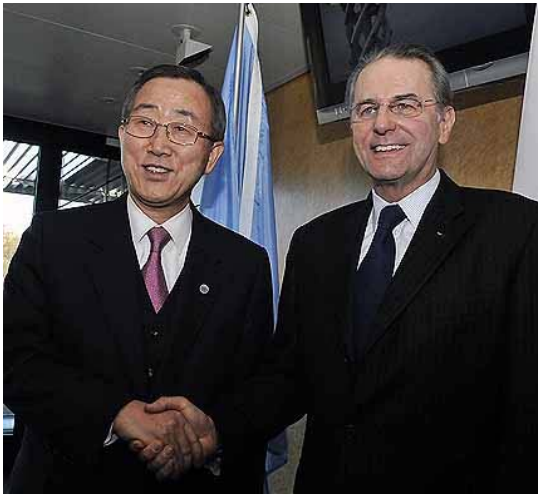




IOC ACTIVITIES IOC PRESIDENT



Jacques Rogge and Ban Ki-moon at the IOC headquarters

On 22 January, **IOC President Jacques Rogge** welcomed **United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon** to the IOC headquarters, where the two leaders agreed on an expanded framework of cooperation between the two organisations. President Rogge told Mr Ban of the IOC's commitment to using sport to further meet the goals of UN specialised agencies around the world. With 198 days to Beijing 2008, the meeting included a discussion on the positive effects the Olympic Games are hoped to have on China's social and economic development. The two leaders also discussed parallels between China and the benefits that the 1988 Olympic Games brought to Seoul's culture and economy. Read the two leaders' declarations at www.olympic.org (News section).



(l to r) Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Abdou Diouf and Jacques Rogge

Still in Lausanne, **President Rogge** received **Abdou Diouf**, Secretary General of the **International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF)**, as well as former French Prime Minister **Jean-Pierre Raffarin**, who will officiate as *Grand témoin de la francophonie* for the Beijing Games. The main subject of this meeting was the promotion of the French language at the upcoming Games. The OIF presented a copy of the Convention it has signed with the Organising Committee for the 2008 Games (BOCOG). The cooperation between the IOC and the OIF and the collaboration of the OIF with future organising committees was also discussed. See the OIF press release at www.francophonie.org

The **IOC President** chaired a day-long consultative meeting on the subjects of culture, education, health management and well being in relation to the organisation of the Youth Olympic Games. The meeting focused on brainstorming the cultural and educational elements which will give these Games for young people their unique flavour - with representatives from the worlds of sport, education and the scientific world.



This week in Vidy, the IOC President has met:

- a delegation from the Norwegian NOC, led by its President, Tove Paule, accompanied by its Secretary General, Inge Andersen, and IOC member Gerhard Heiberg;
- a delegation from the International Labour Sports Confederation (CSIT), comprising its President, Kalevi Olin, its Vice-President, Harald Bauer, and its Secretary General, Wim Hoeijenbos;
- Professor Helmut Digel from the Institute of Sports Sciences of the University of Tübingen (Germany);
- the new President of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), John Fahey;
- the President of the International Gymnastics Federation, Bruno Grandi;
- as well as IOC members Lambis V. Nikolaou, Anita L. DeFrantz, Anton J. Geesink, Mario Pescante, Ser Miang Ng, Sergey Bubka and Timothy Tsun-Ting Fok.

IOC MEMBERS



We have just learned that **Joseph S. Blatter** has received the titles of doctor of letters honoris causa from the International University of Geneva (Switzerland), doctor honoris causa from the Azerbaijan State University of Physical Culture and Sport and doctor honoris of Business Administration in Sports Management from the Chandrakasem Rajabhat University of Bangkok (Thailand).

