

News Flash

Armenia

Derenik Gabrielyan, Director General of the Olympic Reserves College and an outstanding boxing coach, was awarded the Olympic Order in recognition of his important contribution to the development of physical culture and sport in his home country of Armenia. This award was presented to him by the NOC president, Ishkhan Zakaryan. International boxing referee Derenik Gabrielyan was selected as one of the three best refer-

ees at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney in 2000. He is vice-president of the national federation, a member of the International Amateur Boxing Association (AIBA), and he officiated as a referee at four consecutive world championships (1993, 1995, 1997 and 1999). Awarded the “Movses Khorenatsi” medal, Gabrielyan has also received the gold medal from the European Amateur Boxing Federation.



Ishkhan Zakaryan congratulating Derenik Gabrielyan (left).

Albania

In the framework of the Olympic Solidarity programme, a course for sports leaders was organised last December in the Korea district. Over two days, the 23 participants had the chance to broaden their knowledge of sports presentations given by national directors Stavri Bello, Arben Kaçurri and Gëzim Panariti, on the fol-

lowing subjects: structure, management and administration of work in a sports club, devising concrete projects and the Olympic Movement and relationships between the institutions within the Olympic Movement. The Sports Administration Manual, produced by Olympic Solidarity, was given to each participant, together with a certificate.



The participants of the sports leaders course

Mauritania

Last December, the NOC held Olympic Days on the theme “elite sport, sport for all”. The programme featured lectures in the morning and sports competitions in

the afternoon, attracting athletes and young people from the nine districts of the capital Nouakchott. There were large audiences for the lectures on the subjects:

“Elite sport and sport for all” (by the NOC president, Mohamed Mahmoud Ould Mah), “Islam and physical education” (by Hamden Ould Tah, a former Minister),

and “Sport and health” (by Abdellahi Ould Sidi Aly, Head of the Cardiology Section at the national hospital and president of the national table tennis federation).