Biographies of All IOC Members

Part XXXI

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457. | Carlos Arthur Nuzman | Brazil

Born: 17 March 1942, Rio de Janeiro
Elected: 13 September 2000
Resigned: 31 December 2012
Honorary Member since 2013
Attendance at Sessions: Present 12, Absent 1

Carlos Arthur Nuzman is a Brazilian lawyer, sports administrator and a former volleyball player. He was President of the Brazilian Olympic Committee for 22 years (1995–2017), IOC Member as President of Brazilian Olympic Committee (2000–2012), and has been an Honorary Member of IOC since 2013. On 6 October 2017, he was provisionally suspended from IOC. On 11 October 2017 he resigned as COB President.

He was also president of the Brazilian Volleyball Confederation from 1975 to 1996, Vice-President of the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) from 1984 to 1998 and President of South American Sports Organisation (ODESUR) from 2003 to 2017. He also held several prominent positions in national and international sports commissions.

His main achievements as a sports administrator were the presidency of the Bid Committee and the Organising Committee of the Pan and Parapan American Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2007; President of Rio 2016 Bid Committee (2007–2009); President of the Rio 2016 Organising Committee for the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games Rio 2016.

As an athlete, Nuzman achieved recognition in volleyball, although he had initially devoted himself to swimming and tennis. He started his career in volleyball at Clube Israelita Brasileiro. In 1962, he was called to join the Brazilian volleyball team and participated in the Tokyo Olympic Games (1964) and the World championships in USSR (1962) and Czechoslovakia (1966).

In 1972, he retired as athlete and three years later was elected President of Brazilian Volleyball Confederation (CBV). During his 20 years in office, Nuzman revolutionised the sport in Brazil, turning volleyball into a lucrative business through a strong marketing campaign. As result, the Brazilians came to rank among the largest international teams. In 2007, he was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame (USA), in the category of Leaders and Officials.

On 5 October 2017, Nuzman was arrested by the Brazilian Federal Police during operation "Unfair Play" and charged with bribing IOC Members to elect Rio de Janeiro as host city of the 2016 Olympic Games. On 20 October 2017, the Supreme Court ordered his release, but he had to surrender his passport and is not allowed to leave Rio until the conclusion of his trial. *(MNW)*

458. | Intendant General Lassana Palenfo | Ivory Coast

Palenfo left the Ivory Coast, which gained independence in 1960, to study in France. He attended various schools and institutes in Paris as well as the Inter Armes of Coëtquidan and Saint Maixent military school. He returned home to pursue a military career and thereafter served in the Government: 1964–1967, Deputy Director of Military Legislative Affairs, Ministry of Defence; 1971–1977, Director of Administration, Director of Financial Affairs and Defence Ministry Programmes; 1982–1983, Army Inspector; 1983–1991, Director of Social Housing and Buildings; 1991–1993, Minister for Security. Since 2000, he has been responsible for security as State Minister.

Palenfo played football and practised swimming and judo, where he acquired a black belt (4th Dan). From 1971 to 1991, he was President of the Ivorian Judo and Associated Disciplines Federation. In the African Federation, he became Vice-President (1974–1978), Treasurer (1982–1990), and President (1990–). Since 1990, he has served as Vice-President of the International Judo Federation (IJF).

In 1990, General Palenfo was elected Vice-President of the NOC of Ivory Coast. He has been its President since 1999. From 2005 to 2018, he also headed the Association of NOCs of Africa (ACNOA).

