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# Around the Rings' Golden 25 for 2007

11th Annual Edition of Olympic Influentials; Verbruggen No.1

**N**ow just over 18 months away, the Beijing Olympics are a major influence in the 2007 edition of the Around the Rings Golden 25. Ranking number-one in influence for the year ahead is Hein Verbruggen, chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for Beijing. Liu Qi, the president of BOCOG, holds the fourth spot.

More and more, the Beijing Games will become a daily fixture in the life of the Olympics. The coming year will be the final full year for preparations, whether organizer, sponsor, NOC or sport.

While Verbruggen and Liu have a direct link to 2008, most of the other names on the 2007 Golden 25 have some sort of interest in Beijing as well. Some, such as IOC President Jacques Rogge (3), play a hands-on role influencing the outcome of the Beijing Games.

The Golden 25, now in its 11th year, is a compilation of the personalities who will play the greatest influence in the year ahead for the business of the Olympics. The listing is the product of a matrix assembled by ATR that includes names, events and issues that will come into play for 2007.

New names on the list for 2007 include European commissioner for sport Jan Figel' (23) and Patrick Hickey (15), president of the European Olympic Committees.

Far more than 25 people make things happen in the Olympics world: dozens of other names are listed in several "Spheres of Influence" categories, such as federations and NOCs. As a first this year, we've included important players divided by the five conti-

## AROUND THE RINGS GOLDEN 25 ROLL CALL

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Hein Verbruggen        | 14 - Dick Ebersol         |
| 2 - Denis Oswald           | 15 - Patrick Hickey       |
| 3 - Jacques Rogge          | 16 - Rene Fasel           |
| 4 - Liu Qi                 | 17 - Carlos Arthur Nuzman |
| 5 - Sheikh Ahmad           | 18 - Peter Ueberroth      |
| 6 - Richard Pound          | 19 - Thomas Bach          |
| 7 - Richard Carrion        | 20 - Lassana Palenfo      |
| 8 - Juan Antonio Samaranch | 21 - Bob Ctvrtlik         |
| 9 - Mario Vasquez Rana     | 22 - Sebastian Coe        |
| 10 - Gerhard Heiberg       | 23 - Jan Figel'           |
| 11 - Gunilla Lindberg      | 24 - Chiharu Igaya        |
| 12 - Gilbert Felli         | 25 - Tom Shepard          |
| 13 - Francisco Elizalde    |                           |

mental regions recognized by the IOC.

One section highlights women who are making their influence felt, in the face of glacially-ebbing male dominance of the Olympic power structure.

As always, reader comments and questions are welcomed. Send them via email to [comment@aroundtherings.com](mailto:comment@aroundtherings.com).

### Golden 25 for 2006

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1 - Turin Olympics   | 10 - 2014 Short List                          | 19 - Atlanta Bid Experts: Battle, Hirthler, Burns |
| 2 - Jacques Rogge  | 11 - Juan Antonio Samaranch                   | 20 - Sponsors: GE, Atos Origin, Coke, Visa        |
| 3 - Richard Pound  | 12 - Sheikh Ahmad                             | 21 - Thomas Bach                                  |
| 4 - Mario Pescante   | 13 - Richard Carrion                          | 22 - Alex Gilady                                  |
| 5 - Denis Oswald   | 14 - Gerhard Heiberg                          | 23 - Peter Ueberroth                              |
| 6 - Mario Vasquez Rana   | 15 - Vancouver 2010: Fasel, Campbell, Furlong | 24 - Francisco Elizalde                           |
| 7 - Gunilla Lindberg   | 16 - Carlos Arthur Nuzman                     | 25 - Asian Games in Doha                          |
| 8 - Beijing Test Event: Liu Qi, Wang Wei, PR Agency, Kevan Gosper, Hein Verbruggen | 17 - Lassana Palenfo                          |   |
| 9 - Paquerette Girard-Zappelli   | 18 - London 2012: Coe, Jowell                 |   |

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# Around the Rings' Golden 25 Roll Call

