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From the President



First of all I wish to compliment the Japanese for the excellent organisation of the Olympic Winter Games. From all sites there was only enormous praise for the various aspects of the several different arrangements. All over an extremely fine job, exceptionally well done and an extra applause for the so many volunteers in Nagano handling their task with such hospitable joy. Really a great contribution to more mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play. In this respect I also want to mention the Winter Paralympics to be held later this month. No doubt that this sportive happening will also be a success not in the least due to the high organisational skills of the Japanese people.

And the sincere congratulations to Marc Hodler for re-election and Jacques Rogge for election to the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee and to Kéba Mbaye for his appointment as fourth vice-president of that same Commission. In the near future I hope to have the opportunity of meeting the IOC President His Excellency Juan Antonio Samaranch for further talks about a closer working relationship between the IOC and World Games.

It would be of enormous assistance to the World Games and the current 33 IWGA Member Federations to have an IOC commitment for specific purposes. I am convinced that President Samaranch's support will be of great importance to further expansion of the World Games.

Congratulations to the following sports who have finally received Olympic recognition: the International Federation of Body Builders, the International Motorcycling Federation, the International Powerboating Union and the International Sumo Federation.

The preparations for the 2001 Akita World Games are proceeding by circulating an extensive questionnaire to all Member Federations for a better understanding of each specific discipline of sports. While in Akita last December it was again obvious that the organisation has a very solid base and will no doubt be smoothly run. At the future meetings of the Co-ordination Group and of the Executive Committee at the end of April in Akita hopefully the blueprint will emerge of the ten sport days in August 2001. The Organising Committee should have the ultimate assistance of the International Sports Federations involved. It is their bundled experience and competence that will enable the organisers to make Akita 2001 a success and most likely the best World Games ever held! No doubt in my mind that the sixth World Games will be the start of an impressive and successful row of events in the new century.

Ron Froehlich, President

FROM AKITA

Meeting Co-ordination Group

At the forthcoming meeting of the Co-ordination Group, Friday 24th April in Akita-city, a discussion will be held regarding the composition of the programme of the 2001 Akita World Games. The outcome of an extensive questionnaire circulated earlier this year by the Akita Organising Committee, produced in co-operation with the IWGA President, to the 33 IWGA Member Federations will be the basis for the programme concept. The conclusion of the talks is to be discussed at the meeting of the IWGA Executive Committee the following day, also in Akita-city.

Visit of IWGA Delegation

Last December a delegation of the IWGA Executive, e.g. President Ron Froehlich, Senior Vice President Bob de Die and Secretary General Co Koren visited Akita for preliminary talks regarding the preparations. The representatives of the Akita Organising Committee were headed by its President Zenjiro Hayashi. Various matters were discussed including a report about the activities of the Organising Committee, the basic



President Froehlich presides meeting with on his right Akita OC President Hayashi and on his left IWGA Secretary General Koren

concept of the 6th World Games including an organisational chart. The organisers promised to produce a comprehensive area map containing all possible sports venues with details such as capacity, size, distance, etc.

During their stay in Akita the IWGA Executives visited some of the sports facilities in the area.



Inspection of the main sports hall in Rokugo, south east of Akita-city, by Bob de Die with on his right Prof. Fumio Morooka (Member of the Akita OC, Board Member of the Japan Korfball Association and Board Member of the World Flying Disc Federation) and the Mayor of Rokugo.

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FROM THE FEDERATIONS

IOC

Since the 107th Session in Nagano the IOC counts 118 Members after the appointment of nine new Members. Grand Duke Jean of Luxembourg resigning after 52 years became Honorary Member and is succeeded by his son Prince Henri. Dutch Prince of Orange (30) became the youngest IOC Member. Other new Members are two female Olympic Champions Irena Szewinska from Poland and Nawal El Moutawakeil-Bennis from Morocco, Austrian NOC President Leopold Wallner, Egyptian NOC President Major-General Mounir Sabet, Pamama's NOC President Melitón Sanchez Rivas, Singapore Sports Council President Ser Mian Ng and Syria's NOC President Mohammad Samirh Moudallal. Recently the IOC Medical Commission added two substances to the IOC list of forbidden products: Carphedon should be added to stimulant amphetamines and Androstenedione to the anabolic androgenic steroids.