In October 2000, he was arrested on charges of embezzlement (3 million dollars) and arms trafficking, as well as for his alleged role in a military operation against the residence of the Head of State, General Robert Guéï. On 14 March 2001, he was imprisoned. Because Palenfo was acquitted on appeal, the IOC Ethics Commission saw no reason to recommend measures against him. *(VK)*

Born: 25 January 1941, Abidjan
Elected: 13 September 2000
Resigned: 31 December 2011
Honorary Member since 2012
Attendance at Sessions: Present 10, Absent 2

459. | Henri Sérandour | France

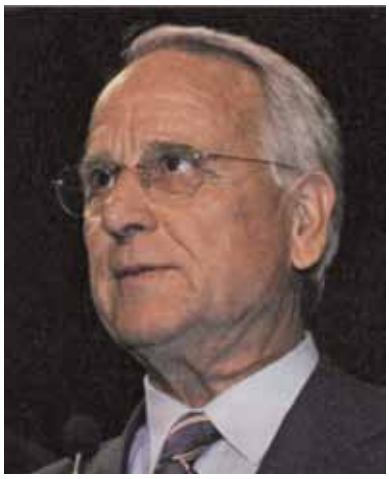
Raised in Rennes, Henri Sérandour practised sports such as swimming, handball and water polo. In 1961, he became a sports teacher at Saint-Vincent High School, in 1966, technical advisor for swimming at the academy and, in 1967, sports director of the city of Dinard.

As a member of the swimming committee of Brittany, Sérandour was elected Vice-President of the French Swimming Federation (FNN) in 1974. In 1981, during a severe financial crisis in the association, he agreed to take over its management. During his term of office (until 1993), he managed to restructure the finances.

His commitment also paid off on an international level. From 1984 to 1992, he was Vice-President of the European Swimming League (LEN). From 1992 to 1996, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the International Amateur Swimming Federation (FINA).

From 1985, Sérandour served as Vice-President of the French Olympic and Sports Committee (CNOSF). He was elected President in 1993. He held this office for four terms until his death in 2009.

During his tenure, he suffered only one real disappointment: the failure of Paris' bid for the 2012 Olympics. At the 2005 IOC Session in Singapore, the French capital lost to London by 50 to 54 votes. In 2007, after Sérandour had reached the age limit of 70, he had to leave the IOC. *(VK)*



Born: 15 April 1937, Le Mans (Sarthe)
Died: 12 November 2009, Dinard (Ille-et-Vilaine)
Elected: 13 September 2000
Resigned: 31 December 2007
Attendance at Sessions: Present 7, Absent 1

461. | Yu Zaiqing | People's Republic of China

Born: 26 April 1951, Heilongjiang Province
Elected: 13 September 2000
Attendance at Sessions: Present 20, Absent 1

Executive Board Member No. 79
Elected Member 11 August 2004–7 August 2008

Second term:
Appointed 4th Vice-President 7 August 2008
Appointed 3rd Vice-President 9 October 2009
Appointed 2nd Vice-President 12 February 2010
Appointed 1st Vice-President 9 July 2011–12 August 2012

Third term:
Appointed 4th Vice-President 23 February 2014
Appointed 3rd Vice-President 3 August 2015
Appointed 2nd Vice-President 4 August 2016
Appointed 1st Vice-President 16 September 2017–25 February 2018

Fourth term:
Appointed 4th Vice-President 25 February 2018
Appointed 3rd Vice-President 26 June 2019

In 1970, Yu Zaiqing received a Bachelor's degree from Nankai University in the port city of Tianjin. He then went on to study foreign languages in Osaka. After his return to the People's Republic of China, he received a job at the State Commission for Physical Culture and Sport. In 1991, he became General Manager of the China Sports Development Co Ltd. From 1993, he headed the State Commission for two years.

Yu then moved into politics. Since 1995, he has been Assistant to Governor to the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region of China. He then held the post of Vice-Minister in charge of the General Administration of Sport from 1999 to 2011.

