

Olympic Order

Alida van den Bos, born 18 January 1902, is the oldest Olympic champion in the world. This gymnast, who won a gold medal in the team competition at the Games of the IX Olympiad in Amsterdam in 1928, was recently presented with the Olympic Order, the IOC's highest award, by Anton Geesink, IOC member in the Netherlands.

A couple of years ago, in an interview, she said about the Amsterdam Games: "The training sessions for the Games were initially always held in gyms, but the Olympic competitions were going to be held in the sta-

dium, and therefore outside. It was for this reason that our coach, Gerrit Kleerekoper, decided that we should practise outdoors at the weekends in The Hague during the last couple of months leading up to the Games. Kleerekoper said that you never know what the weather is going to be like, it could turn out to be very hot in the stadium and that is something you will have to be able to cope with. The outdoor practise was very good, because we soon noticed that you needed quite a bit more energy for this than you did in the gym."

Alida van den Bos continued to serve her sport for many years. She was the coach of the Dutch gymnastics team that finished fifth at the Games of the XIV Olympiad in London in 1948.



Anton Geesink awarding the Olympic Order to Alida van den Bos.

Spain

During the assembly of the Spanish Olympic Committee, the 1999 Sport and Education Trophy was presented by NOC president and IOC member Alfredo Goyeneche, to Conrado Durántez, president of the Ibero-American

Association of Olympic Academies and of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee, in recognition of his contribution to the promotion of the Olympic philosophy, mainly in Latin American and African countries.



Alfredo Goyeneche (left) presenting the trophy to Conrado Durántez.

Sport for All

With the patronage of the IOC, WHO (World Health Organization) and GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations), the Netherlands Olympic Committee* Netherlands Sports Confederation will organize the 9th World Sport for All Congress, at the National Sports Centre Papendal in Arnhem, from 27 to 30 October 2002. The main theme will be 'Sport for all and elite sport: rivals or partners?'

In interactive sessions par-



ticipants will exchange information and experience the following sub-themes in more detail: goals of sport for all in relation to elite sport, resources, the benefit of differentiating tar-

get groups within sport, guidance and support, and challenges for the future. For further information and registration for the second announcement, please visit the website www.SfA2002.nl or contact SfA2002@nssf.nl or phone +31.26.4834502.