



IOC 2003 WOMEN & SPORT TROPHY WINNERS

TROPHY FOR AFRICA:

The Angola Handball Federation (ANG) has been developing a broad national programme to promote handball for women and girls over the past 24 years. It has managed to organise and maintain over 80 handball schools, which cater for more than 5,000 young girls. In addition, the Federation supports 82 handball clubs, with more than 1,000 players. Despite a difficult socio-political and economical environment, the Angolan women's national team has won six African Nations Cups in the past 13 years, which represents the best performance of the African continent in this field. The Federation is the reference in Angolan society for women and girls willing to perform in sport at all levels.

TROPHY FOR THE AMERICAS:

Ms Cecilia Tait (PER) has been a leading international volleyball player, receiving much recognition throughout her athletic career. Her accomplishments became a symbol of success for women in sport making volleyball the second most popular sport in Peru. After her graduation as professor and coach, she founded "Talent Seeker", a national NGO aiming to promote female volleyball to young girls with few economic resources in the districts of Lima. Her political career led her to integrate sports and women commissions in various municipalities, as well as to create and preside the Youth and Sports Commission at a national level. As a national Congresswoman, she has continuously promoted, developed and reviewed sports activities at all levels and disciplines, such as various sports law projects, including those for girls' education and youngsters from rural areas.

TROPHY FOR ASIA:

Ms Cynthia Lagdameo Carrion (PHI) has strived for decades to promote the increased participation of women and girls in sport at all levels. As a dedicated sports administrator, she held many positions in several national institutions related to the promotion of women in sport, such as: Chairwoman of the Working Group on Women and Sports in the Philippines and Chairwoman of the Philippines Olympic Women in Sports Committee. The President of the Philippines appointed her Commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission, a governmental organisation. She has developed sports and educational programmes for women and girls and also strongly supported the participation of women elite athletes in international competitions. In her country, she has played a key role in the creation of the Women & Sports Research and Information Centre, as well as the Women & Sports Multi-Media Library, aiming to encourage young people to undertake sports research and studies in this field.

TROPHY FOR EUROPE:

Ms Larisa Popova (MDA) is a key female athlete legend in Moldovan sport. Following her major international achievements in rowing, she was appointed Director of the Tiraspol children's school, where she educated and trained future high level athletes. Later, she became Director of the Tiraspol School of Sporting Excellence, where she served as a model of perseverance for many young women and girls. As a Chairwoman of the Women & Sport Association and member of the Executive Board of the National Association of Olympic Athletes, she has constantly played an important role in the promotion of women and girls in sport and encouraged women to apply for decision-making sports positions. She also worked for the integration of sportswomen in society and gave her support to veteran sportswomen.

TROPHY FOR OCEANIA:

Ms Evonne Goolagong Cawley (AUS) is a world-renowned tennis player, having won seven singles Grand Slam tournaments. In 1980, she became the first mother to win at Wimbledon since 1914. After her phenomenal athletic career, she dedicated herself to promoting tennis at a wider level and created, in conjunction with Tennis Australia, the "Evonne Goolagong Getting Started Programme", a national tennis-coaching programme to develop overall female participation in tennis. In less than three years, this programme was being conducted all across Australia in both capital cities and rural areas. Through her talent and popularity, she attracted an increasing number of young girls to this sport. Newly-named Australian Fed Cup Captain for elite women's tennis team, she constantly promoted the game and encouraged the players. In addition, she helped to develop the Evonne Goolagong Cup, a Fed Cup-style competition in which rural and regional tennis associations send a team of girls to compete.