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IOC ACTIVITIES IOC PRESIDENT



The participants of the 2nd Seminar on the Autonomy of the Olympic and Sports Movement

On 11 and 12 February at The Olympic Museum in Lausanne, **IOC President Jacques Rogge** took part in the 2nd Seminar on the Autonomy of the Olympic and Sports Movement, which brought together 170 representatives of the International Federations, National Olympic Committees and Continental Associations, as well as IOC members and senior staff. This 2nd Seminar aimed to assess when and why the autonomy of sport had been threatened since the first Seminar in September 2006, and to agree on a set of principles and mechanisms to help the sports organisations deal with these issues. The participants discussed and supported a document entitled "Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement", which will serve as a reference for all sports organisations. They also decided to create an Olympic and Sports Network to preserve the autonomy of sport, facilitate the exchange of information and react quickly to imminent threats. Finally, a seven-point resolution and a plan of action were adopted. You can read the press release and download the documents at www.olympic.org.

President Rogge took advantage of their presence at the Seminar to meet IOC Honorary President Juan Antonio Samaranch; IOC members Ching-Kuo Wu, Mario Vázquez Raña,

Thomas Bach, Gunilla Lindberg, Nawal El Moutawakel, Lamine Diack and Lassana Palenfo; Moroccan NOC President Housni Benslimane; and International Luge Federation (FIL) President Josef Fendt.



President Rogge with Raymond Goldsmith

On 14 February, the **IOC President met Raymond Goldsmith**, Chairman and CEO of **International Sports Multimedia (ISM)**, an IOC partner in the field of video games. Mr Goldsmith made a donation to the IOC of one million US dollars to support the educational aspect of the Youth Olympic Games. He also presented President Rogge with a copy of "Teaching Values: An Olympic Education Toolkit", published by the IOC with the support of ISM.

This week in Vidy, the IOC President has also met:

- the Korean Ambassador in Bern, Chul-kyoon Chang;
- International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH) President and Secretary General, Karl Lennartz and Anthony Bijkerk respectively;
- World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) President Chungwon Choue;



- World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF) President Maurice Slapak;
- International Table Tennis Federation (IITF) President and Secretary General Adham Sharara and Jordi Serra respectively; and
- IOC member Mohamed Mzali.

IOC MEMBERS



On 7 February in Nagano, **Chiharu Igaya** represented the IOC President at the 10th anniversary celebration of the XVIII Winter Games in Japan. The IOC President sent a message, read by Chiharu Igaya on this occasion.



Next August in Beijing, **Barbara Kendall** will take part in her fifth Games, where she will attempt to win her fourth Olympic medal in windsurfing. By finishing second in the last World Championships, held in

her country in Takapuna (New Zealand), she qualified for the Beijing Games. Full article on www.olympic.org (Olympic News section).

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

SUMMER OLYMPIC IFS

Thanks to its victory against Argentina in the Olympic qualifying tournament at home in Auckland; the **New Zealand men's team** has booked its ticket for the 2008 Games. In a press release, the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** recalled the names of the teams already qualified for the 2008 Olympic tournament: China, Korea, Pakistan, South Africa, Canada, Netherlands, Spain, Belgium and Australia. The two remaining places will be allocated at the qualification tournaments in Chile (1 to 9 March 2008) and Japan (5 to 13 April 2008). Info at www.worldhockey.org



"Water is Our World" is the centenary motto of the **International Swimming Federation (FINA)**. Meeting in Lausanne on 7 and 8 February, the FINA Bureau approved a message on water and environmental protection, which will be sent to its 194 national member federations, clubs, athletes, officials, the media and the general public throughout 2008. Read about this message and the other decisions taken at this meeting at www.fina.org (News section).

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



Australia's oldest Olympian, Neville Holt, died on 6 February in Sydney at the age of 95. He competed in the

small bore shooting event at the 1948 Games in London. In 2000, Neville and his brother John, who represented Australia at the 1960 Games, also in shooting, took part in the Sydney Olympic Torch Relay.



