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by
Pál Schmitt

President of the World Olympians Association

Dear friends fans and athletes, Welcome to the May 2000 Issue of Magazine FLAME, to the official publication of the World Olympians Association!

As the President of this prestigious organization I invite you read and enjoy our cherished magazine. The magazine that is written by Olympians for Olympians. The title selection is not a coincidence. The word of flame demonstrates our mission, shows the direction and radiates warmth.

Our organization was founded in 1995 to provide a forum where-by Olympians can communicate with one another, exchange opportunities and share ideas. Magazine FLAME will allow those members of the Olympic Family, who have participated on the field of play, to portray their special fraternity, which has been developed through sport. We are a proud body of more than 70,000 athletes. The WOA can truly be called a global community with members from 200 National Olympic Committees representing almost every nation on earth. Combined with Olympic organizers, coaches, sports media, and other sports related bodies the WOA can count on one of the most formidable and far-reaching social organizations known.

Regardless of the individual accomplishments that we have been awarded we also share a unique commonality among us: that is to say, we have set our goals high and accepted the universal challenge to be the best we can be. The Olympic Games represent the most glorious celebration of mankind yet created. Bestowed with this honor we hope to use our influence to make the world a better place for all.

We have received much from society and therefore it is our obligation to offer much in return. It is our duty as Olympians to provide strength and leadership so that through our combined efforts, we might better face the challenges of the new century. Our primary goals are to disseminate the Olympic ideals, advocate the spirit of fair play and popularize sport wherever and whenever possible.

"OLYMPIANS FOR THE OLYMPIC MOVEMENT". With this goal in mind, we intend to participate in a wide variety of activities designed to draw the attention of modern youth towards social service as demonstrated by example. The World Olympians are ready to participate in the education of youth, in the fight against drugs, to act against violence and intolerance, take part in environmental protection, assist in creating sustainable development, secure the virtues of sport in the name of tomorrow; with honesty, integrity and in the spirit of fair-play. Furthermore we are dedicated to diversity and equality in sport and sport management. Of equal importance is our mission to provide benefits, which will allow our members to enjoy better health, security, social acceptance and career advancement.

We have rekindled the magazine, FLAME, a publication of the WOA.. In it, you can find interesting sports news, data, and stories from around the Olympic world. Magazine FLAME also commemorates great individuals and their achievements, introduces national bodies representing athletes, celebrates anniversaries and plays some games as well. From the generous support of our Internet provider WORLD-SPORT, we are able to provide every Olympian with an e-mail address and so correspond with each other in a sharing flow of sports information, interests and opportunities for sports lovers and the public as well.

Currently, a quarter of the nations involved in the Olympic program have established their own distinct Olympian Associations. It is our intent to help establish National Olympians Associations in each nation, which fields an Olympic team. We are doing our utmost to develop a united and efficient organization within the Olympic Movement. In order to accomplish this we will rely on the assistance and collaboration of sports organizations everywhere.

I would like to take this moment to express my sincere gratitude to the President of the International Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, who initiated our organization and has provided significant assistance to us, both morally and financially. I also wish to forward my appreciation to the founding President of WOA, and my good friend, Peter Montgomery, who took the first steps on this long path. My special thanks to International Olympic Committee's Director of Sports Gilbert Felli without whom we could not have come this far. The continued support of his staff has been vital to bonding Olympians around the world.

Finally, we can state that our intention, to set up more and more National Associations of Olympic Athletes, is related to the visible trends and reforms in which athletes are given more significant role in the decision making processes. I am convinced that a strong and universal World Olympians Association can become a stable support, firm capital and the 4th pillar of the international Olympic movement.

Enjoy our magazine and thanks to all of you who support in bringing the Olympic family a little closer and allowing the Olympic flame to burn a little brighter. I await your comments, suggestions, inquiries, messages.

I wish you the best of luck for Sydney!

“Olympians for the Olympic Movement”



The Former and New President of WOA - Peter Montgomery and Pál Schmitt



You Can Rely on Our Support

— promised IOC President Samaranch

"You can rely on our support" promised IOC President Samaranch who accepted to continue as the Honorary President of the World Olympians Association.

"Please, accept my warm welcome to the Capital of the Olympic Movement" greeted the WOA Executive Board Members IOC President Samaranch in a friendly and direct manner in the meeting hall of Baron Coubertin's former home. He continued with the following kind words:

"Lausanne by now can be considered truly the Capital of the Olympic Movement since besides the IOC Headquarters the Olympic Museum was also opened and 14 International Sports Federations have chosen this marvelous town for their center location".

IOC President Samaranch who accepted the World Olympians Association's request to continue to be the Honorary President provided several useful as well as practical recommendations and suggestions in his short foreword. His words are summarized as follows:

The first four years after the foundation were devoted to make the initial step. Now we are facing the second major phase. The primary goal to increase the number of National Associations of Olympic Athletes is truly favorable. The operation of such organizations can only be effective and successful should we be able to offer something to the Olympians.

The Flame pin symbolizing the Olympic participation has been prepared. I advise you to distribute these pins in every country to their rightful owners, to the Olympic competitors. It is important because wearing these pins can demonstrate some sort of unity. It would also be beneficial to issue an Olympian's Identity Card. This card might function as a free of charge entry pass in particular countries. Internationally, this card could be used as a kind of credit card that would serve as an identification to receive discount during travels and shopping as well as in hotels and restaurants.

Due to the intensive development of communication we have arrived at the gate of a new world. The number of Internet users has been growing with a dramatic velocity. Maybe, not even one tenth of the world's entire population has access to the Internet but, in ten years it will be widely used and there will be only one tenth of the world's population not utilizing this information source. It is well done to make use of the resources provided by the Internet and apply the electronic information in order to expand your contacts and strengthen cooperation.

IOC President Samaranch expressed his agreement in regards with a request for permission by WOA President Pál Schmitt to deliver a short speech concerning the goals and plans of WOA in the ANOC General Assembly held at end of May 2000 in Rio de Janeiro.

The World Olympians Association can only function successfully should there be wide unity and correct cooperation. Thus, the base seems to be a tight working relationship with the International Olympic Committee that can be broadened with establishing and maintaining direct contact with the NOCs.