The Top 25 Olympic Newsmakers of the New Year

## 1 Hein Verbruggen, IOC Member

Last Year: 8



Hein Verbruggen, chair of IOC Coordination Commission for Beijing, named to post by President Rogge in 2001. Verbruggen has guided IOC relations with China five years with no public disagreements or worries about preparations. 2007 will bring milestones under Verbruggen's guidance: unveiling of torch relay, test events, sale of tickets and the one-year to go mark falling on August 8. Verbruggen is so important as emissary for China he was re-elected to the IOC without fuss earlier this year after relinquishing his seat and chairmanship in 2005. The IOC moves resulted from his retirement as president of the cycling federation. Re-elected in February, he is lowest in IOC seniority chairing a senior commission. Verbruggen, 65, was first elected to the IOC in 1996. He became UCI president in 1991. After stepping down in 2005, UCI President Pat McQuaid named him executive vice president, which made him eligible for re-nomination to the IOC.

## 2 Denis Oswald, IOC Member

Last Year: 5



Denis Oswald will lead the next full meeting of the IOC Coordination Commission for London 2012, the spring visit coming soon after London's revised budget is posted and an initial national sponsor is signed. With the cost of the London Games a favorite media story in the U.K., Oswald is a key communicator for the IOC. So far, he says, London is in good shape. Oswald also will be involved in the adoption of new rules for the IOC to add or delete sports from the summer program. He is president of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations. Oswald, 59, is a lawyer and joined the IOC in 1991, making him the senior member from Switzerland.

## 3 Jacques Rogge, IOC President

Last Year: 2



While the unequivocal spokesman for the IOC, President Jacques Rogge has others leading the way on major tasks. As the voice of the IOC as well as its leader, Rogge draws plenty of attention wherever he travels, from media to heads of state. 2007's major moves that will involve the IOC President: election of host city for 2014, nominations of several new members, changes to World Anti Doping Code, planning 2009 Olympic Congress and adoption of new rules determining Olympic sport program. Rogge's style is attributed to his background as an orthopedic surgeon, a career he left when he took on the IOC presidency. He says his experience as head of coordination commissions for Athens and Sydney has helped him keep an even keel in face of bad news involving Olympic preparations. Rogge, 64, joined the IOC in 1991. He competed in sailing at three Olympic Games.

## 4 Liu Qi, President of the Beijing Olympics

Last Year: Not Ranked



Liu Qi, president of the Beijing Olympics, will play a significant role in making sure the 2008 Olympics are delivered to everybody's satisfaction, whether in China or around the world. He has been the voice of China on whether journalists will be able to freely report on the Beijing Games, and has pushed for new rules that take effect in 2007. Liu is one of the most influential leaders in China as secretary of the Beijing branch of the Communist Party of China. Liu, 64, is a metals industry engineer by profession and has served as mayor of Beijing.

