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XXI OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES:

Six NOCs have, to date, advised the IOC of their intention to bid for the XXI Olympic Winter Games in 2010.

Letters of intent have been received from the following NOCs submitting their respective applicant cities: Austria - Salzburg; Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo; Canada - Vancouver; Korea - (applicant city to be named); Spain - (applicant city to be named); and Switzerland - Bern.

The initial briefing for all confirmed applicant cities was set for 10 February in Salt Lake City. [*Olympic Highlights, number 49, 3-9 December 2001*].

Regarding the bids to host the XXI Olympic Winter Games in 2010, the IOC Executive Board approved the Candidature Acceptance Procedure.

This reference document was sent out to all those NOCs which have expressed their intention to bid for those Games. [*Olympic Highlights, number 51; 17-23 December 2001*].

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The IOC Executive Board, chaired by the IOC President, convened in Lausanne week 50 [2001].

A joint meeting was held with the IOC Athletes' Commission.

On this occasion, the resignation of IOC member Jan Zelezny (Czech Republic) was regretfully accepted by the Executive Board.

Mr Zelezny steps down as a member of both the IOC and the Athletes' Commission - functions he has held since 1999 and 1996 (re-elected in 2000) respectively. He intends to focus on his sports career and his training for the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens.

The oarsman Matthew Pinsent (Great Britain) will replace Mr Zelezny on the Athletes' Commission.

This appointment was recommended to the IOC by the Athletes' Commission itself on the basis that, after the eight athletes elected to the Commission in Sydney last

year, Mr Pinsent obtained the next highest number of votes. Mr Pinsent is a three-times Olympic champion and a member of the British Olympic Association Athletes' Commission,

ELECTIONS:

New Vice-President:

Jim Easton, IOC member from the USA since 1994, has been elected the new IOC Vice President. He will serve a mandate of four years.

New Executive Board Members

Toni Khoury, IOC member from Lebanon since 1995, has been elected Executive Board member with a mandate of four years.

Tomas Amos Ganda Sithole, IOC member from Zimbabwe since 1996, has been elected Executive Board member with a mandate of four years.

New IOC Members

Matthew Pinsent; Born in 1970, Mr Pinsent is a triple Olympic champion in rowing (1992, 1996, 2000) and nine-times World Champion.

Youssoupha Ndiaye; Born in 1938, Mr Ndiaye is the President of the Association of Juridical Research of Senegal since 1982. Mr Ndiaye is also a founding member and President of the Union of Magistrates of Senegal (U.M.S.).

François Narmon; Born in 1934, Mr Narmon was President of the National Olympic Committee of Belgium from 1998-2000 and again since 2001. He is also the President of the Development Committee on Sport in Belgium since 1989.

Kai Holm; Born in 1938, Mr Holm is President of the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark since 1992. He was also a national elite in swimming, water polo, football and ice hockey.

Sandra Baldwin; Born in 1939, Mrs Baldwin is President and Chairman of the Board of the United States Olympic Committee since 2000. She was also President of U.S. Swimming from 1984 to 1986 and President of USA Shooting from 1994 to 1995.

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HE Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani; Born in 1980, H.E. Al Thani is President of the Qatar National Olympic Committee since 2000 and is President of the Organising Committee of the 15th Asian Games in 2006.

Patrick Chamunda; Born in 1945, Mr Chamunda has been President of the National Olympic Committee of Zambia since 1992. He is also an executive member of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) since 1997.

Yong Sung Park; Born in 1940, Mr Park is President of the International Judo Federation since 1995. He is also Vice-President of the Korean Olympic Committee since 1989.

Kikis Lazarides; Born in 1935, Mr Lazarides is President of the Cyprus National Olympic Committee since 1984. He is also a Member of the Executive Committee of the Association of the European NOCs.

HRH Prince Nawaf Faisal Fahd Abdul Aziz; Born in 1978, HRH Prince Abdul Aziz is the Vice-President of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee. He is also Vice-President of the Union of Arab Football Federation.

OLYMPIC TRUCE:

The 56th Session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal." requesting member states to observe the Olympic Truce during the forthcoming Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Some 170 member states co-sponsored the draft resolution which was introduced to the General Assembly by IOC member William J. Hybl. The representatives to the UN of: Australia, Belarus, People's Republic of China, Cyprus, Cuba, Greece, Israel, Malta, Monaco and Zambia also elected to speak on the subject. [*Olympic Highlights, number 50, 10-16 December 2001*].

MARKETING COMMISSION:

The President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Dr Jacques Rogge, today announced the

appointment of Gerhard Heiberg, IOC Member in Norway, to assume the role of Chairman of the IOC Marketing Commission.

