



## IOC ACTIVITIES

### PRESIDENT



Executive Board group photo

On 7 and 8 December, IOC President Jacques Rogge chaired this year's last meeting of the Executive Board (EB).

The EB's decisions included updating the *Directions Concerning the Election of the IOC President*, the appointment of IOC Athletes' Commission member Claudia Bokel to the Ethics Commission, as a replacement for Rebecca Scott, retroactive to 30 September 2011; the creation of a new Sport for Hope Centre in Haiti; and granting provisional IOC recognition to the International Automobile Federation (FIA).

During the EB meeting, it was announced that the city of Lillehammer, which hosted the Olympic Winter Games in 1994, had been elected by the IOC members in a postal vote as the host city of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2016.

On the morning of 7 December, the EB met the Council of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), whose President is EB member Mario Vázquez Raña.

This week in Vidy, the President met:

- John Wood, silver medallist in canoeing in Montreal in 1976.

- Tsunekazu Takeda, the President of the Japanese NOC;
- The Deputy Governor of the State of Rio, Luis Fernando de Souza Pezão, and IOC member and President of the Rio 2016 Organising Committee, Carlos Arthur Nuzman. President Rogge was accompanied by the Chair of the Coordination Commission for Rio 2016, EB member Nawal El Moutawakel.
- A delegation from Nanjing 2014 led by the Executive President of the Organising Committee, Yang Weize.



President Rogge and Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr.

President Rogge also met several IOC members attending the meetings in Lausanne. He also participated in the inauguration of the Juan Antonio Samaranch Room, in the presence of IOC member Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr.

A report on the EB meeting and decisions can be found at [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org) ("IOC News" section).

## COMMISSIONS

**Several commissions held meetings** this week in Vidy: The Entourage Commission, chaired by Sergey Bubka; the Olympic Solidarity Commission, chaired by Mario Vázquez Raña; the Finance Commission and Audit Committee, chaired by Richard L. Carrión; and the Radio



and Television Commission, chaired by President Rogge.

A total of 21 athletes are in the running for election to the **IOC Athletes' Commission**. The elections will take place during the Olympic Games in London in 2012. Four places will be vacant, with current members Hicham El Guerrouj, Rania Elwani, Frank Fredericks and Jan Zelezny reaching the end of their terms of office next summer. Find out more about the 21 candidates at [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org) ("IOC News" section).

## OTHER NEWS

The **IOC recently presented its integrated communications campaign, entitled "Show your Best"**, which invites people from throughout the world to show what they do best. Participants will have the opportunity to appear in an IOC televised advertising spot which will be shown all over the world, and to win a trip to the Olympic Games in London in 2012 or several other prizes. Find out more about this campaign at [www.olympic.org/showyourbest](http://www.olympic.org/showyourbest).

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

### SUMMER IFS

The Clean Water Strategic Alliance between the **International Rowing Federation (FISA)** and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) has been formalised by the signing of an agreement in Lausanne. Those signing the agreement were, for the WWF, Judy Slatyer, Chief Operating Officer, and Maria Boulos Corporate Relations Director; and, for FISA, IOC member Denis Oswald, President, and Matt Smith, Executive Director. This message for clean water could be placed on televised signage and backdrops at the seven Rowing World Cup events. More details at [www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com).



From 2 to 4 December in Philadelphia (USA), the **International Fencing Federation (FIE)** Congress brought together a record 233 participants from 129 national federations. Among the main decisions taken were the awarding of the 2012 World Veterans'

Championship to Krems (Austria) and the presentation of the "Chevalier Feyerick" Challenge prize to the French Fencing Federation (FFE) for the outstanding organisation and delivery of the 2010 Senior World Championships in Paris. On Friday 2 December, the FIE Executive Committee decided to implement wireless epee at Olympic Games, World Championships and Grand Prix competitions. All three weapons (foil, sabre and epee) are now wireless. Full information at [www.fie.ch](http://www.fie.ch).



On 2 December, alongside the 20<sup>th</sup> Women's World Championships in Brazil, the **International Handball Federation (IHF)** organised its first Women's Conference in São Paulo, bringing together representatives of the federations participating in these Championships, from more than 20 countries. Chaired by IHF President Hassan Moustafa, the main mission of this Conference was to discuss, among other subjects, the future of the development of women's handball, the reduction of the gap that exists between men's and women's competitions, and the status of women within the IHF. Full info at [www.ihf.info](http://www.ihf.info).



The **International Swimming Federation (FINA)** has launched a new section of its website, devoted to the profiles of great athletes in the various disciplines: swimming, diving, water polo, synchronised swimming and open water swimming. In this section, information will be provided on the athletes' best performances and there will also be numerous facts and figures related to their careers. Access is free to all, both media and fans in general. See this new section at [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org).



The **International Rugby Board (IRB)** has launched its strategic plan for developing women's rugby. This plan's priorities are clearly fixed on competition and participation, and it aims to open the way to an unprecedented five-year growth plan. At present, 200,000 women rugby players throughout the world take part in competitions. Info at [www.irb.com](http://www.irb.com).



