



## Agenda 21

### of the Olympic Movement

After Lausanne in 1995 and Kuwait in 1997, the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro hosted the 3rd IOC World Conference on Sport and the Environment on 22-23 October. The conference was chaired by IOC member Pál Schmitt, who is also chairman of the IOC Sport and Environment Commission, in the presence of the Brazilian NOC president Carlos Nuzman and numerous officials. The conference brought together representatives of 93 NOCs and 19 IFs, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, making a total of some 300 participants. The main point on the programme was the study and adoption of Agenda 21 for the Olympic Movement, inspired by Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

Agenda 21 is aimed at the members of the Olympic Movement and anyone involved in sport who shares its values. It offers sports leadership bodies ways to integrate sustainable development into their policies, and presents various initiatives which will allow every individual to play an active role in promoting the environment in connection with sports activities.

#### Rio Declaration on Sport and Sustainable Development

Adopted by the Third IOC World Conference on Sport and the

Environment on October 23, 1999, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

#### **The Conference,**

**Considering that** the application of the concept of sustainable development, as outlined by the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), is also the responsibility of the Olympic Movement and of the sports community;

**Recognizing that,** because of the universality of sport, the Olympic Movement has the ability to play an active part in the taking of measures favouring sustainable development:

**Aware that** the achievement of that objective requires the active involve-

ment of all the groups that make up the Olympic Movement as well as the support from Governments, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the other international organisations concerned;

#### **Declares that:**

The Olympic Movement's Agenda 21 is an instrument setting out the general actions needed in the fields in which the Olympic Movement can bring an effective contribution to sustainable development.

All the members of the Olympic Movement, and all participants in sport and enterprises associated with sport, should be invited to comply with the recommendations of the present Agenda 21 to the best of their ability and with due respect for their cultures, traditions and beliefs.

All members of the Olympic Movement should be urged to integrate sustainable development into their policies and activities, based on above Agenda 21; they



Opening ceremony of the Conference in Rio de Janeiro chaired by Pál Schmitt (at the Podium).

should also encourage all individuals that are linked to them to behave in such a way as to ensure that their sporting activities and their lifestyles play a part in sustainable development.

4. The Olympic Movement's Agenda 21 should be implemented in a manner respecting the different social, economic, geographical, climatic, cultural and religious contexts which are characteristic of the diversity of the members of the Olympic Movement.
5. Particular emphasis should be placed on awareness-raising, education and training in environmental protection.
6. Athletes, considering their popularity and influence among youth in particular, should be encouraged

to contribute to the promotion of environmental education and training. Similarly, the media should be called upon to support these efforts.

The implementation of the Agenda 21 should be conducted within a policy of close collaboration between members of the Olympic Movement and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as well as all other governmental and non-governmental, national and international entities pursuing the same objective.

The main responsibility for the promotion and updating of the Olympic Movement's Agenda 21 shall be entrusted to the IOC Sport and Environment Commission. All members of the Olympic

Movement as well as other concerned entities should give adequate support, in all areas, to the Commission to help it in its task.

9. The IOC Sport and Environment Commission and the United Nations Environment Programme should establish a joint Working Group to provide policy advice and guidance on and to monitor the implementation of the Olympic Movement's Agenda 21.
10. The joint Working Group should prepare detailed progress reports on the implementation of Olympic Movement's Agenda 21 to be presented at the main meetings of the members of the Olympic Movement and at the future IOC World Conferences on Sport and the Environment.

## News flash

### Georgia

The Georgian Olympic Committee, headed by Jansough Bagrationi, celebrated its 10th anniversary by holding a gala evening and concert in Tbilisi. Those attending included the President of Georgia, Eduard Shevardnadze, the chairman of the Georgian parliament, Zurab Zhvania, IOC member and Vice-president of the European Olympic Committees Patrick Hickey, together with NOC representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Ireland, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Moldova,

Lithuania and Poland. They all had the chance to visit two exhibitions entitled 'We are future Olympians', at the children's art gallery, and 'Sport and Olympism in Georgian Fine Arts'. In addition, on the initiative of the Georgian Sports Writers Association, the best Georgian athletes, teams, coaches and sports leaders of the 20th century were elected. The five-times world chess champion, 11-times chess Olympiad champion, the first NOC president, holder of the Olympic Order and now honorary NOC presi-

dent, Nona Gaprindashvili, was voted best woman athlete of the century. Among the men, the best athlete award went to three-times Olympic high jump champion Victor Saneev, who will be Olympic attache to the

national team at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, in 2000. Both of these exceptional athletes were awarded the Georgia State Trophy and the NOC's 10th anniversary medals.



(from l. to r.) Patrick Hickey, Zurab Zhvania, Nona Gaprindashvili, Eduard Shevardnadze and Jansough Bagrationi.