ARISF

In total four more International Federations were added to the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations (ARISF) bringing the total up to 27. Prior to the February announcement regarding IWGA Member Federation Body Building, Motorcycling, Powerboating and Sumo also Automobile had been recognised by the IOC. Out of the 27 Recognised Federations 21 are also affiliated with the IWGA.

On behalf of the Recognised Federations ARISF's President Ron Froehlich has been appointed Member of the IOC Commission for the Olympic Movement.

Aeronautics

The Portuguese Secretary of State opened the annual plenary session of the International Parachuting Commission of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI). Just two years after its foundation the Portuguese Parachuting Federation was not only hosting this meeting but will also organise the European Championships in Formation Skydiving, Freestyle and Sky Skysurfing at Evora next September.

The 1999 World Formation Skydiving Championships were granted to Australia and the 2000 meeting of the FAI's International Parachuting Commission will be held in Canberra (AUS), shortly before the Sydney Olympic Games.

Archery

The 16th Field World Championships of the International Archery Federation (FITA) will take place in Gütgl (AUT), 3rd - 9th August. The three field parcours are situated close to each other while the final shooting will take place in a stadium guaranteeing the best conditions for the athletes and spectators. For this World Championships the last year modified Rules will apply, meaning among other issues that the Compound Division will score the same as Recurve. During the Final Rounds there will be a strict control over the four-minute time period. Arrows shot after the four minutes will not be valid and the archer will be sanctioned in the same way as in Outdoor Target Archery. The 2000 World Field Championships will be held in Cortina d'Ampezzo (ITA).

Billiard Sport

Only a few days after the Spring Meeting in Bristol (GBR) of the World Confederation of Billiard Sports (WCBS) PR Manager Don Shimel (USA) was struck by a lethal heart attack. "In spite of being the Executive Director of his own and very successful company, a devoted husband and father, he still always found time to support the sport of his choice on a global level. He was one of the hardest working WCBS officials, and one that you could depend on no matter what needed to be done. We have in Don lost a dear friend." stated WCBS President Jörgen Sandman.

Before the end of the year the European Confederation of Billiard Sports will be officially founded and the existing Confédération Européenne de Billard (24 members) governing the Carom division, the European Pocket Billiard Federation (29 members) for Pool and the European Billiards & Snooker Association (30 members) for Snooker will be dissolved. This new development in Europe is hoped to be a signal also to federations in other continents to strive in the same direction.

Body Building

President Ben Weider of the International Federation of Body Builders (IFBB) was more than delighted to learn that his Federation has been granted provisional IOC recognition.

However, in his informing letter the IOC President explicitly told Mr Weider "I would like to draw your attention to the fact that your doping regulations must be in conformity with the IOC Medical Code". According to other sources the IFBB asked Prof. Dr. Eduardo Henrique De Rose from Brazil, President of the International Federation of Sports Medicine (FIMS) to act as their special advisor in this specific respect.

The 1998 World Championships Women will be held in Alicante (ESP), 23rd - 26th October while the Men compete in Izmir (TUR) 12th - 16th November. Next year the Women will meet in Nice (FRA) with the Men's event to take place in Bratislava (SVK).

Bowling

Five 1998 events from each Zone of the Fédération Internationale de Quilleurs (FIQ) will be determined for the initial ranking list for this year. According to President Gerald Koenig the FIQ Public Relations Committee is developing a point system where even participation would be worth some points regardless of final standings. It is hoped that with the success of the first-year test a start can be made of what will be a quality ranking system that will be noticed and reported by the media around the world.