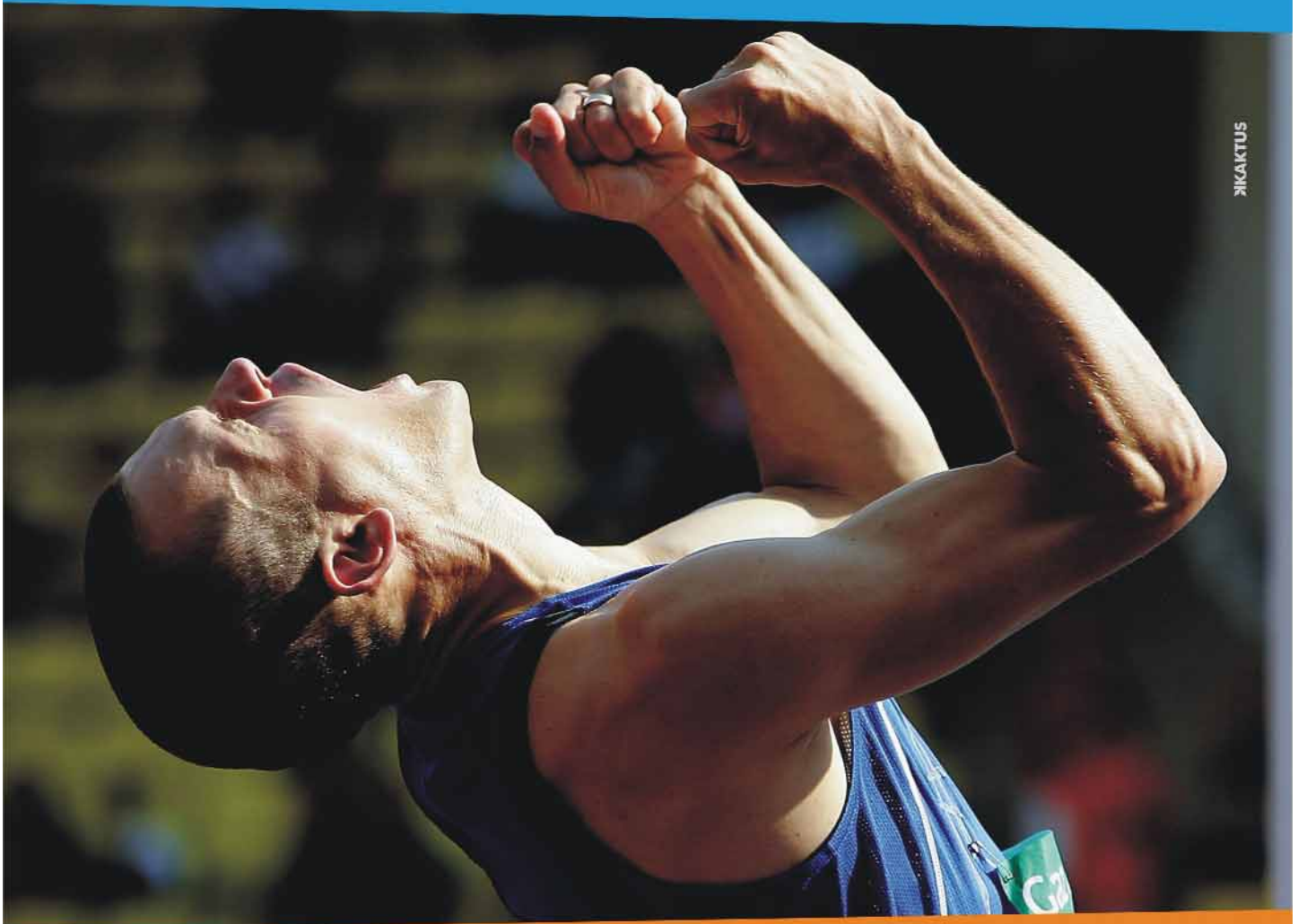
## 5 Sheikh Ahmad, Olympic Council of Asia

Last Year: 12



The head of the Olympic Council of Asia and the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Ahmad Al Sabah has made the OCA perhaps the most active of the five continental associations. The OCA oversees a range of regional multi-sport events as well as the Asian Games, which are now second only to the Olympics for size. The successful completion of the Asian Games in Doha, the smallest ever host of such a major event, will add to Ahmad's cachet. With a bid from Asia for the 2014 Winter Games and bids coming for the 2016 Olympics, Ahmad could be influential in these races, behind the scenes.

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**6 Richard Pound, WADA Chairman**

Last Year: 3



After nearly eight years leading the World Anti Doping Agency, Richard Pound steps down in 2007, but not before overseeing revisions to the World Anti Doping Code and the 3rd World Anti Doping Conference in Madrid. Disliked by some sports leaders in and out of the Olympics, Pound's efforts to ferret drug cheats from sport have frequently stepped on toes. Pound, 64, is also a member of the IOC Marketing Commission, a panel he headed through the 1990s. He has been an IOC member since 1978.

**7 Richard Carrion, IOC Member**

Last Year: 13



Richard Carrion has become the IOC expert on TV negotiations and finance in the past few years. Chairman of the Finance Commission and a member of the TV Rights and New Media Commission, his instincts guide the IOC in discussions over TV rights. He is personally involved in talks with broadcasters in the Americas, Asia and Australia.. Carrion, 54, joined the IOC in 1990. He is a banker by profession, chair and CEO of Puerto Rico's biggest bank.

**8 J.A. Samaranch, Former IOC President**

Last Year: 11



Now honorary president for life of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch is still wielding influence from Lausanne and Barcelona. Samaranch, 86, continues an active schedule of travel, attending IOC meetings, chairing the board for the Olympic Museum and representing the IOC at events such as the closing ceremony of the 2006 Asian Games. He is sought-after for his counsel by bid cities and others with a cause related to the Olympics. He has volunteered to lead the task force formed by the International Softball Federation aimed at restoring the sport to the Olympics.

