ANTIGUA

Members of the NOC board, elected on 8th May 1990: President: Mr Rodney Williams; Vice-President: Mr John Fuller, Secretary-General: Mr LeRoy N. Ashton Williams; Assistant Secretary: Mr Gatje Jamies; Treasurer: Mr Les Williams. The new president replaces Mr Rupert Lake, who decided not to seek re-election after twenty-five years at the head of the committee.

AUSTRALIA

Volleyball Olympic Job Opportunities
An Olympic Job Opportunity Programme has been launched as part of the new Australian Institute of Sport’s new Volleyball Programme (see OR 268) in New South Wales. Firms employ and train athletes in a specific career whilst at the same time letting them continue full-time volleyball training and competition. The aim of the initiative is to have all volleyballers in full-time Olympic training employed.

Marathon runner Robert de Castella, who aims to compete in his fourth Games in Barcelona in 1992, has been appointed director of the government-financed Australian Institute of Sport. A double Commonwealth Games champion, Mr de Castella has previously worked as a biophysicist at the Canberra institute of sport.

BULGARIA

Kostadinova Tops Poll
Stefka Kostadinova has come top of a poll amongst journalists to select Bulgaria’s Best Athlete from 1944 to 1989. Silver medallist in the high jump at the Games in Seoul, as well as world and European champion, she was well ahead of her nearest rival for the
title, swimmer Tanya Bogomilova. The other athletes in the top ten, were, going down the list: Hristo Markov, Vanya Geshева, Ivailo Marinov, Yordanka Donkova, Manuela Maleeva, Sevdalin Marinov, Valentin Yordanov and Atanas Komshev.

CANADA

Dr Andrew Pipe, long-time team physician for the national basketball and alpine skiing teams, has received the IOC Sports Medicine Trophy. This was presented to him by Mr Richard Pound, IOC Vice-President, during the NOC’s annual meeting on 31st March this year.

A member of many Canadian delegations to the Olympic Games and to international events, Dr Pipe is assistant professor in cardiothoracic surgery at the University of Ottawa’s Heart Institute and a practising G.P. He is also currently chairman of the Sport Medicine Council of Canada’s Anti-Doping Committee and of the National Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse in Sport, as well as being a member of Ontario’s Council on Health Strategy and Vice-President of the Canadian Council of Sport Medicine. As chairman of the latter organization’s Credentials Committee, he was responsible for developing Canada’s first examination of clinical competence in sports medicine, the purpose of which, in his own words, is to “ensure that physicians who care for athletes meet appropriate standards of professional knowledge and skill”.

CHILE

Marlene Ahrens, the only Chilean woman to have won an Olympic medal, has been awarded the IOC Trophy for 1990 as the woman who has done most to promote Olympism in the country. Mrs Ahrens, who won a silver in the javelin at the Games in Melbourne in 1956, is still active in the activities of the national sports federation.

The President of the Chilean Olympic Academy, which has held eight sessions since 1981, is Mr Sergio Santander, NOC President. Mr Luis Moreno is the NOA Secretary-General.

COOK ISLANDS

Mr Terry Hagan has been elected as the new NOC President and Mr George T. Paniani as Secretary-General. Other officers are: Vice-President: Mr Peter Marsters; Assistant Secretary-General: Mrs Mamia Savage; Treasurer: Mr John Tierney; Members: Mrs Anne Tierney, Mrs Rosie Blake, Messrs Tupou Faireka, Philip Ulrich, Tony Hole and Mike Carr. The committee’s patron is the Hon. Teanua Kamana and its vice-patron the Hon. Tiki Matapo.
KOREA

Women in Sport Seminar
The first seminar on women’s sports in Korea was held at Seoul’s Olympic Center on 14th February. Organized by the NOC and the Korean Women’s Sports Association (KWSA), which has a 300-strong membership throughout the country, it was attended by some two hundred sportsmen and women, who were urged to double their efforts to increase female representation both on the sports field and in administration.

KWSA President, Yang Soon Han, a P.E. instructor at Yonsei University, emphasized that such events would in the long run help to build a fair society. According to Mr Un Yong Kim, member of the IOC executive board, the Games held in Seoul have already had a positive effect on increasing awareness of the role of women in sport, with notably, the elections of several women to key positions within both the Korean Amateur Sports Association and the NOC. Other speakers included former national athletes, such as Hye Jong Cho, a bronze medallist in volleyball at the Games in Montreal, Ok Ja Baek, a shot-put gold medallist at three Asian Games, Hyon Sook Chong, who won a gold at the 32nd World Table Tennis Championships, and Asian Games swimming champion Yoon Hee Choi.

