

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR OLYMPIC STUDIES

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

- 1) The Centre hosts an important International Symposium for Olympic Research in every Olympic year. The Centre publishes the *Proceedings* of these symposia. The current volume at hand is the fourth of such endeavours.
- 2) The Centre publishes *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.
- 3) The Centre organizes and sponsors regular guest lectures presented by recognized Olympic scholars and officials, including three annual honor addresses entitled the Ion P. Ioannides, the J. Howard Crocker Memorial, and Earle F. Zeigler Lectures.
- 4) The Centre maintains a resource unit for the use of academic scholars and qualified undergraduate and graduate students throughout the world.

The Centre welcomes and invites correspondence concerning any or all of these matters, and encourages scholars to consider participating in the Fifth International Symposium for Olympic Research to be conducted at The University of Western Ontario in 2000.