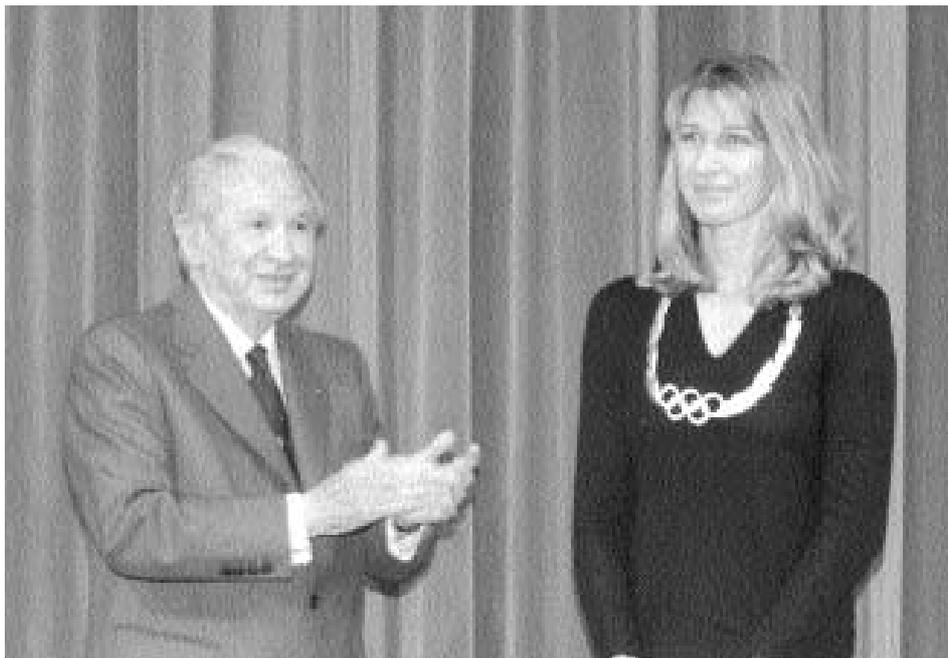
It is vital to create a friendly cooperation with the IOC Athletes' Commission. As an addition to the previously recognized former Olympians to be IOC Members based on the IOC 2000 reforms 10 new excellent athletes gained IOC Membership last year December. In Sydney the athletes will elect additional members to the IOC Athletes' Commission and the first five athletes receiving the most votes will directly become IOC Members. These athletes to be elected by their fellow sportsmen therefore, as IOC Members will enjoy the opportunity to participate in the decision making process.

To every relatively young organization numerous useful suggestions and practical recommendations can be given. Most likely this is valid on WOA as well. However, I wish to point out that giving suggestion and recommendation is quite an easy task. To work and operate successfully is way much harder because it can only be done by consistent, persistent and industrious work. Finally, may I provide you with an additional advice: you, obviously, start your work with great enthusiasm and energy but I need to emphasize that what you will not be able to accomplish in the first year will be quite difficult to accomplish in the second year.

Consequently, you need to work hard in the first year. I would like to wish all of you success for this work. And I promise that you can rely on the assistance and support of the International Olympic Committee and its Executive Board".

It is therefore not surprising that the words of Juan Antonio Samaranch were followed by an enthusiastic and hopeful audience and then he received a great applause.

“...you need to work hard in the first year”



Juan Antonio Samaranch Applauds... and Presents the Olympic Order to Steffi Graf, Olympic Champion and Best Woman Tennis Player of the Past Decade



I Hope to See 100 NAOAs Shortly

— expressed his opinion

Gilbert Felli

IOC Sports Director - IOC Liaison to WOA

"Every occasion when I have the chance to meet Olympians, Olympic participants and outstanding athletes is a special moment for me just like this one. It gives me pleasure and I am honored. As far as myself concerned I did not have the opportunity to compete at Olympic Games and I could not share the wonderful feeling of Olympic participation" - started the conversation Gilbert Felli, the IOC Sports Director without any extraordinary introduction.

"Do you mind telling us what your expectations are from WOA as the IOC liaison?" - we continued our conversation.

"Without exception all the members of the nearly 5 year old WOA can proudly present outstanding sport career. In your country thousands of youngsters have chosen the Olympians as their hero and example. Consequently, they have the opportunity to become the excellent canvassers of the Olympic spirit and fulfill their role in popularizing and disseminating the Olympic movement. I can put it differently, the Olympians can be called as the ambassadors of the Olympic movement. As examples of the young generation they can significantly contribute to the activities of the National Olympic Committees in the education of young athletes and mainly in the fight against doping. By doing this we are able to retain these outstanding athletes in the realm of Olympism requesting them for different duties upon completion of their sport career."

"As it was stated by IOC President Samaranch earlier, in the life of the World Olympians Association a crucial period will come. May I ask what your opinion is concerning this statement?"

"Every start has its difficulties. The start in the life of the World Olympians Association was not effortless either. After the first four year path seeking period a hard laboring period is awaiting us. We need to persuade the National Olympic Committees to establish the National Association of Olympic Athletes in their own country with their help and support and have their NAOA start work-

ing. On this field the assistance and good advise of the World Olympians Association and its management should be taken into thorough consideration. May I give a practical recommendation. It would be quite beneficial if the WOA EB could modify the model of NAOA Statutes and send them to the NOCs in order to assist them at their initiative steps. As the WOA recognized by the IOC and works with the IOC in close relationship supporting and contributing to the IOC goals with its own tools the NAOAs also should seek the cooperation with their NOCs."

"Currently, 50 countries operate NAOA, would you share your point of view with the readers as to how you see the future?"

"According to my humble opinion in a short time close to 100 countries can have their own NAOA established, this is a very significant organization. This can be achieved in a short period of time. However, the hard work will only come afterwards. This process will decelerate subsequently. The younger and less organized NOCs focus on the younger generation, Olympic preparation and participation and they may find these duties hard to cope with. Therefore, these smaller NOCs with less Olympic tradition require even more assistance such as greater volume of information than providing them only with a model of NAOA Statutes. In this work Magazine FLAME can be a strong tool to achieve this goal. We should make them understand the fact that former Olympians can meaningfully assist the athletes of the present time. According to our philosophy one of WOA primary objectives is to increase the number of NAOAs and strengthen the status of the existing member nations."



Executive Board of the World Olympians Association. From the left: Gilbert Felli, Amadou Dia Ba, Irena Szewinska, Bill Toomey, Pál Schmitt, Juan Antonio Samaranch, Elisabeth Ferris, Liston Bochette and Herb Elliott

Executive Board of the World Olympians Association

Honorary President	<i>Juan Antonio Samaranch</i> IOC President
President	<i>Pál Schmitt</i> (HUN – 1942) Ambassador of the Hungarian Republic to Switzerland. Two-time Olympic champion in fencing
Vice President	<i>Elisabeth Ferris</i> (GB – 1940) Bronze medalist diver of Rome 1960
Vice President	<i>Bill Toomey</i> (USA – 1939) Olympic champion decathlete of Mexico 1968
Secretary General	<i>Liston Bochette</i> (PUR – 1958) Olympic participant in decathlon and bob
Members	<i>Herb Elliott</i> (AUS – 1938) Olympic champion in 1,500m run of Rome 1960 <i>Amadou Dia Ba</i> (SEN – 1958) Silver medalist in 400m hurdles of Seoul 1988 <i>Irena Szewinska</i> (POL – 1946) Three-time Olympic champion. Winner of 2 silver and 3 bronze medals. Participated in 5 Olympiads.
IOC Liaison	<i>Gilbert Felli</i> IOC Sports Director
Representative of IOC Athletes' Commission	<i>Robert Ctvrlík</i> (USA – 1963) Olympic champion volleyball player of Seoul 1988 and silver medalist volleyball player of Barcelona 1992



