

The Biographies of all IOC Members

Part XVII

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319. | Cornelis Lambert KERDEL | The Netherlands

Born: 19 March 1915,
Rotterdam
Died: 8 November
1986, The Hague

Co-opted: 15 June
1977 (until his death),
replacing Herman
van Karnebeek
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 10,
Absent 2



A keen swimmer, he swam each day with the young Dutch women who trained under the legendary "Ma" Braun. At the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, he helped coach Rie Mastenbroek, the outstanding Dutch swimmer who won three golds and a silver medal at those Games.

Kerdel was also an enthusiastic skier and was President of the "Lowlanders" Ski Committee, an organisation for countries such as Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain and the Netherlands which did not have mountains.

In this capacity he became a member of the NOC in 1960 and a Vice-President in 1965, succeeding Herman van Karnebeek as President in 1970. He later followed van Karnebeek onto the IOC where he was Head of Protocol from 1982 until his death. He also served as Chef de Mission of the Dutch Olympic team in 1960, 1964, 1972 and 1976.

A staunch supporter of the European Economic Community, he helped create the Coal Importers' Committee and served as Chairman from 1954 to 1965.

He died from cancer and was posthumously awarded the Olympic Order. This was presented to his widow by IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch at a ceremony in Wassenaar on 17th January 1987.

320. | KIM Taik Soo | Republic of Korea

Born: 10 September
1926, Kimhae,
Kyungnam
Died: 17 July 1983,
Seoul

Co-opted: 15 June
1977 (until his death),
replacing Chang Key
Young
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 6,
Absent 1



A lawyer and a textile magnate, he was an active politician and was elected three times to the National Assembly. Politically, he was a fervent supporter of General Park but had shown little interest in sporting matters. However, after General Park's successful coup, things changed and Kim soon became President of the Korean Olympic Committee (1971-1979), President of the Korea Amateur Sports Association (KASA), President of the National Boxing Federation and Vice-President of the Executive Board of the AIBA.

He was posthumously awarded the Silver Medal of the Olympic Order and the presentation was made to his widow by Juan Antonio Samaranch during the IOC President's visit to Korea in September 1993.

321. | Shagdarjav MAGVAN | Mongolia

A graduate of Philology from the State University of Mongolia, he was initially a secondary schoolmaster prior to becoming General Secretary of the Central Soviet of Trade Unionists in 1965. From 1978 to 1981 he was director and CEO of a porcelain factory. He was elected as a Member of Parliament on three occasions.

President of the National Olympic Committee (1969–1979) and of the Central Council of the Union for Physical Education and Sports (1969–1978), he led the Mongolian delegation at four Olympic Winter Games between 1972 and 1994 and two Summer Games (1972, 1976). The father of nine children, he was also awarded an honorary doctorate by the Mongolian University for Physical Culture and Sport.



Born: 20 August 1927,
province of Zavkhan

Co-opted:
15 June 1977

Retired:

31 December 2007

Honorary Member
from 2007

Attendance at
Sessions: Present 39,
Absent 1

322. | Roberto Guillermo PEPER | Argentina

Peper was a South American record holder in swimming and also enjoyed success as a water polo player and in rowing. He was a member of the Argentinian freestyle relay team which finished sixth at the 1932 Olympic Games. Jeanette Campbell his wife, was the first woman from Argentina to take part at the Olympics. She won a silver medal in the 100 metres freestyle at the 1936 Games in Berlin. Their daughter Susana Peper competed in the backstroke and breast stroke at the 1964 Olympics.

Roberto had begun a successful career as a stockbroker in 1946 and became Vice-President of the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange and chairman of the Chamber of Stockbrokers. He had a number of directorships in Argentina and South American companies.

In sports administration he was Secretary of the Argentine Sports Foundation. He served on the Commission for the International Olympic Academy from 1983 to 1988.



