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Andreea Răducan of Romania visited the IG offices in December and sat down for an exclusive interview, which will appear in the January/February 2017 issue. Among other questions, she was asked if anything positive resulted from her being stripped of the 2000 Olympic all-around gold medal.

"Oh yeah, of course. I remember very well our first Olympic title in the team final since '84," said Raducan. "Everybody was really excited after we won the gold medal. And even with this moment with the Nurofen (which was administered by a team doctor and included pseudoephedrine, banned by the IOC but not the FIG), it was, of course, tough. "But even though I lost the gold medal, I understand how people can support and what that means. It also helped me to know myself better and understand how [to rise above] these kinds of bad situations. That helped me to understand many things in my life."

Read the complete interview with Răducan in the January 2017 issue. To subscribe to the print and/or digital editions of *International Gymnast*, [click here](#) .