



MESSAGE OF THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The editorial team apologizes for the delay in the publishing of the previous issue of the *Journal of Olympic History*, Volume 9, number 3. It should have been out in September, however, owing to unusual circumstances, it was unfortunately mailed in early November. With this special commemorative issue, in honour of the anniversary of the ISOH's first decade of existence, and which will be published in December 2001 to celebrate this important milestone, we hope to recover some of your goodwill.

We were honoured that both IOC President Jacques Rogge, and IOC Honorary President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Marqués de Samaranch, were both willing to write, respectively, the Introduction and a Message to our Members, in order to celebrate with us this first decade.

ISOH President Bill Mallon and past President Ian Buchanan, both founding members of the ISOH, wrote down their memories of the first ten years as well.

This is a special issue, with very special articles, written by some of our foremost members.

Peter Lovesey tells us about the Olympic heritage of Conan Doyle, who has been (falsely) accused of helping the Italian marathon runner Dorando Pietri across the line. Read and enjoy Peter Lovesey's story.

Karl Lennartz, vice-president of ISOH, came up with two very important articles: one with new discoveries about the "birth" of the Olympic rings and its further history and another one about whether or not the Intermediate Games of Athens in 1906 should be called Olympic. The great majority of ISOH's Executive Committee was of the opinion that this article was due and that ISOH should implement a discussion among its members about the validity of Dr. Lennartz findings and his proposals on this subject.

Don Anthony wrote another sequel to his previous two articles about the organizers of early Olympic Games in England in the nineteenth century. His article titled: *The Olympian Triumverate*, with its subtitle "the Third Man" tells us about Mr. Ernst George Ravenstein: "Der Dritte im Bunde".

Bill Mallon submitted his long awaited article: *A Database of Olympians*, in which he comes up with very important discussions on how we should write down the names of our 100,000 Olympians from the 199 NOC's all over the world.

Please read this article carefully and then come up with your comments. Bill is waiting to hear from you.

There are a few bookreviews, one letter to the editor, a short chapter with Olympic News, and then we might decide to use available space with some shorter articles too.

We hope you will all enjoy this special issue and that you will spread the word about ISOH and its aims.

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