Born: 27 June 1913,
Buenos Aires
Died: 3 July 1999,
Buenos Aires

Co-opted: 15 June
1977, replacing Mario
Negri

Retired: 31 December
1988

Honorary Member
from 1989

Attendance at
Sessions: Present 19,
Absent 0

323. | Germán RIECKEHOFF SAMPAYO | Puerto Rico

An immensely influential figure in the development of the organised sport in Puerto Rico since 1940. He founded the national federations for football, equestrian, gymnastics, field hockey, rowing and roller hockey and served as President of many of these federations. He was President of the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee in 1977 and from 1981 to 1990.

His parents were descendants of Germans who settled on the island. They were poor farmers but provided him with a good education at the Universities of Minnesota and Puerto Rico. He founded the weekly sporting newspaper *El Campeón*, later became sports editor of *La Democracia*. He also served as President of the Organising Committees for the World Basketball Championships in 1973 and the Pan-American Games of 1979. Rieckehoff was in Lausanne ready for the 1979 IOC Session when he fell ill. He was rushed onto an ambulance plane with his wife and his son, but he died during the flight.



Born: 5 February
1915, Vieques
Died: 2 September
1997, San Juan

Co-opted: 15 June 1977
Retired: 31 December
1990

Honorary Member
from 1990

Attendance at
Sessions: Present 18,
Absent 0

324. | Philipp von SCHOELLER | Austria

Born: 23 August 1921,
Vienna
Died: 6 May 2008,
Vienna

Co-opted: 15 June
1977, replacing Rudolf
Nemetschke
Retired: 31 December
2000

Honorary Member
from 2001

Attendance at

Sessions: Present 30,
Absent 2



Philipp Ritter von Schoeller came from the fourth generation of a Rhineland business family. In the Second World War he was a captain in a mounted Cossack regiment. Later he studied national economy at the university of Innsbruck and in 1948 became Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

After the death of his great uncle he became a partner in the family business group. This included the Schoellerbank in Vienna, founded in 1833, and also several companies producing sugar, bread and beer. He was Vice-President of the Austrian Industrialists (1967–1972, 1980–1988), Chairman of the Austrian Federal Chamber of Commerce, Industry Section (1970–1990) and President of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris in 1982.

Schoeller was Austrian show jumping champion in 1953 and a member of the national equestrian team (1953–1958). Also a keen yachtsman, he was Commodore of the Austrian Club (1974–1978).

His first marriage was to Ida zu Salm-Reiferscheidt-Ratz with whom he had six daughters. After their divorce in 1968 he married Countess Vera Bubna.



325. | Lieutenant-General Dadang SUPRAYOGI | Indonesia

Born: 12 April 1914,
Bandung, Jabor
Died: 17 July 1998,
Jakarta

Co-opted: 15 June
1977, replacing Sultan
Hamengku Buwono
Retired: 31 December
1989

Honorary Member
from 1990

Attendance at

Sessions: Present 14,
Absent 2



A retired Army Divisional commander, he was a member of the Supreme Advisory Council of Indonesia and a member of the People's Congress. In his capacity as Minister of Production, Public Works and Power, he was responsible for the construction of the 100,000 capacity stadium for the 6th Asian Games in 1962. Suprayogi began his career as a sports official as President of the Swimming Federation of Indonesia (1952–1984). In 1971 he became Executive President of the National Sports Council and from 1977 to 1981 he acted as NOC President.

326. | René ESSOMBA | Cameroon

A surgeon by profession, he was the first native of Cameroon to become a Professor of Medicine. Parallel to his brilliant career as a surgeon in France and his home country, he was President of the Order of Doctors of Cameroon. At the 1968 and 1972 Olympic Games he was the doctor attached to the Cameroon team. He began his career as a sports official as President of the Cameroon Football Federation (1966–1972). He was President of the Central-African Football Union in 1968 and Vice-President of the African Football Confederation (1972–1976).

Elected Vice-President of the Cameroonian Olympic Committee in 1968, he became its President in 1972. He served also as Secretary-General of the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) from 1989 to 1993. Following his entry into the IOC in 1978, he was the NOC representative on the Olympic Movement Commission (1991–1994) and was also a member of the Medical Commission from 1981.

