



## IOC ACTIVITIES MEMBERS



**Ung Chang** has received an Honorary Doctor's degree from the St Petersburg (Russian Federation) State University of Physical Education, in recognition of his contribution in the fields of research and methodology, and his international activities linked to sport and education.



In his capacity as President of the International Ski Federation (FIS), **Gian-Franco Kasper** has received the title of Doctor Honoris Causa from the National Sports Academy of Bulgaria.

## MISCELLANEOUS

This week, the IOC announced the conclusion of an agreement with **CCTV.com** on the internet and mobile platform exhibition rights within China for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. Over-the-air TV rights for the 2008 Games were acquired by CCTV, as a member of the Asian Broadcasting Union (ABU), in 1998. Full press release on [www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS

### OLYMPIC SUMMER IFS



On 17 December, the **International Baseball Federation** (IBAF) announced the appointment of Nicki Vance as the Federation's Anti-Doping Manager. Australian Vance has worked for more than 19 years in the field of anti-doping, including one

year within the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). Read the press release on [www.baseball.ch](http://www.baseball.ch).



Last week, the **International Fencing Federation** (FIE) announced the death of its Honorary President, Rolland Boitelle, at the age of 83. He was FIE President from 1985 to 1992. In the 1950s, he was Paris sabre champion, then went on to be an international referee for over 30 years. Captain of the French foil team from 1955 to 1976, he was Secretary General of the French Fencing Federation from 1978 to 1981, before serving as its President from 1981 to 1984. Boitelle was also Secretary General, then Vice-President, of the French NOC from 1982 to 1988.



Brazilians Kaká and Marta were elected, respectively, FIFA World Player and FIFA Women's World Player for 2007 by the **Fédération Internationale de Football Association** (FIFA) at the 17<sup>th</sup> FIFA Gala in Zurich (Switzerland). Other awards were also given, including the FIFA Presidential Award, presented to football legend Pelé by Joseph S. Blatter. The FIFA Fair Play Award was given to Barcelona FC. Full results on [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com)



The **International Tennis Federation** (ITF) has appointed Switzerland's Roger Federer and Belgium's Justine Henin the 2007 World Champions. This is the fourth year running that Federer has received this honour, and the third time overall for Henin. In men's doubles, Americans Bob and Mike Bryan, and in women's, Cara Black (Zimbabwe) and Liezel Huber (USA) were awarded the titles. Ricardas Berankis (Lithuania) and Urszula Radwanska (Poland) won awards in the junior category and Shingo Kunieda (Japan) and Esther Vergeer (Netherlands) in the wheelchair tennis category. All these winners will receive their trophies at an ITF dinner to be held on 3 June 2008 in Paris



(France) in the framework of the French Open Tournament. More info on [www.itftennis.com](http://www.itftennis.com)



On 17 December at the IF's headquarters in Lausanne, the President of the **International Archery Federation** (FITA), Ugur Erdener, officially launched the **new Meteksan Archery World Cup logo**. From among the proposals submitted by more than 200 participants and graphics experts from throughout the world, FITA chose the one by Laika Collinassi from Lausanne's Trafikdesign company. Info on [www.archery.org](http://www.archery.org)

## NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES



We have just learnt that the **2007 IOC Sport and Promotion of Olympism trophy** has been awarded to the President of the **Armenian NOC**, Gagik Tsarukyan.



The **Australian NOC** has appointed Clinton Dines as **Attaché to the 2008 Australian Olympic team**. Some 475 athletes should make up the Australian delegation in Beijing. More info on [www.olympics.com.au](http://www.olympics.com.au).



**Brazilian athletes** have been honoured at an Olympic Award ceremony organised by the **NOC**. Gymnast Jade Barbosa (left of photo) and swimmer Thiago Pereira (right) were chosen as the best Brazilian athletes of 2007. Last November, Thiago set a world 200m

individual medley record at the short-course swimming World Cup in Berlin (Germany). As for Jade, she won an individual all-round bronze medal at the World Gymnastics Championships in Stuttgart (Germany). Judo's Luis Shinohara was elected best coach of 2007, and Cláudia Santos (rowing) and Daniel Dias (swimming) were elected the best Paralympic athletes. More info on [www.cob.org.br](http://www.cob.org.br)



The **Canadian NOC** has appointed triple Olympic medallist Nathalie Lambert (pictured) as **Chef de Mission for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver**. Lambert and her teammates won the gold medal in the 3,000m short-track speed skating at the 1992 Olympic Winter Games in Albertville, and the silver medal in the 1,000 and 3,000m relay events at the 1994 Games in Lillehammer. More information on [www.olympic.ca/fr](http://www.olympic.ca/fr)



The new **law governing sport in El Salvador** has been officially ratified by the President of the Republic of El Salvador, Elías Antonio Saca. This ceremony took place at the residence of the Head of State, in the presence of the Minister for Education, Darlyn Meza; the President of the Tourism, Youth and Sports Commission of the Legislative Assembly, Roberto D'Abuissou; the President of the National Sports Institute, Jorge Hernández Isussi; and the **NOC** President, Eduardo Palomo. President Saca also paid tribute to the athlete Jorge Jiménez, world archery champion.



The Chairman of the **British Olympic Association**, Colin Moynihan (pictured) has received an **honorary doctorate in philosophy** from London's biggest sports university, the London Metropolitan University, in recognition of his

important contribution to the development of sport in Great Britain and his leadership of the **NOC**.



The **Iranian NOC** has informed us that the **National Olympic and Paralympic Academy** recently organised an anti-doping course, attended by 80 national coaches. This same academy has also set up the first educational course to promote sports



knowledge among athletes, coaches and other interested people, through the intermediary of sports websites from throughout the world. The participants in these two courses all received a certificate.



One of the athletes featured in the Lithuanian NOC's calendar, Virgilijus Alekna (right), with Monika Požerskytė

To celebrate the Games year, the **Lithuanian NOC** has published a **2008 Olympic calendar**. The photos on the calendar are of Lithuania's greatest Olympic hopes for the Beijing Games, such as reigning Olympic discus champion, Virgilijus Alekna. Almost 4,000 sport fans voted for their favourite athletes on the internet. The photos were taken by Monika Požerskytė. Furthermore, on 13 December, the Bank of Lithuania issued a commemorative silver coin to mark the Games in Beijing. This coin was presented on the same day at the NOC headquarters in the presence of NOC President Arturas Poviliunas. Find out more on [www.ltok.lt](http://www.ltok.lt).

## ORGANISING COMMITTEES FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES VANCOUVER 2010



Construction work has been completed on all three of the Whistler Olympic and Paralympic competition venues. Thanks to the efforts of the 2,500 workers recruited in British Columbia and Canada, athletes will be able to train at these Olympic venues more than two years before the Vancouver 2010

Games begin. The venues in Whistler, which will host 46 Olympic medal events and 62 Paralympic medal events, will offer a legacy for high-performance recreational use, both before and long after the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. A full press release can be found on [www.vancouver2010.com](http://www.vancouver2010.com).

### N.B.

Because of the end-of-year holidays, **the next edition of the *Olympic Highlights* will be published on 11 January 2008**. We send you our best wishes for the New Year.



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