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INF President joins IOC Sport and Active Society Commission

The President of the International Netball Federation, the Hon. Molly Rhone, OJ, CD, has been asked by International Olympic Committee (IOC) President, Thomas Bach, to be a member of the IOC Sport and Active Society Commission.

This appointment follows the IOC's announcement of the composition of the IOC commissions for 2017, which now include 38 per cent women, representing a significant increase of 70 per cent in female participations since September 2013. This year, 29 more positions are held by women across the 26 IOC commissions than in 2016, and female members are present on each of them.

Molly Rhone says: "I applaud the IOC for recognising the merits and championing the skills of female leaders in sports administration. This is a great step in the right direction and a real boost for women everywhere who have so much to contribute to sport at the highest level."

The commissions also reflect a broader geographical representation and include a number of faces from a new generation who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

Molly Rhone adds: "I am also delighted that more opportunities are being given to young leaders. It is of utmost importance that today's talented youth are empowered to be a voice for generations who will be shaping the future of sport globally."

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Notes for Editors

International Netball Federation

Over 20 million people play netball around the world, in more than 80 countries. The International Netball Federation (INF) is the sole, internationally recognised, governing body for netball, affiliated to SportAccord, the International World Games Association and the Association of Recognised International Sports Federations, receiving funding from the International Olympic Committee.

Currently, 69 National Netball Associations are affiliated to the INF, grouped into five Regions - Africa, Asia, Americas, Europe and Oceania - each with a respective Regional Federation.