

Within the International Federations

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF)



● *The IAAF Council* will be meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Adriaan Paulen on 18th and 19th March in Düsseldorf (GER).

The IAAF cross-country championship will be held on 20th March with the participation of 30 teams from the five continents.

● *The next IAAF Congress* will take place at San Juan (PUR) during the first week of October 1978.

● *For the first world cup* taking place from 2nd to 4th September:

— According to Mr. Lamine Diack (SEN), President of the African Athletics Confederation, selection of the African team will be made in two stages: an initial selection will be established from the regional championships; the chosen athletes will then meet in Tunis from 10th August for a joint training session, followed by two competitions which will determine the final team.

— Mr. Jozsef Sir (HUN) will assure the technical management of the European team made up of this continent's best athletes, with the exception of those in the first two national teams of the 1977 European cup.

● *The final of the 1977 European cup* will take place on 13th and 14th August in Helsinki (FIN).

● *Comparison of the 1972 and 1976 world results*

Having established the averages between the first and thirtieth performances in each

discipline, achieved during the two Olympic years of 1972 and 1976, the German review *Leichtathletik* notes that:

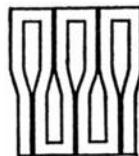
—for men, only the shot putters have not progressed (20.15 m in 1972 and 19.97 m in 1976) and the sprinters are at a standstill at 10.34 secs. over 100 m.

—for women, all the disciplines have improved appreciably.

● *The famous New Year's Eve Corrida* at Sao Paulo (BRA) was won unexpectedly by Edmundo Warnke Bravo (CHI). This last competition of 1976 assembled 450 athletes, including 65 women, representing 31 nations.

● *Bill Rodgers (United States)* won the first New York marathon in 2 hours 10:09.6, ahead of his compatriot Frank Shorter, the 1972 Olympic champion. The 2000 participants made use of the city's five districts.

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



● *A FISA extraordinary congress* will meet from 3rd to 6th November 1977 in Monaco. On the agenda, besides the elections for the Executive Board and commissions, appear revisions of the rules and regulations.

● *Women's and junior competitions* are contested at present over 1000 m and 1500 m respectively. In a relatively short period of time, these distances could be increased to 2000 m which is the prescribed distance for the men's senior events.

● *The Brazilian Federation* is hoping to be awarded the organisation of the 1981 FISA junior championships.

**Fédération Internationale
de Basketball Amateur
(FIBA)**



● At the present time, the FIBA comprises 142 national federations.

● *The Egyptian national team* has twice competed against a European team formed by the FIBA selector, Mr. Giancarlo Primo. These matches were organised in tribute to the Honorary President of the FIBA, Mr. Abdel Moneim Wahby.

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**Fédération Internationale
de Bobsleigh
et de Tobogganing
(FIBT)**



● *Lake Placid 1980*

Mr. John J. Fell is presiding the Organising Committee's Bobsleigh Committee.

● At St. Moritz (SUI), the Organising Committee for the 1977 world two-man bob championships has established the following programme:

- training until 27th January,
- draw on 27th January at 13.00 hours,
- competitions on 29th and 30th January at 13.00 hours.

● *The world championships jury* will comprise five members, and no longer three as in the past. The officials for these championships will be Messrs. Galli (Italy), Hohenester (Germany), Kilian (GDR), and two members of the organising country, the Swiss Walter Graf and Vito Angellini.

● 32 official FIBT judges were appointed following the first course organised at an international level. In future, only those who successfully complete such a course will be able to qualify as FIBT judges.

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



● On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the AIBA, Mr. Nikiforov-Denisov, AIBA President, retraced the history of his federation. Below we print his account:

"AIBA was formed on 30th November 1946 at a conference called by the Amateur Boxing Association of England and the Fédération Française de Boxe with 24 national associations from all five continents present.

It is known that prior to 1939 the governing body of amateur boxing was the Fédération Internationale de Boxe Amateur (FIBA), but this organisation ceased to exist during World War II, and the 1946 London conference decided to create the fresh body of AIBA.

Dr. J. W. Wyatt, who as the President of the Amateur Boxing Association (England) was host to this conference, was elected President of Honour of AIBA, Mr. Emile Gremaux (FRA) was made President and Lt. Col. R. Russell (GBR), a member of the Council of the ABA, became Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. The first AIBA Executive Committee was elected at this conference.

At the 1948 Olympic Games boxing competitions were held under AIBA supervision. All the continental and regional tournaments were also supervised by AIBA until the formation of regional bureaux and continental associations.

When Mr. E. Gremaux died in 1959, Lt. Col. R. Russell was elected the new President, a post which he diligently held until 1974.

With the passing of the years the Executive Committee has been extended to give affiliation to the increasing number of associations wishing to become members of AIBA; these now number 125. In 1966 continental bureaux were formed to supervise boxing development on the continents.

The Executive Committee now consists of 33 representatives from different countries who are leading specialists in various fields of the sport. All 5 continents have equal representation and all national associations have equal rights. This proves that the AIBA has become one of the most democratic associations all over the world.

