

12th Edition



January 2008

AROUND THE RINGS

THE GOLDEN 25 FOR 2008



Our annual ranking of the **25 most influential personalities** in the Olympic Movement

TOKYO: new gourmet capital of the World

Tokyo was awarded more Michelin stars
than any other city in the world.

Michelin Guide Tokyo



THE GOLDEN 25 FOR 2008



Ed Hula

Editor & Founder

Sheila Scott Hula

Publisher

Peter Lewman

Chief Operating Officer

Mark Bisson

European Editor

Maggie Lee

Assignment Coordinator

Bryant Armstrong

Writer

Correspondents

Bob Mackin in Vancouver
Anthony Stavrinou in Sydney
Peter Kreuzer in Germany
Edward Hula III in Atlanta

Finance Department

Ines Kinigi, Finance Director
Alejandro Toro, Assistant Finance Director

Kathy Kuczka

Subscriber Services

Laura Grundy

Assistant to the Publisher

Sally Burroughs

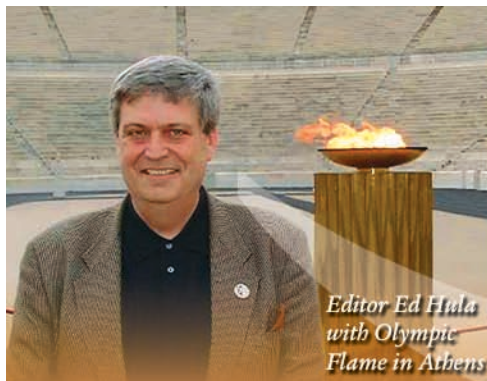
Designer, Collins Digital Imaging
Atlanta, Georgia USA

Some of the photos used in this issue are provided by Getty Images.
www.gettyimages.com

Around the Rings

(ISSN 1095 – 9394)
www.aroundtherings.com

Editorial and Advertising
1776 Peachtree Street
Suite 436 North
Atlanta, Georgia 30309 USA
++ 1 404 874 1603 / p
++ 1 404 874 3248 / f
comment@aroundtherings.com



*Editor Ed Hula
with Olympic
Flame in Athens*

**Your Best Value: One-Year
Corporate Subscription \$395.00
delivered daily to up to five
recipients at same domain name**

\$249.00 for individual readers

ADVERTISING INFORMATION:
SALES@AROUNDTHERINGS.COM

ON THE SCENE OF VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR OLYMPIC EVENT SINCE 1992



AROUND THE RINGS

**"THE GO-TO SOURCE FOR
HOST-CITY SPECULATION."**
– *Newsweek*
October 16, 2006

**"THE COMPREHENSIVE
OLYMPICS WEB SITE."**
– *Chicago Sun-Times*
November 2007

*Reserve your space now to reach the most highly-targeted
audience in the Olympic movement!*

- Special Edition for SportAccord – June 2008
- The Golden 25 – December 2008
- Beijing 2008 – Ultimate Insider's Guide for Beijing
Daily Editions for Beijing
ATR Newsmaker Breakfast

1776 Peachtree Street, Suite 436 North Atlanta, Georgia 30309 USA
1-404-874-1603, ext. 12 1-404-874-3248 fax www.AroundTheRings.com

AROUND THE RINGS

Around the Rings' The Golden 25

12th Edition
January 2008

1. Liu Qi
2. Jacques Rogge
3. Hein Verbruggen
4. Thomas Bach
5. Peter Ueberroth
6. Denis Oswald
7. Richard Carrion
8. Sheikh Ahmad
9. Gerhard Heiberg
10. Mario Vazquez Rana
11. Sergey Bubka
12. Patrick Hickey
13. Nawal El Moutawakel

14. Gilbert Felli
15. Francisco Elizalde
16. Jean-Claude Killy
17. Gunilla Lindberg
18. Philip Craven
19. Youssoupha Ndiaye
20. Dick Ebersol
21. David Brooks
22. Rene Fasel
23. John Furlong
24. Sebastian Coe
25. John Fahey



The coming of an Olympic Games has always played a role in the shaping of the annual Around the Rings Golden 25. Given the anticipation that is building for the 2008 Games in Beijing, 2008 will be a defining moment for the Olympics of the 21st Century.

Liu Qi, the president of the Beijing Olympics, tops the Golden 25 for 2008. In past Olympic years, the list has been led by heads of state and the people of a host nation.

Liu is a remarkable figure for his longevity as leader of Beijing 2008. His tenure began in 2000 to 2001, when he was mayor of Beijing during its bid for the Games, to now, serving as BOCOG's only president.

