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## IOC ACTIVITIES

### PRESIDENT

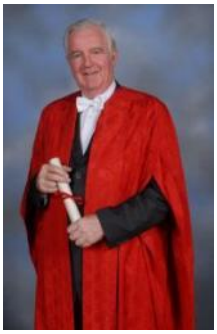
**President Rogge receiving the Order of Friendship from President Medvedev**

This week, **IOC President Jacques Rogge** has been in Russia. After arriving in Moscow on 22 November, he was presented with the Order of Friendship by the Russian President, Dmitry Medvedev, with whom he later had a meeting in the company of IOC members Vitaly Smirnov, Shamil Tarpischev and Alexander Popov.

From Moscow, **President Rogge travelled to Sochi**, where he addressed the 40th General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees, chaired by IOC member Patrick Joseph Hickey, on 23 November.

On 25 November, after visiting the facilities for the 2014 Winter Games on the coast in Sochi, he returned to **Moscow to attend the Olympic Ball for the Russian NOC's 100th anniversary**. On the same day, he met press agency ITAR TASS and executives from the main Russian press agencies and digital media.

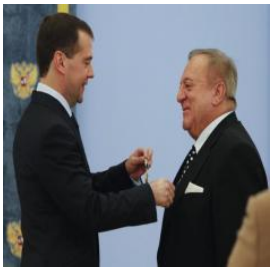
### MEMBERS



**Craig Reedie** was recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the University of the West of Scotland at a ceremony at the University's Paisley campus. This distinction was in recognition of his important contribution to the development of sport in the UK and internationally.

On 24 November in Durban (South Africa), **Sam Ramsamy** attended a seminar on sport, the environment and climate change, ahead of the Conference of the Parties (COP17) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). He spoke on the IOC's environmental management policy and vision.

## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS



The Presidents of the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF), International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), **René Fasel**, **Lamine Diack** and honorary member **Tamás Aján** (pictured above), have been awarded the Order of Friendship by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, in recognition of their contribution to the development of their respective sports in Russia. They were presented with the Order in Moscow, at the same time as President Rogge.

## SUMMER IFS

The **International Gymnastics Federation** (FIG) and the Chinese Gymnastics Association (CGA) have signed an agreement that will see the People's Republic of China host the 45th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in 2014. CGA President Luo Chaoyi and FIG Secretary General André Gueisbuhler signed this agreement during the 28th Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships last week in Birmingham (UK). The Championships will take place between 3 and 12 October 2014. Read the press release on www.fig-gymnastics.com.

**Children from Macassar with the IJF delegation**

During the Junior World Judo Championships held in Cape Town (South Africa) this month, a delegation from the **International Judo Federation** (IJF), headed by IJF President, Marius Vizer and composed of IJF General Secretary Jean-Luc Rougé, African Judo Union President and IOC member Lassana Palenfo, IJF Executive Committee member Hedi Dhouib and the President of Judo South Africa, Hlasho Temba, visited Macassar, one of Cape Town's biggest townships. On this occasion, Kenny Rinquest, Development Director of Judo South Africa, led a judo clinic on the tatami which he himself had provided to the community. Some 60 children aged between 8 and 15 had the chance to discover judo. For the IJF President, Macassar will be the starting point of a larger solidarity programme which the IJF will run alongside Judo South Africa. Tatami and judogi will be sent to the Federation to set up a development programme, which will be replicated in other provinces of South Africa and then in other countries. Read the story on www.ijf.org.

**The FITA seminar participants**

From 18 to 20 November in Lausanne, **World Archery** (FITA) held its first management seminar as part of the 2007-2012 World Plan. Bringing together around 50 participants from 30 countries, the aim of the seminar was to strengthen the networking between World Archery member associations by sharing success stories and concrete projects that can be applied in other countries, in order to increase the management efficiency of the various associations. Other sports organisations, including Olympic Solidarity, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF), also gave presentations. This seminar also kicked off the 2012-2017 World Archery World Plan. Read the press release on www.archery.org.

On 18 November in Tokyo (Japan), the United Nations and the **International Volleyball Federation** (FIVB) signed a two-year partnership agreement aimed at supporting achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and further harnessing the power of volleyball to bring about

positive social change worldwide. The agreement was signed by the UN Secretary-General's Special Adviser on Sport for Development and Peace, Wilfried Lemke (left of photo), and FIVB President Jizhong Wei (pictured right). Read the press release on www.fivb.org.

## NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES

After *The Atlanta Journal*, *The Sydney Journal*, *The Athens News* and *The Beijing News*, the **Belgian NOC** has just published *The London News*. This publication offers information on the 2012 Olympic Games generally, and on the Belgian team athletes in particular. Details on www.olympic.be

The **Canadian NOC** has announced the creation of a coach reward programme, offering financial rewards for coaches of Olympic medal winners. This programme is part of the NOC's new focus on coaches, which also includes a coaches' task force looking at better recognising coaches and increasing their profile; a Games recognition programme to recognise the coaches of Olympic and Pan-American medallists when the athletes are recognised by the NOC; and another recognition programme at the Games in London next year. Read the press release on www.olympic.ca.

**Beijing 2008 and Singapore 2010 athletes blowing out the candles on the Costa Rican NOC cake**

On 21 November, the **Costa Rican NOC** celebrated its 75th anniversary at the NOC headquarters. Those attending included federation and sports association leaders and numerous athletes, including some who took part in the 1968 Games in Mexico City, the 2008 Games in Beijing and the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore in 2010. On this occasion, NOC President Henry Núñez paid tribute to fencer Bernardo de la Guardia, the first Costa Rican athlete to compete in the Games, in 1936 in Berlin, and the first Executive Committee, which was headed by Joaquin Lizano Bonilla. More details on www.concrc.org.

For the second time, the **French and German NOCs** have sent six French and German youngsters aged from 18 to 23 on a mission as part of the Franco-German civic service programme. The three French participants have thus gone to Göttingen, Lüneburg and Hannover in Germany, where they will be involved in general service activities linked to health and sport, education and social integration through sport. Their three German counterparts will be involved in projects in Paris, Lyon and Versailles. Their programme will include social integration through sport projects in the Paris area and projects linked to the 50th anniversary of the Franco-German Youth Office. More details on www.franceolympique.com

The **Mongolian NOC** informs us that Zhang Jilong (left of photo), the Chinese NOC Vice-President, Sports Director of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and FIFA Executive Committee member, recently paid a courtesy call to the NOC, where he met NOC Vice-President Tsend Damdin (right of photo). The two men discussed collaboration between the two NOCs, including football development in Mongolia. Zhang Jilong also attended the opening of the new futsal indoor venue financed by the FIFA Goal project.

On 17 November, the **Portuguese NOC** celebrated its 102nd anniversary at a ceremony organised at the NOC headquarters in Lisbon. Those attending included the Deputy Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Miguel Relvas; the Secretary of State for Sport and Youth, Alexandre Mestre; the President of the Portuguese Institute for Sport and Youth, Augusto Baganha; and UK Ambassador Jill Gallard. One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the 2011 NOC awards, and a tribute to the four Olympic champions with the unveiling of the "Olympic Fame" wall. IOC honorary member Fernando Lima Bello (right of photo), presented the IOC's 2011 "Sport and Social Responsibility" Trophy to the National Association of Portuguese Municipalities (ANMP) Secretary General, Artur Trindade (left of photo). Find out more on www.comiteolimpicoportugal.pt.

**Serbian NOC** President Vlade Divac (right of photo), and the President of the "Generations for Peace" organisation, Princess Sarah Al-Feisal of Jordan (left of photo), recently signed a memorandum of cooperation between the two organisations in Belgrade. Through this agreement, the NOC has become a partner of "Generations For Peace" in implementing its projects in Serbia and the region. Sarah Al-Feisal was received by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Snezana Samardzic-Markovic, and the President of the Governing Board of the Sport and Olympism Foundation, Tatjana Pasic. More details on www.oks.org.rs.

## RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS

This week, the **European Olympic Committees** (EOC), whose President is IOC member Patrick Joseph Hickey, held its 40th General Assembly in Sochi, host city for the Olympic Winter Games in 2014. Representatives of 48 NOCs were present, as well as those from the Organising Committees of the forthcoming Olympic Games and European Youth Olympic Festivals, and the applicant cities for the 2020 Olympic Games. The agenda included an overview of 2011; and reports by the organisers of the Olympic Games in London, Sochi, Rio and, for the first time, PyeongChang. In addition, the Assembly saw the presentation of the first Best Young European Athlete Award, created in memory of Polish NOC President and EOC Executive Committee member Piotr Nurowski. The winner, chosen by the Assembly, is the young Polish cyclist, Tobiasz Lis. More details and photos on www.eurolympic.org

## ERRATUM

In last week's *Highlights*, we mistakenly wrote that Vjacheslav Aminov was President of the Russian Gymnastics Federation, whereas he is in fact **President of the Russian Modern Pentathlon Federation**. Please note also that he was elected by the Congress and not appointed.

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