DENMARK

Mrs Jytte Visti, who has been secretary of the NOC since 1971, has been awarded the 1990 IOC Trophy for her contribution to promoting Olympism in Denmark. She has been president of the Danish Olympic Academy since she helped to found it in 1986. The trophy was presented to her by NOC President Mr Ingo Nielsen.

FIJI ISLANDS

Elections for four posts at the NOC’s recent A.G.M. saw three members returned: Mr Atma Maharaj, Senior Vice-President;
Mr Jitendra Maharaj, Vice-President responsible for football; Dr Robin Mitchell, Secretary-General. One new Vice-President was elected, Miss Robin Forster, president of the Fiji Women’s Bowling Association. It was decided at the meeting to appoint the Minister for Education, Youth and Sport as the committee’s patron, and to re-appoint Justice Moti Tikaram as vice-patron.

FRANCE

Mrs Maria-Nieves Canardo has been appointed the NOC’s Olympic attache in Barcelona.

GREAT BRITAIN

Desperately Seeking Olympians

The search for all surviving British Olympic competitors since 1896, launched last November, is continuing. The object, of course, is to present them with the IOC commemorative pin at a ceremony to be held later this year. No mean task with the all-time total number of athletes calculated at 5,952... “We need to know if people have a former Olympian in their families or living next door,” said Caroline Searle, NOC press officer, to ‘The Times’ newspaper. “It would be sad if someone missed out on their chance to relive their moment of glory, and to meet up with their former colleagues”. If any ‘Review’ readers can help, please contact Celesta Braithwaite or Simon Clegg at the NOC on (44.81) 871 2677.

ISRAEL

The NOC celebrated Olympic Day on 31st May with a special sports programme at the Tel Aviv University Elite Sports Centre: On the programme were competitions in basketball, mini-football, swimming, tennis, water-polo, weightlifting and also several events for the disabled. Several thousand people watched the events, a highlight of which was the presentation of awards to this season’s sports champions.

JAMAICA

A Caribbean Sports Journalists’ Association was founded during a seminar conducted by Mr Fekrou Kidane, member of the IOC Press Commission, in Jamaica in May. Journalists from ANT, ARU, BAH, BER, BAR, CAY, DOM, GRN, GUY, JAM, LUC, VIN, TRI, ISV and St Lucia attended the course, which devoted two days to sports journalism in general, before concentrating specifically on athletics and volleyball coverage.
JAPAN

Hideko Hyodo, who as Hideko Maehata won the gold medal in the women’s 200 m breaststroke at the Games in 1936, has been awarded this year’s IOC Trophy by the NOC as the woman who has done most to promote Olympism in Japan.

LIBERIA

The decision by the NOC to use its IOC Sports For All grant for 1990 to hold a series of events outside the capital and throughout the regions of Monrovia and Buchanan proved a popular success. Held for six days in February, the programme involved boxing, basketball, football (for girls as well as boys) and track and field events, with the teams taking part coming not only from established sports clubs but also selected junior and high schools.
NETHERLANDS

Mr Wouter F. Huibregtsen has been elected NOC President.

A five-person Olympic Movement Commission has been set up within the NOC, chaired by Mr Anton Geesink, IOC member in the Netherlands. Mr Martin Franken has been appointed secretary, Mr C. v.d. Berg treasurer and the two remaining members are Messrs Sj. Feenstra and R. von Bose.

The commission’s brief is to organize the annual session of the Netherlands Olympic Academy and the Olympic Day Run, to build up links with Olympic Solidarity, and to consolidate Dutch collaboration with the IOC’s Olympic Movement Commission. In addition, with the help of the mass media, the commission will concentrate on building up a wider base for the NOC’s activities amongst the general public, by developing the “Youth Olympic Days” project, and setting up prizes for sports art and culture, and by establishing closer contacts with physical education institutes.

PERU

The NOC board, elected on 3rd May 1990: President: Mr Luis E. Woolcott; 1st Vice-President: Mr Walter Indacochea; 2nd Vice-President: Mr Carlos Paz Soldan, Secretary-General: Mr Enrique Otero; Treasurer: Mr Carlos Boza; IOC member: Mr Ivan Dibos.

GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

Prof. Joachim Weiskopf, who was a former national hockey team player and former president of the GDR’s Canoe Federation, has been elected NOC President. He is also on the ICF board.

Prof. Kurt Tittel from Leipzig has received the IOC Sports Medicine Trophy.
It was presented to him by IOC member Dr Günther Heinze. Prof. Titel is one of the leading sports medicine authorities in the GDR and a contributor to the IOC’s ‘Encyclopaedia of Sports Medicine’.