A suggestion put to the Executive Committee for the further promotion of the sport was

the organisation of world boxing championships. The 1st world boxing championships were held in Havana in 1974 and had a great success. The 2nd world boxing championships will be held in Belgrade in 1978 and there has recently been an offer to stage the world junior boxing championships.

Regular championships of continents, regional competitions, international tournaments and matches for seniors and juniors prove that our sport gains more and more popularity.

In this anniversary year the AIBA Executive Committee has decided to institute AIBA Orders for those who fruitfully contributed to the promotion of our Association over a long period of time. The Executive Committee will decorate the most distinguished personalities with these Orders."

- Among the honorary referees of the New York Golden Gloves appears Mr. Philip O. Krumm, President of the United States Olympic Committee.

International Canoe Federation (ICF)



- *Elections*

- Within the ICF Canoe Racing Committee, Messrs. Ronald W. Emes (GBR) and John Lenz (GDR) replace Messrs. Max Raub (AUT) and Werner Lempert (GDR).

- On the Sports Medicine Committee, Doctors Zofia Obuchowicz (POL) and Jon Arnesescu (ROM) take over from Doctors Antero Jaurola (FIN) and Octavian Popescu (ROM).

- In the Propaganda and Information Committee, Messrs. Tom Dienstmann (CAN), Gordon Richards (GBR) and Otakar Hally (TCH) become new members in place of Mrs. Alicia Pineda (MEX) and Mr. Waclav Korycki (POL).

- *The Israeli Canoe Federation*, new provisional member of the ICF. Full membership will be granted on receipt of documents missing from the records.

Fédération Internationale Amateur de Cyclisme (FIAC)



- *The FIAC Management Committee* will meet on 30th January 1977 in Hanover (GER).

- *Doping*: the list of prohibited products remains unchanged for 1977.

- *The 1978 junior world championships* are to be staged by the United States federation.

- *The 1000 m. standing start event* will be added to the programme of the junior world championships.

- *The 30th Peace Race* will begin on 8th May in Warsaw and finish on 23rd May in Prague, passing via Berlin.

Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI)



- In mid-December 1976, the FEI held its *General Assembly* in Brussels, and re-elected its President, HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, by acclamation.

Mr. P. J. F. Symons, Director General of the FEI, has informed us of the two main decisions made by the delegates:

1. Appointment of Mr. Fritz Widmer as new Secretary General of the FEI, in succession to Chevalier de Menten de Horne.
2. Decision taken concerning the use of phenylbutazone for horses and set out in the following article which will soon be included in the new veterinary rules:

"5.a) In view of the rapid development in the field of pharmaceutical products and owing to the uncertain nature of the action and secondary effects of phenylbutazone and similar substances, the conditions which control the use of these substances will be reviewed and may be modified by the General Assembly at its annual meeting.

b) For 1977, these products will be considered as prohibited substances for all horses taking part in international dressage events and dressage championships. They are not considered as prohibited substances for horses participating in events in other disciplines."



HRH Prince Philip with Chevalier Henry de Menten de Horne.

● *Chevalier Henry de Menten de Horne retires at the age of 80. Secretary General of the FEI since 1956 and President of the Royal Belgian Equestrian Sports Federation for more than 25 years, he resigned his international functions on 7th December 1976, his birthday.*

Humanist, officer, outstanding rider, well-informed and capable leader, Chevalier de Menten de Horne remains President of the Royal Belgian Equestrian Sports Federation, in which position he had succeeded his brother-in-law, General de Trannoy.

In this capacity, he will take part in future FEI General Assemblies, which will greatly please his many friends.

Address of the new Secretary General of the FEI
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3065 Bollingen (Switzerland).

● *The FEI President's Cup, classification for which is established according to the best results obtained by national teams at the various Prix des Nations (up to the end of November in each year), has been awarded for 1976 to Germany (32 points), ahead of France (31) and Ireland (27).*

Fédération Internationale d'Éscrime (FIE - fencing)



● *Mr. Pierre Ferri, President of the FIE, a privileged witness of the international development of fencing over thirty years, states:*

"Fencing is developing throughout the world as it has benefitted from the promotion given by the media at the Olympic Games or world championships. 76 nations are now affiliated to the FIE, the two latest being Kuwait and Saudi Arabia..."

...In recent years we have tried to change public opinion and make fencing an entertainment. First of all electronic devices were introduced and I may say that this has purified fencing, especially the épée, by doing away with discussions. The sabre remains, but at present we are awaiting proposals from the manufacturers..."

...Furthermore we have set up the system of direct elimination which guarantees maximum honesty and thus avoids the 'arrangements' which we knew in the pools. Finally we have managed to respect the timetables by limiting the final pools to six fencers and setting a time limit on each bout..."

...My aim, in the next four years, is to promote fencing further on the world scale. We are studying various possibilities, which will be discussed at this year's congress in Deauville."