Yu is a multi-functionalist. His name is associated with several posts as Vice-President. In the IOC, he was elected for this office no less than three times. He also became Vice-President of the Chinese Olympic Committee (1999–2011), the All-China Sports Federation (1999–2014), the Organising Committee of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games (2002–2008), the Olympic Council of Asia (2003–), the Association of National Olympic Committees (2014–), and the Organising Committee of the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

At the national level, Yu was Chef de Mission of the Chinese Olympic Team of Sydney in 2000 and Deputy Chef de Mission at the Games from 2002 to 2008. He led the federations in sports dance, rowing (2006–2008), automobile sports (2006–2015), and basketball (2007–). Since 2003, he has been President of the International Wushu Federation. *(VK)*

Future Games Elections. At the 134th Session, the IOC approved the new approach regarding Future Host Elections, including the creation of two Future Host Commissions (Summer and Winter) to explore, create and oversee interest in future Olympic Games. These Commissions will advise and provide recommendations to the EB regarding future hosts for Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games.

International Olympic Academy. The IOC Executive Board approved financial support for the renovation of the IOA premises through the Olympic Movement funds. The IOC will appoint the general contractor and, together with the IOA, ensure good governance and appropriate monitoring of the project.

Anti-Doping. Dr. Richard Budgett, IOC Medical and Scientific Director, reported on the success of the IOC's storage and reanalysis programme, which was first launched at the Summer Olympics Athens 2004. The current re-analysis programme has resulted in 72 rule violations for Beijing 2008, 67 violations for London 2012 and eight for Rio 2016.

AIBA. Following the decisions on boxing by the IOC Executive Board in May 2019 and the IOC Session in June 2019, and due to the resulting suspension of IOC recognition of AIBA, all aspects of all boxing competitions, including all qualifying competitions or events for or at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 are being organised and operated under the authority of the IOC.

Culture and Heritage. Angelita Teo (Singapore) was introduced as the incoming Director of the Olympic Foundation for Culture and Heritage. She succeeds Francis Gabet, who is retiring from this role. In her new position, she will manage The Olympic Museum, The Olympic Studies Centre, International Programmes and Heritage.

Deceased. Bruno Grandi, IOC Member from 2000 to 2004 and President of the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) passed away on 13 September at the age of 85. *(IOC/JOH)*

460. | Robert Daniel Steadward | Canada

Born: 26 May 1946, Eston, Saskatchewan
Elected: 13 September 2000
Resigned: 9 December 2001
Attendance at Sessions: Present 1, Absent 0

Bob Steadward became involved with disabled sports in 1967 during his studies at the University of Alberta. He started to coach disabled athletes in wheelchair basketball, athletics, and swimming. A year later, when the first wheelchair games were held in Edmonton, he was on the Organising Committee.

Steadward completed his studies with a Masters in Physical Education and a PhD from the University of Oregon. In 1970, he returned to the University of Alberta as a professor, specialising in exercise physiology, anatomy and athletic injuries. In 1971, he was elected President of the Alberta Wheelchair Sports Association. Six years later, he was involved in the creation of the University's Research and Training Centre for Athletes with a Disability. This developed into an innovative and internationally-recognised model, which now bears his name. Steadward also founded the Canadian Sports Fund for the Physically Disabled, of which he was President and Chairman for ten years.

One of his achievements was to unify the various disability sport organisations. In 1989, his perseverance was rewarded in Düsseldorf, Germany, with the founding of the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) of which he became the first president.

Another ten years passed before Steadward and IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch signed a Memorandum of Understanding in which they agreed on closer relations between the IPC and the IOC at the opening of the new IPC Headquarters in Bonn, Germany. At the 2000 Session in Sydney, Steadward was co-opted into the IOC. However, the Professor Emiritus was only a member until 2001, when Sir Philip Craven was elected his successor as IPC President. *(VK)*

462. | Susan O'Neill | Australia

Born: 2 August 1973, Mackay, Queensland
Elected: 30 September 2000
Resigned: 13 January 2005
Attendance at Sessions: Present 4, Absent 1

Susie O'Neill was one of Australia's most successful swimmers. From 1992 to 2000, she won no fewer than eight Olympic medals (two gold, four silver, two bronze) – an Australian record she shares with Dawn Fraser (1956–1964; 4-4-0) and Petria Thomas (1996–2004; 3-4-1). Only Ian Thorpe performed better, winning nine medals. At the Commonwealth Games, O'Neill won 10 medals and 35 Australian championships. In 1996 and 1998, she was voted Australia's "Female Athlete of the Year".

