



IOC ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT

This week in Vidy, **IOC President Jacques Rogge has met:**

- IOC member Ching-Kuo Wu;
- G. Nicolas Hayek Jr, CEO of Swatch Group, accompanied by Swiss Timing CEO Eckhard Frank and Director General Christophe Berthaud;
- World Squash Federation (WSF) President N. Ramachandran;
- a delegation from the NOC of Ghana, led by its President, Francis Doodoo;
- World Karate Federation (WKF) President Antonio Espinos; and
- Deputy Mayor of Shanghai Zhao Wen.

Also this week he attended the traditional meeting with the City of Lausanne representatives and Lausanne's sports leaders.

This weekend, the **IOC President will be in Athens** (Greece), where he will take part in the ceremony to light the flame of the Innsbruck Winter Youth Olympic Games. More info next week on www.olympic.org (News section).

Next week, **President Rogge will be made an Officer of the Legion of Honour** by the President of the French Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy, at a ceremony organised at the Elysée Palace in Paris.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

SUMMER IFS



The **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)** has announced the details of its plans to celebrate its centenary next year.

Indeed, the IAAF, which was created in Stockholm (Sweden) two days after the Closing Ceremony of the 1912 Olympic Games, will be 100 years old on 17 July next year. A

Centenary Working Group has been set up, headed by IAAF Council member Helmut Digel. The activities/events include publishing a book, running an exhibition, broadcasting a TV series, organising a World Congress on School and Youth Athletics and establishing an IAAF Hall of Fame. Read more about these plans on www.iaaf.org.



Venezuela and Turkey will host the World Olympic Qualifying Tournaments for the London 2012 basketball competitions. The decision was taken by the Central Board of the **International Basketball Federation (FIBA)** at its recent meeting in Madrid (Spain). From 2 to 8 July 2012, Caracas, Venezuela, will host the 12 men's teams vying for the last three Olympic places. The previous week, from 25 June to 1 July, in the Turkish capital of Ankara, 12 women's teams will battle for the five remaining places for London. More info at www.fiba.com.



Australia's Jamie Dwyer has been honoured by his fellow hockey players who named him "Player of the Year 2011" of the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**. His compatriot Matthew Swann won the Young Player award. They received their prizes at the Owen G. Glenn FIH Champions Trophy in Auckland (New Zealand) from FIH President Leandro Negre. The winners of the women's Player of the Year awards will be announced at the Argentine Champions Trophy, which will be held in Rosario between 28 January and 5 February 2012. The 2011 FIH All-Star teams will be decided by public vote on the FIH web site between 12 and 21 December. More info at www.fih.ch.



At the Judo Grand Slam organised recently in Tokyo (Japan), the President of the **International Judo Federation (IJF)**, Marius L. Vizer, and the President of the French Judo Federation, Jean-Luc Rouge, presented



donation cheques offered by their Federations to the three Japanese provinces most affected by last March's earthquake: Fukushima, Iwate and Miyagi. The donations will be used to support the re-development of judo in the affected areas. Info and photos on www.ijf.org.



The best nine Athletes of the Year 2011 have been selected by the **International Swimming Federation (FINA)** in its five aquatic disciplines.

After collecting votes from the FINA's 202 national member federations, media and aquatic experts, the list of the best athletes has been published. They are: for swimming, Ryan Lochte (USA) and Melissa Franklin (USA); for diving, Qiu Bo (China) and Wu Minxia (China); for water polo, Filip Filipovic (Serbia) and Alexandra Asimaki (Greece); for synchronised swimming, Natalia Ishchenko and Svetlana Romashina (Russia); and for open water swimming, Thomas Lurz (Germany) and Kerri-Anne Payne (Great Britain). Info on www.fina.org.



The **International Modern Pentathlon Union (UIPM)** Executive Board has awarded the 2016 Senior World Championships to Moscow (Russian Federation), which successfully organised the 2011 edition. The Argentine city of Buenos Aires will host the Centenary (64th) UIPM Congress from 18 to 21 October 2012. In addition, at its 63rd Congress, the UIPM approved the proposed "No Needle Policy", which comes into force immediately. The UIPM thus joins other IFs and the IOC in enforcing this policy for the London 2012 Games, aiming to limit athletes' use of syringes or any other medical equipment that could potentially be used for doping purposes. More info at www.pentathlon.org.



