



## IOC ACTIVITIES

### IOC PRESIDENT

IOC President **Jacques Rogge** has expressed his concern about the recent events in Tibet and has offered his condolences to the families of the victims. The IOC has every reason to believe that the Olympic Games this August will be a resounding success, allowing sport and its values to bring the world together and transcend social and political differences.

**Jacques Rogge** has made a series of visits in the Caribbean, accompanied by IOC Executive Board member **Mario Vázquez Raña**.

In **Puerto Rico**, Jacques Rogge spoke to:

- Richard L. Carrión, IOC Executive Board member;
- Héctor Cardona and José Julián Álvarez, President and Secretary General of the Puerto Rican NOC.

He opened the Puerto Rican Olympic Museum.

In **St Kitts and Nevis**, the IOC President had meetings with:

- the Prime Minister, Denzil Douglas;
- Sports Minister Richard Skerritt;
- Alphonso Bridgewater (NOC President), Glenville Jeffers (NOC Secretary General) and other NOC members.

On the island of **Antigua and Barbuda**, President Rogge met:

- Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister, and Louise Lake-Tack, Governor General;
- and NOC members, including the President, E.P. Chet Greene, and Secretary General, Leroy N. Ashton Williams.

In **Grenada**, the IOC President visited:

- Daniel Williams, Governor General;
- the Prime Minister and Sports Minister;
- and the NOC President and Secretary General, Royston La Hee and Veda Bruno-Victor respectively.

Jacques Rogge then travelled to **St Lucia**, where he attended a reception alongside:

- the Governor General;
- government ministers;
- NOC members, including the President, Richard Peterkin, and Secretary General, Alfred Emmanuel;
- and sports federation representatives.

The penultimate stage of this Caribbean tour was **Trinidad and Tobago**. There, the programme included:

- a discussion with Prime Minister Patrick Manning and George Maxwell Richards, the President of the Republic;
- a meeting with the Minister of Youth and Sport, Gary Hung;
- and a conversation with NOC President Michael Larry Romany, Secretary General Brian Lewis, and Vice-President Ian Hypolite.

The final port of call was **Barbados**, where Jacques Rogge attended:

- a reception given by IOC member Austin Sealy;
- the opening of a building;
- and the hand-over of a minivan to the NOC.

He also spoke to the Governor General and the Prime Minister.



From left to right: Erskine Simmons (NOC Secretary General), Steve R. Stoute S.C.M. (NOC President), Jacques Rogge, David Thompson (Prime Minister), Mario Vázquez Raña, Austin Seeley



### COMMISSIONS

As the health of the athletes taking part in the Olympic Games is of particular importance to the IOC, its **Medical Commission** has been appraising the air quality in the Chinese capital. The findings indicate that, at Games time one year out, the health of athletes was largely not impaired. This finding is upheld by the fact that no health issues related to air quality were reported to the IOC by any of the team physicians who looked after athletes competing during the August 2007 test events. For outdoor endurance events that include minimum one hour continuous physical efforts at high level – urban road cycling, mountain bike, marathon, marathon swimming, triathlon and road walk - the IOC Medical Commission's findings indicated that there may be some risk. The IOC will, therefore, be working together with the relevant International Federations in order to put in place procedures which will allow a "plan B" to be activated for such events if necessary.

### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

#### SUMMER OLYMPIC IFS



FONDÉE EN 1881

The **International Federation of Gymnastics (FIG)** has announced the opening of the International Gymnastics Centre in Senegal. The town of Thiès will thus become the leading African centre specialising in this sport.



**Don Porter**, President of the **International Softball Federation (ISF)**, has been to Guatemala to attend the induction ceremony for two individuals elected to the ISF Hall of Fame. The two men honoured were Carlos Cano Gómez and Carlos Larrañaga Gomar.



The Medical Committee of the **Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)** has been focusing on protecting the health of players and the importance

of education on football medicine in order to prevent injuries and disease as well as to improve standards of care.

### NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



The **Hellenic Olympic Committee** has officially announced the list of torchbearers and published a map of the Torch Relay route in Greece. The flame-lighting ceremony will be held in the ruins of ancient Olympia on 24 March. For six days, the Relay will cover 16 regions of Greece, reaching Athens on 29 March.

The President of the **Algerian Olympic Committee, Mustapha Berraf** (left), and the Director of Military Sport, General Benziane



Meguedad, have been decorated by the International Military Sports Council (CISM). CISM President Gianni Gola awarded them the body's highest distinction, making them a "Knight of Military Sport" in recognition of their contribution to the promotion of sport in general, and military sport in particular.



Olympic gymnastics champion Olga Tass, who competed in four editions of the Games, has been awarded the IOC "Women and Sport" Trophy for 2007 by the **Hungarian NOC** as a tribute to her career. NOC President and IOC member Pál Schmitt presented the Trophy. Since retiring from competition, Olga Tass has trained the Hungarian, French and Canadian national teams. She has always been an active defender of the Olympic and sports movement, and teaches women's gymnastics.



The **Brazilian Olympic Committee** has presented the IOC "Sport and Promotion of Olympism" Trophy for 2007 to the Globo organisation for its remarkable sports promotion work in Brazil. The NOC also paid tribute to the 469 winning athletes in the Pan-American and Para Pan-American Games.



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ORGANISING COMMITTEES  
FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES



The **Vancouver Organising Committee for the XXI Olympic Winter Games in 2010** has signed a contributing province agreement with the Province of Manitoba, giving the province's entertainers and

artists the chance to perform to an international audience during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Canada.



The **Organising Committee for the Games of the XXX Olympiad in London in 2012** has chosen the architects LDA Design • Hargreaves Associates to design the Olympic Park landscape.

Based on the principles of sustainable development, the team will develop detailed proposals for the open spaces in the Olympic Park both during and after the Games.