American Chris Barnes and Dutch Annemiek van den Boogaart have been named 1997 Bowlers of the Year by the World Bowling Writers. Van den Boogaart participated in 1993 The Hague and in 1997 Lahti World Games. FIQ World Ninepin Bowling Association appointed a Secretary, René Hanelius from Denmark.

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Casting

At their meeting in The Hague (NED) the Board of the International Casting Federation (ICF) discussed the preparations for founding a new international federation to be called World Casting Sport Federation in the year 2000. It is the intention to get the approval of the General Assembly next year. Federations in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden were highly praised for their initiative to start actions and/or investigations for further development of the sport of Casting. Swedish ICF Secretary General Ulf Janson and ICF Board Member Thorgeir Gustavsen from Norway play leading roles in this respect.

Gymnastics

In view of the integration by 1st January, 1999 of the International Trampoline Federation and the International Sports Acrobatics Federation to the Fédération Internationale de Gymnastique (FIG), the 71st FIG General Assembly - 23rd - 24th May in Vilamoura (POR) - will decide on proposals for interpretations and additions to the respective Statutes, Technical Regulations etc. The proposed amendments also include participation in World Games events.

Handball

The joint working group of the International and European Handball Federations revised and updated the present Beach Handball Rules, which were now adopted by the Council of the International Handball Federation (IHF).

The 1999 Men's Handball World Championships, 1st - 15th June, will be carried out at four venues in Egypt, Cairo (quarter and semi-finals as well as finals), Port Saïd, Alexandria and Ismalia. The Women's World Championships are held in Norway, 5th - 19th December.

The IHF Congress in Yamoussoukro (Ivory Coast) September of this year will decide about the hosts for the 2001 World events.

Life Saving:

Over 2.800 competitors, officials and delegates participated actively in the 1998 World Championships of the International Lifesaving Federation (ILS), better known as Rescue Series, held in Auckland (NZL) in February. Rescue 2000 will be held in Sydney (AUS) at which event a maximum of 5.000 competitors will be accepted. Rescue 2002 will come to Europe while Rescue 2004 will most probably take place in California (USA).

The 1998 Lifesaving European Championships will take place in Eindhoven (NED), 9th - 15th June. Only Pool and Still Water competitions are planned. The European region includes 31 countries.

At the 1998 ILS General Assembly President Derrick Whiting (RSA) and Dr Harald Vervaecke Phd (BEL) were both re-elected for another two years period.

Orienteering

This year a new scheme will be introduced to rank all the World's top Orienters in one single list for each gender. By the end of 1997 a contract was signed between the International Orienteering Federation (IOF) and N3 Sport of Norway giving N3 Sport exclusive right to maintain and promote the official ranking list.

The 2001 World Orienteering Championships will now be held within the period 29th July - 5th August, taking no longer than seven days. The change of dates was made in order to allow for the right interval between the World Championships and the 6th World Games in Akita, 16th - 26th August.

Roller Skating

The 1998 World Championships of the Federation Internationale de Roller Skating (FIRS) for In-Line Hockey will take place 12th - 20th June in Winnipeg (CAN), for Speed 28th August - 6th September in Pamplona (ESP), for Women's Hockey 5th - 14th November in Buenos Aires (ARG) while Artistic Skating will take place 28th November - 8th December in Cali (COL).

The FIRS Secretary General Roberto Marotta is elected President of the Speed Commission (CIC, Comité International de Course). This position was vacant since last summer's decease of Giuseppe Matranga.



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Rugby

The International Rugby Board (IRB) has adopted a new logo (see next) and a new name - or at least a name just slightly different to the one by which the Game's world governing body has been known since 1886. "The decision to change the title to International Rugby Board from International Rugby Football Board makes good sense when you remember that most of the world sees football as a game played with a round ball", explains its Chairman Vernon Pugh QC. "Over the years this has been confusing, especially in those countries where our game is a comparatively recent introduction and the simple remedy was to omit the football reference." Pugh was elected IRB president for three years. He leaves his national (Welsh) responsibilities to take the position with total independence in accordance with the rule adopted last July.

