

OLYMPIC ORDER

During the 99th Session in Barcelona, the IOC members awarded the Olympic Order to several persons who, during their career or on a particular occasion have particularly distinguished themselves in the defence of sport and Olympism.



The President of Mexico, Carlos Salinas Gortari, during a recent visit to Lausanne, with the IOC President and Mr Pedro Ramirez Vazquez, member in Mexico.

Carlos SALINAS DE GORTARI

Mr Carlos SALINAS DE GORTARI is President of Mexico.

Hassan AGABANI (SUD)

President of the Sudanese Athletic Federation, member of the IAAF council.

José AZCONA (MEX)

Mr Azcona has devoted himself to the development of sport and the Olympic Movement in Mexico.

Jorge Herrera BARONA (COL)

Mr Jorge Herrera Barona is president of the Colombian NOC.

Dr Mario CARVALHO PINI (BRA)

Chairman of the Brazilian Medical Commission for thirty-three years, Dr Carvalho Pini has worked at all the Games since those in Rome. He has also been present at nine Pan American Games from 1959 to 1992. The long record of service of this doctor are a marvellous example of devotion to sport for an indispensable contribution to the well-being of athletes worldwide.

Itzhak CASPI (ISR)

A former boxing champion in the forties, Mr Kaspi was a promising athlete in several disciplines. An administrator with the World Maccabi Organization, he has been a member of the Asian Games Federation since 1977. Chef de mission of the Israeli delegation to the Olympic Games since 1960, that year he became a member of the Olympic Committee of Israel, of which he has been the secretary-general since 1982.

Vahit COLAKOGLU (TUR)

A physical education teacher, Mr Vahit Colakoglu was president of the Turkish Volleyball and Handball Federation from 1958 to 1970. A member of the FIVB from 1959 to 1979, he was a member of the executive board of the Turkish NOC from 1970 to 1992, then vice-president since 1982. An international volleyball and basketball referee.

Dr Evie DENNIS (USA)

During her career, both professional and as a volunteer, Dr Dennis has been a trailblazer. She has notably contributed

to medical research, to education and human rights and sport. A member of numerous organizations, she has occupied several key posts, travelling widely to represent the USA in sport. Chef de mission of the USA team at the Games in Seoul and at the Pan American Games last year in Cuba, she was the first woman vice-president of the USOC, the first African-American woman elected a member of the Amateur Athletic Union...

Jesus ELIZONDO NAJERA (MEX)

A shooter who took part in the Games In Tokyo, Mexico and Munich, as well as the world and continental championships, Mr Elirondo has been a judge at numerous International competitions since 1982, notably at the Games in Los Angeles and Seoul. Secretary General of the American Shooting Union since 1986, since 1988 he has been a member of the UIT administrative council, to which he had rendered valuable service. He is the federation's technical delegate in Barcelona.

Deszo GYARMATI (HUN)

An outstanding waterpolo player and three times Olympic champion, Mr Gyarmati, a member of the Hungarian National Parliament, played for the national team a hundred and nine times. After retiring from competition, he worked as a coach from 1967, leading the Hungarian national waterpolo team to outstanding achievements, notably a gold medal in the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976.

Raul IBARRA ZAPATA (MEX)

An all-round athlete and an excellent marksman, Mr Ibarra Zapata has played an active role in Mexican sport over the years, becoming secretary-general of the executive committee of the Mexican NOC in 1953, a post he held until 1969.

Kurt HELLER (posthumously)

The late Kurt Heller, longtime president of the Austrian Olympic Committee (1972 -

1990), served two mandates as an executive board member before becoming ENOC president, and was also a vice-president of ANOC, after beginning his career in sports administration as president of the ASKÖ (Combined Committee for Sport and Physical Exercise of Austria). The Austrian Olympic Committee has set up in his memory the Kurt Heller Foundation, which helps Olympic athletes with their careers.

