

# IOC Olympic Solidarity

*We begin here a new column which we have drawn from news sent us by Mr. Edward Wieczorek, Director of Olympic Solidarity.*

● *The draft of the 1976 programme of activities and its preliminary budget drawn up by the Olympic Solidarity bureau and examined by the Olympic Solidarity Council under the chairmanship of Jonkheer Herman A. van Karnebeek have been sent to all members of the IOC Commission for Olympic Solidarity and to every NOC for their study and views. A report will be submitted to the IOC Executive Board on 31st January 1976 at Innsbruck.*

● *An ever-growing number of requests for assistance from NOCs reaches the IOC from all corners of the world. 83 NOCs have already asked for nearly 1200 study grants for 1976. Over 300 files from 45 countries concern the itinerant missions (courses on a national level). Most frequent among the specialities requested for these study grants or itinerant missions are the general organisation of sport, sports medicine, sports infrastructure and most of the Olympic disciplines.*

● *An itinerant mission on cycling went to Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia from 21st October until 21st November under the auspices of IOC Olympic Solidarity and the Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme.*

● *A regional refresher and specialisation course for wrestling trainers and instructors from Asian countries was held in Tehran from 1st to 24th December 1975. IOC Olympic Solidarity and the Fédération Internationale des Luttes Amateurs collaborated on the realisation of this programme.*

● *At the request of the Libyan Olympic Committee and the country's sports authorities, a mission of experts on the general organisation of sport went to Libya from 27th November to 2nd December 1975.*



● *In October and November 16 IOC Olympic Solidarity scholars (eight in sports medicine and eight in boxing) attended specialised courses at the Central Sports School and the Institute of Sports Medicine in Rome. The participants, selected by the NOCs, came from Ghana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Malaysia, Uganda, the Philippines, Portugal, Somalia and Trinidad.*

● *Programme of forthcoming courses for Olympic Solidarity scholars:*

12th January to 11th March 1976: specialised courses in sports medicine and volleyball at Rome (in French);

12th April to 7th June 1976: specialised courses in athletics, basketball and football at Vittel (France);

1st April to 30th November 1976: highly specialised course in volleyball at Leipzig (GDR) in French;

1st March to 30th June 1976: highly specialised course in basketball (in German);

20th March to 16th April 1976: international course for high sports leaders at Loughborough College/University of Technology (in English);

5th July to 28th August 1976: specialised course in football at Leipzig (GDR) in English.

Other courses are also being planned in various countries, particularly in Mexico for the needs of Central and South American countries and the West Indies.