Juan Antonio Samaranch to Continue as the WOA Honorary President

*Gilbert Felli Also Continues as the IOC Liaison,
Robert Ctvrlík Elected as the Representative of the IOC Athletes' Commission*

WOA EB Meets in Lausanne

by
Dezső Vad
Editor-in-Chief

After the 1999 elections the newly elected administration of the World Olympians Association had its first meeting in Lausanne in March 29, 2000. The significance of this meeting was emphasized by the fact that the meeting was located in the former home of Baron Coubertin which is a truly sports historical place. This meeting was also important since Juan Antonio SAMARANCH, President of the International Olympic Committee accepted the request to continue as the Honorary President of the World Olympians Association. President Samaranch provided useful suggestions and practical directions. IOC Sports Director Gilbert FELLI continues as the IOC Liaison and therefore will also assist the indisputably necessary cooperation between IOC and WOA. Subsequently, the WOA Executive Board gathered for an official lunch in the company of the IOC Athletes' Commission Members.

At the WOA Executive Board meeting President Pál SCHMITT recognized his predecessor's important activities in his brief foreword pointing out Peter MONTGOMERY's great contribution to the Olympic movement. He mentioned that negotiations were pursued with IOC authorities to acquire the list of all Olympic participants. He believed it was vital to have a distinguished recognition of WOA included in the 4th paragraph of the Olympic Charter. Due to the outcome of his negotiations held in London the Company Shell seems to be willing to participate in the environment protection program, in particular publications of the Olympians and to support some elite athletes.

Secretary General Liston BOCHETTE prepared a written report in connection with the activities performed in the first months of the year. He informed the Executive Board Members that the Association of Olympic Athletes of Congo officially request WOA to receive membership. In addition to this Taipei, US Virgin Island, Bulgaria,

Jamaica Ivory Costs and Morocco demonstrated interest in the requirements of establishing their own National Association of Olympic Athletes. The Romanian NOC considers its Athletes' Commission as their national athletes' body. President Schmitt recommended that a master constitution and statues should be prepared in order to provide assistance to potential WOA members for their foundation activities.

The Executive Board Members contributed to the successful outcome of this meeting with their notable comments and meaningful suggestions. Bill Toomey expressed his appreciation to the IOC for the preparation of Flame pins that assists to exhibit the unification of Olympians. He drew the attention of President Schmitt on the 1920 Olympic champion diver Ms. Aileen RIGGIN (1906) who is in a very good health status and therefore should travel to Sydney as a representative of WOA. He also mentioned that a great number of Olympic champions visited American prisons as part of an educational campaign. Elizabeth Ferris emphasized the significance of fight against doping and suggested to intensify the education and enlightenment. Irena Szewinska recommended that a WOA representative should take part in the work of the IOC Athletes' Commission. According to the report of Amadou Dia Ba the unification of education and Olympism in the African Continent can be considered successful. Herb Elliott presented the plans of the Sydney Reunion Center and talked about the Olympic Torch Relay. After the remarks of IOC President Samaranch and IOC Sports Director Felli Mr. Alan CALLAN introduced the WorldSport and expressed his desire to establish a fruitful and well-functioning relationship with WOA.

At the joint meeting of IOC Athletes' Commission and World Olympians Association Executive Board IOC Member Peter TALL-

President of the United States Sports Academy Dr. Thomas Rosandich presented WOA President Pál Schmitt the highest award of the academy: the Eagle Exemplary. At the award ceremony Juan Antonio Samaranch and the Hungarian Minister of Youth and Sports Tamás Deutsch were present as well. The award of Eagle Exemplary is honored to personalities who demonstrate outstanding achievements in the fields of education and exemplary conduct. In the past year Alan Rothenberg President of the United States Soccer Federation was granted with this award. In the previous years among many others Nelson Mandela and Mihail Gorbachov can be found who received this prestigious American award.





BERG, Chairman of the IOC Athletes' Commission verbally presented his report on their activities. In the focus of athletes' interest protection and unification Chairman Tallberg stressed that these two bodies need to have a very close cooperation. Chairman Tallberg announced that Olympic champion and IOC Member Robert CTVRLIK was selected to represent the IOC Athletes' Commission in the WOA Executive Board.

President Schmitt also informed the members of the IOC Athletes' Commission about the activities and events of the World Olympians Association. He emphasized the WOA primary objective that is "Olympians for the Olympic Movement" because past Olympians upon completion of their sport career need to offer their service to the society in return and need also to set an example for our successors.

Notable Resolutions

– IOC President Samaranch was requested to permit WOA President Pál Schmitt to deliver a short speech at the ANOC Rio de Janeiro General Assembly concerning the activities of the World Olympians Association. Furthermore IOC President Samaranch was also requested to allow WOA delegate a representative in the IOC Athletes' Commission.

– WOA wishes to delegate a representative in the WADA. WOA Vice President Elizabeth Ferris was requested to represent WOA in WADA.

– A quotation from the 4th page of the Official Minutes of March 29, 2000 WOA EB meeting: WOA EB Members unanimously approved the partnership with WorldSport as the Internet and e-mail provider of WOA.

– In a new format Magazine FLAME was decided to be re-initiated with three issues in the year 2000 and from 2001 published quarterly in color and in English. With the cooperation of WorldSport Magazine FLAME will be accessible on the Internet as well. According to the recommendation of President Schmitt, Mr. Dezsó Vad (Chief of Press of the Hungarian Olympic Committee) was appointed to be the Editor-in-Chief.

– Mr. Jim Haley and Mr. Zsigmond Nagy were appointed to be the Executive Assistants of World Olympians Association

Locations and dates of the next WOA Executive Board meetings:

– June 10, 2000: Monte Carlo

– September 27, 2000: Sydney

– September 28, 2000: WOA Forum held in the Sydney Reunion Center.



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ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES
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Mexico City, April the 6th, 2000

MR. PAL SCHMITT
PRESIDENT
WORLD OLYMPIANS ASSOCIATION

Dear President and Friend,

I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations for your election as President of the World Olympians Association in December 1999, and also inform you that I will be glad to allow you to deliver a 3-4 minutes speech at the upcoming XII ANOC General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in May, and also distribute relative material, all this in order to promote the idea of making the World Olympians Association global and have a National Association of Olympic Athletes within each NOC.

Expecting to greet you personally soon, please receive my best regards.

Yours faithfully,

Maro Viquez Raña
President



BRIEFLY ABOUT OURSELVES

The newly elected World Olympians Association Executive Board Members had their first meeting in Lausanne at the end of March 2000. In the breaks of the entire day negotiations and during the evening presentation of WorldSport there were some opportunities for getting acquainted and having conversations. Editor of Magazine Flame wished to utilize these never returning opportunities...

