

News flash

Panathlon International

On the occasion of the 12th Panathlon International Congress, Ottavio Cinquanta, IOC member and president of the International Skating Union (ISU), presented the Olympic Order to Antonio Spallino, former president of Panathlon International. Antonio Spallino was several times team épée and team foil world champion, and he won the

gold medal for team foil at the Games of the XVI Olympiad in Melbourne in 1956. He was president of Panathlon International from 1988 to 1996 and is now chairman of its cultural commission. He is also a member of the board of the International Committee for Fair Play, and honorary vice-president of the International Association of Sports Law.



Antonio Spallino (left) and Ottavio Cinquanta.

Ecuador

The second session of the Ecuador Olympic Academy was held in Guayaquil under the chairmanship of Carlos Manzur. The speakers included Conrado Durántez (Spain), president of the Spanish-American Association of National Olympic Academies, Rodolfo Cremer (Peru), Elida de Alvarez (Venezuela), Silva Dalotto and César Torres (Argentina) and from Ecuador Sabino Hernández, Arturo Gamboa,

Tyron Flores, Alberto Cordeo, Ukles Cornejo and Nancy Pallo. Notably the participants included students from Argentina, Paraguay and Peru, and among the different themes which were discussed were "The Ecuadorian State and the Olympic Movement". "The Olympic Games of Antiquity", "Pierre de Coubertin", "Doping and Violence" and "Women and the Olympic Movement".



Participants at the Ecuador Olympic Academy.

Togo

On 12 June Togo celebrated Earth Day. Early in the morning, athletes from the various different Togolese federations joined forces to clean up the premises of the NOC headquarters. The athletes helped to plant 20 weeping willows, and the federation presidents planted a mango tree. The headquarters of the handball, volleyball and

tennis federations were also cleaned.



A participant in Togo's Earth Day.

South Africa

The former president of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, received the Jesse Owens trophy for peace at a ceremony organized last September in Johannesburg. This trophy had been awarded to him in 1995, the year South Africa won the Rugby World Cup. Previous recipients of this trophy include United Nations

and the chairman of CNN Broadcasting, Ted Turner.



Nelson Mandela.