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**STORY HEADLINE:** IOC Holds Memorial Service for Patrick Baumann

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**STORY SCRIPT:**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) held a memorial service today for IOC Member Patrick Baumann, who died suddenly yesterday in Buenos Aires. The IOC Members present at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 were joined by members of the Executive Committee of the International Basketball Federation FIBA. The ceremony was held at the 3x3 Basketball court for the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018. Patrick Baumann was instrumental in getting the discipline on the Olympic programme, where it will debut in Tokyo 2020.

IOC President Thomas Bach and FIBA President Horacio Muratore both delivered speeches.

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**SHOTLIST:**

00:02 Pan along line of dignitaries attending the memorial service of IOC Member Patrick Baumann.  
00:23: IOC President Thomas Bach walks to the lectern.

**00:33 SOUNDBITE:** Thomas Bach, IOC President (French language)  
"Il a joué un rôle clé pour amener les Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse d'hiver à Lausanne et a dirigé le Comité d'Organisation de Lausanne 2020 avec son énergie caractéristique. Le concept novateur imaginé pour les Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse d'hiver de Lausanne 2020 montre comment il a donné vie aux valeurs Olympiques et les a transmises à une nouvelle génération. Nous savons tous combien cela comptait pour lui personnellement d'amener les Jeux Olympiques de la Jeunesse dans son pays natal."
He’s played a key role in bringing the Winter Youth Olympic Games to Lausanne, and directed the Organizing Committee of Lausanne 2020 with his typical energy. The innovative concept imagined for the Lausanne 2020 Winter Youth Olympic Games shows how he’s given life to the Olympic values and how he’s transmitted them to a new generation. We all know how personally important bringing the Youth Olympic Games to his native land was to him.

01:19 SOUNDBITE: Thomas Bach, IOC President (English language)
“Knowing the passion and enthusiasm that Patrick brought to everything he did, our ceremony today should not only be one of mourning and sadness. Let us also celebrate Patrick’s life, his many achievements and his great contribution to the Olympic Movement. Even in this moment of sadness, we should celebrate the Olympic spirit of friendship and optimism because these are the values that Patrick personified. This is what Patrick would want us to do. We are grateful for his legacy. We feel privileged to have had him among us and to call him a friend. Together, we promise Patrick today that we will carry his legacy and enthusiasm to the future. Farewell, Patrick. We will make you proud.”

02:39 IOC President Thomas Bach greets Horacio Muratore, FIBA President.

02:51 SOUNDBITE: Horacio Muratore, FIBA President (Spanish language)
“Patrick fue un visionario y siempre tuvo ideas muy claras sobre el desarrollo de nuestro deporte. En su funciones no tenía miedo de sacudir el árbol, como a él le gustaba decir. La labor de Patrick supuso un punto de inyección para la federación internacional de baloncesto. FIBA se sitúa en la primera línea de una serie de cambios radicales a nuestra estructura. Su trabajo fue clave para la creación del programa ONE FIBA que permitió situar a las federaciones nacionales en el corazón de nuestra organización mediante de una estructura más eficaz, democrática, transparente y robusto.”

Patrick was a visionary, and always had clear ideas about how to grow our sport. He was not afraid to “shake the tree”, as he often liked to say. For FIBA, Patrick was a true game changer. He was at the forefront of radical changes to our governance structure. He was instrumental in the process of creating ‘ONE FIBA’, and putting National Federations at the core of our organisation in a more efficient, democratic, transparent and robust structure,

03:43 Members of the Organising Committee of the Winter Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020 in the stands.
04:04 Attendees applaud at the end of the memorial service.
04:13 Still photograph of IOC Member Patrick Baumann.

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