Secretary General **Dr. Liston D. Bochette**, the athlete and artist:



"I participated in the 1984 Los Angeles Games in decathlon. The adequate training program for the decathlon had taken up most of my time consequently, I slowly came to the conclusion to discontinue this event of track and field. I realized shortly how bad decision I made and my great friend Prince Albert persuaded me to do bobsled along with my fellow athletes in Puerto Rico. Therefore, we took part in 3 Winter Olympic Games in bobsled. On side of competing I have always had a strong desire to be useful in the fields of sport and Olympic Movement. I intended to be elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission but I missed it with a few votes. Well, we Puerto Rico athletes take part in the Games in a small number. I have demonstrated a great interest towards the work of the World Olympians Association. At the WOA elections last year I was a candidate for the Presidential position but when I learnt that Pál Schmitt whom I have been considering with distinguished honor was also a candidate I decided to withdraw. I believed that

as a Secretary General I could assist his work and with unified energy we could accomplish the goals of WOA."

Our friend Liston can also be proud of his accomplishments in arts along with his sport career. He won a gold medal at the Barcelona Olympic Cultural Festival in painting and drawing. He was also selected as the Sport Artist of the Year by the United States Sports Academy. His artworks have been commissioned in private collections around the world.

Elizabeth Ferris, a former diver who became a medical doctor:



Every time I meet Hungarians my very first major international competition comes to my mind that concluded with quite a strange adventure. I just turned 18 years old in 1958 at the time of the Budapest European Championship. We stayed on the Margaret Island and I can still recall the well situated swimming pool. Unfortunately, prior to the competition I became ill so they took me to a hospital. I had to survive some embarrassing days because no one really could communicate with me but, the doctors, nurses and even the patients treated me with such great friendship that is still hard to forget. Finally, my team officials were notified and they took care of me. Regardless of the unfortunate experience I have not forgotten how affectionately I was received and treated.

Bill Toomey, the legendary decathlete:

I am rejuvenated. I feel better and younger than I was at my 50th birthday. This is due to two events. Firstly, I finally listened to my doctors and accepted the to be operated on. Luckily, they could fix me. I was able to regain my vitality and eagerness to work. Secondly, I work for such a company



that assists the nutrition of the athletes. I believe I can also be proud of the fact that I accepted a request by the United States Olympic Committee to raise funds for our second training center in San Diego. At first a major oil company joined us and finally I managed to raise 65 million USD, and the training center was built. It is such a great feeling that I could help my descendants and the generation of the present time.

Irena Szewinska, 5 Olympiads - 7 medals...



I would not be able to choose which one was the most memorable. I won in Tokyo in relay, in Mexico in 200m and in Montreal in 400m with setting a new world record. I even participated in the Moscow Games. I have always devoted my life to sport. I have been trying to fulfill my international and domestic obligations and duties including for instance my honorable IOC membership, WOA Executive Board membership and "For the Active Life" Polish foundation as well. I work a lot for the Olympic family with happiness and pride not paying attention to my enormous work load.



Olympians Reunion Center Sydney 2000

by
Herb Elliott

World Olympians Association Executive Board Member

The Olympians Reunion Center, sponsored by VISA, will once again operate during the period of the Sydney Olympic Games. It will be located in Customs House, at Circular Quay, in the Downtown area of the Host City.

The Reunion Center was a feature of the Centennial Games in Atlanta and it proved to be a huge success.

In Sydney, the Center will operate from 12 September until 2 October. It will be open from approximately 10:00 a.m. until midnight and Olympians are welcome to drop in and catch up with old friends.

The primary objectives of our Olympians Reunion Center can be summarized in the following manner: The Reunion Center was designed to secure a hospitality facility to enable past and present Olympians from all countries to meet in a relaxed atmosphere. It is a property of the International Olympic Committee and established, operated as well as managed by the Australian Olympic Committee. The Sydney City Council was very generous to provide this marvelous venue for the World Olympians Association. It is our plan to serve complimentary light snacks and beverages throughout the Games. Furthermore, a live coverage of the Games on large screen will also be provided.

Official Opening Ceremony of the Reunion Center:

F It will be held on the 11th of September 2000 co-hosted by Lord Mayor of Sydney, Cr. Frank Sartor. The Guest of Honor will be our Honorary President Juan Antonio Samaranch. This function will honor the IOC "Athlete of the Century" award.

F We will have additional functions such as an aquatic luncheon sponsored by Speedo on September 20.

F A track and field luncheon sponsored by Nike on September 26.



F We will also organize events for the sports of rowing, gymnastics, yachting, hockey, cycling as well as participants of the 1952 and previous Olympic Games as well as Olympic Games of 1956 (Melbourne) and 1996 (Atlanta).

F It is important to mention that the World Olympians Association Forum will be held on September 27 in our Olympians Reunion Center.

To ensure entry and accreditation to this venue, Olympians are requested to come to the Young street entrance of Customs House and to bring with them some form of photo identification. Circular Quay is a very well known location and any Sydney-sider would be able to point overseas visitors to the site.

VISA, The Australian Olympic Committee and the City of Sydney Council look forward to meeting all overseas Olympians who will be in Sydney at the time of the Games.

(Kevin Berry, an Australian Olympian swimmer from 1960 and 1964, will be the Manager of the Center and any queries regarding its operation can be directed to him. Kevin can be reached c/- Australian Olympic Committee, 207 Kent St., Sydney NSW 2000





The Brazilian Artist

CARLOS ARTHUR NUZMAN, President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee wrote to the Magazine Flame:

"The Brazilian Olympian, Mr. Adhemar Ferreira da Silva unquestionably is the most outstanding living Olympian, both for his Olympic medals and his professional career, and an example and reference to Brazilian athletes for the historical contribution he has given to the development of Olympism in our country, enriching the history of Brazilian participation in the Olympic Games".

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ALAIN BILLOUIN, a former colleague of the world famous french L'Equipe introduced the Brazilian Olympic champion in the IAAF jubilee publication as it is followed:

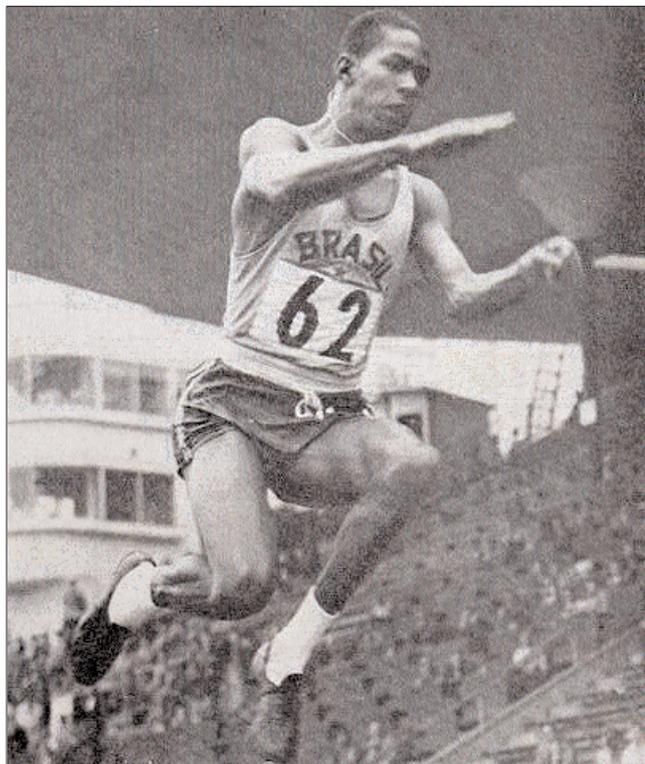
At the 1952 Helsinki Games Da Silva shot to prominence with the flair of a Samba dancer, taking Olympic gold and setting two world records in the triple jump.