Others involved with the 2008 Olympics occupy prominent positions on this year's list, such as Hein Verbruggen, the IOC member in charge of monitoring Beijing preparations. He was number-one in 2007; he's third in 2008.

IOC President Jacques Rogge, #2, will be a pivotal player in the relationship between the Olympic Movement and the Beijing Games.

Rogge, who can run for re-election in 2009, is still heading toward a finite end to his term in 2013 at the latest. While five years are still a long time, his successor is likely in the ranks of current IOC members, some of whom are included in the annual survey.

A new generation of leaders is rising in the Olympic Movement, people such as Sergey Bubka and Nawal El Moutawakel. Their progress also is tracked in the 2008 Golden 25.

As always, we invite your comments and thoughts, which we plan to post on January 5, 2008, at www.aroundtherings.com.

1 LIU QI

LAST YEAR RANKED #4



Amid the vast bureaucracy of Beijing and China, one person above all others will serve at the helm of day-to-day operations of the 2008 Olympics: Liu Qi, the leader of the Beijing Olympics since the days he served as mayor when the Games were awarded in 2001.

Since his days as mayor, the 65-year-old Liu, an engineer by training, has steadily moved upwards in the leadership of the Communist Party of China. His influence is felt at city and national levels of government. All the while, he has remained in charge of BOCOG. Such longevity is unusual for OCOG leaders anywhere, much less for high-profile posts in China.

In comments to *Around the Rings* titled “Careful Preparations and Warm Expectations,” Liu speaks with the optimism that has characterized his tenure.

“2008 is an Olympic year for China and the whole world, and also a year of joyful gathering for the Chinese people and friends from all over the world under the Olympic spirit,” Liu says.

“To welcome the friends, we are working even harder by holding a series of test events to examine venue facilities and train our teams and volunteers to create a more comfortable environment for their competition and stay in Beijing.

“My dear friends, as the host of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games, we are carefully preparing and eagerly expecting August 8th 2008 - a day to witness the sublime spirits and good wishes of mankind,” he says.



2

JACQUES ROGGE

LAST YEAR RANKED #3

When East meets West in August at the Beijing Olympics, IOC President Jacques Rogge will become a 21st Century Marco Polo, the leader of a parade of colleagues and athletes who will meet for the first time in China under the five rings.

But as he deals with the historic moments, Rogge also will face an unrelenting wave of questions over human rights in China and related issues. He has become adept at defusing the controversy by refusing a political role for the IOC in China, at the same time noting that the Olympics can be a force for change in a country without IOC intervention.

Rogge’s leadership will be in play as the next steps are taken in 2008 for the first edition of the Youth Olympic Games, a project he sees as his personal legacy to the Olympics. There are plenty of doubters that the YOG are needed; he has to show by example and perseverance that the new games will work.

Rogge, 65, has been an IOC member since 1991 and has less than two years left in his eight-year term. He can run for a second term of only four years in 2009.



AROUND THE RINGS
THE GOLDEN
25



HEIN VERBRUGGEN

LAST YEAR RANKED #1

3

Just as Liu Qi will keep the Beijing house in order during the Olympics, Hein Verbruggen, chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for Beijing, will handle the IOC side of things.

Verbruggen has had a continuous relationship with Liu and others at BOCOG since 2001 when Rogge named him chair of the commission. The only break came in the last months of 2005 when Verbruggen had to relinquish the seat because he had dropped off the IOC, no longer president of the International Cycling Union. Elected back onto the IOC in February 2006, he is now one of the most junior members but holds a post far outranking his lack of seniority.

Verbruggen, from the Netherlands, is 66 and became an IOC member the first time in 1996, five years after his election as UCI president.



THOMAS BACH

LAST YEAR RANKED #19

4

Bach is playing a major role in the decision-making of the IOC as a vice president and leader of a Disciplinary Commission that has had to sort out some ugly messes for the IOC: the Austrian doping scandal from Turin and the Marion Jones debacle in Sydney.

He is considered to be one of the IOC members to watch as a successor to Rogge in 2009 or 2013. Bach, 54, is young enough to wait, if he has the patience. He has plenty to do in the meantime. He is president of the German Sports Union, the NOC for Germany, and soon will become involved in a bid from Munich for the 2018 Winter Olympics.

A lawyer by profession, Bach is chair of the IOC Juridical Commission and is the IOC TV rights negotiator for Europe. Bach won a gold medal in fencing at the Montreal Games in 1976.