Viacheslav I. KOLOSKOV (RUS)

An active athlete in his youth, Mr Vicheslav Koloskov, who obtained a doctorate from the Moscow State Institute of Physical Education and Sports, was a national and international ice hockey and football administrator. He was chairman of the Football Directorate of the Moscow OCOG during the Games in Moscow in 1980. Vice-president of FIFA since 1980, he has chaired its organizing committee for the Olympic football tournament since 1984.

Prof. Ludovit KOMADEL (FIN)

An Olympic swimmer, finalist in the 200m breaststroke at the Olympic Games in Helsinki, Prof. Ludovit Komadel is a university professor of medicine of international renown in scientific circles. He was medical officer to the Finnish team from 1966 to 1968. Co-author of two IOC medical commission publications, he has been an active participant in many Olympic scientific congresses and plays a major role in many sports-related organizations.

Gaoussou KONE (CIV)

A State sports adviser, Gaoussou Kone was a sprint finalist at the Games in Tokyo and also took part in the Games in Munich. He won a gold medal at the 1st Friendship Games in Dakar in 1963 and won the 100 and 200m at the the 1st African Games in Brazzaville in 1965. Champion at the University Games in Tokyo in 1967 and at the pre-Olympic week in Mexico the same year, he reached the 1968 Olympic semi-finals.



Kurt Heller.

Carlos PARDO (ESP)

A distinguished sports journalist who organizes and promotes sports and cultural events, Mr Pardo has covered all the Olympic Games since 1948 for press, radio and television. Through his organization of major tours and tournaments in many sports including tennis, cycling, boxing, basketball, he has always sought to bring sport and its ideals to the widest possible audience.

Mario PESCANTE (ITA)

Secretary-general of the Italian Olympic Committee since 1973, Mr Pescante has always been reelected. He is also secretary-general of the Assembly of European National Olympic Committees, president of ANOC's technical cooperation commission, a member of the International Committee for the Mediterranean Games and a founder member of the Italian Olympic Academy, Chef de mission of the Italian delegation to the Olympic Summer and Winter Games in 1976, 1980, 1984 and 1988 he began his sports career as a middle-distance runner and became director of various athletics associations, creating the "Zauli Memorial" international athletics meeting.



Baron Pittenger.

Baaron PITTENGER (USA)

After starting his career as a journalist, Baaron Pittenger joined the USOC staff in 1977 and is a former executive director. Now USA Hockey executive director, he worked for mutual cooperation between the USA and USSR, notably developing an agreement on doping. He has always showed great dedication to the Olympic Movement and has made a great contribution to sport in his country.

Eduardo Airaldi RIVAROLA (PER)

A former basketball player, then a judge and administrator, Eduardo Rivarola was a member of the technical commission of the South American Basketball Confederation and then of FIBA's international organ-

izations commission, before becoming deputy secretary for the three Americas and secretary-general of the PanAmerican Basketball Confederation.

Gottfried SCHOEDL (AUT)

Having begun his sports career as a skater, Mr Schoedl then turned to weightlifting. An international category I referee since 1964, he has been president of the International Weightlifting Federation since 1972 and of the Austrian federation from 1969 to 1990. A journalist and sportswriter, he is one of the sport's greatest historians.

Gursewak SINGH (IND)

Director of public instruction, Mr Singh is a top level sports administrator and a respected academic, member of the Indian Olympic Association. A member of the FIH council and bureau from 1968 to 1970, he was a judge at the Asian Games in 1966 and 1970, then at the Olympic Games in Munich. A member of the IOA Council since 1956, he is also secretary-general of the Indian Hockey Federation.

Prof. Nikos YALOURIS (GRE)

Professor Yalouris has been a highly valued contributor to the International Olympic Academy since it was founded in 1961. An archaeologist of distinction at Athens University he is a specialist in Olympic sites and antiquities.

Mrs Caizhen ZHANG (CHN)

Passionate about sports, Mrs Zhang has been actively involved in sports administration throughout her career. Deputy Minister of the Sports Commission from 1985 to 1991, she was vice-president of the Chinese Olympic Committee from 1986 to 1989 and participated actively in the organization of the Asian Games in Beijing in 1990 as vice-president of the organizing committee. She has published several hundred articles on sports as well as a number of books.