On July 23, 1952 70.000 spectators in the Helsinki Olympic Stadium marveled at the style of Adhemar Da Silva during a memorable triple jump final. Gracefully, he skimmed through each hop-step-and jump, displaying the poise and a finesse of a samba dancer. As a young athlete Adhemar Ferreira Da Silva met his German coach, Dietrich Gerner (a former 400m hurdler), who had studied the triple jump techniques from the Japanese - masters of the event during the 1930s.

Born in Sao Paulo, Adhemar Da Silva was not especially quick (10,8 sec. for 100m, 7,33m long jump) but he possessed a huge stride length (1,77 meters). In 1948 Olympic Games he had finished a modest 11th with 14,31m. Yet in the next two years he would improve dramatically. On December 3, 1950 he leapt 16,00m for equal first on the world list with Japan's Naoto Tijama. On September 30 1951 in Rio de Janeiro, he became the first man over 16 meters, with 16,01m. At the time, he was being advised by the 1932 Olympic champion, Chuhei Nambu (Japan).

The Helsinki Olympics were eagerly awaited, especially because the mighty USSR would be making his debut appearance. In Leonid Tcherbakov, reigning European Champion for the previous year in Brussels, the Soviets already possessed a serious threat. However, Da Silva totally dominated the final with impressive consistency - his six jumps included two world records: 15,95 - 16,12 (WR) - 15,54 - 16,09 - 16,22 (WR) - 16,05 meters. Tcherbakov threatened the 16 meter barrier with 15,98m. Da Silva's world record of 16,22m had been achieved with components of 6,20 - 4,75 and 5,27 meters. Brazil, the world's most passionate lovers of football proclaimed Da Silva as her greatest ever athlete.

This praise was further to be justified. After Tcherbakov had taken his record with 16,23,5 in 1953, Da Silva responded superbly with a leap of 16,56m at the



Pan American Games in Mexico. His outstanding list of achievements climaxed with a second Olympic gold medal. He achieved 16,35 with his fourth attempt at the Melbourne Games in 1956, to ensure his status as one of the greatest triple jumpers of all time.





100,000th Olympians in Sydney?

by
Wolf Lyberg



Dear Olympian Friends,

Well, it may seem funny that I address you in this way but having more or less lived with all your names since I was 10 and certainly having met many of you through the years from 1936 and 1998 I dare addressing you in this fashion. All in all I can say that I have visited the Olympic Games since 1936 in Berlin. They have - probably? - ended after Atlanta 1996.

Adding them up all they come to is 27 in total... in different capacities such as spectator, journalist, Chief of Press (Grenoble 1968) Chef de Mission, Secretary General and finally as statistical expert for IOC to make the summary of participants at the Games.

How come - you may ask. Don't they have computers to do all that? Well, they do have but its is remarkable that so far no program has existed that could really give the names that started at the Games. The accredited athletes have been well taken care of.

To compose this first article in the Magazine FLAME is therefore a big challenge for a veteran like myself - soon to be 83 years old.

Why is that so important - who cares if an athlete starts or just he/she is part of his/her team? This is a good question indeed, but it has been more and more important in modern Olympism.

You may not know that IOC pays a certain sum for each athlete that participated at the Games - I think that this sum for Sydney is 1,200 USD per athlete. But the IOC pays for the athletes who actively took part.

His has not been possible until after the Seoul Games in 1988, but already in Barcelona it turned out that the organizers sent in the list of all accredited athletes to Olympic Solidarity. Earlier organizers wished to "brag" a little and they used the figure of entries.

When IOC asked me to check out the figures it was revealed that they would have cost Olympic Solidarity some 380,000 USD more than they actually should have to pay.

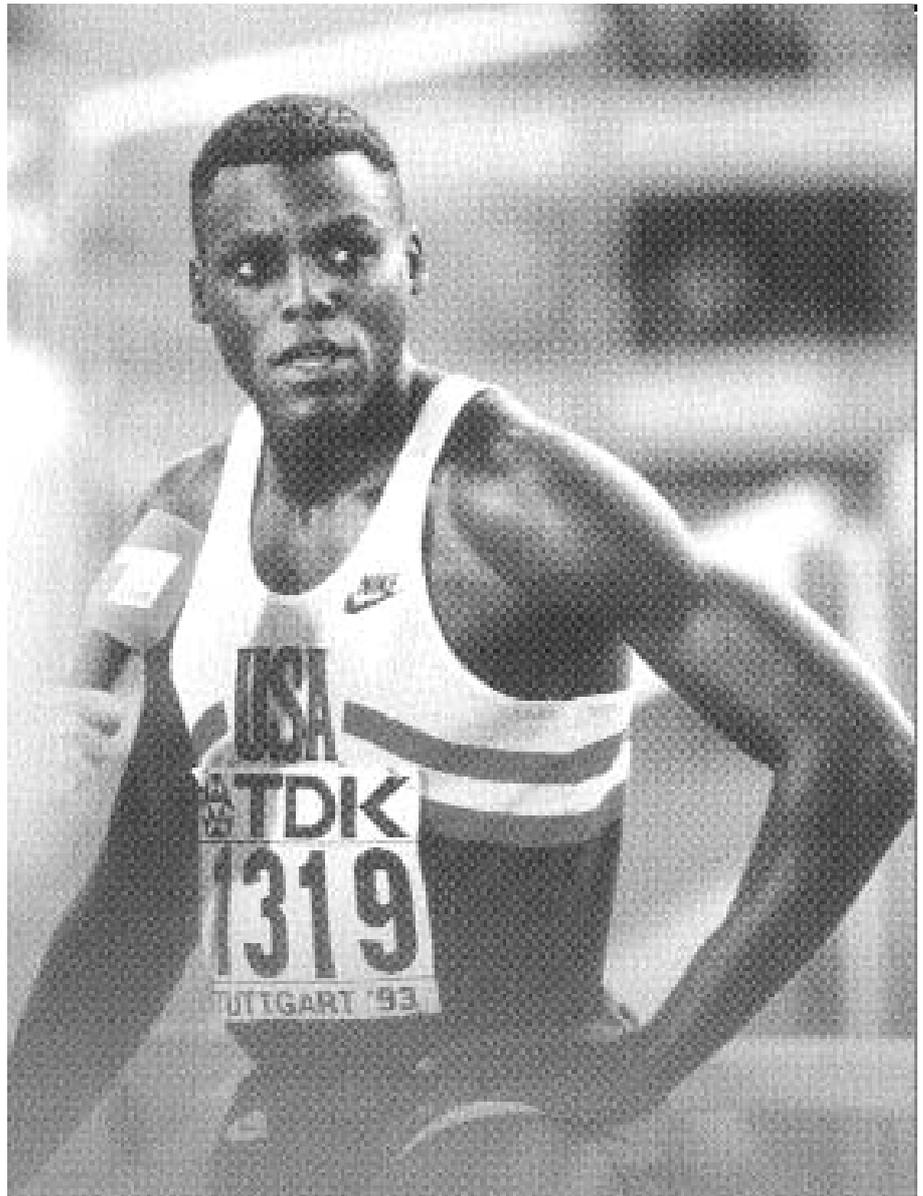
But who qualifies as an Olympian you may ask rightfully.