PETER UEBERROTH

LAST YEAR RANKED #18

5

Perhaps the best known and most influential of the 205 NOC leaders, Peter Ueberroth is in the final year of his chairmanship of the U.S. Olympic Committee. What he can't accomplish on his own, CEO Jim Scherr or the international relations team of Bob Ctvrtlik and Bob Fasulo carries the message to every part of the globe.

If the U.S. succeeds with its bid for the 2016 Olympics, Ueberroth's rebuilding of the international presence of the USOC will be one of the reasons.

Ueberroth, who is 70 and still active in business, has said he will leave the chairmanship when his term ends in 2008.



DENIS OSWALD

LAST YEAR RANKED #2

6

The leader of FISA, the international rowing federation, Denis Oswald is also president of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, a title that means even more in a Summer Olympics year. In addition, Oswald is the steady hand of the IOC in London as chair of the coordination commission for 2012.

Oswald, 60, is looking forward to a pain-free 2008, following hip replacement surgery. A lawyer, he joined the IOC in 1991 and was a three-time Olympian, winning a bronze in Mexico City in 1968.



7 **RICHARD CARRION**

LAST YEAR RANKED #7

The new IOC expert on TV negotiations, Richard Carrion struck his mark in 2007 with a contract for Australia that doubled the rights fees from Down Under. A banker, he is deeply attuned to the business world and marketing conditions. At 55, he is young enough to appreciate the potential that exists for rights fees in new media. Carrion, from Puerto Rico, is chair of the Finance Commission and a member of the TV Rights and New Media Commission. He's been an IOC member since 1990.



8 **SHEIKH AHMAD AL SABAH**

LAST YEAR RANKED #5

The president of the Olympic Council of Asia and the Kuwait Olympic Committee, Sheikh Ahmad Al Sabah, just 46, is part of the younger generation making its way into leadership of the Olympic Movement.

His active presidency of the OCA has made the council a model for continental associations, whether staging multi-sport events or acting as a peacemaker among the family.

Ahmad has been an IOC member since 1992 and is minister for security for the State of Kuwait.



9 **GERHARD HEIBERG**

LAST YEAR RANKED #10

Gerhard Heiberg is lining up the final tranche of sponsors for the 2010 and 2012 Olympics, his efforts knocking back doubts that sponsors are not so interested in the Games. He will guide the IOC as it considers overtures from Gazprom to become the first worldwide sponsor from Russia. Heiberg easily won re-election to the IOC Executive Board in 2007 to a new four-year term.

Heiberg, 68, served as president of the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, the same year he was named to the IOC in 1994.



10 **MARIO VAZQUEZ RANA**

LAST YEAR RANKED #9

Mario Vazquez Rana is a kingpin for the world's 205 national Olympic committees: he is president of ANOC, the Association of National Olympic Committees, and Olympic Solidarity, the IOC office that distributes \$300 million in IOC sponsorship and rights fees to the committees.

Vazquez Rana, 75, has been an IOC member since 1991. He has been the leader of ANOC since he founded the group in 1979 when he was president of the Olympic Committee of Mexico. He also has spent the last 22 years as president of the Pan American Sports Organization. His terms expire in the next four years, and could be the last for both PASO and ANOC. He will have a lot to say about who those successors might be.



11 **SERGEY BUBKA**

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

Sergey Bubka, chair of the Athletes Commission, is due to leave the IOC this year when his term on the commission expires. But he is expected to win a new seat, based on his presidency of the Ukraine NOC. Bubka, 44, was among the first group of athlete members of the IOC who took their seats in 1999 as part of IOC reforms. In addition to serving on the Executive Board, Bubka is a member of the Disciplinary Commission handling the Marion Jones case. He is among the members who could be considered possibilities as an IOC President, if the call to high political office in Ukraine doesn't come first.



AROUND THE RINGS
THE GOLDEN
25



PATRICK HICKEY

LAST YEAR RANKED #15

12 Patrick Hickey of Ireland, president of the European Olympic Committees, heads the continental association that may have the most influence in the politics of the IOC. He is actively seeking sponsorship for the EOC and has already won Samsung support for a youth anti-obesity campaign.

Hickey, 62, has been an IOC member since 1995 and president of the Olympic Council of Ireland since 1989.



NAWAL EL MOUTAWAKEL

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

13 Her star ascending, Nawal El Moutawakel, IOC member in Morocco, now has the prestige of serving as her country's minister for youth and sport. At 45, Moutawakel is not only a member of the youth brigade in the IOC, but also is one of just a few high-profile women members and may be destined for a greater leadership role in the years ahead.



