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Niels Nygaard, President of the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark

Career: Niels Nygaard has been the president of the National Olympic Committee and Sports Confederation of Denmark since 2007. He is a former elite runner where he became a national champion in 1500 meters in 1972. From 1986-1992 Nygaard was the president of the Danish Athletics Federation before he became a member of the board of the National Olympic committee and Sports Confederation in 1992. In 2006 he was elected vice president before he became president the following year. In 2017 he was elected vice president of the European Olympic Committee (EOC) and in 2018 he became a member of the board of ANOC (the international confederation of Olympic committees). Niels Nygaard holds the royal order of the Dannebrog. Niels Nygaard was born on the 27th of January 1953 in Nyborg, Denmark. He lives in the city of Aarhus and is married to Helle with whom he has two daughters.