

Within the International Federations



International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)

● *Montreal 1976.* In order to remove any misunderstandings, the IAAF released the following circular on 12th January:

"... Our events will take place as scheduled in the Olympic stadium. As the construction work on the stadium is behind schedule, some modifications have been made to the building plan in order to ensure that the stadium is ready for use during the Games. These modifications will not adversely affect the conduct of our events. They are as follows:

- 1. The completion of a tower, from which will eventually be suspended a retractable cover over the central arena, will be delayed until after the Games.*
- 2. The space under the stands intended for athletes' changing rooms, offices, etc., will not be fitted out until after the Games. Instead, to save time, specially designed accommodation units are being pre-fabricated in a factory and will be moved on to a site immediately adjoining the stadium, with direct covered access to the Chambre d'Appel (Calling room) etc. These units will contain lockers, toilets, and showers.*
- 3. The original plan provided for the lowest rows of seats in the stands to be temporary structures, for removal after the Games.*

Under the modified plan, the area of temporary seating will be somewhat increased. This will enable work on the construction of the permanent seating to finish earlier, so that the inside of the arena can be cleared, the pre-grown turf laid down, and the synthetic track installed, during April-May as planned earlier.

The total number of seats will not however be reduced.

There will be no reductions in the technical facilities at our disposal, and it is intended that the Canadian Track and Field Association will stage a meeting in the stadium on 25th-27th June to try out all the facilities. The technical delegates (the Honorary Secretary and Mr. A. Paulen) are keeping in close contact with the Organising Committee in order to follow the progress of the preparations for athletics."

- *All the Asian NOCs* were invited to delegate the Secretary General of their athletics federation and two coaches to attend an IOC Olympic Solidarity course, organised from 1st to 14th March 1976 in New Delhi (India).
- *United States athletes* are to obtain their 1976 Olympic selection at the competitions that have been organised, as in 1972, in Eugene (Oregon) from 17th to 27th June.
- *The traditional USA v. USSR match* will take place on the way back from the Olympic Games, on 6th and 7th August at College Park (United States).
- *Carlos Lopes* (Portugal, 29) dominated throughout the *Nations' Cross-Country Race* held on 29th February at Chepstow (Wales).

Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron (FISA - rowing)



- *In connection with the FISA junior championships*, the President of the International Federation, Mr. Thomas Keller, decla-

res: "I have the strong feeling that we are giving this event too much importance. Young oarsmen are required to make too much effort to satisfy misplaced national pride, so that many of them abandon competition when they move up into the senior class. Formerly, it was club teams that represented their federation at FISA championships and the Olympic Games. Then, mixed teams were formed of oarsmen from different clubs. For some years now, these mixed teams have been participating not only at championships, but also at international regattas. This means that skilled oarsmen are taken from their clubs while they are still young or at the beginning of their senior career.

At international level, too, the principle of equal chances of winning breaks down; it is always more difficult for a club team to win against a mixed team. The clubs lose heart and become frustrated with the fruits of their labours. Often, there is a resulting reduction of participants in top class races, a fact that shows up particularly in the eights category. By tolerating this situation, we have done our sport a great disservice. We should have reacted against this trend long ago. The clubs, and similar institutions in schools, universities and commercial firms are and will remain the basis of our sport and their tasks do not limit themselves to top class sport alone.

The FISA's possibilities of intervening in this field are certainly limited; nevertheless, we must not tolerate any longer a situation which in the long run sacrifices the clubs' interests in immediate international successes of the federations.

I am aware that the aims and conditions vary enormously from one federation to another. However, I think that, in spite of the different national interests, we must find solutions to ensure a healthy development of our sport."

- The revision of the FISA Rules will appear on the agenda for the 1977 Congress.

- No trace of doping in oarsmen. More than 1,000 doping tests have proved negative, announces the FISA. Anabolic steroids now complete the list of forbidden substances.

Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur (FIBA)



- Montreal 1976

Eight out of the twelve teams in the men's tournament are already known: USSR, United States, Cuba, Canada, Puerto Rico, Egypt, Australia and Japan. The four remaining places will be attributed to the winner of a European qualification tournament, organised in Edinburgh (Scotland) from 3rd to 8th May, and to the first three teams in a world tournament which will take place in Hamilton (Canada) from 24th June to 3rd July.

