

NEWS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

BASKETBALL

* Main tournaments:

November 28th to December 4th: Paul GEIST Cup (France)
December 25th to 29th: men's Balkan Championships (Turkey)

FENCING

* Main fixtures:

October 26th and 27th: foil for juniors under 20 (boys and girls)
at Duisbourg (Germany)

November 29th to December 1st: International Championships of
Austria in Vienna (4 weapons)

* For 1969, the World Junior Championships have been arranged
from April 4th to 7th, while the World Championships will be
held from July 14th to 26th

* The Common Market's European Junior Games will be organized
for the first time from September 14th to 21st, 1969 in Naples
(Italy). They are open to boys and girls born after October 31st,
1951, with the exception of winners of the first three places in
the Olympic Games or World Championships.

FOOTBALL

* 134 national associations are at present members of the
Federation Internationale de Football Association. The most
recent members include: one readmission (the Singapore Amateur
Football Association), two definite admissions (Gabon Football
Association and the Papua and New Guinea Football Association),
seven provisional memberships (Aden Football Association,
Bahamas Amateur Football Association, Football Association of
Bahrein, Barbados Amateur Football Association, the Gambia
Football Association, the Football Association of Malawi and the
Mauritian Football Federation). Applications for membership
have also been sent to FIFA by the Guiana Football Association
and the Antigua Football Association. If the Executive Board
grants them provisional membership, these associations will be
able to apply for permanent membership in 1970.

* A course for referees was organized by FIFA, CONCACAF and
the Mexican Football Federation in Mexico City from August 5th
to 10th, 1968. It was run by members of FIFA's List of
Instructors: Mr. Diego DE LEO (Mexico) and Mr. Alvar MACIS
(Costa Rica).

In addition to instruction on the Rules of the Game, the Decisions and Interpretations of the International Football Association Board as well as practical demonstrations on the football ground, the programme included lectures on "Sports medicine and nutrition for referees" by Dr. Angel MATUTE, official doctor of the Mexican Football Federation and on "psychology" by Dr. Isidro GALVAN U, of the same Federation.

Those attending this course came from the following countries: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti, U.S.A. - California, Brazil, Mexico.

WEIGHT LIFTING

* It should be remembered that in 1970, the International Weight Lifting Federation will commemorate the 50th anniversary of its foundation.

* Main fixtures:

November 2nd and 3rd: Junior Championships of Scandinavia at Trondheim (Norway).

* The Western Samoa Federation is a member of IWLF. Its address: Mr. F. T. MAILEI, Hon. Secretary, Western Samoa Amateur Sports Federation, P.O. Box 286, APIA/Western Samoa.

* The 23rd World Championships and the 28th European Championships will be held in Warsaw (Poland) from September 22nd to 28th, 1969. The Congress of the International Weight Lifting Federation will be held the day before they open.

SKIING

* In the bulletin of the International Ski Federation, let us call attention to the report, by Sigge BERGMAN, General Secretary of the F.I.S., on the work of the F.I.S. Council, which met in Innsbruck on June 14th last, including in particular a chapter on the rules for qualification.

* The next F.I.S. congress, the 27th, will be held in Barcelona from May 18th to 25th, 1969.

* The Second European Nordic Skiing Junior Championships will take place at Bollnäs (Sweden) from February 28th to March 2nd, 1969. Bollnäs is a town situated in the county of Hälsingland, 175 miles north of Stockholm.

SKIBOB

* The 8th General Meeting of the International Skibob Federation was held at Montreux (Switzerland) on June 16th last. This International Federation comprises at present some twenty federations with about 400 clubs representing a total of nearly 6,000 competitors.

In 1967, Bad Hofgastein (Germany) organized the first World Championships. Madonna di Campiglio (Italy) was the setting for the 6th European Championships in 1968; next year, the second World Championships will take place in Switzerland, at Montana-Crans.

DEAF AND DUMB SPORTS

* The 11th World Deaf and Dumb Games will take place in Belgrade (Yugoslavia) from August 9th to 16th, 1969. Thirteen sports are featured in the programme: athletics, basketball, cycling, football, gymnastics, handball, wrestling, swimming, tennis, table-tennis, shooting, volleyball, waterpolo. The Organizing Committee, presided over by Mr. VUKOTIC DRAGOLJUB, has so far received the preliminary registrations of 27 countries.

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