GILBERT FELLI

LAST YEAR RANKED #12

14 Gilbert Felli, Executive Director of Olympic Games, has as much as anyone to do with the preparation and staging of the Olympic Games. His office supervises the organizing committees of four host cities as well as the bidding for the 2016 Games and the 2010 Youth Olympics. Both will face decisions from the IOC in 2008. Felli, 60, has held his post since 2003 after serving as IOC Sports Director.



FRANCISCO ELIZALDE

LAST YEAR RANKED #13

15 As chair of the Nominations Commission, Francisco Elizalde of the Philippines is a gatekeeper for IOC membership. He has a file of nominees that exceeds 100, although there usually are only four or five openings to fill each year.

Elizalde and his six colleagues also review the IOC members who are subject to retention votes at the end of their eight year terms. To be eligible for reelection to a new term, these members must pass the muster of the Nominations Commission.

Elizalde, 75, a businessman, has been an IOC member since 1985.



JEAN-CLAUDE KILLY

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

16 One of the most famous members of the IOC, Jean-Claude Killy will make his mark in 2008 as he guides Sochi through the early stages of its preparations for the 2014 Winter Olympics, the first in Russia. Killy, chair of the IOC Coordination Commission for Sochi, will convene the first meeting of the panel in 2008. Killy, 64, is a downhill legend following his three gold medals at the Grenoble Games in 1968. A native of France, Killy lives in Switzerland. He was elected to the IOC in 1995.



AROUND THE RINGS
THE GOLDEN
25



GUNILLA LINDBERG

LAST YEAR RANKED #11

17 Gunilla Lindberg sees more of the world than most of her colleagues on the IOC. As secretary general of the Association of National Olympic Committees, she attends key meetings and other events on behalf of ANOC worldwide, standing-in for President Mario Vazquez Rana.

Lindberg is 60 and a member of the coordination commissions for Vancouver and London. She has been secretary general of the Swedish NOC since 1989. An IOC vice president, she is the only woman serving on the Executive Board. Her term expires in 2008; she is not eligible to run for a third term.



PHILIP CRAVEN

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

18 Philip Craven is only the second International Paralympic Committee president to serve on the IOC, but he seems to have set the example for successors. He is actively involved with preparations for upcoming Games, which now are required to integrate the planning and operations of the Paralympics within the overall organizing committee. A wheelchair user, he has been tested with inadequately equipped hotels and other facilities, which has enabled IOC colleagues to see first-hand the obstacles Paralympians face. Craven, 57, a business executive by profession, became an IOC member in 2003. He played wheelchair basketball for Great Britain.



YOUSSEUPHA NDIAYE

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

19 He may not be one of the most familiar names on the IOC, but Youssoupha Ndiaye plays a pivotal role as chair of the Ethics Commission. Ndiaye and his colleagues hold the fate of IOC members in their hands when legal troubles at home or conflicts of interest arise. The commission also will keep an eye on the conduct of the race for the 2016 Olympics. Ndiaye, 69, like his predecessor Keba M'baye, is a judge in Senegal. He was elected to the IOC in 2002. His sports background is in football as a leader of the Senegal association.



DICK EBERSOL

LAST YEAR RANKED #14

20 It has been a quiet year for Ebersol as a new guard for the Olympics leads the way to Beijing. Still, his influence and experience covering the Games since 1980 will be felt in the coverage of the U.S. rights-holding network. With the change in media coverage of the Olympics underway from traditional TV to new media, the ratings and style of coverage of NBC from Beijing will be watched closely in 2008. Some say lower TV ratings in the U.S. could set a trend for the next major round of rights negotiations, although NBC has the Games in the U.S. to 2012.



DAVID BROOKS

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

21 David Brooks, vice president of Coca-Cola's Olympics program in Beijing, is handling what may be the company's largest sponsorship activation ever. The Olympic look of Coke can be seen throughout Beijing; the Olympic Torch Relay will put the soft drink sponsor in the public eye months before the Games begin. Brooks, 45, has been with Coca-Cola since 1988. He was Coke's director of the Olympic Torch Relay for Athens. He also speaks Chinese, adding to his Beijing cachet.



RENE FASEL

LAST YEAR RANKED #16

22 Rene Fasel chairs the IOC Coordination Commission for the 2010 Games, a post that will get more attention in these last two years to Vancouver. Fasel, 57, is president of the International Ice Hockey Federation and has been an IOC member since 1995.