● *The "Category A" calendar for the beginning of 1977:*

29th-30th January - Paris - Martini Challenge Cup - individual men's foil

29th-30th January - Milan - Mario Spreafico Trophy - individual épée

12th-13th February - Paris - Monal Challenge Cup - individual épée

19th-20th February - Göppingen - international tournament - individual women's foil

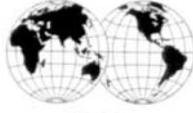
5th March - London - Martini Challenge Cup - individual épée

5th-6th March - Hamburg - Wappen von Hamburg - individual sabre

12th-13th March - Turin - Martini Challenge Cup - individual women's foil

12th-13th March - Paris - Rommel Challenge Cup - individual men's foil

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



FIFA

● *Preparations for the 1978 World Cup*

"Argentina will provide an adequate organisation to meet the needs of all those football fans—sportsmen, journalists and tourists—visiting the country for the 1978 FIFA World Cup. The "Ente Autarquico Mundial 1978" (the independent governmental body for the 1978 FIFA World Cup), which was created by Law of State No.21,349 in order to coordinate and supervise the running of the work and services of both private and official organisations, is carrying out this important task in order to perfect the organisation which will be put into practice in June 1978. The stadia being constructed in the cities of Cordoba, Mendoza and Mar del Plata are making visible progress each day", declares Dr. Rodolfo Jorge De Lorenzo, Press Officer for this event.

● *The preliminary rounds of the 1978 World Cup will terminate at the end of 1977, having qualified 14 teams for the final tournament taking place in Argentina from 1st to 25th June 1978. Argentina and Germany, organiser and title holder respectively, will join the 14 qualifiers, that is eight from Europe, one from Africa, one from Asia-Oceania, two from South America, one from the Concacaf, and one from a Europe-South America play-off. The 16 teams will be divided into four groups which will play their matches between 1st and 11th June.*

● *Membership*

The FIFA Executive Committee has admitted the national associations of Botswana, Grenada, Macao, Rwanda and Swaziland as provisional members.

● *730 international referees officiate under the control of the 146 national federations affiliated to the FIFA.*

● *The final round of the 30th UEFA junior international tournament will take place in Belgium from 19th to 28th May 1977. Apart from Albania and Cyprus, all the national associations affiliated to the UEFA (European Union of Football Association) have entered. The first round has to be completed by 11th April 1977 at the latest.*

● *The UEFA junior international tournament has been awarded to the Polish federation for 1978 and to the Austrian federation for 1979.*

● *Ten years' work for the Colombian organisers of the World Cup. The preparatory committee for the 1986 FIFA World Cup was installed by the President of the Colombian Republic, Dr. Alfonso Lopez Michelsen, on 10th August 1976. Its offices are located at: Edificio Ministerio de Educacion, Piso 30, CAN, Bogota, Colombia.*

● *A retrospective survey of 100 years of world football tactics appears in No.160 of FIFA News, written by Friedebert Becker (GER).*

**Fédération Internationale
de Gymnastique
(FIG)**



● *Elections*

The FIG Executive Committee for 1976-1980
PT: Mr. Yuri Titov (URS); VPTs: Messrs. Takashi Kondo (JPN), Frank Bare (USA),

From left to right, front row: Mr. Bare, Mr. Bangerter, Mr. Titov, Mr. Kondo, Mr. Burette; second row: Mr. Vieru, Mr. Whiteley, Mr. Spieth, Mrs. Gotta, Mr. Radovanovic; third row: Mr. Hadjiev, Mrs. Berger, Mr. Lylo.



Maurice Burette (FRA); *SG*: Mr. Max Bangerter (SUI); *T*: Mr. Milivoje Radovanovic-Farbin (YUG); *Ms*: Mrs. Ellen Berger (GDR), Messrs. Felix Fernandez (ESP), Rudolf Spieth (GER), Nicolae Vieru (ROM), Nicolae Hadjiev (BUL), George Whiteley (GBR) and Alex Lylo (TCH).

The chairmanship of the Women's and Men's Technical Committees (WTC - MTC) will be held respectively by Mrs. Ellen Berger (GDR) and Mr. Alexander Lylo (TCH). The former Olympic champion Boris Chakhlin (URS) becomes Vice-President of the MTC.

- *Mrs. Valerie Nagy (HUN), President of the WTC until 1976, having been its Vice-President from 1948 to 1972, retires and becomes an honorary member of the FIG, as do Mr. Klas Thoreson (USA), Executive Committee member from 1952 to 1976; Mr. Ivan Ivancevic (YUG), President of the MTC from 1973 to 1976, having been a member since 1960; Mrs. Taissia Demidenko (URS), member of the WTC from 1956 to 1976; Mrs. Käthe Wiesenberger (AUT), member of the WTC from 1952 to 1976.*

- *With the affiliations of the federations of Bolivia, Ireland, Iceland, Nigeria, Puerto Rico and El Salvador, the FIG now unites 72 national associations.*

- *When taking office at the end of December, Mr. Yuri Titov (URS), President of the FIG, created the five following commissions with the aim of improving preparation of the Executive Committee's work:*

- finance,
- apparatus,
- documentation,
- study of FIG official events,
- promotion of gymnastics in developing countries.

