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Malagò greets the FIP assembly: "What i'm seeing with padel I've never seen in other sports"

Italian IOC president, **Giovanni Malagò**, spoke during the first stages of the **FIP General Assembly**, in Rome, after the introduction by FIP president **Luigi Carraro** and the greeting to the delegates of the countries present in the Coni **Hall of Honour**, the place symbol of the most important activities of the National Olympic Committee and the world sports scenario. *"It is a great pleasure to be here, in this iconic hall full of sporting symbols - said Malagò -, in which all sports are equally represented, through a **history of great prestige** that tells how Italy is a great sports country, with a great tradition".*

Then Malagò addressed to the national federations: *"Today the FIP General Assembly is being held and I'm here to bring you a direct testimony: for 20 years I was president of a very famous club in Rome, the **Circolo Canottieri Aniene**, and we were the **padel pioneers in Italy**. And not only that: all the most important players have played there"*, underlined the Coni number one, referring to Aniene's successes in both Italian championships, male and female.

Malagò then addressed President Carraro directly: *"We must recognise the **incredible work** of your president Luigi Carraro, who has put **emotion** and **enthusiasm** into promoting padel. What it's happening with padel has never happened in other sports: I was in Krakow for the European Games, in which Italy played very well, and I spoke with the other presidents of the Olympic Committees. We talked about padel, and we saw with our own eyes how padel is growing. Thanks to all of you, I see a great atmosphere here"*. Malagò ended with a line dedicated to the Coni secretary general Carlo Mornati, which underlined how padel is in the daily agenda of italians: *"I must say that we don't have any problems with padel, except for one: when I look for Carlo and I cannot find him, they tell me that he is playing padel. That's the only downside of your sport: it often takes my main collaborator away from me"*, concluded the CONI number one, making everyone laugh.

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