Bernard Lapasset has been re-elected as Chairman of the **International Rugby Board (IRB)** for a second consecutive term until 2016.

The IRB Council, which recently met in Los Angeles (USA), also elected South African Rugby Union President Oregan Hoskins as Vice-Chairman. Lapasset and Hoskins will begin their tenures on 1 January 2012. Press release at www.irb.com.



The **International Tennis Federation (ITF)** has announced that Serbian Novak Djokovic and Czech Petra Kvitova have been named 2011 ITF World Champions. Bob and Mike Bryan (USA) have been named Men's Doubles World Champions for the eighth time, while Kveta Peschke (Czech Republic) and Katarina Srebotnik (Slovenia) have become Women's Doubles World Champions for the first time. The Czech Republic's Jiri Vesely and Russia's Irina Khromacheva won the Junior titles; and Dutch duo Esther Vergeer and Maikel Scheffers won in the wheelchair category. The trophies will be presented at the World Champions Dinner on 5 June 2012, during the French Open in Paris. Detailed info on www.iftennis.com.



World Archery Federation (FITA) has announced the re-launch of its online shop. New products, a new design with simplified processes and a new customer service are among the improvements made at: www.worldarchery.officialshop.ch.



The **International Triathlon Union (ITU)** has become a member of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). The IF's affiliation was ratified at the 15th IPC General Assembly in Beijing (People's Republic of China) (see also "Recognised Organisations") last weekend. Paratriathlon has been included in the programme of the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio. More info at www.triathlon.org.

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



Photo of the sports administration course participants in the Dominican Republic



Some 35 sports leaders from the Dominican provinces of San Juan de la Maguana, Elías Piña and Las Matas de Farfán took part in a sports administration course organised recently by the **Dominican NOC's** sports academy in the framework of Olympic Solidarity. During the four days of the course, 26 themes were addressed, such as the bases of the Olympic Movement, time management, using prohibited substances in sport, team selection, and organising an Olympic mission. Info at www.colimdo.org.



The **Lithuanian NOC** has informed us that a silver coin (photo) worth 50 litas has recently been struck for the London 2012 Games. This is the fifth in a series of commemorative coins. The obverse of the coin features a representation of yachting and sails. Lithuania's Gintare Volungeviciute won the silver medal in the laser radial class at the Beijing 2008 Games. The coin was presented in the presence of NOC President Arturas Poviliunas and Secretary General Vytautas Zubernis. More info at www.ltok.lt.

day meeting. These included the right to sport for all, integration through sport, strengthening women's participation in the Olympic sphere, and establishing physical education in schools and universities.

RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS



At its 15th General Assembly, held last week in Beijing, the **IPC** awarded the 2013 IPC Athletics World Championships to the French city of Lyon. The event will run from 20 to 29 July and is expected to draw 2,000 athletes and officials from 118 countries. Also in Beijing, at the Paralympic Awards Gala, the IPC honoured the top (male and female) athletes, best team, best Games debut, most exemplary official, and the best media (written, photography and broadcast) coverage of the Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games. The Paralympic Order was awarded to four people in recognition of their important contribution to the Paralympic Movement. See the list of recipients at www.paralympic.org.

NEXT EDITION

Owing to the end-of-year holidays, the **next edition of the Olympic Highlights will be published on 13 January 2012**. We take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year!



Participants of the Sport and Peace Forum in Lima

A few weeks ago in Lima, the **Peruvian NOC** organised the Latin-American "Peace and Sport" Forum, under the auspices of the IOC, and with the support of the municipality of Miraflores. The Forum was opened by the Minister for Education, Patricia Salas. A message from President Rogge was read by IOC member Iván Dibos. Representatives of 12 countries in the region drafted a declaration that underlined the most important points resulting from the three-

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