**9 Mario Vasquez Rana, ANOC President**

Last Year: 6



Mario Vazquez Rana controls two key organizations for the Olympics: the 203-member Association of National Olympic Committees and Olympic Solidarity, the arm of the IOC that doles out nearly \$300 million to the world's NOCs. For ANOC, Rana is concerned about autonomy for NOCs and their freedom from political interference. He named a commission of ANOC vice presidents to troubleshoot the issue in 2006.

**10 Gerhard Heiberg, IOC Member**

Last Year: 14



Gerhard Heiberg will be involved with overseeing the final stages of marketing activities for the Beijing Olympics and the first steps being taken by London 2012. The 67-year-old corporate executive is also the chair of the reform commission for AIBA, the international boxing federation. Heiberg, who served as president of the Lillehammer Olympics, was named to the IOC in 1994.





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**11 Gunilla Lindberg, IOC Vice President**

Last Year: 7



**G**unilla Lindberg, IOC vice president and secretary general of the Association of National Olympic Committees, is one of the most visible Olympic leaders, attending key meetings and other events on behalf of ANOC around the world. She is the only woman serving on the IOC Executive Board. She is also a member of the coordination commissions for Vancouver and London.

**12 Gilbert Felli, Exec. Dir. Olympic Games**

Last Year: Not Ranked



**H**e may have longest title at IOC headquarters in Lausanne, Executive Director of Olympic Games, but Gilbert Felli's portfolio matches the length of the appellation. In addition to overseeing the preparation of three Olympic Games at the same time, Felli also watches over the bidding process for the Games. Felli, 59, was named to his post in 2003 after several years as Sports Director of the IOC.

**13 Francisco Elizalde, IOC Member**

Last Year: 24



**W**ith dozens of IOC members facing votes on their retention in the next three years as well as openings for new members of the IOC, Francisco Elizalde, the chair of the IOC Nominations Commission, will be a key player in that process. With nearly 150 applications for membership, Elizalde and his small commission will be reviewing those files in the coming months. At least three seats on the IOC will be open through retirement in 2007 and it's up to the nominations group to submit possible candidates to the Executive Board. Elizalde, 74, a businessman from the Philippines, has been an IOC member since 1985.

**14 Dick Ebersol, Chairman of NBC Sports**

Last Year: Not Ranked



**T**he influence of Ebersol and U.S. rights holder NBC is evident in the IOC decision to change the times for the finals of swimming and gymnastics from evening to morning. The move puts the events in the middle of NBC's prime time coverage of the Olympics. Protests from other broadcasters were of no avail. It is difficult to argue with the \$3 billion NBC is paying the IOC for U.S. rights through 2012. Ebersol, 59, leads NBC at a time when formerly dominant free-to-air Olympics coverage is being replaced by Internet and new media. How NBC adapts in this new environment will affect the future of Olympic TV rights.

**15 Patrick Hickey, President of EOC**

Last Year: Not Ranked



**T**he new president of the European Olympic Committees, Ireland's Patrick Hickey, holds a post that puts him at the crossroads of sport on the continent. He took over the EOC in July and will lead the continental association's development of its major property -- the European Youth Olympic Festival - for which the competition to host has grown intense. Hickey is also guiding the EOC into a marketing program across the continent that aims to fight youth obesity with sport. Hickey, 61, has been an IOC member since 1995 and president of the Olympic Council of Ireland since 1989.



**16 Rene Fasel, President IIHF**

Last Year: Not Ranked



**R**ene Fasel, president of the International Ice Hockey Federation, leads one of the marquee sports for the Winter Olympics as well as the association representing the seven federations on the winter program. That experience has made him the choice to chair the IOC Coordination Commission for the 2010 Games in Vancouver. Fasel, 56, has been an IOC member since 1995 and also serves on the marketing and medical commissions of the IOC. Born in Switzerland, he's a dentist by profession.

**17 Carlos Arthur Nuzman, IOC Member**

Last Year: 16



**B**razilian Olympic Committee President Carlos Nuzman has a big year ahead. He leads the organizing committee staging the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro. The Pan Ams will be the largest Olympic-style sports event of the year and a test of Rio's capacity to host the Olympics. Nuzman and the Brazilian committee have already voted to nominate Rio de Janeiro to bid for the 2016 Olympics. Nuzman, 64, has been an IOC member since 2000 and sits on the Beijing Coordination Commission and the Marketing Commission.

