

The Biographies of all IOC Members

Part XXVIII

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434. | Ser Miang Ng | Singapore

Born: 6 April 1949,
Shantou, China
Co-opted:
5 February 1998
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 25,
Absent 1

Executive Board
Member No. 82
Elected Member:
9 July 2005 –
9 October 2009
Second term:
Appointed
4th Vice-President
9 October 2009
Appointed
3rd Vice-President
12 February 2010



Appointed
2nd Vice-President
9 July 2011

Appointed
1st Vice-President
26 July 2012 –
10 September 2013

Immediately after his birth, Ng Ser Miang moved with his family to Singapore. While at high school, he joined the Boy Scouts. During a nine-month journey to the USA on an American Field Service scholarship, his interest in sport, especially sailing, developed. As a member of the Singapore team he took part in various international and regional sailing races. At the Southeast Asian Peninsular Games of 1969 he won a silver medal.

Ng studied business administration at the University of Singapore and graduated with honours in 1971. He became managing director of Singapore Shuttle Bus and built up the Trans-Island Bus Services (TIBS), whose chairman he became.

During his professional career he held numerous leading positions, among them President of the Automobile Association of Singapore (1988–1996), Member of the Singapore Insurance Ombudsman Bureau (1990–1996), Chairman of NTUC Choice Homes (1996–2010) and NTUC Fair Price (2005–2014), Singapore's largest supermarket chain.

Since 2001, Ng has represented his country as non-resident Ambassador to Norway and from 2000 to 2013 to Hungary. He was a Nominated Member of the Parliament (2002–2005) and has served as a Justice of Peace in Singapore since 2005.

From 1994 to 1998 Ng was Vice-President of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as well as President of the Asian Yachting Federation (1995–1997). In 1990, he was elected Vice-President of the Singapore National Olympic Council (SNOC). From 1991 to 2002 he was Chairman of Singapore Sports Council.

He was given great credit for being the initiator and Chairman of the "Project Olympic Medal 0812" which, after 48 years, led to Singapore's medal success – the first time in 2008 in Beijing a silver in table-tennis. The high point was the 2016 Olympic victory of Joseph Schoolings in the 100 m butterfly in Rio.

Ng led the Organising Committees of the 117th IOC Session 2005 and of the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games. In 2009, he was elected Vice-President of the IOC. In 2013 he was a candidate to be IOC President, but in the first round he only received six votes.



435. | Mohammad Samih Moudallal | Syrian Arab Republic

Samih Moudallal was a weightlifter. He achieved his greatest success in 1966 at the Asian Games in which he won silver in the 90 kg class. He also was second at the Asian Cup 1965 in Beijing where he set a new Asian record with 165 kg in the clean and jerk. In the same year, he was seventh at the World Championships. At the Pan Arab Games he achieved gold in 1961 and silver in 1965.

From 1971 to 1981 he held office as President of the Syrian Weightlifting Federation as well as President of the Arab Weightlifting and Bodybuilding Federation.

In 1981, he was elected President of the Syrian Olympic Committee, a position he held until 2000. Since 2009, has been its Life President. From 1981 to 2000 he acted as President of the General Sport Federation of his country.

He also showed commitment on the International Mediterranean Games Committee (CIJM), in which he was 2nd Vice-President (1983–1987) and 1st Vice-President (1987–2005). Since 2005, he has been honorary member for life. He also was Vice-President of the Olympic Council of Asia (1986–2007).

Moudallal studied Social and Economic Planning at the University of Damascus, before becoming Director of the Planning and Statistical Office of the Syrian Ministry of Finance. He was General Director of two industrial companies. After that he had worked as financial advisor to the Syrian Parliament President and then as Secretary-General of the Syrian Parliament.



Born: 20 September 1939, Damascus
Co-opted:
5 February 1998
Attendance at Sessions: Present 26, Absent 0

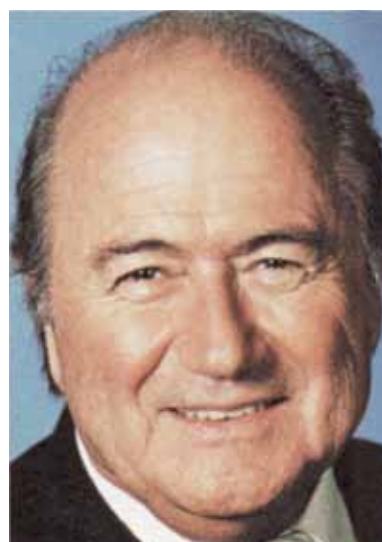
436. | Joseph S. Blatter | Switzerland

The son of a bicycle mechanic from the canton of Wallis, Blatter studied Economics at the Faculty of Business and Economy (HEC) of the University of Lausanne, receiving his diploma in 1958. He worked a Secretary of the Wallis Traffic Federation (1959–1964), as Central Secretary of the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation (1964–1966) and as Press Chief for the Swiss Sports Association (1966–1968). He then became director for public work of the watch maker Longines.

