

The XV Congress of P.I., held in Parma (I) from 2 to 4 June 2005, discussed the topics "Volunteers in Sport" and "Cultural Diversities and Sport".

After hearing the introductory paper, having acknowledged contributions from speakers and co-ordinators, having collected indications that emerged during discussion with club representatives, approved the

"Final Resolution"

as summarised by Panathlon International President's Committee:

Notwithstanding that the founding principles of Panathlon's movement sanctioned in the statute:

- establish that all members are "volunteers";
- affirm that sport is "a means towards the development and advancement of the individual and solidarity between men and peoples" in particular through services for the more disadvantaged categories;
- provide for the promotion of cultural and sporting activities through studies and researches, in collaboration with cultural and public organisations and sports managers;

<u>invites</u>

to privilege the following actions, besides those equally qualifying that clubs and governors may autonomously implement in their areas

- 1) promotion, with other organisations from the local or regional, administrative, political and/or sporting world, of initiatives aimed at training volunteers and inspired by P.I. cultural-ethical values;
- identification of some sort of recognition and personal satisfaction for volunteers who devote their time and competence to implement the club's physical-sporting activities;
- promotion and encouragement of women participation in the management of sports voluntary work, due to their specific human sensitivity;
- 4) awareness of local and national institutions, of the media and the sporting world on the importance of voluntary work, to guarantee for everybody, including the differently abled, an ethically correct physical-sporting activity;
- active participation impacting laws and government actions, at different public levels, on the *status* of volunteers;
- encourage public institutions, schools and sports clubs to promote physical-sporting activities, as a further vehicle of social integration between the different ethnic groups in that area.