**18 Peter Ueberroth, USOC Chairman**

Last Year: 23



**P**eter Ueberroth heads into the final two years of his USOC leadership with an international relations team in place. When he became chairman in 2004, the USOC had only the rudiments of an international operation. Ueberroth, 69, is a sought-after figure in the Olympic world for his counsel. Representatives of cities around the world hoping to bid for the Olympics regularly make the pilgrimage to Ueberroth's southern California office.

**19 Thomas Bach, IOC Vice President**

Last Year: 21



**I**OC vice president and head of the newly-created German Sports Union, Thomas Bach makes his mark nationally and internationally. A lawyer by profession, Bach leads the IOC Juridical Commission as well as the ad hoc group investigating the raids at the Turin Olympics against members of the Austrian ski team. Bach also heads IOC TV rights negotiations for Europe. Bach, 53, took on the presidency in May of the DSB, the German Sports Union, which combines the former NOC and the organization that formerly represented German sports federations. Bach won a gold medal in fencing at the Montreal Games.

**20 Lassana Palenfo, President of ANOCA**

Last Year: 17



**L**assana Palenfo, president of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa, is trying to make the association a more recognized player in world sport with modern-day management. All three cities bidding for the 2014 Olympics recently campaigned in Malawi at the ANOCA secretaries general meeting. Palenfo, who turns 66 in January, is a key figure in security affairs for the government of Ivory Coast. He's been an IOC member since 2000.



**21 Bob Ctvrtlik, USOC Int'l Vice President**

Last Year: Not Ranked



Whether it helps being one of the tallest members of the IOC, Bob Ctvrtlik (197cm) of the U.S. has the job of getting the big picture for the U.S. Olympic Committee as its first-ever international vice president. He is leading the push to find out if the U.S. should bid for 2016 as well as looking for other opportunities for the U.S. to be involved on the international scene. Ctvrtlik, 43, a volleyball Olympian, is part of a well-known team of international experts assembled at the USOC just this year, including Robert Fasulo, Carolina Bayon and Dragomir Cioroslan.

**22 Sebastian Coe, Chairman of London 2012**

Last Year: 18



The chairman of the London 2012, Sebastian Coe, is overseeing the transformation of the organizing committee into a full-fledged enterprise in 2007. His energy and passion are considered an essential in recruiting the first wave of national sponsors for the Games. Coe, 50, is a dream team selection as an OCOG chief: an Olympic champion; outgoing, enthusiastic, politically savvy. Can he keep the team in an upbeat mood as London begins the hard yards towards the finish line?

**23 Jan Figel', EU Commissioner**

Last Year: Not Ranked



Jan Figel' is the first commissioner from the European Union who is tackling the issue of sport and the policies of the EU. His office is working on a White Paper on sport which is being closely watched by sports leaders in Europe. Future regulations and policies from the EU on sport could have implications for national Olympic committees, the IOC and international federations. Figel', who turns 47 in January, has a degree in electrical engineering and served in the Slovakia parliament before heading to Brussels. His official title is EU Commissioner for Education, Training and Culture.

**24 Chiharu Igaya, IOC Member**

Last Year: Not Ranked



Chick Igaya, as he is more commonly known, will play a major role in the selection of a host city for the 2014 Games. He will chair the IOC's Evaluation Commission for the bids that will visit the three cities in February and March. Igaya, 75, has been an IOC member since 1982. An alpine skier, in 1956 Igaya became the first Japanese to win a medal at the Winter Olympics. He competed in three Winter Games. Igaya resigned his seat on the IOC Ethics Commission after being named chair of the Evaluation Commission. As one of the leaders of the Japanese Olympic Committee, Igaya is expected to be an influence on Tokyo's bid for 2016, once his 2014 duties have ended.

