



IOC ACTIVITIES

IOC PRESIDENT



On 29 January at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne, **IOC President Jacques Rogge** attended a **meeting with a number of European Union Sports Ministers** and their representatives, together with members of the Olympic Movement (see photo above). With a view to strengthening dialogue between governments and the Olympic Movement, this first meeting was a concrete step towards greater collaboration, now that sport is mentioned in the new EU Treaty, approved by the EU heads of state and government in Lisbon last October. Topics discussed included the position of sport in the new Treaty and the future implementation of this provision, and the autonomy and specific nature of sport. The EU Ministers and the Olympic Movement agreed to hold regular consultative meetings which will also include the European Parliament and the EU Commission. More details and the full list of participants on www.olympic.org ("Media Centre" section).

On 30 January, **President Rogge** was received at the Royal Palace in Brussels by King Albert II of Belgium. Their discussions covered the forthcoming Olympic Games in Beijing and participation by Belgian athletes.

This weekend, **President Rogge will be travelling to Saudi Arabia**, the first stop on a journey which will then take him to Azerbaijan and the United Arab Emirates. Read the report in our next edition.

This week in Vidy, the IOC President has met:

- the Luxembourg Sports Minister, Jeannot Krecké;
- the Brazilian Sports Minister, Orlando Silva, accompanied by IOC member Carlos Arthur Nuzman;
- the Greek Minister for Tourism, Fani Palli-Petralia;
- the President of the NOC of El Salvador, Eduardo Palomo;
- a Sportel delegation, composed of Roland Faure, Christian Quidet and Martine de Cortanze;
- the President of the International World Games Association (IWGA), Ron Froehlich; and
- the President of the European Athletics Federation, Hansjörg Wirz.

COMMISSIONS



Hein Verbruggen answering questions from the media during his visit to the Shenyang stadium.

This week, **Hein Verbruggen**, Chairman of the **Coordination Commission for the 2008 Games**, was in Shanghai then Shenyang, two cities which will host men's and women's football matches during the 2008 Games. In Beijing, he held a working meeting with the Games Organising Committee (BOCOG), during which the environment, transport, ticketing and



the Look of the Games were some of the subjects addressed. Photos and report on www.beijing2008.com.

IOC MEMBERS



Thomas Bach has been made a citizen of honour of Tauberbischofsheim, the town which is home to the “Fecht-Club”, the legendary fencing club which has produced several Olympic champions including Thomas Bach himself. President Rogge was at the ceremony, which took place today, Friday 1 February.



Prince Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani has been awarded an International Honorary Doctorate by the United States Sports Academy (USSA).

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

SUMMER OLYMPIC IFS



The **International Basketball Federation (FIBA)**, the Indian Basketball Federation and the National Basketball Association (NBA) announced this week that the 2008 edition of “Basketball without Borders” will be held from 3 to 6 July in New Delhi. Top young players (aged 19 and under) will come from all over Asia to take part in the camp. Since its launch in 2001, this programme has been staged in nine countries and territories on five continents. Information on www.fiba.com



Meeting on 24 and 25 January in Treviso (Italy), the **International Cycling Union (UCI)**'s Management Committee awarded the 2011 UCI Cyclo-cross World Championships to Sankt Wendel (Germany), and the 2009 UCI Para-cycling World Championships to Seville (Spain).



The **International Softball Federation (ISF)** has just announced that Laura Walden of Sports Features Communications has joined the ISF, among other things to provide media and communications support during the Games in Beijing. Details on www.internationalsoftball.com.

RECOGNISED IFS



The **International Motorcycling Federation (FIM)** has just announced the appointment of Olivier Godallier as Marketing Director. Currently in charge of marketing for FIBA, Godallier will join the FIM on 1 March 2008. More information on www.fim.ch.

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



Angela Merkel receiving the trophy from Thomas Bach.

On 28 January in Berlin, Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, received the **2007 IOC “Sport and Promotion of Olympism” Trophy** from **NOC** President Thomas Bach. Angela Merkel was honoured for representing the German public at eight world championships (handball, modern pentathlon, gymnastics, cycling, swimming, triathlon, canoeing, rowing and archery) held in Germany last year. Also at the ceremony were Olympic and world canoeing champions Ronald Rauhe and Tim Wieskötte, who were representing the German Olympic team for the 2008 Games.