JOHN FURLONG

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

23

John Furlong has his turn in the spotlight with the Vancouver Olympics around the corner. The only leader the Games have had from the days of the bid to the organizing committee of today, Furlong has been a steady, even cautious, leader.



SEBASTIAN COE

LAST YEAR RANKED #22

24

The chairman of the London 2012, Sebastian Coe appears to be in the groove for his leadership of the Games. He is a popular spokesman for the Games and part of the package that attracts sponsors. He also has a leadership position with the IAAF and is chair of the FIFA Ethics Commission. Coe is 51.



JOHN FAHEY

LAST YEAR RANKED – NOT RANKED

25

The New Year will bring a change to the leadership of the World Anti-Doping Agency when Australian John Fahey, 62, takes over from Richard Pound. Elected in November as WADA president against a backdrop of discord from Europe, Fahey's ability to unify all WADA stakeholders will be an early test of his skills.



INTEGRATED CUSTOM SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX EVENT MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING

Além transforms the guesswork and risk associated with global events and creates one-of-a-kind, custom solutions. Well done is always better than well said.

www.aleminternational.com



Around the Rings' The Golden 25 Roll Call for 2007

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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 Vazquez 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 | |

Twelve Years of Number Ones 1997-2008

- 2008 – Liu Qi - BOCOG President
- 2007 – Hein Verbruggen Chair IOC Coordination
Commission for Beijing
- 2006 – Turin Olympics - Italy
- 2005 – Silvio Berlusconi - Prime Minister of Italy
- 2004 – The People of Greece
- 2003 – Jacques Rogge - IOC President
- 2002 – Jacques Rogge - IOC President
- 2001 – Costas Simitis - Prime Minister of Greece
- 2000 – The People of New South Wales, Australia
- 1999 – Richard Pound - Chair IOC's Marketing Commission
- 1998 – Dick Ebersol - NBC Sports President
- 1997 – Juan Antonio Samaranch - IOC President



2 - 6 June 2008
Hilton Hotel
Athens, Greece



100 International Sports
1000 International Sports Events
1 Annual Meeting Place

SEE YOU IN ATHENS

For information on becoming a sponsor,
exhibitor or delegate visit

www.sportaccord.com

SportAccord is in a league of its own. It is an international sports convention unlike any other because it is owned by the governing bodies of international sport itself. Now entering its 6th year, SportAccord attracts over **1400 delegates** comprising of event organising committees, cities and businesses to meet with the International Sports Federations, the International Olympic Committee plus other rights holders and governing bodies.

By attracting and connecting the right people, SportAccord facilitates the discussions and relationships that drive organising committees, cities, federations and businesses to develop international sport and stage successful sports events.

We look forward to seeing you in Athens, the birthplace of the Olympics, for increased networking activities and a select series of inspirational and future shaping conference sessions centred around a comprehensive exhibition of over 70 leading organisations working within the international sports sector.

With thanks to our Gold Sponsors:



SPORTACCORD, MAISON DU SPORT INTERNATIONAL, AV. DE RHODANIE 54, 1007 LAUSANNE

Tel: +41 (0)21 601 7587 Fax: +41 (0)21 601 7569 Email: info@sportaccord.com



SPHERES OF INFLUENCE: WORTH WATCHING IN 2008

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



*Canadian Olympic Committee President
Mike Chambers*

THE AMERICAS: Canadian Olympic Committee President Mike Chambers ... Felipe Munoz, Mexico NOC president and secretary general Ricardo Contreras ... IOC member and Brazilian Olympic Committee President Carlos Nuzman ... IOC members Anita DeFrantz of the U.S., Willi Kaltschmitt of Guatemala, and Julio Cesar Maglione of Uruguay ... Michael Fennel of the Jamaican NOC ... IOC members Austin Sealy of Barbados and Nicole Hovertsz of Aruba ... World Olympians Association President Dick Fosbury of the U.S....



*ANOCA President
Lassana Palenfo*

AFRICA: ANOCA President Lassana Palenfo ... Kip Keino, Kenyan NOC president and IOC member ... IOC members Sam Ramsamy of South Africa and Frank Fredericks of Namibia ... Consultant Diamil Faye ... Egyptian IOC members Mounir Sabet and Rania El Wani ...



*Australian IOC member
Kevan Gosper*

OCEANIA: Senior Australian IOC member Kevan Gosper, vice chair of the IOC Co Comm for Beijing, president of the Oceania NOCs ... Australian NOC chief and IOC member John Coates ... Robin Mitchell, Fiji IOC member ... Guam NOC president Ricardo Blas ... Joe Carlo, Vanuatu NOC chief ... Simon Balderstone, IOC environmental consultant ...