Through the mediation of Horst Dassler, later to become President of Adidas AG, Blatter came to the International Association Football Federation (FIFA) where, in 1975, he became 1975 Director of the technical development programmes and, in 1977, of the technical department. Also backed by Dassler, Blatter became FIFA General Secretary in 1981 and his powers were further extended in 1990 to Chief Executive Officer. On 8 June 1998, he was elected to succeed João Havelange (*JOH*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2013, p. 60) as the eighth President of the World Football Federation.

Four periods of office followed, all accompanied by rumours, accusations of corruption and other allegations. Continuously under fire from all quarters, the wily tactician Blatter nonetheless survived all the scandals, controversies, and public pressure to step down – primarily because of the economic success of the World Cup tournaments, in which he allowed the smallest membership federations to take part.

Despite being 79 years old, Blatter was again a candidate for President on 29 May 2015. Yet hardly was he confirmed in office than he announced his resignation on 2 June 2015, with the stipulation that he would serve until the next FIFA Congress on 28 February 2016.



Born: 10 March 1936, Viège
Co-opted:
19 June 1999
Retired:
31 December 2015
Attendance at Sessions: Present 15, Absent 4

Meanwhile, however, the Swiss authorities had instigated an investigation into suspicions of disloyal management in connection with the sale of TV rights to the Caribbean and a payment of two million Swiss francs to the FIFA Vice-President Michel Platini. As a consequence, FIFA's Ethics Commission imposed bans of eight years on Blatter and Platini, reduced on the 24 February 2016 to six years.

In a letter of 23 July 2015, Blatter informed IOC President Thomas Bach at the Session in Kuala Lumpur that he would not be available for re-election for another eight-year term. In any case, his membership would have run out in 2016 when he reached the age limit of 80 years.

437. | Lamine Diack | Senegal

Born: 7 June 1933,
Dakar
Co-opted:
11 December 1999
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 16,
Absent 1



Lamine Diack was a talented long jumper and won the 1958 French title with a distance of 7.63 m. The following year he achieved his personal best of 7.72 m when winning at the 1959 French Universities Championships. A knee injury prevented his participation in the 1960 Olympics.

After his active sporting career, Diack worked as a trainer, and between 1963 and 1964 he guided the top Senegalese football club, Foyer France Senegal, now known as ASC Diaraf.

From 1966 to 1969 he was the technical director of Senegal's national football team. The team succeeded in reaching the Africa Cup of Nations final in 1968.

At the start of the 1970s, Diack went into politics. He held the post of Secretary of State for Youth and Sport between 1970 and 1973. From 1978 to 1980 he was Mayor of Dakar and Senior Vice-President of Senegal's National Assembly from 1988 to 1993.

Diack became President of the African Amateur Athletic Confederation (1973–2003) and a member of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) from 1973 to 1987. He was elected to the IAAF Council in 1976 and became its Senior Vice-President in 1991.

On the death of IAAF President Primo Nebiolo in 1999, Diack immediately took over as acting President. In this function, he also became a member of the IOC.

After Diack had been re-elected four times unopposed, he declined to stand for election in August 2015. In November of that year, it became known that that French judiciary had accused him of money laundering and corruption. He is accused of concealing positive doping tests during his time in office and, together with his son Papa Massata Diack, influenced the voting of African IOC Members during the award of the Olympics of 2016 and 2020 as well as the Winter Games of 2018.

Diack was nominated an IOC Honorary Member in 2014. On the recommendation of the Ethics Commission, the Executive Board thereupon suspended Diack's membership. For the duration of the investigations Diack may not leave France. His son has moved to Senegal.



438. | Roland Baar | Germany

Roland Baar took part in three Olympic Games in rowing. With the coxed fours he came seventh in 1988. In 1992 and 1996 he won bronze and silver respectively as stroke of the German eight and was five times world champion in the eights.

