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## IOC ACTIVITIES

### PRESIDENT

On 22 and 23 August, **IOC President Jacques Rogge is at the United Nations headquarters** in New York (USA), where [the United Nations General Assembly has approved by consensus a proclamation](#) establishing an International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.

The Day will be celebrated each year on 6 April, the date of the opening of the first modern Olympic Games in Athens in 1896, by UN member states and other relevant stakeholders.

Before flying to New York, President Rogge gave a press conference on 19 August with the Swiss media and, the following day, met the Chairman of the Inter-American Development Bank, Luis Moreno.

### MISCELLANEOUS

On 22 August, [the IOC has received strong written reassurances from the Russian government](#) that everyone will be welcome at the Games in Sochi regardless of their sexual orientation.

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

### SUMMER IFS

At the recent World Fencing Championships held in Budapest (Hungary), German fencer Falk Spautz received the International Committee for Fair Play (CIFP)'s 2013 fair play trophy in recognition of his exemplary sporting spirit. Mario Favia, former Vice-President of the **International Fencing Federation (FIE)** and an Olympic medallist, received the lifetime fair play award for his dedication to sport and the spirit of fair play. Info at [www.fie.org](http://www.fie.org).



For the first time in the history of the **International Handball Federation (IHF)**'s photo of the year competition, a photo taken during a beach handball match (above) won first prize, for the 2012 edition. Australian photographer Ben Dawson took the winning shot during the Oman/Croatia match at the 2012 World Championships in Oman. Info at [www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info).



Participants in the IJF seminar in Miami

The **International Judo Federation (IJF)**'s "Judo for Children" programme was launched on 12 August in Miami (USA) on the occasion of International Youth Day. The programme started with a seminar, during which ideas, experiences and case studies were exchanged and addressed by the delegations from 40 countries which stayed in Miami after having taken part in the Junior World Championships. The seminar also provided the opportunity to present this programme and to provide more information on its implementation, financing and promotion, as well as on the IJF resources made available to the national federations. Info at [www.ijf.org](http://www.ijf.org).



**The International Swimming Federation (FINA)** has announced the death of Hungary's legendary water polo player and coach, Dezso Gyarmati (photo), at the age of 86. Still today, he is the

only water polo player to have won five Olympic medals during his career: three gold (1952, 1956 and 1964), one silver (1948) and one bronze (1960). He went on to become the coach of Hungary's national team, adding three other Olympic medals to his record (gold in 1976, silver in 1972 and bronze in 1980). More information at [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org).

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Participants in the Bahrain NOC course

The level three National Coaching Programme course, organised by the **Bahrain Olympic Committee's** Sports Training and Development Section, brought together 22 participants. It addressed, among other things, the role of coaches and safety in sport, physical preparation and preparing a seasonal training plan.



The **NOC of Colombia** has informed us that, on 23 August, a workshop is being held as part of the IOC's Athlete Career Programme. This workshop is being led by IOC Athletes' Commission member Pedro Alejandro Yang, in cooperation with Adecco. In Colombia, this programme is

managed by Santiago Botero, the athletes' representative on the NOC's Executive Board. The NOC has also informed us of the death of Olga María Sáenz Ramírez, pioneer of Paralympic sports in Colombia, who created the Colombian Federation for Athletes with Cerebral Palsy. Info at [www.co.org.co](http://www.co.org.co).

## ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES

### RIO 2016



The Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio in 2016 (Rio 2016™) has [launched its sustainability management plan](#), as part of its

commitment to achieving its sustainability goals. Implemented in cooperation with the federal and state governments and the city council, the objective of this plan is to lay the foundations of Rio 2016's action and to integrate the principles and projects related to sustainability into the organisation of major international events. A technical cooperation agreement with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was also signed on this occasion. This will provide an evaluation plan and mediation around the subject of sustainability between Rio 2016 and the people of Brazil. Info at [www.rio2016.com](http://www.rio2016.com).

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