Gerhard Heiberg replaces Richard W. Pound who has chaired the IOC Marketing Commission since its creation. Mr Pound had resigned his position as chairman following the IOC Presidential elections in Moscow last July.

"I appreciate President Rogge's generous request that I continue in the marketing and television portfolios on behalf of the IOC, but, upon careful reflection, I think that after almost twenty years of discharging these responsibilities, it is time for a change," stated Mr Pound. "I am very happy to have helped to generate the financial and other resources necessary for the IOC to fulfil its role at the head of the Olympic Movement and believe that the best time for a change is when everything is operating smoothly. The opportunity for me to play an important part in the fight against doping in sport is a new and exciting challenge and I hope I can bring the same energy, focus and success in helping to make sport the healthy and ethical endeavour that the youth of the world desire and deserve," he added.

The IOC President said: "I regret this decision and take the opportunity to personally and on behalf of the Olympic Movement thank Mr Pound for everything he has done. He leaves behind a strong team and long-term agreements in place that ensure the future funding of the Olympic Movement. Doping is certainly the biggest threat facing the world sports movement today. I am grateful that Mr Pound has agreed to devote his considerable talents and energies to this critical challenge, and that he will be prepared to accept other important responsibilities beyond leading the World Anti Doping Agency forward".

Mr Heiberg has a strong Olympic and corporate background. He was Chairman, President and CEO of the 1994 Lillehammer Olympic and Paralympic Organising Committees. Currently, he is Chairman of Norscan Partners and holds Directorships across a broad range of companies in the banking, petroleum and services industries serving on boards throughout

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Europe, the US, Asia, the Middle East and Africa. [*Olympic Highlights, number 51; 17-23 December 2001*].

WOMENS PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS ADMINISTRATION

IOC Vice President Anita L. DeFrantz reported to the Executive Board meeting in December 2000 on the participation of women in sports administration. Her study showed that only one third of the IFS and about 80 NOCs had managed to meet the IOC's recommendation made in 1996 to have at least ten percent female representatives in their administration by 2000.

The IFS which meet the target are: equestrian (33%) hockey (30%), rowing (29%), figure-skating (27%) gymnastics (24%), basketball (22%) shooting (20%), triathlon (20%), softball (18%), curling (14%) and badminton (14%). The IFS with no female administrators are: football, table-tennis, weightlifting, cycling, bobsleigh, biathlon and ice hockey, wrestling, archery, volleyball, handball and judo. Among the 199 NOCs the situation varies greatly in this regard. The NOC of Palau is top of the list with 43% of female administrators on its Executive Board. Palau is followed by the NOCs of Papua New Guinea, Norway, Grenada, Swaziland, Canada, Fiji, Venezuela and Iran. [*Olympic highlights, number 2, 8 – 14 January 2002*].

DEATH OF MR ALFREDO GOYENECHÉ

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (18 March 2001) - The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was greatly saddened to learn of the tragic death on Saturday of Mr Alfredo Goyeneche, President of the Spanish Olympic Committee since 1998, and an IOC member since 2000.

A bronze medallist at the European Junior Equestrian Championships in 1956 and a participant in the Games of the XVII Olympiad in Rome in 1960, Mr Goyeneche was President of the Spanish Equestrian Federation from 1981 to 1987.

“Mr Goyeneche played a very active and important role in the development of sport in Spain, and his contribution has always been highly valuable to the

entire Olympic Movement”, said the IOC President.

The IOC extends its deepest sympathy to Mr Goyeneche's family and friends. (IOC Press Release)

OBITUARY

The two times Brazilian Olympic gold medallist, Adhemar Ferreira da Silva passed away at the age of 72 of a heart stroke. Adhemar Ferreira da Silva won gold medals in triple jump discipline in 1952 and 1956 respectively, at the Olympic Games in Helsinki and Melbourne, breaking 7 world records. He will be remembered as the most distinguished Brazilian athlete of all times. [*Olympic highlights, number 2, 8 – 14 January 2002*].

IOC ATHLETES COMMISSION:

The results of the elections to the IOC Athletes Commission were announced today by Ms Anita L. DeFrantz, Chair of the Election Committee and IOC member.

Each National Olympic Committee (NOC) which has an Athletes' Commission had the opportunity to propose a candidate. In order to be eligible, candidates had to be 18 years old on 24 February 2002, and had to have participated in the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano in 1998 or those in Salt Lake City. Furthermore, they must never have been found guilty of a doping offence during their sports career.

Upon their arrival, all athletes participating in the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City received a manual presenting the candidates as well as the method and the places for voting.

