



## International Women's Day

Today, 8 March 2011 affords the St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Olympic Committee yet another opportunity to join the rest of the world in observing International Women's Day.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Olympic Committee is proud of the involvement of Vincentian women in the nation's sporting history. Mrs. Gloria Ballyntyne was officially declared by us as this country's First Lady of Sport and in 1998 our National Olympic Academy produced a book to highlight her outstanding achievements in sport.

The NOC has established a Women and Sport Commission now headed by Ms. Patricia Fraser, that has been working with girls

and women in the North Windward and North Leeward areas to bring higher levels of participation in sport amongst this sector of Vincentian society.

Last year, the Women and Sport Commission held their Annual Women Sports Day at the London Playing Field in North Windward with excellent participation. This will be repeated this year.

The NOC Executive currently boasts two women out of a membership of seven and our affiliates all have women well represented on their own executive committees.

While we do not have the problems of some other nations in respect of discrimination against women's

participation in sport we are certainly not resting on our laurels. There is much work to be done to ensure higher levels of involvement at all levels of sport in this country. For this reason, we have had Ms. Rosmund Griffith (Athletics) and Mr. Khalique Bailey (Table Tennis) focus on increasing the number of girls and women in their respective sports while undertaking their advanced coaching study programme with the United States Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity of the International Olympic Committee.

Several sport leadership seminars are planned that would serve to engender greater confidence in our sporting organisations relative to devoting more of their time and effort in reaching out to girls and women in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to take a more active part in sport.

We commend all Vincentian girls and women in sport and wish them a most productive future.

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