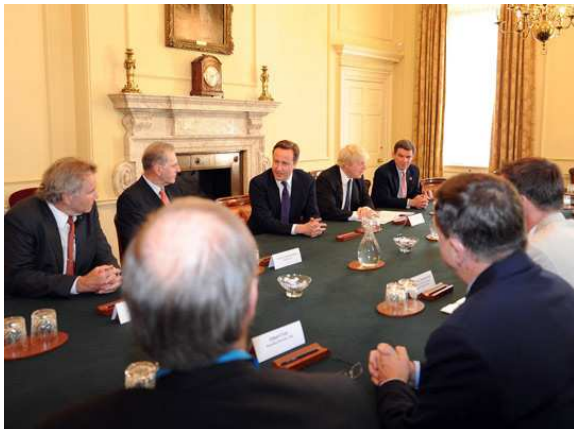




IOC ACTIVITIES

IOC PRESIDENT



Meeting between President Rogge and Prime Minister Cameron

On 5 July, **IOC President Jacques Rogge met the new British Prime Minister**, David Cameron, at No. 10 Downing Street. Also attending were Denis Oswald, Chairman of the IOC Coordination Commission for the 2012 Games; IOC member Craig Reedie; British Olympic Association (BOA) Chairman Colin Moynihan; London 2012 Organising Committee (LOCOG) Chairman Sebastian Coe; Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt; and Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson.

The meeting was part of a full day of Olympic events for the President in the next Olympic host city. He started the day by addressing London 2012's staff, before going on to visit the Olympic Park venues, and later met the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

He also visited the BOA headquarters and BOA Chairman Colin Moynihan, Chief Executive Andy Hunt and members of the BOA Board. Full details on www.olympic.org ("News" section).

At the end of this week, **President Rogge will be in South Africa** to attend the final of the football World Cup in the Johannesburg stadium.

MEMBERS



Anita L. DeFrantz has been inducted into the College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America Hall of Fame.



Richard L. Carrión (2nd from the right) with the Puerto Rican Olympic medallists

Richard L. Carrión recently hosted a lunch in honour of Puerto Rico's Olympic medallists. Coming just a few weeks before the Central American Games in Mayaguez (Puerto Rico), from 16 July to 1 August, this was an opportunity to thank these athletes for their efforts and performances, and the pride felt by their fellow citizens. All these athletes won Olympic medals in boxing: Juan Evangelista Venegas (bronze in London in 1948), Orlando Maldonado (bronze in Montreal in 1976), Luis Francisco Ortiz (silver in Los Angeles in 1984), Aristides González (bronze in Los Angeles in 1984), Aníbal Acevedo (bronze in Barcelona in 1992) and Daniel Santos (bronze in Atlanta in 1996).

COMMISSIONS

The **Coordination Commission for the 2012 Games**, chaired by Denis Oswald, met in London from 6 to 8 July. The programme of this sixth visit to the British capital included Olympic venue tours and meetings with LOCOG on the



progress of preparations. Read the press releases on www.olympic.org ("News" section).

OTHER NEWS

The **winner of "The Best of Us" challenge** is 16 year-old Canadian Jeremy Shew, from Victoria, whose prize is a trip to the very first Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Singapore. His entry was randomly selected from among the videos submitted. This on-line challenge organised by the IOC is part of an initiative to engage young people in the Olympic Games by giving them a chance to actually compete with Olympic athletes. Watch Jeremy's video on www.olympic.org.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATIONS

SUMMER IFS



The Executive Committee of the **International Gymnastics Federation** (FIG) met from 28 to 30 June in St Petersburg (Russian Federation). See all the decisions taken at the meeting on www.fig-gymnastics.com. The FIG has also informed us that the suspension of the Macedonian Gymnastics Federation was lifted with immediate effect on 2 July, so the Federation is duly reinstated.



The **International Modern Pentathlon Union** (UIPM) has just informed us of the death of UIPM Honorary Member Emile Jarrot, at the age of 89. Honorary President of the French Federation, Emile Jarrot was UIPM Vice-President until 1996.



Maria Soto, the Captain of Venezuela's national softball team, has been elected as the athlete representative on the **International Softball Federation** (ISF). In addition, ISF President Don Porter has announced that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and former Sports Minister Victoria Mata received the ISF Medal of Honour at the 12th World Championships in Caracas (Venezuela). Details on www.ISFSoftball.org.

WINTER IFS



The **World Curling Federation** (WCF) has announced the appointment of Colin Grahamslaw as its new Secretary General. He will take over the job from Mike Thomson on 16 August, when he leaves after 18 years in the post. For the past six years, Colin Grahamslaw has been CEO of Scotland's Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Before that, he was CEO of the Scottish Hockey Union and Executive Administrator of Scottish Fencing. Details on www.worldcurling.org.

NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



Gerardo Werthein and Mario Moccia present the plate to Jorge del Águila

The **Argentinean NOC** has informed us that a national congress entitled "Sport at School Age: a strategic challenge based on an inclusive vision" was held on 29 June. The congress was chaired by the NOC President and Secretary General, Gerardo Werthein and Mario Moccia respectively, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Secretary of State for Sport. Also attending were the secretaries for sport of the country's various provinces, physical education supervisors, physical education institute rectors and various institutional representatives. The aim was to reach decisions on physical education, Olympism and sport in schools. Gerardo Werthein and Mario Moccia presented Jorge del Águila, Rector of the Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, with a commemorative plate in recognition of his work on staging the congress.



(from l. to r.) Tomás González Sepúlveda, Marlene Ahrens and Neven Ilic

Chilean gymnast Tomás González Sepúlveda has been honoured by the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG), which has awarded him the title of “World Class Gymnast”. The ceremony was held during the anniversary celebration of the Panathlon Club Santiago, in the presence of the gymnast’s parents. The **Chilean NOC** President, Neven Ilic, then read out a letter of recommendation from the FIG and gave it to the athlete’s mother. Tomás González Sepúlveda was given this symbolic title by Chile’s only female Olympic medallist, Marlene Ahrens (silver in the javelin in Melbourne, in 1956).



Introduction to long jump on Olympic Day in Zagreb

Olympic Day in Croatia was celebrated around the country in May and June with a joint project organised by the **Croatian NOC**, the Croatian Olympic Academy, the Croatian Olympians Association and the Croatian School Sports Organisation. Olympic basketball silver medallist (Seoul, 1988) Danira Bilic was in charge of the project. In May, around 2,000 students aged

from 10 to 18 from all over Croatia, 300 teachers and nine Olympic medallists gathered in Rijeka for two workshops on the history of Olympism and the problem of doping in sport. For its part, the capital, Zagreb, hosted the main celebration on 23 June. Some 600 children aged from 7 to 10 from 13 counties, 150 teachers, 12 Olympic medallists, 8 young athletes who will be competing in this year’s YOG in Singapore and 50 volunteers came together on this occasion. The children took part in basketball, football, field hockey and long jump competitions, and were all presented with diplomas and medals.



The young sports journalists honoured, with Demchigjav Zagdsuren (3rd from the right, seated)

The **Mongolian NOC** President, Demchigjav Zagdsuren, recently honoured several talented young sports writers in recognition of their commitment to sport and Olympism. The ceremony was held at Olympic House, in the presence of Jugder Otgontsagaano, NOC Secretary General and President of the Mongolian Sports Press Union (MSPU), and Ch. Otgonbaatar, First Vice-President of the MSPU. The sports commentators and journalists E. Amarsaikhan, B. Moyle, B. Badamgarav, B. Erdenebat, B. Yalalt and P. Tsolmonbaatar were awarded the NOC’s Olympic Glory Order and Olympic Golden Medal. The NOC Secretary General also hosted a lunch for the national sports media, in a joint celebration of Olympic Day and World Sports Press Day.



Almost 100 delegates attended the international conference on “Theoretical and Practical Aspects of

Olympic Education” (pictured above) organised on 23 June under the auspices of the **Slovak NOC**, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education of Comenius University in Bratislava. The aim of the conference was to assess the situation in the participating countries (Belgium, New Zealand, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Ukraine) and look at effective methods for countries, the international community and NGOs to improve access to Olympic education.



The 8th **Trinidad and Tobago NOC** Youth Camp was opened this week in Port-of-Spain and Point Fortin. NOC President Michael Larry Romany visited the two sites and welcomed the participants, more than 300 boys and girls aged from 3 to 16. Some of the participants were part of the NOC’s “Shape the Community Sport Programme”. The aim of the camp is to enable the children to have an Olympic experience, learn about the Olympic ideals and values and serve as a source of inspiration to the next generation of Olympians.

ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES SOCHI 2014



A large turnout for the “Sochi, Yes!” festival
On 4 July, Sochi hosted the “Sochi, Yes!” festival to commemorate the election of Sochi

as host city of the **2014 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games**. This event was part of the 2014 Games Cultural Olympiad, which opened on 17 May. Various artists, musicians, athletes and thousands of Sochi residents took part in the celebrations, which included sports events during the day and a grand concert in the evening. During the day, Alexey Voevoda, bobsleigh silver medallist at the 2006 Games and bronze medallist at the 2010 Games, joined the team of Sochi 2014 Ambassadors. Read the press release on www.sochi2014.com.

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