Voting took place from 6th to 20th February, in the Olympic Village and from 7 to 9 February at Soldier Hollow.

The final results of the voting follow:

- Total number of eligible voters (Aa credentials): 2516
- Total number of votes cast: 1773
- Total number of ballots accepted: 1770
- Total % of athletes voting: 70.468%

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Athletes elected:

Pernilla WIBERG (SWE), Alpine skiing, 640 votes

Manuela DI CENTA (ITA), Cross country skiing, 593 votes

Jari KURRI (FIN), Ice Hockey, 579 votes

Adne SONDRAL (NOR), Speed skating, 427 votes

The two athletes with the greatest number of votes, i.e. Pernilla Wiberg and Manuela Di Centa, will serve a mandate of eight years; the other two elected athletes, i.e. Jari Kurri and Adne Sondral, will serve a mandate of four years.

The elected athletes to the IOC Athletes Commission will then be presented to the 113th IOC Session on 23rd February for election as IOC members.

International Federations

FIFA President and IOC President agreed at their meeting held in Zürich on 11 January 2001 that for the 2004 Athens Games the men's football competition would remain the same as in Sydney, with 16 teams and only three players above the age of 23 allowed in each team. For the women's tournament, the number of teams will be increased from 8 to 12. The two presidents said they were very pleased with the way the Olympic football tournament in Sydney had gone, and the fact that it had attracted more than a million spectators. Another positive note was that the 25 out-of-competition doping controls, as well as all doping tests carried out after the Sydney 2000 matches, had yielded negative results. [*Olympic highlights, number 2, 8 – 14 January 2002*].

Salt Lake City 2002:

New records for world-wide television viewing of an Olympic Winter Games could be set during the XIX Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

A recent report issued by Sports Marketing Surveys Olympic Television Research Centre indicates that, since the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in 1998 in Nagano, there has been a sharp rise in prime time and live coverage as well as an increase in the number of channels, the total number of countries broadcasting

the Games and the hours devoted to different sports - the latter as a direct result of increased coverage by cable and satellite sub-license rights-holders.

These conclusions were drawn from research conducted amongst Olympic broadcast partners.

During the forthcoming Games in Salt Lake City, host broadcaster International Sports Broadcasting will provide over 160 countries with some 900 hours of coverage - a 50% increase on Nagano's figures (600 hours).

In addition, a recent poll conducted by Ipsos-Reid Global Express revealed remarkably high viewer intentions. Over 75% of people in Germany, Japan, Mexico and the USA stated that they were "very interested" in watching the Games. Between 65 and 74% of people in Canada, the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom expressed the same level of interest. [*Olympic Highlights, number 51: 17-23 December 2001*].

ATHENS 2004

The Olympic Village for the 2004 Games in Athens is being built

The Olympic Sports Village for the 28th Olympic Games is being constructed at the foot of Mount Parnitha, in the Municipality of Archanes, on a total area of 1,240,000m².

The construction of the complex is based on the principles of bioclimatic and energy design, using specifications to achieve an improved microclimate and energy savings.

The Olympic Village will host 17,500 athletes during the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and up to 6,000 athletes during the Paralympic Games, who will be accommodated in buildings specially equipped for persons with special needs.

The Olympic Village is divided into three main zones:

- The Residential Zone

366 two-, three- and four-floor apartment buildings are being constructed on an area covering 427,495m² that will contain, a total of 2,292 apartments to accommodate athletes.

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- The Green Zone

184,025m² of communal green areas with outdoor constructions and pathway, part of which a section of Hadrian's Aqueduct.

- The International Zone

An area of 165,186m² where entertainment centres and facilities for cultural events, a religious centre, a restaurant area, delegation information centres, a shopping mall, an Olympic museum and other service buildings and offices will operate during the Olympic Games.

The Olympic Village also includes a further 71,716m² of sports facilities, 79,751m² of public buildings such as schools, childcare centres, a multi-department clinic covering 5,000m², a fire station, etc., as well as 311,830m² of asphalted roads.

After the Games in 2004 the Olympic Village will be used as a pilot village for beneficiaries of the Worker's Housing Organization (OEK).

In order to implement this project, OEK has established the company "Olympic Village 2004 S.A.", which is responsible for the construction and post-Olympic adaptation of the Olympic Village.

Olympic Village 2004 S.A. will deliver the project to the Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games Athens 2004 in February 2004 for its Olympic use. Following the end of the Paralympic Games in October 2004 it will undertake the task of post-Olympic adaptation for residential purposes, and deliver the village to the OEK in December 2005.

