

# Around the National Olympic Committees

## Germany



● *The General Assembly of the National Olympic Committee for Germany* will be meeting in Munich on 12th November 1977. The agenda include the report of activities, as well as election of the presidium officers and members for-year term of office.

● An average of five million people per year have visited the Olympic Park in Munich since the 1972 Olympic Games. This excellent result far exceeds the most optimistic forecast and indeed means that the authorities have been able to reanimate the Park fully after only three years, instead of the estimated five or six.

## Bulgaria



● Between 1971 and 1976 the membership of Bulgarian sports clubs increased from 461,127 to 649,623.

● The number one sport remains *athletics* with 47,000 members; ahead of football (34,000), swimming (18000), wrestling (17,500) and basketball (14,000), etc.

● *Bulgarian sports organisations* are affiliated to 71 international ones, whose Boards include. 64 administrators of Bulgarian nationality.

## Saudi Arabia



● *New Board of Directors of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee* for the 1977-1981 period:

*PT:* HRH Prince Faisal Ben Fahd Ben Abdulaziz (re-elected); *VPT:* HRH Prince Fahd Ben Sultan Ben Abdulaziz; *SG:* Mr. Othman Al-Saad; *T:* Mr. Saleh Al-Ali Al-Agroush; *Ms:* HRH Prince Mugren Ben Abdulaziz, HRH Prince Talal Ben Saud, HRH Prince Fahd Ben Naser, HRH Prince Bandar Ben Abdullah Ben Abdulrahman, Dr. Saleh Ben Naser, Dr. Ibrahim Al-Awagi, Messrs. Sulaiman Al-Gabhan and Mohamed Al-Faiz.

*The Executive Committee* comprises the following officials:

*PT:* HRH Prince Fahd Ben Sultan Ben Abdulaziz; *SG:* Mr. Othman Al-Saad; *T:* Mr. Saleh Al-Ali Al-Agroush; *Ms:* HRH Prince Talal Ben Saud and Mr. Sulaiman Al-Gabhan.

## Canada



● This year *the Canadian Olympic Association* commemorates its 70th anniversary.

## Costa Rica



● *Mr. Juan José Wedel Carazo*, representative of the archery federation, succeeds Mr. Jose Manuel Bulgarelli as Treasurer of the Comité Olímpico de Costa Rica.

● *New Board of the Comité Olímpico de Costa Rica:*

*PT:* Mr. Rafael Barquero Chaves; *SG:* Mr. Jorge Arturo Alvarado Cerdas; *T:* Mr. Juan José Wedel Carazo; *Finance:* Mr. Placido Pereira Lopez; *Ms:* Dr. Pedro Manuel Paris Segares, Messrs. Hernan Alvarado Rees and Carlos Pacheco Jiron.

## Denmark



● During the last parliamentary debates on sport, *Mr. Niels Matthiasen*, Minister of Culture with responsibility for sport, stated: "I have previously insisted on the fact that sports organisations are independent and free. Consequently, public funds must be administered autonomously by these organisations."

● *The last national congress of the Danish gymnastic and youth associations*, as well as the shooting and sports associations, attracted 23,000 participants to Esberg, a town with less than 100,000 inhabitants.



● *Eugen Schmidt* (1862-1931), founder of the Danish Sports Federation in 1896, was four years later proclaimed Olympic tug of war champion at Paris.

elected this year into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame. Also elected are James Sullivan, a pioneer of Olympic sport; Elizabeth Robinson Schwartz, the first American woman to win a gold medal in the Olympic athletic events; Andy Stanfield, 1952 Olympic 200 m champion; the late Earl Thomson, 1920 Olympic champion in the 110 m hurdles; Frank Wykoff, member of the Olympic 4 x 400 m relay team in 1928, 1932 and 1936, and lastly Jackson Scholz, Olympic sprint champion in 1920 and 1924.

● *Al Oerter* (41) four times in succession Olympic discus champion (1956, 1960, 1964 and 1968) hopes to participate in 1980 as an Olympic athlete. After several competitions his return looks promising, as he has already managed a throw of 62.20 m.

## Finland



● As of 1st August 1977, *the Finish Olympic Committee will have a new Secretary General: Mr. Kosti Rasinperä*, who succeeds Mr. Magnus Stahlberg.

● *Heikki Savolainen* (68), gymnast of exceptional longevity, took part in five Olympic Games between 1928 and 1952, finishing on each occasion among the first three. In all, he obtained two gold medals, one silver and six bronze. Let us add that the Olympiad was not celebrated in 1940 or in 1944, which makes this prize list all the more admirable.

