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This mighty work was once started by the famous Lia Manoliu; six times participant in the Olympic Games and Olympic champion in 1968 in discus. The Romanian Olympic Committee is to be congratulated with this impressive work, which not only shows the names and placings of all Romanian participants in the Olympic [summer and winter] Games, but also gives a very clear and correct summary of the IOC and all its functions. It is a good thing to have so much material concentrated, without having to search here and there.

With pride the author noticed that they have now even mentioned the names of the 88 athletes who

were excluded in the two earlier editions, because they had left (fled) Romania.

As an Olympic statistician, I regret the decision that the editors "skipped" mentioning the earlier publication of birthdates. I wonder if they didn't overdo the publication of tables showing every little point won by each National Olympic Committee, and in each sport too.

Even if the book has been published in the Romanian language, the author gives the translation of different chapters in other languages - while the reading of figures should be easy for anyone...!