*Jordan NOC leader
Prince Faisal bin Al-Hussein*

ASIA: Japan NOC president Tsunekazu Takeda ... IOC member Chick Igaya of Japan ... Olympic Council of Asia director general Husain al Musallam ... Singapore IOC member Ser Miang Ng ... IOC member Nat Indrapana from Thailand ... South Korea NOC president Jung-Kil Kim ... Jordan NOC leader Prince Faisal bin Al-Hussein ... Malaysia NOC President and IOC member Prince Tunku Imran...



*IOC member from Denmark
Kai Holm*

EUROPE: Colin Moynihan, British Olympic Association president ... BOA secretary general Simon Clegg ... Guido DeBond, Belgian NOC secretary general ... IOC member and 2009 Congress leader Kai Holm of Denmark ... IOC member Mario Pescante ... Spain NOC chief Alejandro Blanco ... IOC member Juan Antonio Samaranch, Jr ... Hellenic NOC president Minos Kyriakou ... Hungary IOC member and IOC protocol chief Pal Schmitt ... AIPS President Gianni Merlo ... Raffaele Pagnozzi, secretary general for CONI ... Prince Albert of Monaco, IOC member and NOC president ... Russia NOC chief Leonid Tyagachev and VP Alexander Koslovsky ... outgoing Russian President Vladimir Putin...



○○○○○○ MUST KNOWS FOR BEIJING: ○○○○○○



*BOCOG Secretary
General Wang Wei*

BOCOG secretary general Wang Wei ... BOCOG VPs Liu Jing Min and Jiang Xiaoyu ... Media Center Director Li Zhanjun ... Host broadcasting president CEO Manolo Romero and senior executives Ma Guoli and Yannis Exarchos ... BOCOG media chief Sun Weide ... BOCOG marketing director Yuan Bin ... Yu Zaiqing, IOC member and BOCOG VP ... Chinese NOC president Li Peng ... Hong Kong NOC president and IOC member Timothy Fok...

○○○○○○ FEDERATION TITANS: ○○○○○○

Sepp Blatter, FIFA President and IOC member ... IAAF President and IOC member Lamine Diack ... FINA president and IOC member Mustapha Larfaoui ... Federation presidents Ruben Acosta of volleyball, Harvey Schiller of baseball, Don Porter from softball, Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein of equestrian; Els van Breda Vriesman from field hockey and C.K. Wu of Taiwan, president of the boxing federation. Both are also IOC members.



*IAAF President and
IOC member
Lamine Diack*

○○○○○○ ON THE BUSINESS SIDE: ○○○○○○



*IOC Marketing Director
Timo Lumme*

On the Business Side: IOC marketing director Timo Lumme ... U.S.-based consultants Terrence Burns, George Hirthler, Charlie Battle and Andrew Craig ... marketing consultant Rob Prazmark ... Visa Olympic exec Michael Lynch ... Davis Butler of IOC agency Olympic Marketing Services ... European consultants Mike Lee, Robin Courage, Iain McLeod and Jean Marie Weber ... Olympic ticket and travel broker Sead Dizdarevic of Jet Set Sports and CEO Mark Lewis ... USOC marketing director Rick Burton ... NBC Olympics President Gary Zenkel ... Chad Lion-Cachet, CEO of Sportsworld, the U.K. Olympic ticket and travel company ... Samsung Olympics executive T.H. Kim ... GE Global Chief Marketing Officer Dan Henson and Matthias Hanssen, who leads day to day Olympic sponsorship details...



On the verge of war... but choosing peace for all.

Throughout centuries, sport has prevailed over many crisis, battles, and wars whether between people or countries. Every sporting event has become a time for peace... and Peace Through Sport's aim is to provide future generations with an opportunity to plant seeds of peace through sport.



peacethroughsport

...pass it on

www.peacethroughsport.com

Protocol Order for the 2016 Applicant Cities

The IOC Executive Board drew lots last month during its meeting in Lausanne to determine the order the 2016 cities will follow in making their presentations.

Chicago, USA
Prague, Czech Republic
Tokyo, Japan
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Baku, Azerbaijan
Doha, Qatar
Madrid, Spain

The 2016 Summer Olympic Games host city will be chosen at the IOC Session in Copenhagen in October 2009.