Let's presume that you are travelling

with your team as a nominated athlete, but it so happens that you do not participate or start. You are then not considered as an Olympic athlete. You (or your NOC) is not entitled to receive payment (unless you take part in teamsport). Olympic researchers share the same opinion stating that the only way to give an exact figure of participants is to count only those who actively participated.

You are therefore not considered as an Olympian should you as a member of a team sit on the bench set aside for the reserves and never enter and play. You are not a participant of a relay team (should it be running or skiing) if your team abandons prior to when you could do your leg. The same thing is valid in the case of OWG when it comes to curling and short track... not even mentioning the ice hockey.

This could be very important for the medal winner teams. The IOC



Carl Lewis repeated Jesse Owens' achievements that were considered incomparable in Los Angeles (1984) and came in first in four events. He continued his series in Seoul (1988), Barcelona (1992) and Atlanta (1996) and completed his sport career with 9 Olympic championship titles.



Charter says that only athletes which started shall have the right to the medal. This seems to have been forgotten completely. For instance in Barcelona around 35-40 more medals were handed out than it should have been. The worst thing was in a recent OWG when a third goalkeeper of a medal winner team was not even present in the city but still received a medal.

Many teams are aware of this rule. In Barcelona for instance a female basketball player was sent on the field to play in the last 8 seconds of the last match to make sure should would receive her medal.

It seems that some of the big teams with 8-10 outstanding sprinters or swimmers excel in using 4 athletes in the heats and then 4 new athletes in the final - instead of reserve for a relay team. Very good.

Do you have any idea concerning the number of athletes who started at the Games? I have raised this question on several occasions, but nobody really had a close guess.

The fact is that for the moment we have some 80,000 athletes which started at the Summer Games and further some 13,000 in OWG.

As normally 7 out of 10 athletes are Olympic debutantes. Based on this there will be approximately 10,000 athletes in Sydney who will make his/her first Olympic performance which means that we can presumably see the 100,000th athlete in the Sydney Olympic Games.

Or we may be have to wait for Salt Lake City?

Should it be in your interest you may find a table concerning the number of participants by sport. It might not surprise you that athletics, rowing and swimming bear the most participants and ice hockey along with skiing top the list of OWG.

In my next articles I will share some good and funny stories which actually happened in connection with the Games. I wish you all good luck in Sydney whether you shall be an athlete or an official.

A Request by Magazine FLAME

We kindly ask our dear readers to accept our appearance with understanding and great interest. First of all we wish to express our sincere appreciation for our authors' and contributors' invaluable assistance. We also would like to demonstrate our true gratitude to the IOC and Olympic Museum photo archives for providing us with exclusive photos.

May we request more of our readers to reach us in the future and contact our editorial office in regards with domestic news, events, plans concerning your National Association of Olympic Athletes. Inform us about the life of your excellent Olympians, anniversaries and unavoidable but fortuitous losses as well.

It would be great if more and more your National Associations of Olympic Athletes informed us about their oldest Olympic champion, oldest Olympic participant and number of living Olympians.

Our next issue will be published prior to the Sydney Olympic Games consequently, you are kindly requested to take the deadline of August 1, 2000 into thorough consideration.

We are awaiting your comments, remarks, information, facts, figures and materials because our Magazine FLAME can fulfill its duty with the unification of all and your assistance in order to be a link among the world's Olympians.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

May we offer our warmest regards,

Pál Schmitt
WOA President

Dezső Vad
Editor-in-Chief

Olympic Participants by Sport

Summer Games:

Sport	Total Number of Participants	Number of Women
Archery	726	296
Athletics	15517	3583
Badminton	301	142
Baseball	302	0
Basketball	2396	456
Beach Volleyball	84	36
Boxing	4128	0
Canoeing	2279	421
Cycling	4238	230
Equestrian	1773	243
Fencing	3407	554
Football	4177	122
Gymnastics	3551	1301
Handball	1590	487
Hockey	2672	457
Judo	1463	361
Modern Pentathlon	650	0
Rowing	5871	891
Shooting	3891	326
Softball	120	120
Swimming	6950	2855
Tabletennis	332	156
Tennis	715	236
Volleyball	1532	655
Waterpolo	1839	0
Weightlifting	2012	0
Wrestling	3867	0
Yachting	3314	197
Total	79697	14125
Discontinued sports:	478	9

Winter Games:

Sport	Total Number of Participants	Number of Women
Biathlon	746	170
Bobsleigh	1255	0
Curling	75	40
Figure skating	1210	644
Icehockey	2863	118
Luge	560	165
Alpine Skiing	2053	711
Freestyle Skiing	139	84
Nordic Skiing	2777	463
Snowboard	125	56
Skeleton	24	0
Speed Skating	1216	370
Short Track	192	90
Total	13235	2911

In total that makes 93,410 athletes of which number 16,945 are women.

Athletes who started in 2 or more sports were not separated. Their number is approximately 400.



Enhancement of Medical Treatments on Agenda

by
Ulrich Schulze Forsthövel
Secretary General
Society of German Olympic Participants

The Society of German Olympic Participants (GDO) was practically established in 1985. However, the Society of German Olympic Participants was created after the celebrations of International Olympic Day in 1971. This was a friendly club of already retired sportsmen because the former athletes wished to keep in contact with their fellow sportsmen. Furthermore, there were some athletes who based on their social status requested support and assistance as well.

The Constitution of GDO was accepted in 1996 at the Oberhaching General Assembly. According to this meeting the Society of German Olympic Participants operates in a close relation-



Reiner Klimke, one of the most well-known German sportsmen, won 6 gold medals in equestrian events. Due to the merciless fate he was able to chair the Society of German Olympic Athletes for as short as 17 days.

ship with the German Olympic Association and German Olympic Committee. Our intention is to assist the unification and support of the Olympic participants. We work in the spirit of fair play and our primary role is to support the Olympic idea and peace along with the former Olympic participants' medical rehabilitation. We wish to commemorate the deceased Olympians with the focus on the ones who passed away due to violent death.

