



Olympic News Section

Obituaries:

Lausanne, 21 June 2001

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was saddened to learn of the death this morning in Algiers of H.E. Mohamed Zerguini, IOC member in Algeria since 1974.

A former minister and ambassador, H.E. Mohamed Zerguini was President of the Algerian Olympic Committee from 1968 to 1984, Vice-President of the Algerian Football Federation (FAFA) and Vice-President of the International Committee for the Mediterranean Games. He had also been a member of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education since 1982. The IOC extends its deepest sympathy to his family and friends. [IOC Press

Release, 21 June 2001]

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

* USOC president Sandra Baldwin announced that Hal Haig Prieste, America's oldest Olympian, died aged 104 on 19 April. Prieste won the bronze medal in platform diving at the 1920 Antwerp Olympic Games. Prieste had an Olympic flag from Antwerp which he returned to the IOC President at a special ceremony held prior to the opening of the Sydney Games. On this occasion the IOC President presented Prieste with a commemorative Olympic medal. In 1996, he was a participant in the torch relay for the Atlanta Games. [The Weeks Olympic News, Number 18, 30 April – 6 May 2001].

* British double Olympic shooting champion Malcolm Douglas Cooper, MBE has died of cancer aged 54. Cooper won two consecutive gold medals at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles and the 1988 Games in Seoul with numerous wins at World and European Championships. [The Weeks Olympic News, Number 24, 11-17 June 2001]

OLYMPISM

* Officially taking over as IOC President, Jacques Rogge stressed in his speech at the Olympic Museum on Friday 20 July: "The unique strength of the Olympic Movement lies in its capacity to enthuse a dream in successive young generations. The examples of the champions motivate our young athletes. They dream to participate in the Olympic Games. Sport will strengthen their body and their mind. Sport will teach them to respect the rules. Sport will teach them to respect their opponents. Sport will help them integrate into society and develop their social skills. Sport will give them an identity. Sport will give them a joy and a pride. Sport will improve their health. To perpetuate the dream, to participate in the Olympic Games and to enhance this educational tool is the real duty of the International Olympic Committee." [Olympic Highlights, Number 30, 23-29 July 2001]

* The IOC Ethics Commission issued guidelines concerning the proper conduct of candidates for the IOC presidency following its meeting this week in Lausanne. Drawing from the IOC Code of Ethics and Rules 20 and 25 of the Olympic Charter, the new guidelines outline what is expected from the candidates when they interact with other IOC members, third parties, the media, other candidates, and the IOC administration. In the event of any proven breach of the guidelines, the Ethics Commission will on its own authority publicly denounce the action or issue a warning to the candidate in question. Any interested party will be allowed to bring an alleged breach of the guidelines to the attention of the Ethics Commission. The Commission developed the guidelines upon the request of the IOC President during its meeting attended by Robert Badinter, former President of the French Constitutional Court; Charmaine Crooks, IOC member and five-times Olympian; Kurt Furgler,

former President of Switzerland; Chiharu Igaya, IOC member, Olympic silver medallist and a corporate director; and Sir Ninian Stephen, former high court judge and Governor General of Australia. The meeting was chaired by Judge Kéba Mbaye, IOC Vice-President and former Vice-President of the International Court of Justice. (The Weeks Olympic News, Number 14, 1 – 8 April 2001)

Beijing, Host City in 2008

Beijing has been elected the Host City for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in 2008 by the IOC members. The vote follows in line with the recommendation of the IOC Evaluation Commission that "a Beijing Games would leave a unique legacy to China and to sports. The Commission is confident that Beijing could organise an excellent Games".

Results of the vote:

Round	1	2
Beijing	44	56
Istanbul	17	9
Osaka	6	-
Paris	15	18
Toronto	20	22

(Press Release by the IOC)

JACQUES ROGGE, IOC President

Jacques ROGGE, IOC member from Belgium, has been elected the new IOC President for a period of eight years.

Mr. Rogge participated in several editions of the Olympic Games before becoming IOC member in 1991.

Jacques Rogge is 59 years old, married with two children.

Results of the vote

Round	1	2
Anita L. Defrantz	9	
Un Yong Kim	21	23
Richard W. Pound	20	22
Jacques Rogge	46	59
Pál Schmitt	11	6

(Press Release by the IOC)

PROTOCOL CEREMONY

The protocol ceremony marking the handover to the new IOC President Jacques Rogge, took place today, Friday 20 July, at the Olympic Museum at 11.30 a.m. in the presence of the Swiss authorities, the IOC Vice-Presidents and other representatives of the Olympic Movement. The Honorary Life President was represented by the first Vice-President, Judge Kéba Mbaye. Owing to great fatigue after the IOC meetings held in the last two weeks, Juan Antonio Samaranch was under medical supervision and could not be present on this occasion.