● *The Sport and Recreation Working Group of the international Union of Architects* will meet for the sixth time from 23rd to 27th August in Helsinki. This seminar, which is organised by the Finnish Association of Architects with the collaboration of the IAKS (International Working Group for Sports and Recreation Installations) will study the topic "Multi-purpose sports and recreational parks".

## Egypt



● *New Board of the Egyptian Olympic Committee:*

*PT:* Mr. Mohamed Ahmed (re-elected); *VPT:* Mr. Abdelazim Aswri; *SG:* Mr. Abdelaziz Elshafei (re-elected); *Asst. SG:* Mr. Mohamed Moyeldine; *T:* Mr. Mohamed Abdou; *IOC M:* Mr. Ahmed D. Touny; *Ms:* Messrs. Ahmed Khairy, Naguib Elmistikawi, Mohamed Nasr and Nassef Selim; *Dir. Gen.:* Mr. Teufic Helmi.

## United States



● *Bob Beamon*, 1968 Olympic long jump champion with an exceptional jump of 8.90 m, is among the ten personalities



BRITISH OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

## Great Britain

- *New officers of the British Olympic Association:*

*Vice-Patron:* The Marquess of Exeter (IOC member); *PT:* Lord Rupert Nevill; *Chairman:* Mr. Denis Follows; *Vice-Chairman:* Mr. Charles S. Palmer; *T:* Lt.-Col. J. Innes; *Legal Adviser:* Mr. D. Dixon; *Medical Adviser:* (vacant).

- *Following the Sports Council's call for "open" Olympic Games, the BOA issued a statement which declared in particular:*

*"While recognising the need for increased support in the preparation of British Olympic competitors, the British Olympic Association points out that the Sports Council has NO authority to speak on behalf of the British governing bodies of sport on Olympic matters."*

- For the second year running, our journalist friend *Ian Wooldridge* of the "Daily Mail" has been designated "Columnist of the Year" in the British press awards which also named *Christopher Brasher*, 1956 Olympic 3000 m steeplechase champion, Sports Writer of the Year". Our congratulations to them both.

sports administration and is a Board member of the Greek Automobile and Touring Club.

- *Telex number of the Hellenic Olympic Committee:*  
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## Honduras

- As announced in our No. 112, *Mr. Julio Cesar Villalta, Jr.* is the new Secretary General of the Comité Olímpico Hondureño. An accountant, aged 41, his early interest in football and cycling led to his preoccupation with sports administration over the last 23 years. Cycling delegate to eight National Sports Congresses, Honduran representative to many CONCACAF, PASO and ODECA-BE Congresses and former Secretary General of the national sports federation, he currently presides the Dario Villalta Cycling League and was a member of the Honduran delegation at the Games of the XXIst Olympiad in Montreal.



## Hong Kong

- *Mr. Arnaldo de O. Sales*, President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, has just been re-elected for a third term of two years as Chairman of the City Council. All our congratulations.

- "Aimed at attraction more young people to take an active part in sport and at creating an awareness on the part of the public and authorities alike of its social value", *the XXth Festival of Sport* was organised by the Hong Kong NOC with the support of the Government and Urban Council in March and at the beginning of April in all seventeen urban and rural districts of the territory. The programme consisted of many Olympic and non Olympic sports competitions and demonstrations, with the opening ceremony held in Victoria Park, rather than in the stadium, so that many more spectators than usual were attracted.

## Greece



- *Mr. Nicolas Filaretos*, confirmed in his functions of Secretary General of the HOC which he has held since 1974, was born in 1925. An economics graduate, he now manages the foreign relations department at the Credit Bank of Athens and is a Board member of several

companies. Having practised rowing, basketball and tennis, he turned his attention to



## Italy

- *The finals of the 1977 Youth Games will be staged at the beginning of June in Naples (ITA), and will bring together 4,000 young people aged 6 to 20 from all over the Italian peninsula.*

- *New telex number of the Comitato Olimpico Nazionale Italiano: 63534 CONIROMA.*

Japanese Football Association, will succeed him as Secretary General of the JOC.



*Katsuji Shibata*

*Shunichiro Okano*



## Japan

- *Mr. Katsuji Shibata, who hitherto carried out the functions of Secretary General of the Japanese Olympic Committee, has become its President for a period of four years. He replaces Mr. Masaji Tabata who was elected Honorary President of the JOC on account of his exceptional services. A sports administrator of international renown, Mr. Shibata is Vice-President of the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur and Director of the Japanese Amateur Sports Association. Mr. Shunichiro Okano, a member of the JOC Executive for many years and Director of the*