Lia Manoliu, the Olympic discus champion who was elected NOC President on 1st March (See OR 270 and the interview in OR 271/2), has been chosen by the committee to receive the 1990 IOC Trophy as the woman who has done most to promote Olympism in Romania.

Mr Faaesea Mailo resigned as NOC President on 26th March. The post is yet to be filled.

An Olympic Solidarity Course in boxing was held in American Samoa from 24th to 28th May. USA experts Jerry Dusanberry and Larry Ramirez, who had previously conducted a very successful course in 1987, concentrated on physical and mental conditioning, specific techniques, footwork, tactics, training, preparation, and diet.

The course, which was opened by the Governor of American Samoa, the Hon. Peter Tali Coleman, was also attended by two coaches from the Solomon Islands, a good example of how the smaller NOCs in PASO are banding together to get the maximum benefit out of training aid.
Mr Yeo Ning Hong was elected NOC President at the NOC’s A.G.M. on 29th May 1990. He replaces Mr. E.W. Barker, who had been at the head of the committee since 1970 and who has now become its patron. Together with the patron in chief, who is Mr. Wee Kim Wee, President of Singapore, the rest of the board is: Vice-Presidents: Messrs Goh Yong Hong, Milton Tan, Fung Lok Nam, Ng Ser Miang; Secretary-General: Mr S.S. Dhillon (re-elected); Treasurer: Mr P.C. Marcus.

SYRIA

The NOC Secretary-General, Mrs Nour El Houda Karfoul, has been named the winner of this year’s IOC Trophy, which is awarded by each NOC to the woman who has done the most to promote the Olympic Movement in her country.

Mrs Nour El Houda Karfoul, NOC Secretary-General, has been awarded the IOC Trophy for Women in Sport.
Vera Caslavska President
Vera Caslavska, the multi-decorated Olympic gymnastics champion, was elected NOC President on 25th April. Silver medalist with the Czechoslovak team event at the Games in 1960, she won her first world title two years later in Prague in the vault. At the Games in 1964, she took gold in the overall individual competition as well as in the vault and beam events. At the European gymnastics championships in Sofia the following year, and in Amsterdam in 1967, she won all five titles, as well as the individual all-round and vault at the world championships in Dortmund in 1966. But it was at the Games in Mexico in 1968, at the age of 26 - gymnastics was then still dominated by mature women rather than adolescents -, that she scored her greatest triumph, with four out of five individual golds and two silvers. Several other famous Olympians were made honorary members of the committee; Eva Bosakova, the 1960 gymnastics champion, Emil Zatopek, the celebrated champion over 5,000, 10,000 and in the marathon in 1952 and his wife, Dana Zapotkova, who won a javelin gold at the same Games. Miss Caslavska was appointed as an advisor to Czechoslovakia’s President, Mr Vaclav Havel, on 10th January.

Rodney Wilkes, the Olympic weightlifting medallist who won silver at the Games in 1948 and bronze in 1952, was given a special tribute by the NOC in April to mark his 65th birthday. The address was given by the NOC President, Mr Alexander Chapman, who had coached the athlete for the Games in Melbourne. In 1972, Mr Wilkes was awarded the Humming Bird Medal from the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for his contribution to sport and he was inducted into the West Indian Sports Foundation Hall of Fame in 1985.

Mr Vitaly Smirnov, IOC member in the Soviet Union, was elected NOC President on 19th April. He replaces Mr Marat Gramov, also an IOC member, who had retired from the post he had held since 1983. A member of the IOC Executive Board and Chairman of the IOC Programme Commission (see his article OR 270), Mr Smirnov has been NOC Vice-President since 1969.
A view of the Venezuelan Olympic Committee’s headquarters, which have recently been refurbished.

Re-building is under way on the NOC building, which was damaged by Hurricane Hugo on 17th September last year, along with many homes and sports facilities. The committee is slowly picking up on its activities and hopes to send a small team to the Central American and Caribbean Games scheduled for Mexico City in November.

To catch up on some news from last year: two Olympic Day Runs took place in June 1989, one on the island of St Croix and one on St Thomas. Also, Mr Peter Holmberg, the islands’ sole Olympic medallist, who won silver in the Finn yachting event at the Games in Seoul, was presented with his IOC pin by the Hon. Alexander Farrelly, Governor of the Virgin Islands. The ceremony was held during a IYRU executive meeting on the islands, in the presence of Mr Peter Tallberg.