

FOREWORD

The Centre for Olympic Studies was established at the University of Western Ontario in 1989. It has as its primary mission the production and dissemination of academic scholarship focused specifically upon the socio-cultural study of the Modern Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement. In order to bring this endeavour to fruition, the Centre pursues the following five initiatives:

- 1) The Centre hosts an important International Symposium for Olympic Research in every Olympic year. The Centre also publishes the proceedings of these symposia. The current volume at hand is the first of such endeavours.
- 2) The Centre produces OLYMPIKA: THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF OLYMPIC STUDIES. This refereed scholarly journal, which has an internationally recognized editorial review board, is currently published annually, and is available for subscription throughout the world. It is anticipated that OLYMPIKA will move to semi-annual status in the very near future.
- 3) The Centre organizes and subsidizes regular guest lectures presented by recognized Olympic scholars, including an annual honour address entitled the J. Howard Crocker Memorial Lecture.
- 4) The Centre maintains a resource unit for the use of academic scholars and qualified undergraduate and graduate students throughout the world.
- 5) The Centre is a charter member of the World Network of Olympic Studies, an entity supported by the International Olympic Committee. The Centre for Olympic Studies at the University of Western Ontario and other members of the World Network seek to cooperate with each other to encourage and promote serious academic scholarship aimed at more fully understanding the Modern Olympic Games and Olympic Movement from historical, philosophical, sociological, anthropological, and organizational points of view.

The Editors of these proceedings welcome and invite correspondence concerning any or all of these matters, and encourage scholars to consider participating in the Second International Symposium for Olympic Research to be conducted at the University of Western Ontario in 1994.

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