

# 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISSF PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL

HONORIFIC SPEECH BY GARY ANDERSON, ISSF VICE PRESIDENT



I would like to make a special presentation on behalf of the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council. Our President, Olegario Vázquez Raña, and our Secretary General, Horst Schreiber, were first elected 25 years ago at the ISSF General Assembly in Mexico City. This special presentation recognizes and celebrates the 25th anniversary of their service as ISSF President and Secretary General.

This is no ordinary anniversary, however. When the General Assembly first elected Olegario and Horst, our federation was marked by chaos and uncertainty. Shooting's status as an Olympic sport was in doubt. Our federation had no clear vision for its future. In the 25 years since then, they became the longest-serving President and Secretary General in our history. Far more importantly, this has been the most significant period in the history of our federation.

Under their leadership, we modernized our governing documents and structure. ISSF governing bodies worked together in harmony, as a family dedicated to the advancement of our sport and its athletes. We summoned the courage to address difficult issues within our sport, often in the face of significant opposition, to create finals that now present the true drama of our sport, to adopt a quota system that made us a leader in the Olympic family and to establish women's events that opened our sport to all people. Shooting grew to become a true world sport.

We are all honored to have been able to serve our sport during a time when shooting was transformed from a sport that was unsure of its future into one of the largest, most popular and most highly respected sports in the Olympic family. Therefore, it is with sincere gratitude that we present these gifts to celebrate 25 very special years.

First, to our President, Olegario Vazquez Raña: Thank you for your leadership, for inspiring and challenging us to be a great federation and for building the respect shooting now enjoys within the worldwide sports community. The inscription on our gift to you reads:

Presented to  
**Olegario Vázquez Raña**  
*With heartfelt gratitude for 25 years of leadership and unprecedented achievement*  
*As President of the International Shooting Sport Federation*  
*By the members of the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council*  
*On the 24th day of August 2005*

And to our Secretary General, Horst Schreiber: Thank you for your skillful administration of our federation's affairs, for your wise counsel and for always finding the most effective arguments for ISSF causes. The inscription on our gift to you reads:

Presented to  
**Horst G. Schreiber**  
*In grateful recognition of 25 years of exemplary service*  
*As the Secretary General of the International Shooting Sport Federation*  
*By the members of the ISSF Executive Committee and Administrative Council*  
*On the 24th day of August 2005*



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