O'Neill's strength was the butterfly stroke. She won her first Olympic gold medal in 1996 on the 200 m course. Two years later, she won the World championships in Perth. One of her greatest triumphs came on 17 May 2000, when she beat the 19-year-old world record of the American Mary T. Meagher by 0.15 s with 2:05.81 minutes.

Unbeaten for six years, O'Neill hoped to end her swimming career with another Olympic victory in the 200 m butterfly. However, to her great disappointment, she lost in Sydney to the American Misty Hyman. But she had the consolation of a surprising win in the 200 m freestyle final the day before.

During the 2000 Olympics, she was elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission. She remained an IOC Member for eight years. At the beginning of 2005, after the birth of her first child, she announced her retirement in order to devote more time to her young family. *(VK)*

463. | Manuel Estiarte Duocastella | Spain

Born: 26 October 1961, Manresa
Elected: 13 September 2000
Resigned: 29 August 2004
Attendance at Sessions: Present 4, Absent 1

The Catalan, whose first name is 'Manel' in his mother tongue, belonged to the Spanish water polo team for 23 years. From 1977 to 2000, he played 578 games in which he scored 1561 goals – 127 of these at Olympics. That earned him the nickname "Maradona of Water Polo".

From 1980 to 2000, Estiarte participated six times in the Olympic Games, where he won the gold medal with his team in 1996 and silver in 1992. After second places in 1991 and 1994, he also became world champion in 1998 and Vice-European champion in 1991. From 1986 to 1992, he was voted "World's Best Water Polo Player" seven times in a row.

During the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, he was elected to the IOC Athletes' Commission. This involved four years of IOC membership. He then ran again in Athens in 2004 but without success.

Since the early 1990s, Estiarte has been friends with former Spanish footballer Pep Guardiola, who won the Olympic gold medal with his team in Barcelona in 1992. After becoming head coach of FC Barcelona in 2008, Guardiola hired his close confidante as an assistant. Estiarte then accompanied Guardiola during his time at FC Bayern Munich and from 2016 at Manchester City FC, where he holds the position of Head of Player Support and Protocol. *(VK)*

464. | Timothy Tsun Ting Fok | Hong Kong, China

Born: 14 February 1946, Hong Kong
Elected: 15 September 2001
Resigned: 31 December 2016
Honorary Member since 2017
Attendance at Sessions: Present 17, Absent 1

In 1972, Tsun Ting Fok, better known as Timothy Fok, received a Bachelor's degree from Millfield College in Somerset, England. Three years later, he received his Master's from the University of Southern California. He then followed in the footsteps of his father Ying Tung Fok (also known as Henry Fok), who in 1953 founded the Fok Ying Tung Group, a conglomerate of real estate, construction, hotels, restaurants, and the Macao gambling industry.

Henry Fok (1923–2006) was one of the richest men in China; in 2005, he was listed in "The World's Billionaires" by *Forbes* magazine. He was President of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, and in 1993 he became Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Like his father, the eldest son was also involved in sports administration. Since 1999, Fok has been President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Vice-President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), and President of Hong Kong, China Football Association. As Vice-President of the Organising Committees of the 2008 Beijing Olympics and Paralympics, he assumed responsibility for the equestrian events held in Hong Kong.

As a member of the IOC from 2001 until he reached the age of 70, he worked in various commissions, including the Coordination Commissions for the Beijing 2008 and Rio 2016 Summer Games and the Beijing 2022 Winter Games.

Fok was a member of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong (1998–2012) and the CPPCC. As an entrepreneur, he was Managing Director of the Fok Ying Tung Group.

He is currently Chairman of the Fok Ying Tung Foundation, a non-profit organisation that supports education, healthcare, sports, science, and the arts. Fok also serves as Vice-Chairman of the Fok Ying Tung Education Foundation, which was founded by his father in 1986. *(VK)*