(Olympic Highlights, Number 29, 16-22 July 2001)

NEW IOC MEMBERS ELECTED

Moscow, 16 July 2001

Today the Session of International Olympic Committee elected six (6) new members in accordance with Rule 20 – 2.6.2 of the Olympic Charter. The new members are:

Name	Nationality	Year of birth	Title	Type of candidature
Mrs Els VAN BREDA VRIESMAN	Netherland	1941	IF	Candidature linked to a function within an IF or an association of IFs (Paragraph 2.2.2 of the Bye-Law to rule 20)-FIH President
Mr. Randhir SINGH	India	1946	NOC	Candidature linked to a function within an NOC or an association of NOCs (Paragraph 2.2.2 of the Bye-Law to rule 20) – NOC Secretary General
Mr. Juan Antonio SAMARANCH Jr.	Spain	1959	Ind. member	Candidature linked to paragraph 2.2.4 of the Bye-Law to Rule 20
Mr. Timothy Tsun Ting FOK	China Hong-Kong	1946	NOC NOCs	Candidature linked to a function within an NOC or an association of (Paragraph 2.2.2 of the Bye-Law to rule 20) – NOC President
Mr. John Dowling COATES	Australia	1950	NOC	Candidature linked to a function within an NOC or an association of NOCs (Paragraph 2.2.2 of the Bye-Law to rule 20) – NOC President
Mr. Issa HAYATOU	Cameroon	1946	Ind. member	Candidature linked to paragraph 2.2.4 of the Bye-Law to Rule 20

Following the implementation of the 1999 IOC 2000 reforms the total membership of the IOC can reach 130 until 31st December 2003, after which date the total membership may not exceed 115 (Rule 20, paragraph 1.1).

(Press Release by the IOC)

Note by the editor: In a rare show of independency the IOC did not elect a seventh proposed IOC member, the former Swiss president Adolf Ogi. The votes were 59 against 46, with four abstentions.

Mr. Ogi, a close friend of Samaranch, would have been the sixth Swiss member of the 130-member IOC and opponents said that was too many. Samaranch seemed shaken by the rejection of Ogi, who is now United Nations

ambassador on sports and peace.

NEW IOC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Three new IOC members have been elected to the IOC Executive Board:

Vitaly Smirnov has been elected as IOC Vice-President for a four-year term, replacing the outgoing Anita DeFrantz; Lambis Nikolaou has been elected a member of the Board for a four-year term, replacing the outgoing Un Yong Kim; and Toni Khouri has been elected a member of the Board, replacing Jacques Rogge

The new IOC Executive Board looks as follows:

President: Jacques Rogge (Belgium)

Vice-Presidents:

- Kéba Mbaye (Senegal)
- Kevan Gosper (Australia)
- Thomas Bach (Germany)
- Vitaly Smirnov (Russia)

Members:

- Marc Hodler (Switzerland)
- Zhenliang He (China)
- Gunilla Lindberg (Sweden)
- Franco Carraro (Italy)
- Lambis Nikolaou (Greece)
- Toni Khouri (Lebanon)

Representatives of:

- Summer IFs: Denis Oswald (Switzerland)
 - Winter IFs: Ottavio Cinquanta (Italy)
 - NOCs: Mario Vázquez Raña (Mexico)
 - Athletes: Serguei Bubka (Ukraine)
- (Olympic Highlights, Number 29, 16-22 July 2001)

IOC ETHICS COMMISSION

The IOC Ethics Commission appointed Edwin Moses as its independent member, replacing former US senator Howard Baker who has been assigned to the post of US Ambassador to Japan.

(Olympic Highlights, Number 29, 16-22 July 2001)

SYDNEY 2000

* The "best-ever" Olympic Games in Sydney won a United Nations award for environmental excellence, "Global 500", on World Environment Day, 5 June, in Turin. The UN award takes to 11 the number of environmental awards won by the Sydney Games. The international community is well aware of the transformation of an industrial wasteland into an environmental showpiece carried out in Sydney as part of SOCOG's commitment to protect the environment during and after the Games. Maximum effort was made in Australia to "Turn the Green Games into Gold", a slogan of SOCOG's awareness campaign. [The Weeks Olympic News, Number 23, 4-10 June 2001]

New South Wales Premier Bob Carr this week released a post-Olympic master plan which will ensure that the Homebush Bay site remains lively and lived in. The master plan provides for development of apartment buildings and housing for an additional 3,000 people, shops and restaurants and a business centre near Stadium Australia. Other Olympic venues in the precinct will continue as high-profile sports centres. [Olympic Highlights, Number 25, 18-24 June 2001]

SALT LAKE CITY 2002

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah and REDMOND, Wash.--The Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games (SLOC) and NBC, a General Electric USA affiliate, have announced a joint agreement with MSNBC.com and MSN to produce, host and distribute the official website for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 and NBC's coverage of the Games.