**25 Tom Shepard, Visa International**

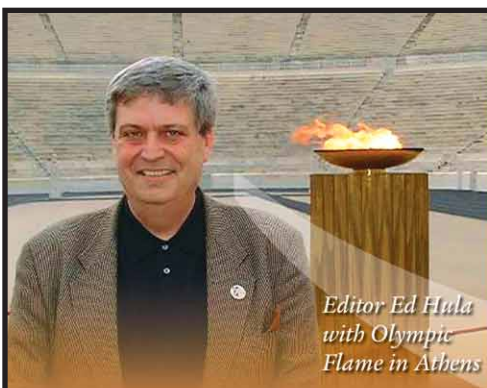
Last Year: Not Ranked



The dean of executives who lead marketing programs for the 11 worldwide sponsors is Tom Shepard of Visa International. Shepard, 53, has been Executive VP of International Marketing, Partnerships and Sponsorship since 1997. His work has made Visa one of the recognizable brands in the Olympic arena. Under his watch, Visa has taken advantage of the build-up to Games in each Olympic city with programs aimed at building Visa's business locally. Beijing may be the biggest challenge ever: China has the lowest penetration of Visa products per capita than any Games Visa has sponsored.

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<b>January 10</b>	2014 Bid Books
<b>February 6 - 8</b>	IOC Executive Board, Lausanne
<b>February - March</b>	2014 Evaluation Commission Visits
<b>March 17- April 1</b>	FINA Swimming World Championships, Melbourne (Aus)
<b>April 16</b>	OCA General Assembly, Kuwait
<b>April 23 - 27</b>	SportAccord, Beijing
<b>June 4</b>	Release of 2014 Report by IOC
<b>July 4 - 8</b>	119th IOC Session, Guatemala City
<b>August 8</b>	One Year to the Beijing Olympics
<b>August 25 - September 2</b>	IAAF World Championships, Osaka
<b>September 15</b>	2016 Olympic Bid Application Deadline
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## Spheres of Influence: Worth Watching in 2007

The Olympic Movement depends on more than 25 people to thrive. Here are some of those with important briefs in the year ahead.



Philip Craven



Wang Wei

**Sergey Bubka** - IOC member, Ukraine, NOC president, chair IOC Athletes' Commission.

**Kevan Gosper** - Australia's senior IOC member also serves as VP Beijing Coordination Commission; chair of Press Commission; president, Oceania National Olympic Committees.

**John Furlong** - CEO Vancouver 2010.

**Alex Gilady** - IOC member, Israel; VP NBC-TV and a perennial observer at most major Olympic-related events.

**Prince Albert of Monaco** - Head of state; one of the youngest senior IOC members.

**Kai Holm** - President of Denmark's national Olympic committee, organizer, IOC Session Olympic Congress for 2009.

**Philip Craven** - President, International Paralympic Committee.

**Willi Kaltschmitt** - IOC member, Guatemala; key player organization of 2007 IOC Session where the 2014 winter city will be elected.

**Tessa Jowell** - U.K. Secretary for Sport and Culture.

**Tom Curley** - Associated Press president; watching developments in Beijing and China that affect reporting from 2008 Games.

**Wang Wei** - Secretary General BOCOG, involved with nearly all aspects of preparations.

### Women of Influence

Despite a growing number of women joining the IOC, serving as federation presidents and other important posts, overall representation in Olympic circles is still far from representative. No women head IOC commissions, except for the Working Group on Women and Sport, and females number only 14 out of 113 members. Here are some notable women who will influence the Olympics in the year ahead:



Princess Haya



Nawal  
El Moutawakel

**Els Van Breda Vriesman** - President, International Hockey Federation; IOC member the Netherlands.

**Nawal El Moutawakel** - IOC member, Morocco; chair 2012 Evaluation Commission.

**Anita DeFrantz** - U.S. IOC member and chair of Women and Sport Commission; former rowing champ seeks return to executive board.

**Marit Myrmael** - Norwegian NOC secretary general.

**Princess Haya al Bint Hussein of Jordan** - Elected president of FEI in May, shaking up an organization described as staid.