- *The provisional text for the new programme of compulsory exercises for the 1978 world championships and the 1980 Olympic Games is available from FIG headquarters.*

- *In horse vault, the final score will henceforth be composed of the average mark of the two vaults made by the gymnast, and no longer of the best of the two scores obtained.*

International Handball Federation (IHF)



- *The President of the IHF, Mr. Paul Högborg, stated at the federation's last Congress:*

"If an international sports federation such as the IHF is to function and carry out its duties in full, then it is necessary that the co-operation and co-existence of its members should conform to orderly statutes and rules which apply to everyone. For this reason, you will find in the second paragraph of our statutes the words: "the IHF does not allow any discrimination whether on the grounds of politics, race or religion." Furthermore, in official IHF championships, neither the non-appearance of teams in accordance with the agreed fixtures, nor a refusal on the part of a referee, are possible on the grounds of politics, race or religion.

This means that no IHF member country has the right to refuse to play against any other member country through political motivations. Should this occur, then the country in question must face the consequences and be disciplined or suspended, in accordance with the rules. I should like to emphasise that no country is compelled to take part in an IHF event. However, once it has applied, then it must conform in full to the regulations of this event.

Recently, however, we have had to observe how the government of a country forbade a team from another country to play there, or prohibited its own team from appearing in another country. Such things have happened, even though the country's sports organisations and sportsmen did not approve.

This gives rise to the problem and the question of whether the international sports federation should then act according to the letter of its own statutes. I believe that we should follow the rules as much as possible, and yet there are circumstances nowadays where we have to be ready to find a flexible and pragmatic solution, which may not be entirely in concordance with the letter of the statutes.

By this, I mean it is better to wait and look for a possible solution than to reach a hasty decision, which would result in a country having to be excluded according to the rules. For example, I believe that we should proceed with care and consideration in order to

solve certain Asian and African problems. Our federation is now so well-established, mature and strong, with such a wide, pronounced understanding between its members, that we can afford to be both generous and magnanimous in a particular difficult case, in order to give as many people as possible the chance to pursue and experience our wonderful sport, handball."

- *The world championships group C, contested in Portugal in December, assembled eight teams which finished in the following order: Portugal, Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Luxembourg, Faeroe Islands, Belgium, Great Britain.*

The first three teams will participate in the *world championships group B* which will be held in Austria from 25th February to 6th March. The twelve teams expected have been divided into four pools made up as follows:

- A : TCH, BUL, SUI.
- B : SWE, FRA, AUT.
- C : GDR, ISL, POR.
- D : ESP, NOR, HOL.

- *The new rules of the game, applicable as from 1st August 1977, will be published between now and 1st April.*

- *The Israeli Handball Federation will henceforth figure in the European group.*

- *According to statistics compiled at 31st March 1976, the IHF comprises 2,838,055 men and women players:*

	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Members</i>
Men	40,830	1,042,863
Women	20,156	391,946
Juniors ¹	84,430	1,403,246

These figures do not take into account university, school and military teams.

¹ Up to the age of 18—men and women.

- *259 international referees from 43 national associations will officiate during the 1976-1977 season.*

- *The next IHF Congress will be held in Iceland in 1978.*

Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIM)



- *77 national federations are affiliated to the Fédération Internationale de Hockey. In addition, some countries are showing signs of activity: Gabon, Iraq, Mongolia, People's Republic of China (in relation with Hong Kong) and Panama.*

- *Progression of the number of national federations affiliated to the FIH: 1924: 7; 1934: 16; 1945: 18; 1955: 42; 1965: 56; 1975: 74.*

The 74 current member federations are divided on a continental basis as follows: Africa: 14; America: 14; Asia: 18; Europe: 25; Oceania: 3.

- *A propaganda brochure and a handbook on the organisation of inter-nation tournaments will shortly be issued by the FIH.*

- *Pablo Negro Trophy*

This trophy went to the Mexican federation for its important contribution to the promotion of hockey.

- *FIH Award of Merit*

Mr. Rudi Westendarp, past President of the Chilean Hockey Association and animator of hockey in his country for more than 40 years, received this award.

- Steps are currently being taken for hockey to be included in the programme of the next *Mediterranean Games of Split* (YUG).

- *The intercontinental cup will be played in Rome, from 24th September to 2nd October 1977, on artificial grass. The first four teams in this competition will qualify for the next world cup which will take place at Buenos Aires in the spring of 1978.*

In Argentina, the list will be completed by the first nine teams in the last world cup at Kuala Lumpur (according to the classification: Pakistan, Germany, India, Malaysia, England, Spain, Australia, New Zealand and Poland), and the organising country's team, that is a total of 14 teams.

International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)



- *Lake Placid 1980*

Mr. Robert D. Allen presides the Organising Committee's Ice Hockey Committee.