- *New Board of the Japanese Olympic Committee for the period 1977-1981:*

*PT: Mr. Katsuji Shibata (elected); SG: Mr. Shunichiro Okano (elected); Ms: Mr. Ryotaro Azuma (IOC honorary member), Prince Tsuneyoshi Takeda, Messrs. Masaji Kiyokawa (IOC members), Seiko Yasuda, Akira Fujita, Masahiko Yamada, Shozo Sasahara, Kiyomi Arakawa, Minoru Anzai, Hanji Aoki, Yukiaki Iwata, Tetsunosuke Ohnishi, Yoshio Kuroda, Takashi Kondo, Naomitsu Saga, Yoshinori Suzuki, Kentaro Hiro, Nobuyoshi Fukuyama, Hironoshin Furuhashi, Tsuyoshi Miyakawa.*



## Luxembourg

*On 11th February 1977, His Royal Highness, the Grand Duke of Luxembourg, IOC member in this country, gave an audience to the members of the present and former Board of Directors of the Luxembourg Olympic and Sports Committee (COSL). Our photograph, taken at this audience, shows His Royal Highness with the members of the present Board of Directors of the Luxembourg Olympic and Sports Committee. From left to right, we recognise: 1st row: Messrs. Raymond Hastert, Secretary General, Gerard Rasquin, successor at the presidency of the COSL to Mr. Josy Barthel, HRH the Grand Duke Jean, Messrs. Aloyse Scherer and Camille Dimmer.*

*2nd row: Messrs. Jean-Louis Marque, Treasurer, Robert Decker, René Schiltz, Jean-Pierre Hoffmann, Marc Schlungs, Jean-Pierre Antony and Yves Crauser.*



## New Zealand



● *New Board of the New Zealand Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association, PT:* Mr. H.I. Austad (re-elected); *VPTs:* Messrs. C. Lance S. Cross (IOC member), R.A. Milne, P.N. Robinson, R. Shakespeare and Sir William Stevenson; *Chairman:* Mr. C. Lance S. Cross; *SG-T:* Mr. George Craig (re-elected); *Ms* (representing the affiliated national federations): Messrs. I.H. Boyd, B.C. Fraser, Mrs. E. Northmore, Messrs. C. Lance S. Cross, H.N. Ballinger, B.F. O'Brien, W. J. Garlick, A. G. Haslett, H. R. Dutton, B. P. Hampton, S. J. Guppy, Mrs. D. Fitzsimmons, Messrs. B. Bremner, R. Hughes, A. G. McLeod, D.D. Rowlands, H. Tse, D.E.G. Naish, T.C. Verhoeven, D.M. Giese, R.I. Harris, J. A. McInnes and H. H. Wagstaff.

## Puerto Rico



● The Puerto Rican Olympic Committee's information bulletin, entitled "CARTA OLIMPICA" will be published monthly. No. 1, which appeared in April, comprises eight pages and contains a message from the NOC President, Mr. German Rieckehoff, a proposal for a national sports congress the NOC's structure and the sports calendar, etc.

## Netherlands



● *Forty years after winning the Olympic title for 100m backstroke. Dina Couturier-Senff made a commemorative visit to Berlin at the end of last year and was guest of the German Olympic Society (DOG) at a small reception in the Olympic swimming stadium, site of her victory.*

## Peru



● *New Board of the Comité Olímpico Peruano:*  
*PT:* Mr. Guillermo Griffiths Escardo; *VPT:* Capt. German Castillo Zapata; *SG:* Capt. Juan Ribaud de la Torre; *T:* Dr. Raul Gamboa Aboado; *Dir.:* Mr. Rodolfo Cremer Nicoli.

## Poland



● *To promote Olympism*

After the "Polish Youth on the "Olympic Alert"" campaign, described in our No. 103 page 279, by Włodzimierz Strzyzewski, the

Olympic and sports movement will have even stronger support from the new generation, thanks to a campaign entitled "Olympic Courier-Moscow 1980."

The aims of this great national competition over the next four years will be to improve the level of physical education, to develop sport and to promote Olympic ideas among children and adolescents, urging them to effort and initiative. In each establishment under the Ministry of Education, activities will be undertaken within the framework of "Olympic Courier", such as:

- extra hours of physical education in addition to the compulsory two hours on the programme,
- the construction or installation of sports venues, for example, skating rinks, luge runs, "ringo" grounds, etc.,
- the recruitment of new members to the scholastic club, the award of medals, "I can swim" and "Popular Sporting Diploma" distinctions, "Moscow 1980" Olympic distinction, driving licence, etc.,
- the organisation of artistic exhibitions and competitions based on sports themes,
- the execution of didactic material for physical education lessons by students, etc.

An Organising Committee is in charge of drawing up the activities' programme, and supervising the scholastic editorial committee of the schools' Olympic chronicle. It will give the school administration, on the inauguration day of the academic sports year, a report of the preceding year's activities.