Construction of the Residential Zone commenced in June 2001 and has been divided into 4 sections. Each section has been undertaken by a joint venture of three construction firms following an international public tender held in February 2001. Earthmoving works for the building foundations were completed at the beginning of October 2001. Reinforced concrete pouring works are currently being executed and it is expected that by January 2002 the shell of the housing buildings will be completed.

Project budget: 289,000,000 Euro. [News from Athens 2004].

Nelson Mandela

South African ambassador and professor Jannie Momberg expressed to ATHENS 2004 President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki the great interest of the South African government as well as of President Thabo Mbeki and former President Nelson Mandela in the Athens 2004 Olympic Games and the International Torch relay.

Mr Momberg conveyed the present as well as the former S. African Presidents' greetings to Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, expressing Nelson Mandela's wish to visit Greece and especially Olympia in April 2002.

During their meeting, they also discussed the promotion of the Olympic Games in Africa, where the Olympic Flame will pass for the first time in history, with an intermediate stop in South Africa. Within the framework for the promotion of the Olympic Games in Africa, a series of meetings between ATHENS 2004 President Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki and African State ambassadors will take place. (*News from Athens 2004*).

BEIJING 2008

The Beijing Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (BOCOG) was officially formed on 13 December.

The following officers have been appointed:

- BOCOG President: Liu Qi, Mayor of Beijing;
- BOCOG Executive President: Yuan Weimin, Minister for Sport and President of the Chinese NOC (COC);
- BOCOG Executive Vice-President: Liu Jingmin, Vice-Mayor of Beijing;
- BOCOG Vice-Presidents: Li Zhijian, President of All-China Sports Federation and COC Vice-President; Yu Zaiqing, Vice Minister of Sport, COC Vice-President and IOC member; Duan Shijie, Vice Minister of Sport and COC Vice-President; Jiang Xiaoyu, Vice-Mayor of Beijing; Zhang Mao, Vice-Mayor of Beijing; and

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- BOCOG Secretary General: Wang Wei, Deputy Secretary General of Beijing Municipal Government.

A BOCOG delegation was at the IOC headquarters this week. The visit enabled delegation members to get to know their future colleagues within the different IOC departments. [*Olympic Highlights, number 51; 17-23 December 2001*].

WILL SALT LAKE BE BUD GREENSPAN'S LAST HURRAH?

By DAVIN COBURN, Scripps Howard News Service

(January 30, 2002 04:17 PM EST) It was 50 years ago now that a first-time filmmaker trudged off to Helsinki, Finland to make a 15-minute film about an aspiring opera singer, who also had a knack for lifting more weight than anyone else on the face of the Earth.

There were more famous Olympians the youthful Bud Greenspan could have chosen to chronicle. But in the under-appreciated African-American weightlifter John Davis - who followed up his 1948 gold in London with another in Helsinki - Greenspan found for the first time what he has since mastered: the lasting angle, the story that will touch people long after he has gone. "I said once to a reporter from the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, 'If there's a Beethoven and Rembrandt, why not a Greenspan.'

It read very funny, but I'm serious," Greenspan said. "I am very much into living on and enduring."

Those ideals are growing more important these days, as the shining light of an illustrious 50-year career - that has thus far produced six Official Olympic Films, several books, television specials and spoken-word albums, earning Greenspan seven Emmys, three Lifetime Achievement Awards, and numerous other recognition - sinks slowly into the western waters.

Greenspan recently joined with General Motors to create the program titled, "General Motors Presents Bud Greenspan's 10 Greatest Winter Olympians", a look back at his enormous career, and those Winter Olympic athletes that endure in him. He has produced short films on each Olympian, to be revealed at a series of countdown events during the Salt Lake games.

"I knew the top 25 off the top of my head," Greenspan said. "But the criteria had to be a nebulous one. There was no finish line, no easy first or second. What the athletes did in and out of the Olympic arena was equally important."

"Look at Eric Heiden, for instance, winning five gold medals in 1980, something that's never been done. How does that compare with Bjorn Daehlie, who won eight gold medals over three Olympics (from 1992-1998) and sustained that excellence for years."

As far as Greenspan's sustained excellence, he does not know how much longer he'll be part of the game. "I keep hearing that this **is** my last Winter Olympics," he said of the Games that will feature in his seventh Official Olympic Film. "But I get a disease every four years called 'Olympic Fever.'

When you have the courtesy and graciousness of these athletes, you realize what a gift you've been given, and you think, 'Maybe one more time'."

"I talked about this a lot with my wife before she died," Greenspan said. "Since we didn't have children, we'll leave behind films. Our hope is that 500 years from now, people will look back and say 'Thank you.'"