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IOC ACTIVITIES IOC PRESIDENT



President Rogge and the 2010 Games Coordination Commission in Vancouver

This week, **IOC President Jacques Rogge was in Vancouver**, at the same time as the 2010 Games Coordination Commission. There he was able to see the progress made at certain competition venues by the Games Organising Committee (VANOC). President Rogge first went to the Richmond Olympic Oval and the UBC Winter Sports Centre, and then visited the Vancouver Olympic Village.

During his Canadian trip, **President Rogge met several political personalities**, such as British Columbia Premier Gordon Campbell; Secretary of State for Sport Helena Guergis; and the mayors of Vancouver, Whistler and Richmond, Sam Sullivan, Ken Melamed and Malcolm Brodie respectively.

The IOC President also spoke at a Q&A session for VANOC staff, before addressing various personalities at a lunch hosted by [2010 Legacies Now](#), and then hotel industry managers.

President Rogge also met the chiefs of the Four Host First Nations (Lil'wat, Musqueam, Squamish and Tseil-Waututh): Leonard Andrew, Ernest Campbell, Dale Harry and Leah George Wilson respectively, at a reception given in his honour and of the Coordination

Commission. More info and photos at www.olympic.org (Olympic News section).

IOC MEMBERS



Phillip Walter Coles has been appointed Vice-President of the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF). He has also been President of the Oceania Taekwondo Union since its creation in 2005.



Nicole Hoevertsz has been named "Woman of the Year 2007" by the "Caribbean Speed Printers" Association. She received her prize at a ceremony held recently in Oranjestad, Aruba.

COMMISSIONS

For their first plenary meeting in Vancouver this year, the **members of the Coordination Commission for the 2010 Games** closely examined the progress made by VANOC in the Games preparations with less than two years to go until their opening. Led by its [Chairman, René Fasel](#), the Commission looked at VANOC's plans for several areas such as sport, marketing, media services and NOC services. Info and photos on www.olympic.org (Olympic News section) and www.vancouver2010.com.

YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

On 28 February, one week after selecting Singapore as the host city of the first Youth Olympic Games in 2010, the IOC announced the **composition of the Coordination Commission**, the group of IOC and Olympic Movement representatives who will follow the preparations for these Games and guide the Singapore Organising Committee over the next two years. Sergey Bubka will chair this Commission, which will also comprise Syed



Shahid Ali, Nat Indrapana Raja Randhir Singh, Frank Fredericks, Guido de Bondt and Andrew Ryan.

MISCELLANEOUS

On 25 February, the IOC concluded an agreement with SKY Italia, giving it the **broadcast rights in Italy for the 2010 and 2012 Games**. SKY Italia, the main satellite digital TV channel in Italy, bought the rights for all broadcast platforms, including free-to-air channels, subscription channels, the internet and mobile telephony. Full press release at www.olympic.org

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

SUMMER OLYMPIC IFS



The **International Fencing Federation (FIE)** has informed us of the death of **Vittorio Lucarelli**, Olympic team foil champion at the Melbourne Games in 1956, alongside Giancarlo Bergamini, Luigi Carpaneda, Manlio Di Rosa, Edoardo Mangiarotti and Antonio Spallino. Lucarelli was a member of the Italian team from 1952 to 1961.



International Softball Federation (ISF) President Don Porter has announced the opening, next May, of a **regional training centre for Eastern Europe**, located in Tuchkovo, 40km from Moscow, Russian Federation. In addition, discussions are underway with Chinese officials so that the venue that will host the softball competition this summer in Beijing will become a regional centre for Asia after the Games. More info at www.internationalsoftball.com



The **International Tennis Federation (ITF)** has launched its new site for young players: www.itfjunior.tennisschool.com.