The Edinburgh tournament will be made up of teams from Yugoslavia, Israel, France and Great Britain (group A), and from Italy, Poland, Belgium and Ireland (groupe B). A women's tournament, also to be held in Hamilton, will qualify two teams which will join the teams from Canada, USSR, Japan and Czechoslovakia in the first women's Olympic basketball tournament.

Fédération Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing (FIBT)



- Colonel Marcel Leclef, Vice-President of the FIBT, on his way through Lausanne made a visit to the Château de Vidy where he had useful discussions with the Director and Technical Director of the IOC.

- FIBT Management Committee for 1976-1980: PT: Mr. Amilcare Rotta (re-elected); VPTs: Messrs. Marcel Leclef (re-elected), Klaus Kotter, Petre Fosseneann and Luciano Galli (elected); SG: Mr. Ermanno Gardella (re-elected).

- The USSR federation has just acquired four bobsleighs - rendezvous therefore at the next international competitions.

- The 1977 world bobsleigh championships will take place at St. Moritz (Switzerland).

**Association Internationale
de Boxe Amateur
(AIBA)**



● *Montreal*

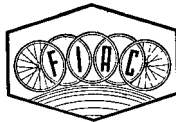
The preliminary rounds of the boxing tournament will take place from 18th to 26th July, followed by the quarter-finals (27th and 28th July), the semi-finals (29th July) and the finals on 31st July. The preliminary rounds will be contested in the Maurice Richard Arena, whilst the Forum will be the setting for the finals. The Calixa-La Vallée and Emile Nelligan secondary schools, situated respectively at 9.7 and 6 kms from the Olympic village, will be used as training centres. The final entry, indicating the competitors' names and their weight categories, has to reach the Organising Committee before midnight—Montreal time—on 7th July 1976.

On 16th July, between 08.00 and 10.00 hours, will take place the official weigh-in and medical examination of the boxers, followed at midday by the draw at Maurice Richard Arena.

40 judges and referees will officiate at the tournament, with Messrs. Nikolai Nikiforov-Denisov (USSR, President of the AIBA) and Colonel D. Hull (United States) as the AIBA's technical delegates.

The AIBA Commissions (technical, medical, finance, judges) will meet on 12th July in Montreal. The delegates of the national federations affiliated to the AIBA will meet on 14th July at Bonaventure Hotel.

**Fédération
Internationale
Amateur de Cyclisme
(FIAC)**



● *Montreal 1976*. Messrs. Prece (Italy), Baudin (Switzerland), Garyalde (Spain) and Baramia (USSR) will officiate as international commissioners for the Olympic Games, and Mr. Lambert as judge at the start and finish.

● 409 "amateur" races appear on the 1976 FIAC calendar.

● *The Amateur Bicycle League of America*, a member federation of the FIAC and of the United States Olympic Committee, has changed into the "United States Cycling Federation". President: Mr. Otto Wenz, 13,685 W. Graham Street, New Berlin, Wisconsin (United States).

**Fédération Equestre
Internationale
(FEI)**



● *Montreal 1976*. The juries appointed by the FEI will consist of:

— *Show jumping*: Messrs. Bruno Bruni (Italy), Enk Brabek (Poland), Col. Mollinuevo (Argentina), Mr. Catto (Canada); course director: Mr. Gayford (Canada); technical delegate: Col. Marcone (Italy).

— *Dressage*: Col. Nyblaeus (Sweden), Mrs. Hall (Great Britain), Mr. Sonnenmer (Denmark), Col. Thackeray (United States) and Mr. Pot (Netherlands).

— *Three-day-event*: Messrs. Mangilli (Italy), Frachon (France), Buhler (Switzerland); course director: Miss Barbara Kemp (Canada); technical delegate: Major Rook (Great Britain).

Jury of Appeal for the three disciplines: *PT*: Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, President of the FEI; *Ms*: Messrs. Mayorga (Argentina), de la Gravière (France), Jacobson (Canada) and Rundle (Australia).

● *In the three-day event*, the next world championships will take place in the Kentucky Horse Park at Lexington (United States), from 14th to 16th or from 28th to 30th September 1978. The American riders, on home ground, will be defending the world title they won in 1974 at Burghley (Great Britain).

**Fédération Internationale
d'Écime
(FIE - fencing)**



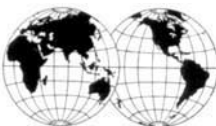
● *The new rules* for individual events on the FIE's official list are now in force and will therefore be applied at the under-20s world championships in Poznan and at the Games of the XX1st Olympiad.

● *The 1976 FIE Congress* will take place in Paris on 6th and 7th May.