- *A seminar for ice hockey referees assembled in Germany, the representatives of 14 European countries, as well as of the United States, Canada and Japan. The President of the IIHF Refereeing Committee, Mr. André Starovoitov (USSR), told a Tass agency reporter: "The referees went through a course of physical training, studied the theory of triple refereeing, and conducted friendly matches. There was a special lesson dealing with ways of combating rough play on the ice. The Refereeing Committee urged everyone to be stricter towards all kinds of dirty playing in the forthcoming season."*

International Judo Federation (IJF)



- *The second junior world championships, excellently organised in Madrid on 18th and 19th December, registered the victories of the Japanese lightweight Haragushi, the Japanese light middleweight Nishida, the Soviet middleweight Iatskevitch, the Austrian light heavyweight Kostenberger and the Japanese heavyweight Yamashita.*

- *An interesting proposition for discussion concerning developing the number and quality of referees for the IJF is put forward by Mr. J. Nauwelaerts de Age, Assistant Sports Director of the IJF, in the No. 11 Official Review.*

- *On the calendar:*

The world championships will take place in Paris (France) in 1979, and in Istanbul (Turkey) in 1981.

Fédération Internationale de Luge de course (FIL)



- *The 18th world championships, planned at Villard-de-Lans (FRA) from 11th to 16th January, were cancelled due to bad weather. They will now take place at Igls (AUT) from 18th to 20th February 1977.*

- *Lake Placid 1980*

Mr. Luke Patnode presides the Organising Committee's Luge Committee.

Fédération Internationale de Lutte Amateur (FILA - wrestling)



- *59 national federations participated in the last FILA Congress.*

- *In his plan of activities for 1976-1980, Mr. Milan Ercegan (YUG), President of the FILA, attaches great importance to the development of mini-wrestling which introduces youngsters to this sport.*

- *The modifications to regulations governing FILA competitions will be applicable after a trial period of two years. They will be adopted by the FILA Congress held during the Olympic Games and will remain in force for at least four years. The rules will therefore remain unchanged throughout an Olympiad.*

- *New age categories for wrestling:*

- 8 - 10 years: initiation.
- 11 - 12 years: regional competitions.
- 13 - 14 years: continental championships.
- 15 - 16 years: continental championships.
- World festival for schoolchildren 13, 14, 15 and 16 years.

Alternately:

- Junior championships 16 - 18 years
- Espoirs championships 18 - 20 years

● *Calendar for February-March 1977*
February

1-28: 4th training course for Arabian countries at Baghdad (IRQ).

18-20: Roger Coulon Memorial Cup (F - GR)¹ at Clermont-Ferrand (FRA).

25-28 A. Medved international tournament (F - GR) at Minsk (URS).

March

African championships (F - GR).

25-27: Moustafa tournament (GR) at Alexandria (EGY).

25-27 International tournament (F) at Freiburg (GER).

25-27: World cup (F) at Toledo (USA).

¹ F = Freestyle; GR = Greco-Roman.

Fédération Internationale de Natation Amateur (FINA - swimming)



● *Mr. Robert Helmick (USA) the new Secretary General of the FINA, was born on 5th March 1937 in the USA. A Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Drake University, he is a member of the USOC Board of Directors, first Vice-President of the Amateur*

Athletic Union of the United States, National Chairman of the United States Water Polo Committee and has been an active competitor in water polo competitions. He brings a great deal of experience to his new position.

● *The address of the new Secretariat of FINA is:*

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 USA.

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 President Ostos' telex number is 1771785 Olimpe (in Mexico City).

● *The new FINA Bureau at its first meeting on 1st August considered the question of officials that had been suspended in the past four years under the provisions of Rule 53: concerning sanctions against*

individuals or organisations having contacts with non-affiliated individuals or organisations. It was decided to grant an amnesty to all such officials.

● *The FINA currently comprises 109 national federations. Fourteen of these have been suspended for non-payment of their subscriptions, whilst the federations of Tanzania, Bermuda and Mauritius are proceeding towards membership.*

● *The programme for age group swimming competitions, the general outlines of which appeared in our No. 105-106, were approved by the FINA Congress.*

● *The FINA would like to see the individual 200 m. medley (for men and women) and the men's 4 x 100 m. freestyle reintroduced into the Olympic programme.*

● *An award in memory of past President R. Max Ritter has been established by his family. The first recipient of this prestigious award is Dr. Harold W. Henning, immediate past president of FINA. Dr. Henning was presented the award at the time of the United States Amateur Athletic Union's annual banquet. At the same time the United States' most distinguished swimming award was presented to John Naber, winner of four gold medals and one silver at the 1976 Montreal Olympics.*

Dr. Harold W. Henning, presenting the AAU Swimming Award to Olympic medal winner, John Naber.



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



● *New Board of the UIPMB:* *PT:* Brigadier-General Sven Thofelt (Sweden); *VPT:* Mr. Igor Novikov (USSR); *Executive VPT for modern pentathlon:* General Errol Lonsdale (Great Britain); *Executive VPT for biathlon:* Mr. Robert Gallezot (France); *SG:* Colonel Wille Grut (Sweden); *T:* Colonel Thor Henning (Sweden).