A few weeks after his unexpected death, the Salt Lake City scandal broke following reports by a local TV journalist in November 1998. The revelations severely affected the reputation of Essomba and led to disciplinary action against other IOC Members. Essomba's daughter had been amongst those who received large sums. In her case it had been to finance her studies at the American University in Washington.



Born: 6 April 1932,
Mbalmayo
Died: 31 August 1998,
Yaoundé

Co-opted: 17 May
1978 (until his death)
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 21,
Absent 3

327. | KIM Yu Sun | Democratic People's Republic of Korea

A graduate of the Pyongyang Institute of Physical Education and Sports, he became a Professor at his alma mater (1958–1964). He played for the national football team for three years from 1955. From 1964 to 1970 he worked as the Department Director of the North Korean Physical Culture and Sports Guidance Committee. From 1970 to 1975 he was Vice-President in charge of sport for youth and students in the Central Committee of the League of the Socialist Working Youth of the DPR. He was appointed President of the NOC in 1975. Politically active, he was elected a Deputy of the Supreme People's Assembly of the DPR.

After Seoul was awarded the 1988 Olympic Games, the North Korean leadership challenged Eastern bloc leaders and other Communist nations to boycott the Games. Apart from Cuba, there followed a two year tug of war, ultimately fruitless in which the DPR made its case to the IOC to host at least one third of the events in North Korea. Kim was the leader of the North Korean delegation which took part in these negotiations with the IOC and the South Korean NOC.



Born: 2 February
1932, Sinwon-Dong
Died: 10 August 1994,
Pyongyang

Co-opted: 17 May
1978
Resigned:
24 September 1993
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 20,
Absent 2

328. | Nikolaos NISSIOTIS | Greece

Born: 21 May 1925,
Athens
Died: 18 August 1986,
Athens

Co-opted: 17 May
1978 (until his
death), replac-
ing Epaminondas
Petralias
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 11,
Absent 0



Nissiotis graduated from Athens University in theology and studied in Switzerland. He taught theology at the University of Louvain, Belgium before taking a post at the Athens University where he began his career as a lecturer. From 1966 to 1974 he was the Director of the research centre of the Ecumenical Church Council and the University Centre for ecumenical studies at Geneva.

He played basketball and volleyball for the oldest Greek club, Panhellenios, and coached the national basketball team from 1954 to 1958. As an administrator, he assumed the Presidency of the International Olympic Academy in 1977 and also served as President of the Hellenic Supreme Sports Council and Vice-President of the Hellenic Olympic Committee.

Professor Nissiotis was killed returning from Ancient Olympia when his car overturned on the road between Athens and Corinth. At his funeral the posthumous award of the Olympic Order was accepted by his widow.

329. | Hon. Tan Sri HAMZAH Bin Datuk ABU SAMAH | Malaysia

Born: 5 January 1924,
Pekan, Pahang
Died: 4 September
2012, Kuala Lumpur
Co-opted: 17 May
1978
Retired: 31 December
2004
Honorary Member
from 2005
Attendance at
Sessions: Present 28,
Absent 8



Samah was educated at Malay College Kuala Kangsar and he went on to study law at Gray's Inn in London in 1953. After qualifying as a barrister he served in the Malaysian civil service from 1954 to 1967. He became a Member of Parliament from 1967 to 1980 and was subsequently appointed as the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs (1967-1969), Minister of Information and Broadcasting (1969-1971), Culture, Youth and Sports (1971-1973), Defence (1974-1974), Trade and Industry (1974-1978), and finally as Minister of Justice and Attorney General (1978-1980). He withdrew after undergoing coronary by-pass surgery in 1980.

Equally active as a sports administrator, he was President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia (OCM) from 1976, President of the Football Association of Malaysia (1984-1988), the Malaysian Cricket Association and the National Taekwondo Association (since 1987).

He was also President of the Asian Football Federation (1978-1994), Vice-President of the International Football Association (FIFA) from 1982 to 1990 and of the Commonwealth Games Federation since 1982.

Samah bore the ceremonial titles "Tan Sri" and "Datuk". These are associated with a distinguished Malaysian order and may only be awarded to a maximum of 75 to 200 living people.