This online tennis school provides a series of 17 modules offering advice on physical training, diet, injury prevention, rules and regulations, career management and media training. Read the press release at www.itftennis.com



The **International Sailing Federation (ISAF)** has announced the death of its **Vice-President, Nucci Novi Ceppellini**, on 15 February in Genoa, Italy, aged 65. Nucci devoted her life to sailing, first as an athlete and later as an

official. In 1986, she joined the ISAF as a member of its Women's Committee, which she chaired from 1990 to 1998. In 1997, she became the first woman elected to the ISAF Council, before becoming its first female Vice-President the following year. In 2000, she received the first IOC "Women and Sport" trophy for Europe. A detailed biography can be found at www.sailing.org

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



The **Australian NOC's Olympic education programme for 2008** has been launched by Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, at a ceremony organised at Manorvale Primary School in Werribee. Those present included NOC President

and IOC member John Coates and Olympians Andrew Gaze, Russell Mark, Claire Mitchell-Taverner and Nicole Livingstone. The activities include a live chat with athletes, the creation or artwork for the Olympic Village, the celebration of Olympic Day in June 2008, and an invitation to twin a school with a school in China and thus discover another culture. The pupils of Manorvale Primary School were able to enjoy a treat as they were able to see and touch for the first time the Beijing Games Olympic torch, presented to them by four-time Olympic basketballer Andrew Gaze (photo above). More info at www.olympics.com.au



Awarding of the ISOH Plaque (l to r): Philip Barker, Stan Greenberg, Peter Lovesey and Antoine de Navacelle.

This week, the **British Olympic Association (BOA)** hosted the awards ceremony for the **International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) 2008 Vikelas Plaque**, which honoured British historians Don Anthony, Philip Barker, Stan Greenberg and Peter Lovesey. ISOH President himself Anthony T. Bijkerk presented the trophy. Don Anthony, who was unable to attend and was represented by Antoine de Navacelle, great grand nephew of Pierre de Coubertin, was recognised for his work and publications on the history of the BOA and the "Much Wenlock Olympian Society". Peter Lovesey was also recognised for his publications, particularly the "Annotated Guide to the UK Literature of Track and Field". Stan Greenberg was recognised for having produced statistical books on the history of the Games for the past 45 years. Philip Barker, a freelance journalist, was on the editorial team of the "Journal of Olympic History", the ISOH's publication, one of the most respected on the history of the Games.



On 23 February, in Belgrade, the **Serbian Olympic family celebrated the 98th anniversary of the NOC** with a programme entitled "Two More to 100". On this occasion, the national Olympic flag was hoisted (photo opposite) by Mila and Andrijana Andrić and Stefan Marković - all three

of whom took part in the European Olympic Youth Festival held last year in Belgrade - before a large audience, including an NOC delegation, guests of honour, media representatives and citizens. Among the evening's speakers were Snežana Lakičević Stojačić, Chef de Mission of the Serbian Olympic delegation in Beijing; Franjo Mihalić, silver medallist in the marathon in 1956; and NOC President Ivan Ćurković.

OLYMPIC GAMES ORGANISING COMMITTEES

BEIJING 2008



In a press release, the **Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing (BOCOG)** has announced that more than **70 per cent of the volunteer applicants** for the 2008 Games are students of universities and colleges in

the capital. In 2007, over 20,000 students from 50 colleges in Beijing offered their services for the sports events organised under the theme "Good Luck Beijing". In addition, the University of Beijing and five others, which will host 6 out of the 31 Olympic facilities, have collected CNY 200 million to plant trees and thus improve the landscaping on their campus. Full info at www.beijing2008.com

OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY



Two Olympic Solidarity scholarship holders from Oceania have qualified for the Beijing Games. **Ana Pouhila from Tonga** booked her place for the Games thanks to her performance in the shot put to Olympic qualifying standard during the "Porritt Classic" in

Auckland (New Zealand). Ana has already taken part in the Games. That was four years ago, when the shot put event for the Athens Games



took place in Olympia (photo above). Palau wrestler **Elgin Elwais's** victory in Greco-Roman wrestling (55kg category) at the Oceania Championships in Canberra (Australia), will allow him to also be making the Olympic journey to Beijing.



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