Regional VPTs:

- For the Far East: Mr. Shunji Fujii (Japan).
- For the Middle East: Air Vice-Marshal M. W. Badie (Egypt).
- For the Mediterranean: General R. Curcio (Italy).
- For Central America and the Caribbean: Mr. Juan Perote (Spain).
- For South America: Colonel Ruben Orozco (Uruguay).

● *Lake Placid 1980*

Mr. J. Vernon Lamb, Jr. presides the Organising Committee's Nordic Skiing and Biathlon Committee.

**International Skating
Union
(ISU)**



● *Lake Placid 1980*

Mrs. Doris Patnode presides the Speed Skating Committee of the Organising Committee for the XIIIth Winter Games.

Mrs. Ardelle Sanderson, already Secretary of the Organising Committee, presides the Figure Skating Committee.

● *Judges schools*

On the occasion of the 1977 world figure skating championships in Tokyo, a one-day seminar will be conducted by the ISU for those referees and judges who will serve as the representatives of the ISU to conduct single/pair skating judges' schools to be organised by the Union. The seminar will establish the general format to be followed and scope of the subjects to be covered at such schools. It is planned to organise in the near future nine regional single/pair judges' schools, starting in the autumn of 1977.

**Fédération Internationale
de Ski
(FIS)**



● *Lake Placid 1980*

The Organising Committee's skiing committees are respectively presided by Messrs. Serge Lussi (Alpine), Bruce Colon (women's Alpine), J. Vernon Lamb, Jr. (Nordic and biathlon), J. Chris Beattie (cross-country) and James (Corky) Colby (jumping).

● *"To keep the debate alive."* In the FIS official bulletin No.65, Mr. Sigge Bergman, Secretary General of the Fédération Internationale de Ski, gives a long list of subjects for discussion, from which we have picked out:

- How to assist associations today playing a modest role within the FIS?
- Search for simpler, more realistic eligibility rules.
- Are decentralised Winter Games in the interest of the FIS?
- Should there be open competitions for amateurs and professionals?
- Increased research regarding sports medicine, training and competition at high altitude, racing suits and safety of equipment.
- A "FIS House" for the federation's central administration.
- A and B classes for world championships.
- A world cup for the Nordic disciplines.
- Search for the ideal point calculation in the world Alpine ski cup, etc...

● *On the calendar of the 1976-77 international season* appear 868 Alpine and 422 Nordic events. The Alpine events include in particular 82 downhill, 202 slaloms and 198 giant slaloms for men, and 60 downhill, 149 slaloms and 162 giant slaloms for women. The Nordic events comprise 184 men's cross-country, 133 women's cross-country, 79 jumping and 26 combined competitions. In the Alpine sector, the 868 competitions are divided among 24 national skiing associations. The USA is in the lead by holding 250, followed by: ITA 108, FRA 104, SUI 63, CAN 60, AUT 59, YUG 33, NOR 32, GER 30, ESP 20, SWE 17, TCH 16, BUL 12, AUS 9, FIN 8, URS 8, POL 7, GBR

6, ARG 6, GRE 4, JPN 4, ROM 4, CHI 4 and HOL 4.

In the Nordic sector, the 18 national associations are represented as follows: FIN 104 competitions, SWE 76, NOR 35, GER 33, SUI 26, FRA 24, AUT 21, TCH 18, URS 16, ITA 15, POL 12, YUG 9, GDR 8, ROM 8, JPN 7, GRE 6, GBR 4 and BUL 1.

● *In the second half of the world Alpine skiing cup*, from the end of January to the end of March, men skiers will compete at Morzine-Avoriaz (FRA), St. Anton (AUT), Furano (JPN), Sun Valley (USA), Heavenly Valley (USA), Voss (NOR), Are (SWE), Sierra Nevada (ESP), and women skiers at St. Gervais-Megève (FRA), Maribor (YUG), Furano (JPN), Sun Valley (USA), Heavenly Valley (USA) and Sierra Nevada (ESP).

● *Jochen Danneberg (GDR) in the XXVth four-jump tournament*: the German jumper was overall winner of the four competitions contested at Oberstdorf and Garmisch-Partenkirchen in Germany and at Innsbruck and Bischofshofen in Austria.

● *Mr. Arnold Koller (46)*, from Innsbruck, responsible for the Austrian Olympic delegation in the Nordic disciplines at the last Winter Games, has become President of the Austrian Ski Federation succeeding Dr. Kurt Schlick.

● *Table showing the current single FITA world records*

● Some 300 competitors from about 20 countries are expected at Ste-Croix (SUI) from 17th to 20th February 1977 for the *first junior world Nordic skiing championships*. These figures have been put forward by Mr. Rodolphe Fahrer, President of the Organising Committee.

● *The FIS Equipment Committee*, presided by Mr. Ludwig Schröder (GDR), considers that, in order to establish a certain equality between competitors from different nations, no new product should be accepted in competition during seasons when world championships or Winter Games take place. Accepted by the FIS Council, this measure means that equipment which has not received FIS approval before 1st March 1977 may not be used for the next season.