Sports Acrobatics

The International Federation of Sport Acrobatics (IFSA) banned Russian athlete Dennis Perogov from all international and continental competitions for a two years period. This following a positive result of the doping test made during the 1997 World Games in Lathi (FIN). Perogov was member of the Russian Men's Four team. Consequentially this team lost its medals won in Lahti, e.g. Silver with M Four Balance, Bronze M Four Tempo and Gold M Four Combined.

Squash

International Squash is mourning the death of the Vice President of the World Squash Federation (WSF), the Asian and the Pakistan Squash Federation and Chairman of the WSF Championships Committee, Hassan Musa.

Pakistani media reported that Musa "was ambushed and shot dead by three attackers near his office on the premises of Squash Complex in Karachi". His vacant position on the WSF Management Committee will not be filled until the end of this year.

Tug of War

The forthcoming Congress of Tug of War International Federation (TWIF), 18th April in Rochester (USA), will deal with proposals of the Reviewing Working Group regarding a new composition system. It could be that this system would already be used at the 1998 World Championships, 3rd - 6th September, also in Rochester. The 1999 European Championships will be held in Slagharen (NED), 16th - 19th September.

Water Ski

With a brochure "This is the Water Ski" and a video tape the International Water Ski Federation (IWSF) launched a promotional campaign for inclusion of the sport in the 2004 Olympic Games.

At the Congress of the IWSF continental section Europe, Africa & Middle East (EAME) Kuno Ritschard from Switzerland was elected as President succeeding British Aubrey Sheena, now IWSF Treasurer. Sid Adriaensen, Belgium, took Ritschard's former position as EAME's Secretary General.

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To provide these lesser known sports with the media exposure and popularity they require for their further development, the IWGA and its Member Federations organise every four years a multi sports event called WORLD GAMES.

The following International Sports Federations (in alphabetical order of their sports' names) are affiliated to the IWGA:

FAI (Aeronautics), FIA (Aikido), FITA (Archery), WCBS (Billiards Sports), IFBB (Body Building), FIQ (Bowling), ICF (Casting), IDSF (Dance Sport), IFV (Fistball), WFDF (Flying Disc), FIG (Gymnastics), IHF (Handball), IJF (Ju-Jitsu), FMK (Karate), IKF (Korfball), ILS (Life Saving), IFNA (Netball), IOF (Orienteering), FIPV (Pelota Vasca), IPF (Powerlifting), IRF (Racquetball), FIRS (Roller Skating), IRFB (Rugby), FIAS (Sombó), IFSA (Sports Acrobatics), CMSB (Sports Boules), WSF (Squash), CMAS (Subaquatics), ISA (Surfing), WTF (Taekwondo), FIT (Trampoline), TWIF (Tug of War), IWSF (Water Ski).

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FROM THE IWGA

Meeting Executive Committee

On Saturday 25th April the IWGA Executive Committee will have their spring meeting in Akita-city. Main issue on the agenda is the preparation for the 2001 World Games following the meeting of the Co-ordination Group the day before. Other objects to be discussed are the tender procedure for the 2005 World Games and the Annual General Meeting to be held in October in conjunction with the annual GAISF' General Assembly and Congress, scheduled for October in Monte Carlo.

IWGA publications

Recently brochures were produced and circulated containing the current IWGA Constitution, Regulations and Rules of the World Games circulated together with an updated IWGA Directory and amended List of Medal Winners. Amendments (in italic) per March to IWGA Directory January 1998.

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M Four Tempo	CHN - Weihuan Wu, Li n Sheng Huang, Wu Hua Chen, Jianfen Jiang	UKR - Andrey Safonov, Yuriy Zaveryukha, Sergey Pavlov, Dmitry Bain	BLR - Serguej Nitkin, Valeri Ljashuk, Alexandre Nowkow, Dmitrij Mitkovitsch