**Cathy Priestner** - Sports director for Vancouver 2010.

**Jackie Brock-Doyle** - Head London 2012's communications department; significant role determining London's image.

**Giselle Davies** - Communications director, IOC. The IOC's only female department director.

**Nicole Hovertsz** - IOC member; Aruba NOC secretary general.

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### THE AMERICAS:

**Jim Scherr** - CEO, USOC; credited with turning around corporate structure of world's biggest Olympic committee.

**Michael Fennell** - President, Jamaica Olympic Association, member, Beijing IOC Commission.

**Julio Cesar Maglione** - IOC member, Uruguay, NOC president; member of Beijing IOC Commission.

**Mike Chambers** - Canadian Olympic Committee president; important role in preparations for Vancouver 2010.

**Felipe Munoz** - Mexico NOC president, secretary general of PASO.



Mario Pescante

### EUROPE:

**Raffaele Pagnozzi** - Secretary General of CONI, European Olympic Committees.

**Alexander Kozlovsky** - VP EOC; one of most active members of Russian Olympic Committee internationally.

**Colin Moynihan** - British Olympic Association chair, member of London 2012 board.

**Minos Kyriakou** - President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee, member of IAAF Council.

**Mario Pescante** - Italian political leader; member IOC Executive Board.



Jung Kil Kim

### ASIA:

**Randhir Singh** - Secretary General, Indian Olympic Association and Olympic Council of Asia.

**Tsunekazu Takeda** - President, Japanese Olympic Committee; member 2010 Coordination Commission.5

**Jung Kil Kim** - South Korea NOC President.

**Gafur Rakhimov** - Uzbekistan businessman; VP, Olympic Council of Asia, international boxing federation.

**Prince Feisal Al Hussein** - President, Jordan Olympic Committee, uses post to help Iraqi, Lebanese athletes.



John Coates

### OCEANIA:

**John Coates** - Australian Olympic Committee president, IOC member.

**Dr. Robin Mitchell** - IOC member in Fiji, secretary general of Oceania National Olympic Committees.



Kip Keino

### AFRICA:

**Sam Ramsamy** - IOC member in South Africa, member of FINA leadership.

**Kip Keino** - IOC member in Kenya, NOC President, member of IOC Beijing Commission.

**Diamil Faye** - Games expert from Senegal; trying to develop opportunities for marketing, development of African sport, driving force behind African International Sports Convention for February in Dakar.

**Patrick Chamunda** - IOC member in Zambia, key leader for sub-Sahara Africa.

**Mounir Sabet** - Egyptian IOC member, one of the key IOC leaders from northern Africa.



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高度在2至4厘米的吉祥物省略会徽。

除特殊情况经奥组委相关部门审批外，禁止使用高度小于2厘米的吉祥物。



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## Federations

The year ahead will bring challenges for a number of federations and some high profile world championships:



Mustapha Larfaoui



Sepp Blatter

**Ruben Acosta** - President of FIVB; fending off challenge from upstart federation, although FIVB is flush with sponsors, growing popularity for the sport.

**Lamine Diack** - President IAAF, IOC member, in Senegal; overseeing world championships Osaka.

**C.K. Wu** - President of AIBA, Wu was elected in November under a banner of reform.

**Ottavio Cinqunta** - President, International Skating Union; and IOC member in Italy, figure skating world championships in March in Tokyo.

**Mustapha Larfaoui** - FINA president, world championships in Melbourne, Australia in March.

**Sepp Blatter** - FIFA President, Women's World Cup set for China in October. Blatter's influence over 2010 World Cup in South Africa and possible 2014 World Cup for Brazil could shape Olympic bids from both countries.



# Spheres of Influence: Other Olympic Newsmakers

Recap: The 1st Golden 25 From 1997

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 - Juan Antonio Samaranch | 13 - Francois Carrard               |
| 2 - Dick Ebersol           | 14 - Manolo Romero                  |
| 3 - John Coates            | 15 - Thomas Bach                    |
| 4 - Marc Hodler            | 16 - Jacques Rogge                  |
| 5 - Roberto Goisueta       | 17 - Mario Vasquez Rana             |
| 6 - Un Yong Kim            | 18 - Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah |
| 7 - Kevan Gosper           | 19 - Yoshiaki Tsutsumi              |
| 8 - Primo Nebiolo          | 20 - Michael Knight                 |
| 9 - Anita DeFrantz         | 21 - Alex Gilady                    |
| 10 - Dick Pound            | 22 - Keba Mbaye                     |
| 11 - John Krimsky          | 23 - Mohamad "Bob" Hasan            |
| 12 - Gary Bettman          | 24 - Fekrou Kidane                  |
|                            | 25 - Charlie Battle                 |

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