● *The judges will hold a conference* in Montreal on 18th July 1976.

● *The Rumanian Olympic Committee* will present a challenge cup, like every year, to the national federation to win the under-20s world championships.

**Fédération International
de Football Association
(FIFA)**



● *Qualifications for Montreal 1976*

Seven teams are already sure of their participation in the Olympic tournament: Canada—organising country, Poland—title holder, USSR, Iran, Brazil, Uruguay and the DPR of Korea.

The two teams representing the South American continent beat Argentina, which participated although having announced its withdrawal, Columbia, Chile and Peru in the qualifying tournament.

In the Asian group 2, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea beat Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Papua New Guinea. Three African teams will play in the football tournament. They will be known before 18th April, following the 3rd continental round when Morocco meets Nigeria, Sudan plays Zambia and Senegal competes against Ghana.

The Indian and Thai teams withdrew from the Olympic qualifying tournament.

● *The national federations* affiliated to the FIFA keep an official register of professional or non-amateur players. They are obliged to publish this list officially and regularly.

● *The new text for the rules of the game* will come into force after the 1978 World Cup. Drawn up by Willy Allan, Secretary of the Scottish federation, on behalf of the Editing Commission of the International Football Association Board, the final text may be submitted to the International Football Association Board in June 1977.

● *The Moroccan team* will hold the African Cup until 1978. It won this trophy at Addis-Abeba (Ethiopia) by beating Guinea and Nigeria.

● *The African confederation* has awarded the organisation of the XIth African Cup in 1978 to Ghana, and the XIIth edition in 1980 to Senegal.

**Fédération Internationale
de Gymnastique
(FIG)**



● *The top mark of 10* was awarded at the German democratic Republic/Cuba match to the German girls Carole Dombeck and Steffi Kraeker. A few days later, at the GDR women's championships, Marina Schalk became the first female gymnast to achieve a forward somersault on the beam.

**Fédération Internationale
de Hockey
(FIH)**



● *The Pablo Negre Trophy*, awarded by the FIH to an exemplary national federation, has been bestowed on Malaysia for its excellent organisation of the 1975 World Cup at Kuala-Lumpur. The Canadian federation held this trophy in 1974.

**International Ice Hockey
Federation
(IIHF)**



● *The group A world championships* will be contested by eight teams from 8th to 25th April at Krakow (Poland). These are: USSR, title holder and Olympic champion, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Finland, United States, Poland, GDR and... Sweden. This last team which was absent from Innsbruck will be making its international return. All these teams will compete in a pool, following which the first four will contend for the title. In another pool, the others will try to avoid the last two positions which will relegate them to group B.

● *The Austrian and Hungarian teams* are promoted to group B of the world championships, having gained the first two places in the group C tournament, held at Gdansk.

**Fédération Internationale
de Natation Amateur
(FINA - swimming)**



● *Several world records* have already been established at the beginning of this Olympic year. We would mention those set up by the Australian Stephen Holland (800 m. in 8:06.27 and 8:02.91, and 1500 m. in 15:10.89) and by the GDR water-nymphs Antje Stille (200 m. backstroke in 2:14.41, then 2:13.5), Ulrike Tauber (200 m. medley in 2:18.3), Ulrike Richter (100 m. backstroke in 1:02.6) and Rose Marie Gabriel-Kother (200 m. butterfly in 2:13.6).

**Union Internationale
de Pentathlon Moderne
et Biathlon (UIPMB)**



● *Lt.-Col. Thor Henning, interim Treasurer of the UIPMB.* To replace the lamented Lt.-Col. Olle Hederén, the UIPMB has appointed Lt.-Col. Thor Henning who can be reached at: Lövängsvägen 21, 183 30 Taby, Sweden; telephone: (08) 67 90 00 (office) and (08) 758 96 50 (home).

● *World biathlon championships (10 km.):* Alexander Tihonov (USSR) beat his two compatriots Elisarov and Kruglov at Anterselva (Italy). In Innsbruck, the Soviets confirmed their superiority in 20 km. individual as in 4 x 7.5 km. relay.

● *The 1977 world biathlon championships* will be held at Lillehammer in Norway.

**International Skating
Union
(ISU)**



● *Speed skating.* On the 1976 world championships' honours list will appear the Canadian Sylvia Burka (women's combined), the Dutchman Piet Klein (men's combined) and in sprint, the American Sheila Young and the Suede Johan Granath.