● *New guiding principles* for the homologation of Alpine courses and security on the runs are being drawn up by the FIS.

Fédération Internationale de Tir à l'Arc (FITA - archery)



● *On the calendar*: the world championships will take place from 9th to 12th February 1977 at Canberra (AUS).

	<i>Christian name</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>New record</i>	<i>Old record</i>	<i>Max. record possible</i>
<i>Women</i>							
FITA	Linda	Ryon	USA	1976	1,282	1,266	1,440
70 m	Lena	Myers	USA	1974	310		360
60 m	Valentina	Kovpan	URS	1976	327	324	360
50 m	Luan	Sjoholm	SWE	1975	319		360
30 m	Valentina	Kovpan	URS	1976	346	344	360
<i>Men</i>							
FITA	Darrell	Pace	USA	1975	1,316		1,440
90 m	Darrell	Pace	USA	1975	309		360
70 m	Darrell	Pace	USA	1975	333		360
50 m	Sante	Spigarelli	ITA	1976	340		360
30 m	Darrell	Pace	USA	1975	354		360

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



● *Composition of the new Executive Committee:*

President: George A. Vichos, 169 Aristoteleous Street, Athens (813), Greece.

Secretary General: Ernst Zimmermann, D-6200 Wiesbaden-Klarenthal, Germany.

1st Vice-President: Prof. Gavril Barani (ROM).

2nd Vice-President: Chafik Mehanna (EGY).

3rd Vice-President: Chong Kyu Park (KOR).

Chairman Technical Committee: Michael Tipa (USA).

Members: Toyotaro Ikuta (JPN), Dr. Renat Suleimanov (URS), Allan R. Todd (CAN).

1977 Calendar

- European championships (air rifle and air pistol) to be held in Andorra from 8th to 13th February.
- European championships (trap and skeet) in England from 13th to 25th June.
- European championships (rifle, pistol, running game target) will take place in Bucharest from 29th August to 5th September.
- World championships (trap and skeet) from 7th to 17th September in Antibes, France.
- 300 m European championships in Winterthur, Switzerland from 8th to 11th September.
- European championships for ladies and juniors (rifle and pistol) from 23rd to 30th September in Lisbon, Portugal.

**Fédération Internationale
de Volleyball
(FIVB)**



● *The FIVB Executive Committee met in Paris from 14th to 17th January. An account will appear in our next issue.*

● *Examination of the length of matches. The 1976 Olympic final between Poland and the USSR lasted no less than 2 hours 26*

minutes, and 13 Olympic matches exceeded 100 minutes' actual playing time, a length which would seem an absolute maximum. The Rules of the Game Commission is looking at two proposals which attempt to restrict the length of playing time, whilst maintaining the actual spirit of the game. A quick decision is now imperative since the application of the new rule permitting four touches of the ball is considerably increasing the length of matches.

**International Weightlifting
Federation
(IWF)**



● *Mr. Tamas Aján, General Secretary of the IWF has kindly sent us the following information:*

“From 12th to 14th November the IWF Executive Committee held its meeting in Budapest.

On the basis of the decision of the IWF Montreal Congress—by which anabolic steroids were adopted to the doping list—as well as with regard to the doping cases of the Olympics which rather gravely afflicted the sport, the IWF Executive Committee took the following strict resolution:

RESOLUTION

of the IWF Executive Committee, valid for the year 1977

1. *The national federations' attention has to be expressly drawn by the IWF Executive Committee to the necessity of fighting, by using all means, to prohibit their athletes to take anabolic steroids. Furthermore that they should elaborate a system of anabolic steroid control within their own countries informing the IWF General Secretary about the steps made.*
2. *For the coordination of anabolic steroid control an Operative Commission of four members has been set up by the IWF. The Operative Commission is authorised to take measures and to carry out controls in 1977, while it is compelled to report back to the IWF Executive Committee. Members of the Operative Commission are: Mr. G. Schödl, President; Mr. T. Aján, General Secretary; Mr. Firsowicz, President of the IWF Medical Commission and*

Mr. W. Peter, Executive Committee member.

3. a) *Anabolic steroid controls must be carried out in 1977 at*
 - senior world championships
 - junior world championships
 - regional games
 - continental championships.
- b) *Beyond those mentioned above, anabolic steroid control may be carried out at greater international competitions considered as important by the Operative Commission. In order to select these competitions, the Operative Commission will consult the continental federations before 1st January 1977. From among the competitions selected, the Operative Commission appoints those at which random tests may be carried out. This decision shall not be published.*
4. *At the world championships an anabolic steroid control may be carried out on each nominated competitor from the moment of his arrival. Two competitors per weight category may be chosen for anabolic steroid control by lot.*
5. *At the world championships, the first four of each weight category must undergo anabolic steroid control.*
6. *A world record can only be verified if the weightlifter has undergone anabolic steroid control.*
7. *The weightlifter with positive results is to be suspended until 31st December 1980. Should a weightlifter have positive results at a doping control for a second time, he will be suspended for life.*
8. *Should a mistake have been committed in the anabolic steroid control procedure, the control results may be eliminated—the relevant decision must be taken by the Executive Committee.*
9. *The anabolic steroid control procedure and list of steroids will be published—with consideration to IOC Rules and Regulations—by the IWF.”*

● *World records*

11th December 1976 at Sverdlovsk (URS): by 500 g the Soviet middleweight Jordan

Vardanian improved the world records for snatch with 155.5 kg and clean and jerk with 193 kg. The old records were held respectively by the Bulgarian Mitkov and the Soviet Smirnov.