The **first diploma for physical education professionals** has been launched by the Salvadorian Student Foundation (FESA), with the support of the **NOC**, the Ministry of Education and the National Sports Institute (INDES). Among those present at the launch ceremony were NOC President Eduardo Palomo Pacas and Deputy Minister of Education José Luis Guzmán.

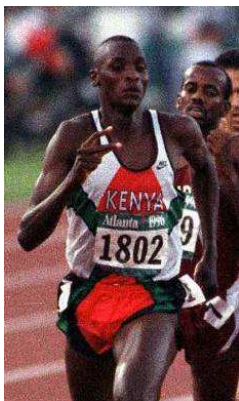


Mehrzad Hamidi is the new President of the **National Olympic and Paralympic Academy of Iran**. He succeeds Seyed Amir Hosseini, who held this function for six years, and who has been elected as advisor to the **Iranian NOC** President, Reza Gharakhanlou.



President Shimon Peres, surrounded by members of the rhythmic gymnastics team

It was at the presidential residence that **the Israeli NOC gala evening** took place recently. Besides Israeli President Shimon Peres, those present included the Minister for Science, Culture and Sports, Galeb Mejadla; NOC President Zvi Varshaviak; NOC Secretary General Ephraim Zinger; many sports association leaders; former Olympic athletes; and several athletes preparing for the 2008 Games. Among the awards presented were the Best Sportsman of 2007 trophy to judoka Gal Yekutiel (European Championship bronze medallist), and Best Coach to Tzvika Sherf for his achievements with the national men's basketball team. In addition, during a visit to Israel by Croat NOC President Zlatko Matesa, a cooperation agreement was signed between the two NOCs which states that both sides will pursue the development and encouragement of sport in their countries.



Kenya's Stephen Arusei Kipkorir, bronze medallist in the 1500m in Atlanta, has died in a car accident in the Rift Valley at the age of 38. He owned a farm near Sugoi, in the Eldoret region, where other big names in Kenyan athletics come from, such as Moses Tanui, Joyce Chepchumba and David Kiptoo. You can read a press release at

www.iaaf.org



Malaysian NOC President and IOC member Prince Tunku Imran (on the right), presented the **2007 IOC "Sport and Promotion of Olympism"** trophy in Datuk to M.

Jegathesan (on the left) Deputy President of the NOC. A sprinter, Jegathesan took part in the Rome 1960, Tokyo 1964 and Mexico City 1968 Games. After his sports career, he turned to sports administration, taking on roles of responsibility at national, regional and international levels. A doctor by training, today he is Chairman of the Olympic Council of Asia's Medical Commission, a member of the IAAF's Medical Commission, as well as Continental Representative (for Asia) in the IOC Medical Commission's "Games" Group. More info at www.olympic.org.my



Czech Olympic champion Frantisek Capek has died aged 93. He won Olympic gold in the 10,000m flatwater canoe event at the 1948 Games in London. He was also second in the 1954 World

Championships.

ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

VANCOUVER 2010



On 12 February, exactly two years before the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games, the Organising Committee (VANOC) launched its Volunteer Programme. The Programme aims to recruit

some 25,000 volunteers, who will contribute to hosting the Olympic Winter Games. The roles to be fulfilled include areas such as accommodation, sport, press operations, and ceremonies. It is also possible to take part in the various events before the Games. Full details on this programme can be found at www.vancouver2010.com



INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS



The **International Paralympic Committee (IPC)** has signed a **contract with Atos Origin**, making this company its worldwide IT partner. The signing ceremony was held at the training centre for Chinese athletes with a disability in Beijing, in the presence of IPC President and IOC member Philip Craven; Chinese Paralympic Committee President Wang Xinxian; and Patrick Adiba, Atos Origin Executive Vice-President for the Olympic Games and major events. You can read the press release at www.paralympc.org



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