## WINTER IFS



The six-time Olympian and world record-holder for the number of matches played in a national team, Finn Raimo Helminen, will be inducted into the hall of fame of the **International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF)** in front of his countrymen in Helsinki in May 2012. He will join players Pavel Bure (Russian Federation), Phil Housley (USA) and Milan Novy (Czech Republic), and Canadian coach Andy Murray. The induction ceremony will take place on 20 May 2012, the last day of the 76<sup>th</sup> World Ice Hockey Championships in Helsinki. They will be accompanied by Canada's Kent Angus, who will receive the "Paul Loicq" Trophy (named after a former IIHF President) in recognition of his important contribution to the IIHF and international ice hockey. Detailed biographies of the winners on [www.iihf.com](http://www.iihf.com).

## NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



At the invitation of Thomas Bach (right of photo), President of the **NOC of Germany** and IOC Vice-President, the Federal President of Germany, Christian Wulff (left), attended the NOC's General Assembly in Berlin. In his speech, President Wulff recalled the importance of the role of sport in society and underlined the autonomy of German sport. Thomas Bach awarded President Wulff the NOC's highest distinction, the Medal of Honour.

Furthermore, Thomas Bach honoured the universities of Berlin for their joint efforts to improve study conditions for athletes. He thus presented the "University for Elite Sport" prize, underlining that this was one of the German NOC's most important prizes. As for Bernhard Schwank, the NOC's Elite Sport Director, he recalled that half the German Olympic team present in Beijing in 2008 had been students. Among these student athletes in Berlin's universities are Britta Steffen, Katrin Mattscherodt and Lena Schöneborn. Full info at [www.dosb.de](http://www.dosb.de).



In order to support British athletes in achieving success at the Winter and Summer Games, the **British Olympic Association (BOA)** has announced that it will again deliver the Team GB Ambition Programme at the London 2012 Games. The programme will focus on athletes and coaches who aspire to represent Team GB at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games and Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Furthermore, Olympic diving medallist Elizabeth (Liz) Ferris, who has devoted much of her life to promoting women in national and international sport, was awarded the first BOA Lifetime Achievement Award. Ferris won the bronze medal on the 3-metre springboard at the 1960 Rome Games, before devoting herself to research and studies for gender equality in sport. She has been a member of IOC Women and Sport Commission since its creation in 1995. She also played an important role in the launch of the World Olympians Association (WOA) before creating the British Olympians Club. IOC member the Princess Royal presented the trophy to Liz Ferris. More info on [www.olympics.org.uk](http://www.olympics.org.uk).



At its Olympic gala dinner, the **Guatemalan NOC** presented a number of Olympic prizes, such as the Order of the NOC and trophies, to accomplished coaches and talented young athletes. The IOC 2011 "Sport and Social Responsibility" Trophy was also awarded to the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala, in recognition of its support for social and educational development in this country. This ceremony took place in the presence of the NOC members, presidents of sports associations and federations, numerous athletes and coaches, the media, representatives of public authorities and many other guests. Info at [www.cog.org.gt](http://www.cog.org.gt).



**The Iranian National Olympic and Paralympic Academy** held a strategic sports management course for Iraqi sports administrators from 29 November to 2 December. Some 40 participants from various sports federations attended this course. Among the subjects addressed were concepts and the importance of planning, the sports management process, the



mission and vision of sports organisations, the strategic localisation of organisations and obstacles to the implementation of the strategy within the organisation. This course has been held several times this year. For more information, go to [www.olympicacademy.ir](http://www.olympicacademy.ir).



On 29 November, the **Italian NOC (CONI)** held an International Racquet Sports Seminar, which was organised by the Director of Sport and Olympic Preparation, in collaboration with the Institute of Sports Science and Medicine, in the framework of training programmes for London 2012. Work started with a welcome speech by CONI President Giovanni Petrucci (right of photo), followed by that of the Secretary General, Raffaele Pagnozzi (left), who recalled the path chosen by CONI in the framework of the training programmes for the 2012 Games. IOC member and President of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Francesco Ricci Bitti welcomed this initiative. Many experts from various countries also attended this seminar. Info on [www.coni.it](http://www.coni.it).



The winners of the Lithuanian NOC's photo competition

At the end of November, a ceremony was held at the headquarters of the **Lithuanian NOC** to reward the winners of the children's photo contest entitled "We are all in sports – sporting everywhere and always". A total of 94 photos were submitted, and 20 winners received prizes from the NOC and diplomas from the Lithuanian Sports Centre for Students and Schoolchildren. Info at [www.ltok.lt](http://www.ltok.lt).



The **Togolese NOC** recently informed us that the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the "Togolese Olympians' Day" has been held in Lomé. Several sports events – running, cycling, boxing, judo and fencing – and a symposium were proposed to athletes who had participated in the Olympic Games. Also, a training workshop brought together some 50 Sport for All and jogging instructors. Organised by the Togolese NOC, this workshop's main objective was to introduce these instructors to the best ways of performing physical exercises.

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