International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU)



● *1980 Olympic classes.* Perhaps the most important decision during the IYRU meeting held during November was that of the Olympic classes, and we print below some extracts of the report of the Permanent Committee meeting:

During the discussion it became clear that there were very few non-Olympic classes which approached the criteria to become an Olympic class. The Permanent Committee heard from Beppe Croce that the Class Policy and Organisation Committee wished to recommend that the classes to be sailed in Tallinn in 1980 be the same as those sailed in 1976.

Councillor of Honour, Jan Loeff thought it was most unwise to alter the Permanent Committee minute requiring that one and not more than two classes had to be changed. In his opinion the Laser was a much more suitable boat for the Olympics than the Finn.

Bob Bavier, speaking partly on his own behalf and partly on behalf of the US Yacht Racing Union, said that the Permanent Committee had, after long and careful debate, resolved that one and not more than two classes should be changed after each Olympic regatta. A change, in his opinion, was good. Indeed, without it at this time at least 28 years would elapse before all present classes were changed. The USYRU strongly recommended that the Star should replace the Tempest and that the Snipe should also be included. Although the Tempest was an excellent class it was a fact that it had not achieved very extensive growth. On the other hand, the Star had 76 new boats built during the past year, a most wonderful

organisation to back the class and a great "esprit de corps" among the crews as well as the class being a true one-design.

German Frers said Argentina agreed completely with Bob Bavier but there was also very great merit for a small class and his country was of the opinion that the Laser was outstanding and should be selected. Paul Phelan thought changing classes after each Olympics was beneficial not only for the classes but also in encouraging competition. Herbert Fechner, speaking on behalf of the Bund Deutscher Segler and all Group C national authorities, said that he favoured the CPOC's proposal to have no change this year. New classes raised problems of cost, particularly for the many smaller nations, in competing in the Olympics...

Bernardo Caria asked that the decision be deferred until next year when the committee would have the benefit of the advice of the working party set up by the CPOC. Ole Westerberg pointed out that only eighteen Stars had competed in the 1972 Olympics as compared with 21 Tempests. He doubted if there would be more Stars sailing in the 1980 Olympics if they were chosen and he was in favour of retaining the existing classes...

Andrei Kislov agreed that at present the Olympic classes were not a very good selection. He asked the Permanent Committee not to change the Olympic classes at the present time but to wait until the working party's report had been received and, if appropriate, change classes for 1984. Jonathan Janson pointed out that the host city, Moscow, had asked for no change and called on the Permanent Committee to consolidate and to support the CPOC...

Beppe Croce reported that no recommendations had been received from national authorities to change the present Olympic classes. Only recommendations from international class associations had been received. It was important for the IYRU to consider the majority of smaller yachting nations, to change classes is financially difficult. The change might well be better for the bigger yachting nations but it was a serious set-back to the smaller nations who concentrate on the Olympic classes. He said the proposal from the CPOC was probably the wisest...

A vote was then taken on the CPOC's recommendation which, it was resolved, should not be a secret vote. The recommendation

was not passed. 10 votes being cast in favour and 12 against...

Further discussion took place on the choice of the Star, the Laser and the Tempest with some members feeling that the Olympic programme could not be altered at this stage by changing the types of boats, only the classes. His Majesty King Constantine of the Hellenes suggested that a show of hands for those in favour of maintaining the present types of boats would be helpful. The Chairman, Beppe Croce, then asked the Permanent Committee to signify their wishes. Fifteen members showed as being in favour of keeping the present types of boat and 6 were against.

Each voting member was then requested to complete a ballot paper nominating 6 classes with at least one and not more than two changes from those sailed in 1976.

The 22 completed ballot papers were then checked by the Councillors of Honour, Jan Loeff and Harry Morgan. The result of the ballot was announced as:

International Soling: 22; International Finn: 20; International Flying Dutchman: 19; International 470: 19; International Tornado: 17; International Star: 13.

- *Olympic working party.* At the recent Permanent Committee meeting a working party of the Class Policy and Organisation Committee was appointed to study the problem of participation at the Olympic regattas. It will report to the 1977 mid-year meeting of the CPOC to be held in Paris in early May and is chaired by Peter Tallberg, IOC member in Finland since 1976.

- *1977 international fixture list.* The IYRU's 1977 list which gives details of the main international regattas for the international classes together with details of the level rating class world championships, offshore and inter-continental races is now available from the IYRU office, price £1.00.

- *International 420 Class.* As a result of communication between the IYRU and the 420 Association it has now been agreed that each national authority may have two licensed builders of the class.