The site, which consumers will be able to access from www.NBCOlympics.com, www.saltlake2002.com, and www.Olympics.com, will be produced by MSNBC, the US network's Internet news source, and promoted through

MSN. The site will also be promoted throughout NBC's television coverage of the Games on NBC, CNBC and MSNBC. For the first time in Olympic history, users will have one integrated source for all their official Olympic information by accessing any of the three URLs directly or exclusively through MSN.

President and CEO of SLOC, Mitt Romney, states: "This agreement will greatly enhance our efforts to deliver the most comprehensive website in Olympic history. "SLOC has been recognized as the first Organizing Committee to fully integrate the Internet into its preparations for the Games.

As an official supplier to 2002 Olympic Winter Games, MSN will provide consumers with simple access to exclusive Game content and standings.

"MSN is honored to offer consumers quick and easy access to exclusive Olympic content and timely Olympic results and standings to our worldwide audience," said Rick Belluzzo, president and COO of Microsoft. "With this opportunity, MSN also is able to provide companies with unique online marketing opportunities for this premier worldwide event."

Visitors to the site via www.Olympics.com, which is the URL for the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and www.saltlake2002.com, will find a homepage with feature stories geared toward an international audience. The bulk of the site content, including results and athlete biographies, will be accessible to all visitors. The site will also include extensive coverage of the 15 Olympic winter sports before and during the Games, coverage of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the Olympic Medals Plaza and the Olympic Torch Relay.

The site will also include extensive reporting of the 15 Olympic winter sports as well as coverage of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and the Olympic Torch Relay. The official Olympic and NBC broadcast website will feature fast and comprehensive Olympic results during the Games. Salt Lake City visitor information will be featured on the site, including reports on transportation and accommodations. Olympic enthusiasts will also be able to continue to shop online for Olympic Winter Games merchandise through the spring of 2002.

Dick Ebersol, chairman of NBC Sports and Olympics, reports: "NBCOlympics.com is a valuable part of NBC's Complete Olympics. The site allows us to extend and complement the storytelling from our broadcasts in a way that was previously unavailable." (Press release by SLOC's Media Relations, June 27, 2001)

OLYMPIC TORCH

2002 Torch Relay Numbers

- 65-day journey from which 5 days in Utah;
- 13,500 miles to travel from which 1,050 miles in Utah;
- 11,500 torchbearers from which 900 torchbearers in Utah;
- 46 states on route; with 30 Utah communities;
- Torchbearers will carry the Flame .2 of a mile.

ATHENS 2004

• The world renowned Spanish engineer and architect, Santiago Calatrava, has unveiled his plans to renovate the Athens Olympic Sports Complex, creating a work of art which expresses the environment, history and cultural spirit of the Olympic Games. The centrepiece of the project is a futuristic arc-roof for the 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium, which allows light in while keeping heat out. A similar roof will be placed on top of the nearby velodrome and the entrances to the Sports Complex. Finally, Calatrava has placed the tower of the Olympic Flame in a central square he is designing, in such a way as to be visible from every competition venue. The projects could be implemented in a short period of time. [Olympic Highlights, Number 24, 11-17 June 2001]

- *Lausanne, 23 July 2001*

The President of the International Olympic Committee

(IOC), Dr Jacques Rogge, has decided to appoint Mr Denis Oswald as Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens in 2004. Mr Oswald will thus take over from Dr Rogge as Chairman of the Commission, as the post was made vacant upon Dr Rogge's election as IOC President on 16 July in Moscow.

Mr Oswald, who has been an IOC member in Switzerland since 1991, was already involved in the Coordination Commission. Born in Neuchâtel in 1947, he was a member of the Swiss rowing team from 1968 to 1976 and participated in the Olympic Games in Mexico City (1968), where he won a bronze medal, Munich (1972) and Montreal (1976).

He became President of the International Rowing Federation (FISA) in 1989, and President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) in 2000. In particular, Mr Oswald was elected a member of the IOC Executive Board in September 2000. (IOC Press Release)

TURIN 2006

Following recent legislative elections in Italy, Turin has elected a new mayor, Sergio Chiamparino, from the same centre-left party as his predecessor, Valentino Castellani. The organisation of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games should in no way suffer, as the new mayor has declared that his intention is to ensure the political continuity of the previous government. Despite the political antagonism between the new mayor of Turin and the Italian Premier, Silvio Berlusconi, the latter has promised to give his full support to TOROC. [Olympic Highlights, Number 24, 11-17 June 2001]