

Olympic Order

The Olympic Order in Silver has been awarded to : tennis in his youth. Influenced by the ideas of the Olympic Movement in Latin America at that time, he became one of its leading activists. He was President of the National Sports Committee of Peru, and President of the NOC. He was active in many commissions of the IOC. involving cultural, press and publications matters.

Marie-Thérèse Eyquem (FRA). M^{me} Galina Koula-kova (URS) and Messrs, Kouassi Angama (CIV). Eduardo Dibos (PER), Manfred Ewald (GDR). Dr. Abdel Mohamed Halim (SUD). Leopoldo de Leon (PAN) and Alexander Medved (URS).

It had been awarded posthumously to Mr. Serguei Shalibashvili (URS) and Mr. Taik Soo Kim (KOR) - see "Presidential Activities" and "Obituary".



Marie-Thérèse Eyquem was an author, feminist and much-respected political figure, the spirit of the development of female sport in France. A former gymnast, principal inspector for youth and sport national -secretary of the Socialist Party. she became, through will-power, conviction, energy

and tolerance, one of the most respected of all sports leaders. Her publication, "Pierre Coubertin - Olympic Odyssey" is an indispensable implement for all those interested in the Olympic Movement.

M^{me} Galina Koula-kova was many times World Champion in Nordic ski-ing. and won three Olympic gold medals in the 5 km, 10 km, and relay 3 x 5 km at the XIth Olympic Winter Games in Sapporo, 1972 and a gold medal in the relay at the XIIIth Games in Innsbruck, 1976. Her faith in Olympism and her strength of character make her a model for all young athletes. M^{me} Koula-kova is a member of her NOC.

Mr. Kouassi Angama. a former athlete and highly respected teacher, has been Youth and Sports inspector and then Director of Physical Education and Sports, directing the National Office of Sports in the Ivory Coast. He has contributed greatly to the development of sport in his country.

Mr. Manfred Ewald is President of the Sports Committee of the GDR, and President of the NOC, and is clearly one of the outstanding sports personalities in the German Democratic Republic, having made a remarkable contribution to its extraordinary standing in international sport.

Mr. Leopoldo de Leon was founder-president of the Panamerican Weightlifting Confederation and is holder of the international gold medal of merit of the IWF for more than 25 years of devotion to the development of weightlifting.

Mr. Eduardo Dibos. member of the IOC in Peru from 1956 to 1962, was active in rowing, football and

Dr. Abdel Mohamed Hahm has devoted a long career to the development of football, sports medicine and Olympic ideals in the Sudan. A doctor of medicine, he was President of the Sudanese Football Association, a founder of the African Football Confederation and organiser of the first African Nations Cup

A former President of his NOC. he remains a representative of the African Confederation on the Executive Committee of FIFA. During his IOC years, he contributed substantially to the Eligibility, Olympic Solidarity and Medical Commissions.

Mr. Alexander Medved considers wrestling a way of life more than a sport. Many times world champion in freestyle, he was Olympic champion at three successive Olympiads, the XVIIth, XIXth and XXth in Tokyo, Mexico and Munich respectively. He is a particularly active member of his NOC.

The Olympic Order in Bronze has been awarded to :

Mrs. Esther Roth-Shachamorov (ISR). who participated in the XXth Olympic Games at Munich, when in the terrible events there, her personal coach, Mr. Amitzur Shapira was killed. In spite of this, Mrs. Roth-Shachamorov persisted and continued to tram for the Olympic Games scheduled for Montreal in 1976, when she succeeded in reaching the final of the 100 metres hurdles. She continued in training for the Moscow Games of 1960.

Mr. Guipro Koffi (CIV), is a former swimmer and kayak enthusiast, a member of the African Swimming Confederation and delegate of the Ivory Coast Olympic Committee to all Olympic meetings since 1966. He played an important role in the success of the meeting of the Executive Board with the NOCs in Abidjan in 1977. He has been a vice president of the Ivory Coast Olympic Committee since 1966.

Mr. Yucel Seckiner (TUR). who is Director General of Sports Education, and a member of the Executive Board of the NOC.

