
Balazs Kiss	HUN	M	21.03.72	Athletics
Ivan Klementjevs	LAT	M	18.11.60	Canoe-kayak
Damayanthi Darsha Kobalavithanage	SRI	F	13.02.75	Athletics
Robert Korzeniowski	POL	M	30.07.68	Athletics
Stefka Kostadinova	BUL	F	25.03.65	Athletics
Dieudonné Kwizera	BDI	M	08.06.67	Athletics
Nicolas Lapenti	ECU	M	13.08.76	Tennis
Eun-Kyung Lee	KOR	F	15.07.72	Archery
Mireya Luis Hernandez	CUB	F	25.08.67	Volleyball
Shuzo Matsuoka	JPN	M	06.11.67	Tennis
Ioannis Melissanidis	GRE	M	27.03.77	Gymnastics
Martina Moravcova	SVK	F	16.01.76	Aquatics
Noureddine Morceli	ALG	M	28.02.70	Athletics
Susan O'Neill	AUS	F	02.08.73	Aquatics
Andrew Owusu	GHA	M	08.07.72	Athletics
Matthew Pinsent	GBR	M	10.10.70	Rowing
Alexander Popov	RUS	M	16.11.71	Aquatics
Ximena Restrepo Gaviria	COL	F	10.03.69	Athletics
Nino Salukvadze	GEO	F	01.02.69	Shooting
Jani Sievinen	FIN	M	31.03.74	Aquatics
Gabriela Szabo	ROM	F	14.11.75	Athletics
Gillian Akiko Thomson	PHI	F	08.10.74	Aquatics
Tai-hsing Tu	TPE	M	21.02.50	Shooting
Andraz Vehovar	SLO	M	01.03.72	Canoe-kayak
Michaëla Ward	DEN	F	17.12.70	Sailing
Jan Zelezny	CZE	M	16.06.66	Athletics