It is quite natural that the Chief Patron position of GDO is filled by the President of the German Olympic Committee, the distinguished IOC Member: Walther Tröger. Members of this Society can not only be the Olympic participants but Paralympic athletes, officials, coaches and even the accredited press representatives. The membership is not based on automatic procedure. It needs to be requested in writing and the decision concerning the eligibility is made by the Executive Board. General Assembly is held every two year. Thus,

we came together in Düsseldorf (1990), in Duisburg (1994), Oberhachingban (1996) and in Dresden (1998). This year General Assembly will be held in Hamburg after the deadline of Magazine FLAME.

Our Society counts 750 members. Two years ago in Drezda over 300 members showed. President of the first Society was Gotthard Handrich in 1971 who broke the Swedish success series in Modern Pentathlon in 1936 and became a gold medalist. Subsequently, this position was filled by the excellent decathlete Friedel Schimer for 13 years. Currently our Society is lead by the well-known swimmer Klaus Katzur who was a member of the silver medalist 4x100m medley relay team in München. In this position he followed the successful businessman Reiner Klimke who was an prominent breaststroke swimmer. The six time equestrian champion who was the most successful German Olympian passed away unexpectedly in the age of 63 in August 17th 1999. He could be the President only for 17 days. Klaus Katzur, along with the previous aims, considers the enhancement and expansion of medical treatment of elite athletes as his primary objective.

At the last Executive Board meeting according to the previously mentioned objective the enhancement of medical services and treatment of elite sportsmen was on the agenda. The decision concerning the Hans-Heinrich Sievert Award of the year 2000 was postponed. In the last year this award was granted to the famous sprinter Manfred Germar (65) who set several world records between 1954 and 1962 in the events of 200m and 4x100m relay. He is a three-time European Champion and was a member of the bronze medalist 4x100m relay team in Melbourne. Manfred Germar has been taking part in the activities and work of GDO. He is a member of the German Olympic Committee and he also had a major role in the organization of major track and field events in Cologne.

British Olympians to Visit Historic Much Wenlock

by
John Disley
Chairman
Bronze Medalist of the 1952 Olympic Games

The Olympians of Great Britain was established in 1992 and its President is HRH Ia Princesses Royal who is an IOC member as well. Their Annual General Meeting will be held on July 8th 2000 in Much Wenlock in the Midlands of England. This historic town where the first modern "Olympian Games" were held in 1850.

The Games which have continued ever since were the brainchild of Dr. William Penny Brookes and consisted of - foot-racing, equestrian events, gymnastics, cricket and tests of jumping and throwing. Baron Pierre de Coubertin visited the Wenlock Games in 1890 and was greatly impressed by Dr. Brookes's dedication to the Greek



Olympic ethos, and by the competitions he witnessed. He wrote later that ... "if the Olympic Games that modern Greece had not yet been able to revive still survive today, it is not due to the Greek but to Dr. William Penny Brookes".

The British Olympians will meet in the Raven Hotel where Coubertin first met Dr. Brookes and then will follow the "Wenlock Trail" around the town. They will visit the museum, the Guild Hall, and the Church yard where they will see oak trees planted by Geoffroy de Navacelle, great nephew of Pierre de Coubertin, in 1896; by HRH the Princess Royal, IOC Member, in 1990; and by IOC President Samaranch, in 1994.

They will also spectate at various Olympian events taking place that day."

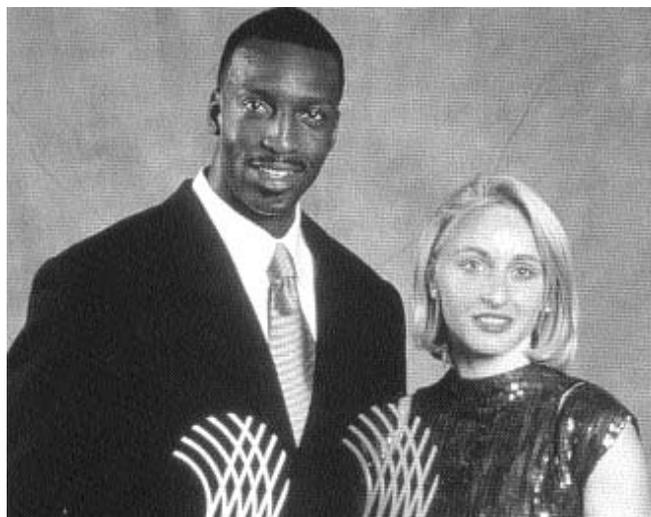
Romanian Olympic Club

by
Dan Popper

*Secretary General
Romanian Olympic Committee*

Last year our NOC has made some steps in the direction of organizing former and present Olympic athletes under certain forms suitable to meet their specific needs. Thus, the Olympic Athletes' Commission was established within our NOC with the purpose of offering our Olympic athletes a more direct access to decision making in matters that are connected to their activity and life. This commission is formed by active athletes and chaired by an elected President Gabriela Szabó.

For all the past and present Romanian Olympic athletes the Olympic Club was inaugurated on the 14th of January 2000 with the



Gabriela Szabó and Michael Johnson, Best Athletes of the year 1999. World champion Szabó is the Chairman of Athletes Commission of the Romanian Olympic Committee.

intention to perform the social functions needed to ensure the operation of a permanent human network for the Romanian Olympians. Many former outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen are members of our NOC. Some others are active in specialized commissions within our NOC. Social assistance for athletes experiencing difficulties is ensured through the Romanian Olympic Foundation that was created in 1998.

On behalf of the Romanian Olympic Club I am very much looking forward to remaining in touch with the World Olympians Association and wishing you the best success in fulfilling the important responsibilities related to its future development. Please, President Schmitt, accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sport as the Ambassador of Peace

by
Anatoli Ivanov

*Secretary General
National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus*

"In our country the Belarussian Union of Athletes unites more than 1,000 members (athletes, coaches, referees, veterans of physical culture and sports). Membership of this organization is voluntary. It is a self-controlled and legally independent public organization.

In short the mission statement and aims of the Union can be defined as follows:

It is our intention to:

- provide psychological, legal and material support for the athletes, sport veterans, trainers and referees including social protection and medical rehabilitation;
- strengthen the position of sport and Olympic movement in the Republic of Belarus;
- encourage the development of sport, promote physical and spiritual education of the Belarussian population by the means of physical culture and sport;
- elucidate the inadmissibility of the application of illegal performance enhancers, pharmacological and other medical substances in sport;
- promote pedagogical and educational activities; and
- safeguard peace as well as fight against doping in the international area of sport under the slogan of "Sport as the Ambassador of Peace".

The Union closely cooperates with the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus, National Sport Federations and Associations, State authorities and public organizations as well. The President of the Union is Ms. Maria Itkina* - participant of 3 Olympic Games.

In November 1998 I contacted the former WOA President Peter Montgomery and requested him to consider the recognition of our Union of Athletes. Shortly after we received his positive confirmation. Ms. Itkina has already participated at the last WOA Congress and presented a short introduction on the Belarussian Union of Athletes.