Baar was elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. When the corruption scandal forced the IOC to implement reforms, he was among the ten commission members who were called into the IOC for a period of nine months. After his re-election in 2000 in Sydney, he remained a member of the IOC for a further four years. In this period he was a member of the Programme Commission.

During his career as a top sportsman, he studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Hanover. In 1996 he was awarded his doctorate. From 1997 to 2006 he was employed by Volkswagen, among other things as a developer of diesel engines. As an expert in turbo engines he then built up a new business area for a technical concern in Salzgitter. In 2011 he was appointed professor in the field of combustion engines at the Technical University of Berlin.

On 23rd June 2018, Baar was killed when his car crashed into a tree at high speed near his home town of Gifhorn. The cause of the accident remains unknown.



Born: 12 April 1965, Osterholz-Scharmbeck
Died: 23 June 2018, Velpke
Co-opted: 11 December 1999
Resigned: 29 August 2004
Attendance at Sessions: Present 7, Absent 0

439. | Sergey Bubka | Ukraine

The son of a "praporshchik" (master non-commissioned officer) in the Soviet Army, in 1983 in Helsinki, Bubka surprisingly became world champion in the pole vault at the age of 19. Nine months later, he set his first world record with 5.85 m. There followed a further 16 records until 1994, when he reached 6.14 m. He jumped one centimetre higher indoors, where he set 18 world records.

For more than a decade Bubka controlled the development in the pole vault. In uninterrupted sequence he won six World Championship titles outdoors (1983–1997) and four indoors (1985–1991, 1995). He was also European champion outdoors (1986) and indoors (1985).

His Olympic career ran less happily. He did win the gold medal in Seoul in 1988, but was missing in 1984 because of the Soviet boycott. In 1992 and 2000, he failed three times at the opening height.

In 1996, he did not start because of complaints about his Achilles tendon. He retired officially in 2001 during a ceremony at a Pole Vault Stars meeting in his home city of Donetsk.

After Bubka had been elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission, which he led from 2002 to 2008, he was one of the ten sportsmen who, in 1999, were elected to the IOC for the period of eight years. After that he was re-elected twice (in 2008 and 2018) as an individual IOC Member.

Three times Bubka applied for a seat on the IOC Executive Committee. In 2000 he won against the two other athlete-candidates with 45 votes. Charmaine Crooks (Canada) received 35, Johann Olav Koss (Norway) eight votes. He stood in vain in 2013 for the office of IOC President.

Bubka studied at the Kiev State Institute of Physical Culture, where he received his doctorate in 1987. He involved himself in athletics as founder and president of the Sergey Bubka Sports Club in Donetsk. In 2001 he became a member of the IAAF Council, IAAF Senior Vice-President (2007–2011, 2015–present) and IAAF Vice-President (2011–2015).



Born: 4 December 1963, Voroshilovgrad, Ukraine
Co-opted: 11 December 1999
Attendance at Sessions: Present 24, Absent 1

Executive Board Member No. 72
Elected Member: 30 September 2000 – 7 August 2008
Second term: Elected Member: 12 August 2012 – 21 August 2016
Third term: Elected Member: 21 August 2016 – present

He was a member of the Ukrainian Parliament and its Committee for Youth, Culture and Sport and Tourism (2002–2006), a member of the Cabinet of the Ministers as Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister on sports (2002–2005) and member of the Presidential Council (2005–2010). Since 2005 he has been President of the Ukrainian NOC.

440. | Charmaine Crooks | Canada

Born: 8 August 1962,
Mandeville, Jamaica
Co-opted:
11 December 1999
Resigned:
29 August 2004
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 7,
Absent 0



Charmaine Crooks was born in Jamaica to a family with nine children and went to Canada when she was six years old. As an athlete, she drew attention to herself for the first time internationally at the 1980 Pan American Junior Championships, where she won the 400 m event. After that she was selected for the Canadian Olympic team, but because of the boycott the team did not travel to the Games in Moscow.

From 1984 to 1996 she took part in four Olympic Games. Her best placing over 400 m was achieved in 1984 in Los Angeles with seventh place. In the 4x400 m relay she won silver. At the 1996 Olympics she was named Canada's flag bearer for the Opening Ceremony.

At the Pan American Games in 1983 in Caracas she won over 400 m, and achieved relay gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in 1982 and 1986. She was eleven-time national champion in the 400 and 800 m events and was the first Canadian woman to break the two-minute barrier over 800 m. Her best times were: 400 m 50.45 (1984), 800 m 1:58.52 (1990).