(l. to r.) P. Orman, J. van Putten, L. Maduro, D. Every, M. Wever and Nicole Hoevertsz.

This week, the **Aruban NOC** officially installed its **Women and Sport Commission**. On this occasion, NOC President Leo Maduro received a report on the main activities of the Commission so far, such as staging a seminar on sexual harassment and abuse in sport last November. A plan of action listing the various projects for 2008 was also submitted. The Commission is composed of Perlishka Orman, Jacqueline van Putten, Daphne Every, Mildred Wever and Nicole Hoevertsz, who is also an IOC member.



The **Cyprus Olympic Committee** has just informed us about the **Technical Seminar for Archery Coaches** (see photo above) held last December in Nicosia. Organised in cooperation with the Cyprus Archery Federation, under the aegis of Olympic Solidarity, the seminar brought together 32 participants, including coaches and athletes.



At a ceremony to honour the best athletes of 2007, the **Croatian NOC** awarded the **2007 IOC "Sport and Promotion of Olympism" Trophy** to handball player Slavko Goluzza (in the photo), double Olympic gold medallist (1996 and 2004) and currently Vice-President of the Croatian Olympians Club. The

NOC President and Secretary General, Zlatko Mateša and Josip Cop, were there to congratulate and thank all the prize-winners.



Meeting between the Mayor of Fukuoka (left) and Stefan Lindeberg.

On 26 January, the **Japanese and Swedish NOCs** and the **city of Fukuoka** reached an agreement on holding a pre-training camp in preparation for the Games in 2008. Arrangements will be finalised shortly concerning accommodation, transport, use of sports facilities and selecting training partners in 18 sports. The Swedish NOC President, Stefan Lindeberg, and the Sports Director of Fukuoka, Peter Reinebo, were present for this first meeting.



The Games in August in Beijing will see the first Olympic participation by the **NOC of the Marshall Islands**. And this will be even more special thanks to its taekwondist, **Anju Jason**, who won the gold medal in the 80kg category at the Olympic qualification tournament for Oceania held in Nouméa (New Caledonia) last December, thereby earning his **ticket for the Games in Beijing**. Thanks to this qualification, the Oceania NOCs (ONOC) and Olympic Solidarity have offered Jason an Olympic scholarship to help him prepare for the Games. More information on www.oceaniasport.com/onoc/



Beijing 2008 will also see a première for the **NOC of Samoa**, which will be represented in the Olympic archery competition for the very first time. At the qualifier tournament for Oceania, held earlier in the month in New Zealand, Samoan archer Joseph Walter surprised everyone by placing second in the men's recurve



competition. Even if Walter has not yet officially obtained the minimum qualification score - he has until July to do so -, the Samoa team is confident. And in Beijing, Walter will be able to count on an enthusiastic supporter in the person of Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sailele Malielegaoi, himself an archer and a medallist at the South Pacific Games. More details on www.oceaniasport.com/onoc/.

ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES BEIJING 2008



The "Water Cube" at night.

On 28 January, the **National Aquatics Centre**, nicknamed the "Water Cube", was inaugurated, three days before its first test event. Located in the southern part of the Olympic Green, the Centre will welcome anything up to 17,000 spectators in August when it hosts the swimming, diving, water polo and synchronised swimming competitions. After **the 2008 Olympic Games**, it will become a multi-functional facility for sports, culture and recreation. More information and photos on www.beijing2008.com.

VANCOUVER 2010



The **Vancouver Organising Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games (VANOC)** has announced that Tickets.com will be the official supplier of ticket services within Canada for the 2010

Games. The five-year partnership provides Tickets.com with official supplier sponsorship

rights in the ticket service provider category, plus the sponsorship rights to the Canadian teams at the Games in 2008, 2010 and 2012. Tickets for the Games in Vancouver will go on sale in October 2008. Read the press release on www.vancouver2010.com.



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