Should any cities drop from the race, the list collapses in size, the remaining cities staying in the order in which they were chosen.

Winter Youth Olympic Games

The process to select a host for the inaugural 2012 Winter Youth Olympic Games will get underway in early 2008, just days after the decision on the city that will host the first summer YOG in 2010.

Youth Olympic Games: Key Dates

The Youth Olympic Games were approved at the July session of the IOC in Guatemala.

The summer edition will take place in August 2010 with about 3,500 athletes and 875 officials. Competitions are to take place in all the sports on the Olympic program. Athletes will range in age from 14 to 18.

The five cities bidding for the YOG:

Athens, Greece
Bangkok, Thailand
Moscow, Russia
Singapore
Turin, Italy

A postal vote will take place among the IOC in February.

National Olympic committees have a March 6 deadline to nominate candidates for the 2012 Winter YOG. That date falls a few days after the results of the IOC postal vote are announced for the host of the 2010 summer edition.

The winter city candidature files will be due at the IOC on June 19, with a short list to be decided on August 4.



The graphic features the Archery Meteksan World Cup logo at the top left, which includes three colored squares (blue, red, yellow) and the word 'ARCHERY' in large white letters above 'Meteksan World Cup'. The background is a photograph of a modern cityscape with a large archery target in the foreground. A vertical timeline on the right side of the graphic lists the event stages:

- Stage 1**: Santa Domingo (DOM) 1-5 April 2008
- Stage 2**: Porec (CRO) 15-19 April 2008
- Stage 3**: Antalya (TUR) 27-31 May 2008
- Stage 4**: Boé (FRA) 23-28 June 2008
- Final**: 19 October 2008



Bringing the world together.

Panasonic, proud to be part of the Olympic Movement.

Announcing the extension to our Olympic partnership towards 2016.



Sharing the Passion

panasonic.net/olympic

Official Worldwide Olympic Partner





AROUND THE RINGS 2008 EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 Golden 25 Released
- 15 2016 Dossiers due at IOC
- 28-30 Legacy Lives - Barbados
- 30 Saint-Moritz 1948 – 60th Anniversary

FEBRUARY

- 6 Grenoble 1968 – 40th Anniversary
- 7 Nagano 1998 – 10th Anniversary
- 11 Saint-Moritz 1928 – 80th Anniversary
- 12 Two Years to Vancouver 2010
- 13 Calgary 1988 – 20th Anniversary
- 24-28 IOC Coordination Commission – Whistler, Vancouver

MARCH

- 3-5 SPORTELASia – Shanghai, China
- 14 ONOC General Assembly – Nandi, Fiji
- 24 Flame Lighting Ceremony, Olympia

APRIL

- 7-9 ANOC Gen Assembly
- 10-12 IOC Executive Board – Beijing
- 15-18 USOC Media Summit, Chicago

MAY

- 5 Amsterdam 1928 – 80th Anniversary

JUNE

- 2-6 SportAccord – Athens
- 4 2016 Short List Announced
- 4-6 IOC Executive Board – Athens
- 16-17 FIVB Congress Dubai

JULY

- 29 London 1948 – 60th Anniversary

AUGUST

- 2-3 IOC Executive Board Beijing
- 5-7 120th IOC Session – Beijing
- 8-24 29th Summer Olympic Games – Beijing

SEPTEMBER

- 6-17 13th Summer Paralympic Games – Beijing
- 17 Seoul 1948 – 20th Anniversary

OCTOBER

- 12 Mexico 1968 – 40th Anniversary
- 10-12 Pan American Sports Organization General Assembly – Acapulco, Mexico
- 20-23 SPORTELMonaco

NOVEMBER

- 3-6 World Sport for All Congress – Genting, Malaysia
- 21-22 European Olympic Committees General Assembly – Istanbul, Turkey

DECEMBER

- 10-12 IOC Executive Board – Lausanne
- 31-Jan 1 The Golden 25 for 2009



imagine sharing the brightest side of the human spirit.

Every four years humanity has a chance to shine at its brightest. As a proud Worldwide partner of the Olympic Games, Samsung lights up the spirit of the Olympic Movement.