● *Dorothy Hamill (United States), John Curry (Great Britain), Irina Rodnina/Alexander Zaitzev (USSR) and Ludmilla Pachomova/Alexander Gorchkov (USSR).* Olympic figure skating champions in Innsbruck, all confirmed their supremacy at the 1976 world championships which took place in Gothenburg (Sweden) at the beginning of March.

● *1980 hopes.* Holders of the first titles in the ISU junior figure skating championships at Megève (France), Suzie Brasher (United States), Mark Cockerell (United States), the Canadian pair Sherri Baier and Robin Cowan and the British ice dancers Kathryn Winter and Nicky Slater will most certainly appear among the Olympic elite of the XIIIth Winter Games.

**Fédération Internationale
de Ski
(FIS)**



● *Toni Innauer: 176 m. and 20 five times.* Second in the 90 m. jump at Innsbruck, the young Austrian Toni Innauer (17) increased the world record to 176 m. in 'a jump at Oberstdorf. The day before, he obtained the common agreement of the five judges who all awarded him the maximum mark of 20 - a unique achievement in the annals of this sport.

● *Rosi Mittermaier (Germany) and Inge-Mar Stenmark (Sweden)* have gained the 1975-1976 World Alpine Skiing Cup.

**Union Internationale
de Tir
(UIT - shooting)**



● *Dr. Kurt Hasler, President of the UIT for sixteen years,* announces that he will not seek renewal of his term of office: "It will help clarify the situation if I declare now, after sixteen years as President, my intention of not standing for re-election in 1976.

My final remarks do not concern the elections, but refer to the most important fact

made clear to me during my many years of involvement with international sport. I am well aware that I am open to the reproach of utopianism and naivety from the so-called real politicians. Nevertheless, as Chairman of an international sports authority I have fully realised that international sport has a real future only if sport and politics remain separate and if the universality of international sport retains its validity as the guiding principle."

- The UIT General Assembly, on 16th, 25th and 26th July 1976 in Montreal, will discuss the proposals for simplifying the world championship programme, besides electing a new President.

International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)



- Montreal 1976

All member countries can send two competitors to the Olympic Games without having to exceed the qualifying total. However, if a country wishes to enter more than two competitors, they must all reach the standards listed here:

- Flyweight (52 kg) 212.5 kg.
- Bantamweight (56 kg) 232.5 kg.
- Featherweight (60 kg) 250 kg.
- Lightweight (67.5 kg) 280 kg.
- Middleweight (75 kg) 302.5 kg.
- Light heavyweight (82.5 kg) 320 kg.
- Middle heavyweight (90 kg) 330 kg.
- Heavyweight (110 kg) 352.5 kg.
- Super heavyweight (over 110 kg) 360 kg.

The performances have to be achieved between 24th July 1975 and 2nd July 1976, and only in an official competition.

The President of the IWF, Mr. Gottfried Schödl (Austria), will preside No. 1 jury, which will consist of Messrs. A. Medvedev (USSR), S. Smithnutvt (Thailand), T. Ajan (Hungary), L. de Leon (Panama). No 2 jury will be composed of Messrs. B. Poula (Czechoslovakia)—President—, C. H. Johnson (United States), D. Moya (Cuba), J. Przedpelski (Poland) and W. W. R. Holland (Great Britain).

- The junior world championships will now be held annually.



International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)

- The International Yacht Racing Union Year Book, 1976 edition, contains all the general rules, the main decisions taken over the years by the IYRU Permanent Commission, the specification of sailing classes and their administrative authorities, the list of national federations, the composition of the commissions, the minutes of the recent meetings, the new system of Olympic scoring, etc.

- Montreal 1976

With the exception of the Finn dinghy, which will be supplied by the Organising Committee, all competitors will have to submit their boats for checking at the Olympic yachting centre between 5th and 16th July.

The student residences of Queen's University, located 1.5 kms. from the Olympic yachting centre, will accommodate nearly 600 athletes and officials.

Alpha course will receive the Soling, Tempest and Flying Dutchman classes; Bravo course will take the 470 and Finn classes and Charlies course will be reserved for the Tornado class.

- The next IYRU General Assembly will be held on 13th November 1976. It will be preceded by commission meetings starting on 8th November.

- The IYRU junior championships will take place from 2nd to 12th July 1976 in Toronto (Canada). Each federation can enter two crews: one single-handed (Laser) and one two-man (Fireball).

- Reg White and John Osborn (Great Britain) won the world Tornado championships in Sydney.

