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New Zealand College Games Receives Olympic Award

The 2008 New Zealand College Games, held in Hamilton 10-14 December, and its organisers U Leisure, are the recipients of an International Olympic Committee (IOC) award. The IOC Trophy, was presented at a Parliamentary Reception in Wellington last night by the IOC President Jacques Rogge.

Established by the IOC in 1985 in order to promote the teaching of Olympism, the trophy is awarded each year to a person or institution who has distinguished themselves in different fields. Previous recipients have included Ian Ferguson, Steve Gurney, Michael Jones and Wilson Whineray. Each year the IOC sets a theme for the IOC Trophy and this year it was Sport and Youth.

U Leisure General Manager Mark Ingle was delighted with the award. "The 2008 New Zealand College Games was an outstanding event and one we were very proud to have managed," said Mark. "It takes lots of people to organise an event of this size so there are many others who also deserve the accolades."

The New Zealand College Games is the largest sporting event in New Zealand for secondary school students and involved nearly 3,000 athletes from 267 schools who took part in 20 different sporting codes. Based on the Olympic format, the event promotes participation and personal achievement within the framework of the Olympic values of excellence, friendship and respect.

The 2008 New Zealand College Games included an environmental programme, a code of ethics, education about drug free sport and cultural elements. It involved the services of over 370 volunteers with the hub of the event, the Games Village, based at the University of Waikato. The Waikato Times was a media partner of the 2008 New Zealand College Games.

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The New Zealand College Games is managed by event and leisure management company U Leisure.

The mission of U Leisure is to enhance the University of Waikato experience for all. This refers to the University experience in the broadest sense, encompassing students, staff and the wider community who are involved in activities on the University grounds.

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