In 1981, she won an athletic scholarship to the University of Texas, El Paso, where she earned six All-American Honours and gained a degree in Psychology. After her retirement from active sport she worked as a television presenter and keynote speaker. In 2001, she was appointed a director of international relations with the Canadian Olympic Association (now the Canadian Olympic Committee). She was on the application committee for the Winter Games of 2010 in Vancouver. After the award of the Winter Games, she was one of 20 directors of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games Organizing Committee (VANOC).

Crooks was one of the seven athletes who, during the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, were elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission. In 1999, she was one of the ten sportspeople co-opted to the IOC. In addition, she was a founding member of the IOC Ethic Commission. From 2000 to 2004 she was a full voting member of the IOC.

Patrick Baumann and Nat Indrapana deceased

Patrick Baumann, IOC Member in Switzerland since 2007 and General Secretary of the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) since 2003, died unexpectedly at the age of 51 of a heart attack on 14th October 2018 during the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Nine weeks before, on 6th August, Nat Indrapana, IOC Member in Thailand, died at the age of 80.

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441. | Robert Jan “Bob” Ctvrtlik | USA

Ctvrtlik’s father came from Czechoslovakia, which he left in 1948. Via Germany and New Zealand he emigrated in 1955 to the United States, where he became Professor at the California State University.

His son graduated from the Pepperdine University, to whose volleyball team he belonged. After a successful college career he succeeded in making the US national team, with whom he three times took part in the Olympic Games. In 1988, playing opposite volleyball legend Karch Kiraly, he earned gold and silver in 1992. At the ‘Centennial Games’ in Atlanta, with the US team whose captain he was he reached only ninth place.

Ctvrtlik was distinguished in 1996 by the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) as ‘Best player of the World’. Occasionally he played professionally in Italy, and he maintained a successfully beach career.

After Ctvrtlik had been elected in 1996 to the IOC Athletes’ Commission, he was three years later one of the ten active sportspeople who were accepted into the IOC. Re-elected for an eight-year term at the 2000 Session, he served on the IOC Reform Commission. He also was a founding board member of the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).

Ctvrtlik is President of a firm for property renovation projects, besides he owns an import-export company. He was part of the application committees for NYC 2012 and Chicago 2016.



Born: 7 August
1963, Long Beach,
California
Co-opted:
11 December 1999
Resigned:
7 August 2008
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 11,
Absent 0

IOC Session elects nine new Members

Five new individual Members (three women and two men) and four representatives of the constituents of the Olympic Movement were elected on 9th October 2018 at the IOC Session in Buenos Aires.

Individual Members

- Daina Gudzinėvičiūtė (Lithuania), President of the Lithuanian Olympic Committee and five-time Olympian.
- Felicite Rwemarikwa (Rwanda), First Vice-President of the Rwandan Olympic Committee.
- Camilo Pérez López Moreira (Paraguay), President of the Paraguayan Olympic Committee.
- Giovanni Malagò (Italy), President of the Italian Olympic Committee – effective from 1 January 2019.
- Samira Asghari (Afghanistan), member of the Athletes’ Entourage Commission since 2014.

Representatives of the Olympic Movement

Two Members linked to a function within a NOC or world or continental association of NOCs:

- William Frederick Blick (Uganda), President of the Ugandan Olympic Committee.
- HRH Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck (Bhutan), President of the Bhutanese Olympic Committee.

Two Members linked to a function within an International Sports Federation (IF) or association of IFs, or an organisation recognised by the IOC:

- Morinari Watanabe (Japan), President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG).
- Andrew Parsons (Brazil), President of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC).

Three Members were subject to re-election after eight years of membership, and were all re-elected: HH Amir Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani (QAT), HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein (JOR) and Marisol Casado (ESP). Sergey Bubka had his status changed from Member representing a NOC to Individual Member.

The following IOC Members finishing their terms of office at the end of 2018 because of the age limit were granted the status of IOC Honorary Member.

As of 1 January 2019: HRH Prince Tunku Imran (MAS), elected in 2006; Mario Pescante (ITA), elected in 1994; and Sam Ramsamy (RSA), elected 1995.

With immediate effect: Gian-Carlo Kasper (SUI), elected in 2000.

Richard Peterkin (LCA) and Barry Maister (NZL) will also both retire at the end of this year.

Ivo Ferriani (ITA) was elected to the IOC Executive Board as a member “with a view to representing the interests of the Olympic Winter International Federations”. He will serve a mandate of four years.