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Treating DCs Make Presence Felt at Commonwealth Games

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(l-r): Some of the international contingent of DCs who had official status to treat at the Commonwealth Games: Athol McLean; Robert Wilson; Howard O'Meara; Larry Bell; Noel Patterson; Clive Hill; Mike Murray.

The 1994 Commonwealth Games (Victoria, Canada) can be looked back on as the most successful ever for treating chiropractors. There were 13 DCs from the Federation Internationale de Chiropratique Sportive (FICS) who had official authority to treat athletes during the event. By comparison, there was only one such DC at the 1986 Commonwealth Games, and four at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in Auckland. Further, this was the first time DCs were involved with the official host medical team. Six Canadian DCs were on the Canadian medical team.

Among the treating DCs not pictured were Don Oyao, John Welsh, and Bajju Khanchandani.

Chiropractic was given official recognition in the medical literature handed out to the athletes and all of the DCs were kept busy treating athletes. The FICS hopes to send a large contingent of treating DCs to Zimbabwe for the All-African Games in Sept. 1995, a good training ground for the DCs looking to treat the Olympic athletes in Atlanta in 1996. FICS expects to have as many as 40 DCs officially accredited with teams for the Atlanta games, and predicts to double the number of treating DCs at the next Commonwealth Games (Malaysia, 1998).



Meeting of the Atlanta Sports Committee

The Atlanta Sports Chiropractic Committee (ASCC) opened its quarterly meeting October 1, 1994 with an update on the selection process of DCs to treat at the 1996 Olympic Games.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) has not yet been able to get a "blanket" license for selected medical disciplines to practice during the Olympics. ASCC's Travel to Treat committee is intensifying efforts for licensing cooperation in Georgia. Volunteers to communicate with the Georgia Chiropractic Board of Examiners are strongly urged to contact Dr. Bisset.

"On call" versus "on site" chiropractic services were tested by the ACOG at the first pre-Olympic event, the two-day Pan American racewalk. Drs. Hank Glass and Daniel Fortin related their experiences as event doctors.

To get an application to treat at the '96 Games, contact ASCC Chairperson Dr. Suzanne Bisset (535-H Indian Trail Road, Lilburn GA 30247, 404-564-3334), or ASCC Secretary Dr. Richard Rosenkoetter (3833 Roswell Road, Suite 109, Atlanta, Georgia 30342, 404-233-2440). Completed applications and biographical particulars should be mailed to Dr. Rosenkoetter.

ASCC meeting dates for 1995 are scheduled for January 28, April 29, June 24, and October 21.