MISCELLANEOUS



The signing ceremony participants

On 17 January in Lausanne, the **IOC signed an agreement** with the Chinese Post and BOCOG in the framework of the very first **Olympex, the Olympic Expo Beijing 2008** exhibition, which gives a new dimension to the traditional philatelic exhibition. Among those present at the ceremony for the IOC were the Chairman of the Coordination Commission for the 2008 Games, Hein Verbruggen, and Director General Urs Lacotte. The Chinese Post delegation was led by its Postmaster General, Liu Andong. BOCOG was represented by Ding Baizhi, Deputy Director General of the Culture Department. Organised from 8 to 18 August in Beijing, this exhibition will cover traditional sports, Olympic philately, coins and memorabilia. This 2008 edition will include other events such as a part of the "One World, One Dream" exhibition of The Olympic Museum in Lausanne, the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Education's Sport and Art Contest, and the "Olympic Fine Arts 2008" competition.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

On 21 January, the IOC announced the names of the finalist candidate cities to host the **1st Summer Youth Olympic Games in 2010**, which will be submitted for a postal vote by the IOC members. **Moscow and Singapore** have been selected by the Executive Board. The host city will be announced by the IOC President during a live broadcast on www.olympic.org, currently scheduled for 21 February. The EB decided on the two finalist cities based on the report of the Evaluation Commission, chaired by Sergey Bubka. The Commission analysed the projects of the five candidate cities: Athens (Greece), Bangkok (Thailand), Moscow (Russian Federation), Singapore (Singapore)



and Turin (Italy). More info at www.olympic.org (News section).

Also this week, the IOC launched the candidature procedure for the **1st Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2012**. A letter has been sent to all the NOCs informing them of the procedure and the documentation available to the cities interested in putting forward candidates for these Games.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

SUMMER OLYMPIC IFS



On 16 January, the **International Association Football Federation** (FIFA) opened its first official store in Changi airport in Singapore. So, for the first time, supporters will have access to FIFA products all year round and not only during FIFA competitions in host countries. After Singapore, FIFA plans to open other official stores in London, Tokyo and Los Angeles, as well as Latin America, China and India. Full press release at www.fifa.com

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



The President of the **Salvadorian NOC**, Eduardo Palomo Pacas, has signed an agreement with the Chairman of **McDonald's El Salvador**, Rodrigo Quiñónez (see photo). According to this agreement, the national subsidiary of the Worldwide Olympic Partner will offer its support to Salvadorian athletes qualified for the 2008 Games. Several joint activities will be organised before and during the Games to promote the Olympic values. More info at www.coes.org



(l to r) Pilar de Borbón, Sebastián Sabaté, Mohamed Mzali, Alejandro Blanco and Conrado Durántez

Last December at its headquarters, the **Spanish NOC** inaugurated a **philatelic exhibition** entitled "Olympism through the Olympic Games". This exhibition is made up of the Sabaté collection, which brings together all the stamps issued since 1896 for the Games and with a reference to Olympism. This collection was acquired by the NOC for the 40th anniversary of the Spanish Olympic Academy. Attending this ceremony were IOC member Mohamed Mzali, NOC President Alejandro Blanco, Academy President Conrado Durántez and IOC honorary member the Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón.

ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEIJING 2008



On 20 January, 200 days before the opening of the **Games of the XXIX Olympiad**, the **uniforms** of the volunteers, staff and technical officials for the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Games were unveiled. Among those present were BOCOG Vice-Presidents Jiao Xiaoyu and Tang Xiaoquan, and Wolfgang Benthaimer, Managing Director of Adidas, a partner of Beijing 2008. In total, some 130,000 people will be wearing these uniforms during the Games. Full press release at www.beijing2008.com



INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



The **International Paralympic Committee (IPC)** has just launched an embedded version of its web TV channel ParalympicSport.TV on www.paralympic.org. Check it out!



blog.olympique.org

Connect to the Olympic Movement blog and give us your opinion.

(**Username:** olympic; **Password:** olympic)



www.2009congress.olympic.org
Inscrivez-vous maintenant !

IMPRINT

OLYMPIC
HIGHLIGHTS

N°797
25 JANUARY 2008

A publication of the



INTERNATIONAL
OLYMPIC
COMMITTEE

Château de Vidy,
1007 Lausanne,
Switzerland

For further information, please contact

Sylvie Espagnac
Copywriter
Tel. 41.21 621 64 17
Fax 41.21 621 63 56
actualites@olympic.org