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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This NOC extends congratulations to Mr. Julio Maglione who was elected by acclamation as the Interim President of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) at a recent Extraordinary General Assembly.

Mr. Maglione, who is the President of the Uruguay Olympic Committee, President of FINA and a Vice President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), will be in the role of Caretaker President until the scheduled elections in 2016. During this period, the intent is to review the Statutes of PASO in an effort to modernize the organization and move to a 'one country/one vote' scenario. Under the current Statutes, a country is given one vote for every occasion it has hosted the Pan American Games, which means that some countries like Mexico could have as many as four votes. When this Statute was introduced in 2009, it was opposed by only three countries, Barbados being one.

Currently, we are aware of three possible candidates for President – Carlos Nuzman of Brazil, José Joaquin Puello of the Dominican Republic and Richard Peterkin of St. Lucia. However, it is anticipated that others may enter the race. Some of the candidates are proposing to set up the Secretariat in a centrally located city, such as Miami, that would be easily accessible to all countries. If the Statutes are changed, it would mean that the Caribbean, comprising twenty-six countries, could play a key role in the outcome. There are forty-one countries in PASO.

Meanwhile, plans are proceeding well for the Pan American Games in Toronto. At this juncture, it would appear that Barbados could possibly have representatives in track and field, badminton, equestrian, fencing, shooting, swimming, triathlon and weightlifting. The qualification process is still ongoing and it is hoped that we will also have a representative in cycling. The Games will commence on July 10th and conclude on the 26th.

I am also pleased to advise that this NOC has signed an agreement with the Coaching Association of Canada with respect to working towards the enhancing of the standard of coaching in Barbados.

It is also hoped that Dr. Julia Alleyne, who is the head of Medical Services for the Pan American Games in Toronto, will be in Barbados to conduct a number psychological sessions with our Pan American Games Team.

I conclude this message on a sad note. It was with shock and sorrow that we learned of the recent death of Narda Williams of Antigua. Narda the daughter of former Antigua NOC Secretary General, Leroy Williams was very well known on the regional Olympic circuit. She worked with the organizing committees of the Melbourne Commonwealth Games, the Rio Pan American Games and was part of the team preparing for the ill-fated 2009 Caribbean Games in Port of Spain. Narda also played a role in the early days of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games bid. We last saw her in Barbados during the PASO Executive meeting during 2013.

The regional movement has lost a hard worker and a vibrant personality. We extend sincere condolences to her parents Leroy and Mrs. Williams, her other immediate family and many friends. May she rest in peace.

Brazilian Ambassador Visits Olympic Centre

Brazilian Ambassador to Barbados, Luiz Gilberto Seixas De Andrade, visited the Olympic Centre on April 16, 2015. President, Mr. Steve Stoute and Secretary General, Mr. Erskine Simmons hosted the Ambassador. One of the items discussed was Brazil's plans ahead of the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. The Ambassador was presented with a token from Mr. Stoute and was also given a tour of the Olympic Museum.

(Insert His Excellency Luiz Gilberto Seixas De Andrade with Mr. Stoute and Mr. Simmons.)





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Educational Feature

The IOC

The IOC (International Olympic Committee, was founded in 1894 in Paris by Pierre de Coubertin. It has over 100 members from around the world.

The IOC is led by a President, elected for an initial eight year term, with the possibility of being re-elected for a further term of four years.

One of the roles of the IOC is to ensure the celebration of the Olympic Games. Nine years before the year of the Games, the IOC issues an invitation to any city interested in presenting a bid. Seven years before the Games, the IOC elects the city that will host the Games.

Apart for the Olympic Games, the IOC is involved in a number activities encouraging sport.

Pan Am Preparations

Plans are in progress for the upcoming Pan American Games, Toronto 2015. Barbados is expected to have a team of approximately 50 athletes and officials. Local and overseas team members are currently in intense training ahead of the competition. The Pan Am Games will be held from July 10 - 26, 2015.



International Day of Sport for Development & Peace

The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. (BOA) in collaboration with community organisations, Pinelands Creative Workshop and Pinelands Soccer Academy, commemorated the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace with a Sports Day Event in the Pinelands community. The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSPD) is an annual celebration that highlights and promotes the power of sport as a catalyst for social change in all corners of the world. Approximately 100 children took part in the activities which included athletics and soccer matches.

President of the BOA, Mr. Steve Stoute and Parliamentary Representative for the St. Micheal South East, Sanita Bradshaw delivered opening remarks. In his remarks President Stoute commented that he was grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Pinelands Creative Workshop and the Pinelands Soccer Academy as the International Olympic Committee, in its capacity as permanent observer to the U.N., has been supportive of IDSPD as it values its potential to recognize sports organisations role in the contribution for special change and human development.

Mr. Stoute and Ms. Bradshaw were also on hand to present awards to the participants.



ACADEMY COURSES

IOA Candidates Selected

Javier Reid, a consultant with the University of the West Indies and Marita Marshall, a member of the Sports Medicine Association have been selected as the candidates to represent Barbados at the 55th Young Participants Sessions of the International Olympic Academy (IOA) from May 23 to June 6, 2015. Javier and Marita will visit the IOA and engage in a number of lectures and presentations on the Olympic movement. They will also be given the opportunity to interact with a number of young participants from across the world. The main topic for this year is the Olympic Movement with a special theme entitled, “*Olympic Movement: the Process of Renewal and Adaptation.*”



Coaching Certifications Program

The Barbados Olympic Academy concluded the Caribbean Coaching Certification program on April 25, 2015 at the Barbados Olympic Centre. Eighteen participants from a number of the National Federations, as well as primary and secondary school coaches, took the opportunity to be certified through the program. The course is an introduction to coaching and is offered annually through the Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees (CANOC).



NCCP 2015

The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. will be conducting two National Coaching Certification Programs in partnership with the Coaching Association of Canada in June and July 2015. The coaching clinics have been broken down into two sessions. The first clinic will be held from June 26- 28 at the Wildey, Gymnasium and the other, from July 17-19 at the Barbados Workers Union Auditorium. The clinics are expected to certify over 100 coaches with Level One Sport General Coaching Certification.



Quiz Time!!!

- *How many sports are there currently at the Olympic Games?*
- *In what year was the IOC founded?*
- *The winners in the Modern Olympic Games receive?*
- *How many countries are currently members of the International Olympic Committee?*



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Quiz Time Answers

1. 28
2. 1984,
3. An Olympic Medal
4. 204

Women & Sport #Make it Happen “Champion Your Cause” 2015

The Women and Sport Commission successfully celebrated **International Women’s Day 2015** with a special 5K Walk/Run under the theme “*Champion Your Cause.*” The event attracted over 300 participants who were eager to support their various National Governmental organisations (NGOs) and charities. A number of corporate sponsors took full advantage of the opportunity to feature a number of their products as well as support the event.

National Federations were also given the opportunity to take part in the Pasty Callender Cross Fit Challenge. Barbados Badminton Association emerged as the winners of the Challenge. The Women and Sport Commission will also be staging two major events later in the year in May and October.



Zeus Training

The Barbados Olympic Association Inc. in conjunction with Olympic Solidarity and the Commonwealth Games Federation hosted the 6th Advanced Zeus Workshop from April 16 – 17, 2015. Ms. Ellen Barwise, Regional Development Manager for the European Region of the Commonwealth Games Federation facilitated the two-day workshop. Thirteen participants from across the region took part in the workshop which focused on exploring the diverse resources and applications inside the Zeus platform and equipping them with the knowledge to use and apply these resources. An athletes’ portal was also launched which gives athletes the capacity to continually update their information.

