

OLYMPIC ORDER

On the occasion of the 101st Session, the IOC members awarded the Olympic Order to several personalities who during the course of their sports careers or for particular reasons have distinguished themselves in the promotion of sport and the defence of Olympism.

John C. ARGUE (USA)

President of the Southern California Committee for the Olympic Games, he was largely responsible for bringing the Olympic Games back to Los Angeles in 1984. In 1988, he founded and became chairman of the Los Angeles Sports Council, a committee responsible for coordinating efforts to bring major sporting events to Los Angeles. Its first success was to host the 1991 U.S. Olympic Festival. The recipient of numerous awards, Mr Argue also chaired the Professional Golf Association's 1983 championship organizing committee.

Erdogan ARIPINAR (TUR)

A member of the NOC of Turkey since 1962, Mr Aripinar was deputy secretary-general for seven years. He produced a study of the NOCs Fair Play Council and the "Olympic Torch Awards" given to outstanding athletes. As a sports journalist, he set up a private press centre for the Tokyo Games and reported on the Games in Rome and the 1988 Games in Calgary and Seoul. A founder of the Turkish Sports Writers Association, he is a qualified referee in football, archery and skiing. He has won over twenty sports press awards.

Pedro BARROS SILVA (BRA)

A member of the Brazilian Olympic Committee, a specialist in physical education and a basketball coach, Mr Barros was Brazil's chef de mission at all the Pan American Games from 1971 to 1987 and deputy and chef de mission at the Olympic Games for twenty years. He has also been an important collaborator in many exhibitions regarding the Olympic Games and has been honoured with many awards for services to sport and to Olympism in particular.

Jacques BLANC (FRA)

The head of the organizing committee of the XII Mediterranean Games held in 1993 in the Languedoc-Roussillon region, Mr Blanc demonstrated his attachment to the Olympic ideal through his contribution to the

success of these games. With their emphasis on the cultural heritage of the Mediterranean and sporting excellence, these Games brought about the construction of superb new infrastructure which has greatly benefited the Languedoc-Roussillon and will help prepare athletes for major competitions.

Joseph "Sepp" BLATTER (SUI)

A football player and coach for over twenty years, Mr Blatter was secretary-general of the Swiss ice hockey federation and later became head of press at the Swiss Physical Education Federation and the National Committee for Elite Sport. For seven years, he was a director of Longines, specializing in sports timing equipment, after which he went on to become director of development programmes for FIFA. Two years later, in 1977, Mr. Blatter became director of its technical department and in November 1981, he was elected secretary-general.

Arlington G. BUTLER (BAH)

A leading sports figure in the Bahamas for over thirty five years, Mr Butler presided over the Bahamas Amateur Athletic Association before being elected president of the Bahamas Olympic Association in 1973. A sports administrator who is well known in the Caribbean, he has worked for ODE-CABE, ODEPA, ANOC and the Commonwealth Games Federation and has been the spokesman and champion for emerging countries at international assemblies.

Guillermo J. CAÑEDO DE LA BARCENA (MEX)

A member of the Mexican NOC, Mr Cañedo has been a member of FIFA since 1962 and is currently its first vice-president. He was on the organizing committee of the Mexico FIFA World Cup in 1970 and 1986 and is president of FIFA's commission to organize the 1994 edition in the USA. Chairman of FIFA's news media commission, he is president of the "Iberoamericana-Oti" television organization.

Bob Miyakawa



Dick EBERSOL (USA)

Mr Ebersol's commitment to Olympism really began at university where, as a student, his final thesis was about Mr Avery Brundage, the fifth President of the international Olympic Committee. He later became involved in broadcasting and his work, alongside that of Mr Roone Arledge, greatly contributed to changing the face of American television by bringing the Olympics to the forefront from 1968 onwards. Mr Ebersol himself has worked on four Games and was in Barcelona as president of NBC Sports and co-executive producer. His vision of sports broadcasting has made the Games very popular in the USA.

Claude FOUSSIER

The founder and president of the French Ball-Trap Federation, Mr Foussier was the French Champion in trap shooting and seventeen times a competitor in the 1964 Tokyo Summer Games and the 1960 Rome Games, and was also part of the number one European team in this event. He was also the French Chef de Mission at the Grenoble and Sapporo Winter Games. He was the successor of Justinien Clary as president of the "Académie des Sports" from 1983 until 1992 and has been honoured with many awards including the "Médaille d'Or de la Jeunesse et des Sports".

Dedicated to the environment and to nature, Mr Foussier was administrator of the "Maison de la Chasse et de la Nature" and is honorary president and member of the Administration Council of the World Wildlife Fund.

Tsuyoshi "Bob" MIYAKAWA

Journalist and member of the Japanese NOC, Mr Miyakawa has been to eight summer and five winter Games. He was head of the press centre in Sapporo and also of the 96th IOC Session in Tokyo. A member of the IOC Press Commission for eighteen years, he compiled comprehensive media accreditation data for each summer and winter Games, setting the national press quota plan for the NOCs, as well as organizing the distribution of press tickets for the Games.

Rogelio RENDEL MERCADERE

A sports journalist, he founded the magazine 'Don Balon' in Spain and in Chile and

'Don Basket' in Spain and Venezuela, as well as Don Balon Publishing, which specializes in sports publications. He was responsible for creating the Juan Antonio Samaranch Prize for sports poetry and the Don Balon Prize for sports literature, donating nine million pesetas. Mr Rengel also instigated several other sports awards.

Anna I. SINILKINA

For over thirty years vice-president and president of the USSR figure skating federation, honorary president of the Russian federation, for over thirty years Mrs Sinilkina has been directly involved in top-level sports events. She has made a considerable contribution to the promotion and development of figure skating in her country and has dedicated much effort to the development of sport for children.

Senator Ted STEVENS (USA)

A member of the United States President's Commission on Olympic Sports, Senator Stevens was also President Reagan's representative at the Games of the XXIV Olympiad in Seoul in 1988. Using the political forum to advance the ideals of Olympism, he sponsored the Congressional resolution that paid tribute to the 1984 US Olympic athletes and helped to bring about the legislation that restructured the United States Olympic Committee in 1978. A member of the Anchorage Organizing Committee which bid for the Winter Games of 1992 and 1994, he had also worked with the Women's Sport Foundation and the American Alliance for Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Fidel SUST I MITJANS (ESP)

An accomplished athlete, Fidel Sust i Mitjans is a national and international athletics judge. Vice-president of the Catalan Athletics Federation and of the Centre d'Alt Rendiment Esportiu, he was closely involved with the Barcelona organizing committee for the 1992 summer Games and served as a member of this organization's executive committee.

The Olympic Order has also been awarded, for their important and vital contribution to the success of the Olympic Museum, to :

Luis MONREAL (SUI), architect,
Iker LARRAURI (MEX), museologist,
Jorge AGOSTINI (MEX), museologist,
André RICARD (FRA), designer.



Dick Ebersol