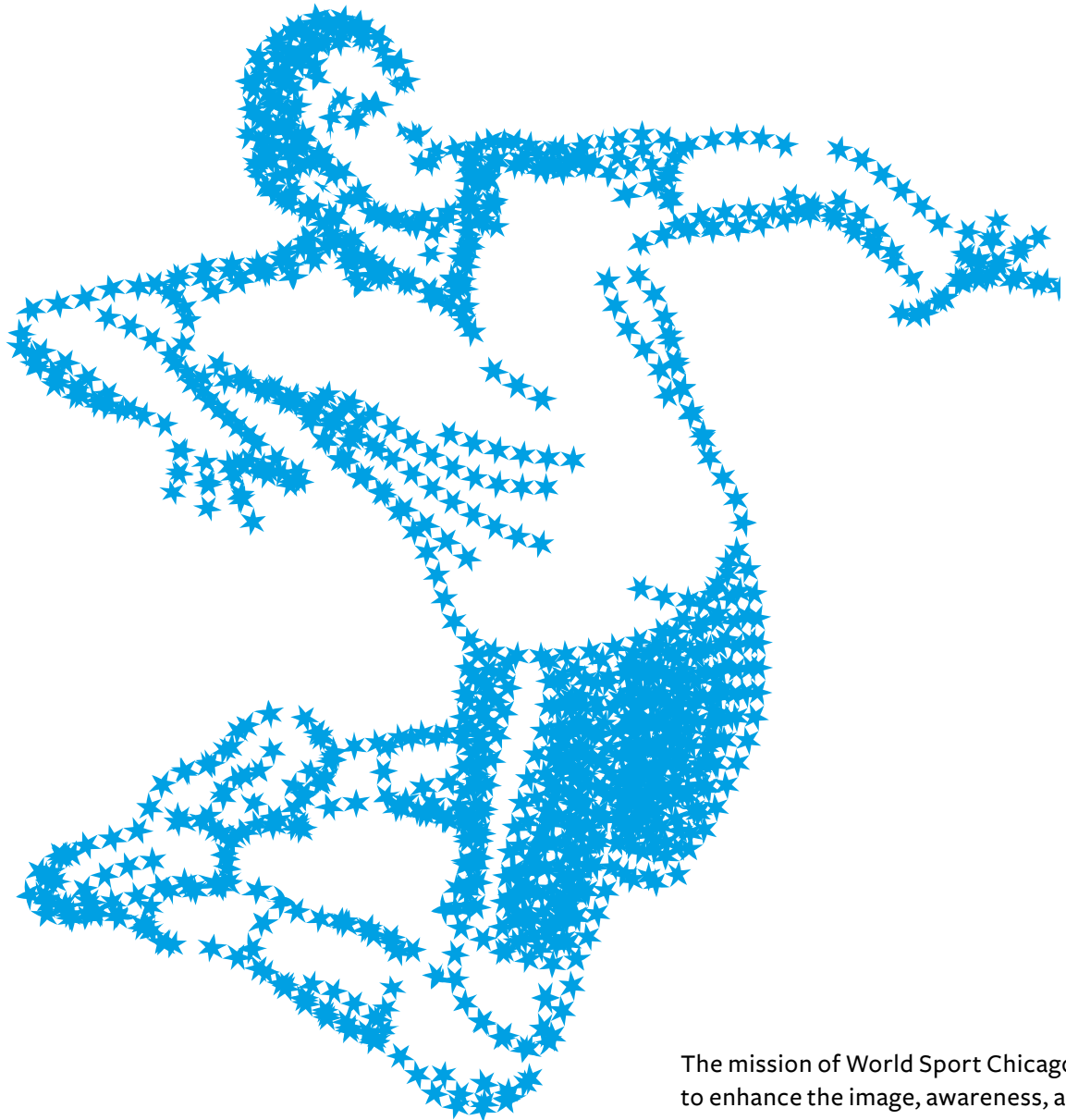


Here I found there's no such thing as strangers. Just friends I haven't met.

Sounds familiar? You are in a whole new place. Surrounded by a 'United Nations' of new faces. Fueled by an infectious beat, inhibitions are shed. From legendary all-night dance clubs, to riverside watering holes, to quaint coffee bars that never sleep, the truth suddenly dawns. You are not alone. You are in Singapore. Where enchanted encounters become friendships, transcending languages into lasting bonds that'll always be, truly *beyond words*.

UNIQUELY
Singapore
visitsingapore.com

YOUTH. SPORTS. DREAMS.



The mission of World Sport Chicago is to enhance the image, awareness, and participation in amateur sports across Chicago with the goal of giving all athletes the opportunity to see and experience sport across all levels.

Helping youth reach their athletic dreams.



www.worldsportchicago.com

World Sport Chicago organization is a 501(c)3 corporation with counsel provided by the Athlete's Advisory Council (AAC) of Chicago 2016.

Watch for The Golden 25 for 2009