These events will conclude in 1980, with a grand rally of the school Olympic couriers from 49 of the country's voivods. These messengers will bring the activity reports to Warsaw and will take part in a meeting with the Polish Olympic delegation to the Games of the XXIInd Olympiad.

Among the numerous prizes and awards to be given at local, regional and national level, the most coveted will certainly be the trips offered to attend the next Olympic Games in Moscow.

*(From information from W. Strzyzewski and with the kind permission of the "Polska Agencja Interpress").*



*Ringo tournaments are becoming increasingly popular. This sport has been included in the "Olympic alert" programme.*



## Portugal

- *New Board of the Comité Olímpico Português:*

*PT:* Brigadier Daniel Neves Sales Grade (elected); *VPT:* Dr. Francisco Ferreira Alves; *SG:* General José Aires Garcia Alvarez (re-elected); *Asst. SG:* Mr. Luis Vieira Caldas; *Ms:* Ing. Hugo Alberto d'Assumpção, Ing. Fernando Ferreira Lima Bello, Prof. Fernando Ferreira, Mr. Ernesto Tomás Matos Soares and Colonel Antonio Fernandes Tender; *Ex officio M:* General Raul Cordero Pereira de Castro, IOC member.



## German Democratic Republic

- *From Mexico (1968) to Montreal (1976)* Roswitha Krause, 25, 1976 Olympic champion with the German Democratic Republic's handball team, came second in the 4 x 100 m freestyle at the Mexico Games.

## Senegal



● An Extraordinary General Assembly undertook the modification of the rules of the Senegalese Olympic Committee which, on 19th February, became the "Comité National Olympique et Sportif Sénégalais".

● *New Board of the Comité National Olympique et Sportif Sénégalais.*

*PT:* Mr. Habib Thiam. Former Minister and M. P. of Senegal, former athletics champion of France (200 m), and editor of the cultural review "Ethiopioues".

*1st VPT:* Dr. Iba Mar Diop. Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Pharmacy of the University of Dakar, member of the IOC Medical Commission.

*2nd VPT:* Mr. Moctar Guene. President of the Association of African Basketball Federations and Vice-President of the Fédération Internationale de Basketball Amateur.

*3rd VPT:* Mr. Lamine Diack. Director of Land Conservation for Senegal, former French university long jump champion, former football and volleyball international, former Secretary of State for Youth and Sport of the Republic of Senegal, President of the Senegalese Athletic Federation and the African Athletic Confederation, Vice-President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

*SG:* Mr. Cheikh Magatte Ndiaye. Pedagogue, division head of the literacy programme, President of the Senegalese Cycling Federation.

*Asst. SG:* Mr. Papa Gallo Thiam. Engineer, company director, former French high jump champion and Secretary General-Treasurer of the African Athletic Confederation.

*TG:* Mr. Abdoulaye Seye. Assistant Director of the National Development Bank of Senegal, President of the Senegalese Basketball Federation and an international basketball referee.

● *Mr. Henri Joseph Dieme*, former NOC President, was made Honorary President after having asked to be relieved of the presidency due to his age and state of health. When he gave up the actual administration of the Senegalese Olympic movement the Government conferred on him the medal of Commander in the Order of the Lion in gratitude for his enormous contribution to the service of sport.

## Switzerland



● Various sporting fixtures, with the name "77 Games" and open to all the public, will be held throughout Switzerland from 2nd to 11th September next. Organised by the "Sport for all" commission of the National Physical Education Association (ANEP), this campaign will call on the collaboration of Swiss sportsmen in order to increase the number of adherents.

● In order to facilitate the preparation and success of the "Sport for all" events the ANEP is distributing an "Organiser's Handbook". As well as basic information concerning general organisation (civil liability, medical aspects, publicity, means of financing) the brochure also includes a special analysis of twenty-seven sports disciplines particularly related to the "Sport for all" events.

● Created in 1970 by the Swiss Olympic Committee and the ANEP, the Swiss Sports Aid Foundation encourages high competition amateur sport. Its principal task is to help, advise and support the best athletes, and it is financed by means of gifts and various fund-raising activities. For the single price of 5 francs the Foundation this year offers a choice of five new car stickers by the artist Alex Diggelmann. They feature five sports (skiing, ice hockey, football, gymnastics, athletics) and grouped in order reproduce the five Olympic colours.

● *The work of the Swiss Sports Aid Foundation includes*

- contribution to loss of salary compensation,
- assistance for continuing studies and professional training,
- payment of expenses incurred by sports medical treatment,
- assistance on the human level and also the practical aspect (intervention with the employer if necessary).

● During the 1976 Olympic year 377 high class amateur athletes were helped by the Swiss Sports Aid Foundation,