Due to the activities of our Union and its President this organization has been considered very famous in our country and Ms. Maria Itkina consequently has not only been well known in Belarus but abroad as well."

*Editor's Note: Ms. Itkina placed 5th in the 400m run in Tokyo 1964 but prior to this she collected 3 European championship titles in the same event and was also European champion in the 4x100 relay..

The Champion Returns

by
Inese Jaunzeme

President of the Latvian Olympians Club

Art and music have always played a significant role in my life. Thus, the WOA concept of developing and strengthening the ties of Olympians through the different spheres of art and culture initiated the following idea. During the Sydney Olympic Games this coming fall, I do have an honor to be the hostess of the Latvian Hospitality House. This will be my first return to Australia after winning the gold medal in javelin in Melbourne 1956. The idea of the Hospitality



House was born shortly before Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996. The Latvian Olympic Committee started it with the aim to introduce Latvia to the general public through the culture of my country.

Tradition of the Hospitality House was continued in Nagano as well. Developing the possible activity program for the Sydney Games, I was thinking about a picture exhibition, linking it with musical presentations by the Olympic athletes or their family members. That could become a tradition which can be explored at every Games. This is my first step in making the Olympian family more united. I hope that I can also be of assistance to World Olympians Association if necessary.

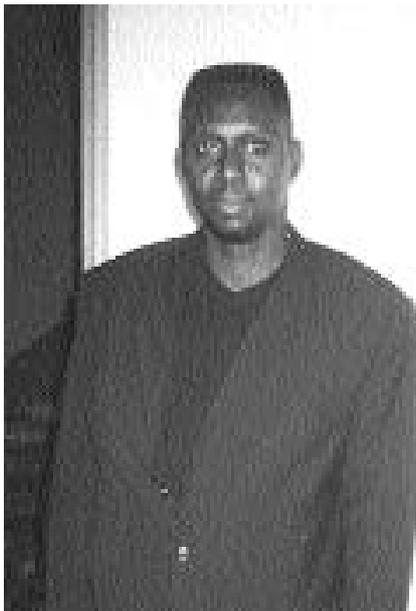
A Report from Dakar

by
WOA EB Member

Amadou Dia Ba

After the creation of our Senegalese National Olympians' Association (SNOA) and our inclusion in the executive committee of the World Olympians Association (WOA), we have devoted ourselves to the following key tasks:

- 1) Establishment of a list of our members;
- 2) Approval of our association at national level;
- 3) Holding of meetings of our executive committee with a view to setting up a programme of national activities and a short-term plan for African activities;



we believe that the results already achieved and the enthusiasm of the SNOA members are good reasons to hope for the success of all our present and future undertakings.

Editor's Comment

The Comite National Olympique et Sportif Sénégalais was established in 1963. The current President Mr. Lamine Diack who has been appointed to fill in the Presidential position of IAAF since the decease of Priomo Nebiolo. Athletes of the 8 million inhabitant West African republic have participated in the Summer Olympic Games for the first time in 1964 and have not missed any Summer Games since then. Their only medalist is Dia Ba who placed 2nd in 400m hurdles. Prior to this in Rome 1960 Abdoulaye Seye finished 3rd in the 200m dash, but he was member of the French team due to the fact Senegal at that time was French territory.

Regarding our action on an African level, in terms of increasing the number of NAOAs, we have decided to focus attention on the sports development zones, on a step-by-step basis. Our next target will thus be zone II.

In addition to these expectations, as shown by our various forecasts, we intend wherever possible to find the means necessary for our policy by ourselves. At all events,

2.241 Hungarian Olympians

The Hungarian Republic with slightly over 10 million inhabitants has been playing a noteworthy role in the international Olympic movement.

The great mentor Ferenc Kemény as a Hungarian sportsman took part in the foundation of the International Olympic Committee. The Hungarian Olympic Committee was among the first ones to be established: in December 1895. So far, the Hungarian athletes have not been able to attend two Summer Olympiads, on the first occasion in 1920 due to fact that Hungary did not receive invitation, as a loser of World War I., and on the second occasion in 1984 when Hungary was not allowed to participate due to the boycott ordered from Moscow. Hungarian athletes however did not miss any Winter Olympiad.



Ibolya Csák, Olympic champion in high jump of Berlin Olympic Games celebrates her 85th Birthday

As a proof of the Hungarian athletes' outstanding achievements there has not been any Summer Olympic Games where the Hungarian national anthem was not played at least on one occasion. Taking their performance into consideration it can be stated that they evidently belong to the international elite.

141 gold, 127 silver and 154 bronze medals demonstrate their performance and are listed in the statistics.

In the representation of the Hungarian sport up until now 2,241 athletes have participated in the Olympic Games and over 1,500 of them are still alive.

The oldest Hungarian Olympian is Ms. Klára MARIK (1903) who participated in the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936 in the art contests with her epic but did not receive medal.

The oldest Olympic champion is Mr. Sándor TARICS (1913) who played on the Olympic champion water polo team in Berlin. It has been more than 50 years now that he settled down in the proximity of San Francisco.

From the Olympic champions still living in Hungary, Ms. Ibolya CSAK (1915) is the oldest one who took the gold medal in the high jump in Berlin in 1936. She celebrated her 85th birthday this past January.

The Hungarian Olympic Champions' Club was founded in September 1993. Mr. Dezso LEMHÉNYI (Olympic champion water polo player) fills in the presidential position who was awarded with the Olympic Order in 1999 due to his life long activities as well as accomplishments in the Hungarian Olympic Champions' Club.



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I Will Be the Best Soccer Player of the World

*– dreams Allan Callan,
President of Worldsport*

My father was an excellent long distance runner and several time Irish record holder therefore, it was not coincidence that I developed strong affiliation with sports – said Allan Callan. Just like many European children I dreamt about being the best soccer player so I could make lots of money and help my family. I shortly had to realize that my dreams would never come true and slowly I was turning to music. The sport had become entertainment and hobby for me.

However, in the last two decades due to my activities in the television business the sport has again gained strong attention in my life. On the occasions of major sport events I was able to meet outstanding athletes. The sport persuaded me making me believe that sport does not only contribute to the healthy development but it also helps to form the human personality.

I am pleased that my company, currently employing 250 people, has recently been able to get into a close relationship with the Olympians. Let's just think it over, in the near future a young Olympian from Budapest with the assistance of Internet will be able to start an electronic correspondence with for instance one of his fellow Olympians living in Tampa. This will not only enhance their connection and friendship but this can be truly beneficial for their society as a whole.

The WorldSport has been dynamically developing. Currently, we have offices in London, Dublin, Monaco, New York, Tampa and Mexico. At the end of this year we are going to be present in Rio de Janeiro and Sydney as well. Furthermore, the number of our colleagues associated with exclusively with sports will be close to 1,000 by that time. I am certain that we will have a fruitful cooperation and we are honored to assist the world's Olympians.

