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## IOC ACTIVITIES PRESIDENT



Presidents Bach and Rogge in front of the IOC headquarters

On 17 September, one week after his election at the 125<sup>th</sup> Session in Buenos Aires (Argentina), IOC President Thomas Bach was at the IOC headquarters in Lausanne. This first day of his tenure was marked by meetings with Honorary President Jacques Rogge, Director General Christophe De Kepper and the IOC directors. The day ended with a reception with the IOC administration, during which the staff welcomed the new President and said farewell to his predecessor.



**President Bach and FIE President Usmanov** 

Accompanied by the IOC Director General, President Bach paid a courtesy visit this week to the authorities of the canton of Vaud and the Lausanne authorities, represented, among other people, by the Mayor of Lausanne, Daniel Brélaz. He also met the President of the

International Fencing Federation (FIE), Alisher Usmanov.

# INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

#### **SUMMER IFS**



On 28 October, the third World Judo Day will be held, with the theme of "perseverance". Launched in 2011 by the **International Judo Federation** (IJF), this Day is devoted to promoting

the values of judo on the anniversary of the birth of the creator of judo, Jigoro Kano. Info at www.ijf.org.



Alongside the World Championships held in Kaohsiung (Chinese Taipei), the **International Modern Pentathlon Union** (UIPM) organised

a "Culture and Education" Day in cooperation with the Local Organising Committee and the sports bureau of the Province of Hubei. The aim of this Day was to make local youngsters aware of the benefits of studying and physical education through modern pentathlon. The athletes participating in the World Championships took part in the Day, thus making a link with the concept of next year's Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Culture Education Programme. Info and www.pentathlon.org.

#### WINTER IFS



The International Skating Union (ISU)'s 2013/14 Media Guide is now available and will be updated regularly on the ISU website, www.isu.org.



In the framework of the **International Ski Federation** (FIS)'s development programme, the IF's Nordic summer training camp took place from 9 to 14 September in Val di Fiemme (Italy).



Thirty-two athletes born between 1994 and 1998, as well as 19 coaches from 14 countries, followed the training sessions in the various Nordic disciplines as well as sessions on swimming, mountain biking and hiking. Info at www.fis-ski.com.

### NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



On 16 September, the **German NOC** announced the appointment of Hans-Peter Kramer as its

Interim President, following the resignation of Thomas Bach, the new IOC President. Kramer will assume this function until December 2014 unless elections are requested during the NOC General Assembly on 7 December 2013. Info at www.dosb.de.



The President of Costa Rica receiving the Trophy from the NOC President

At a ceremony held at the headquarters of the **NOC of Costa Rica**, the President of the Republic, Laura Chinchilla, was awarded the 2013 IOC "150 years – Pierre de Coubertin, Sport as a School of Life" Trophy, in recognition of her constant contribution and support to Costa Rican athletes. NOC President Henry Núñez presented the Trophy to her in the presence of numerous sports leaders and athletes. Info at www.concrc.org.



(left to right) Juan Carlos Peña, Myriam Leonor Suárez, Juan Carlos Díaz and Baltazar Medina

On 17 September at the headquarters of the NOC of Colombia, an official ceremony was held to mark the handover of the national flag to the delegation taking part in the first South American Youth Olympic Games, which will be held in Lima, Peru. This delegation is composed of 104 young Colombian athletes. World BMX champion Juan Carlos Díaz Serna received the flag from Juan Carlos Peña, the Deputy Director of the Colombian Sports Institute, Coldeportes; NOC President Baltazar Medina; and Myriam Leonor Suárez, NOC member and Deputy Chef Mission for the Games. Info www.coc.org.co.



(middle of front row) Timothy Tsun Ting Fok presenting the Trophy to Hu Fa Kuang

In Hong Kong, the 2013 IOC "150 years – Pierre de Coubertin, Sport as a School of Life" Trophy has been awarded to Hu Fa Kuang, the Vice-President of the **NOC of Hong Kong, China**, in recognition of his important contribution to sports development locally and internationally. As Vice-President for over 20 years and a



leader in several sports disciplines since the 1970s, he is also actively involved in promoting Olympism and supporting the development of sports education in Hong Kong. The ceremony during which IOC member Timothy Tsun Ting Fok presented the Trophy to the winner took place at the Olympic House. Info at www.hkolympic.org.



The NOC of Slovakia has informed us that renowned gymnast Czech Vera Caslavska (photo) has made a symbolic gesture to Slovakia, which, gaining independence in part 1993. was Czechosolvakia, her home

country. The 11-time Olympic medallist has donated two of her seven gold medals (one from Tokyo and one from Mexico City) to the Slovak Museum of Physical Culture, as a gift to the whole of Slovakia. The donation ceremony took place on 13 September in Bratislava in the framework of an exhibition entitled "Winning and Slovak Sport 1993–2012". Losing. Vera Caslavska, who was an IOC member, was President of the Czechoslovakian NOC from 1990 to 1992, then of the Czech NOC, until 1996, after the division of the country. In 2012, she received the Slovak NOC's highest distinction. Info at www.olympic.sk.



The Chinese delegation visits the Swedish NOC

Stefan Lindeberg (2<sup>nd</sup> from right), the President of the **NOC of Sweden**, recently met Li Hua (3<sup>rd</sup>

from right), the Chinese NOC's Marketing Director, in Stockholm. Li Hua was leading a delegation from his Department which had come to see how the Swedish NOC works with its partners and to learn about cooperation with other NOCs. Info at www.sok.se.



On 12 September, the NOC of Uruguay officially hosted the delegation that will participate in the first South American Youth games in Lima. The Minister of Tourism and Sport, Liliam Kechichián, and the NOC President and IOC member, Julio César Maglione, handed over the national flag to the delegation (photo) in the presence - among others - of the President of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS), Gianni Merlo, who was visitina Uruguav. Info at www.cou.org.uv.

### RECOGNISED ORGANISATIONS



The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has published its social network guidelines for people accredited at the Paralympic Winter Games,

which will take place in Sochi from 7 to 16 March 2014. Info at <a href="https://www.paralympic.org">www.paralympic.org</a>.



From 20 to 29 September, the first South American Youth Games will be held in Lima. This decision was taken at the latest general assembly of the South American Sports

Organisation (ODESUR), whose President is



IOC member Carlos Arthur Nuzman. These Games will bring together young athletes aged 14 to 16 from 14 countries, who will compete in 19 disciplines. Info at <a href="https://www.odesur.org">www.odesur.org</a>.

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