



**Message from the President
of the International Olympic Committee
Dr Jacques Rogge**

Historians play an important role within our society. They record not only the achievements of people and society in general, but also the failures. Much can be learned from historians and from the lessons of the past to help us today with our daily lives.

In particular, Olympic historians have a crucial contribution to make to the Olympic Movement, as the International Society of Olympic Historians has continued to do for the last ten years. This contribution involves constantly updating the archives available to us. The IOC has invested a great deal in order to establish the Olympic Museum in order that the information we have is correctly preserved.

I extend my best wishes to you all on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the International Society of Historians.



**Message from the Honorary President
of the International Olympic Committee
Juan Antonio Samaranch
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The modern Olympic Games were founded based on the history of the Greek ancient Olympic Games. The founder himself, the French educator Pierre de Coubertin, was a historian specialized in Hellenic studies. The sources and inspiration which led the Olympic Movement in the past and present are based on history too. No doubt that future generations will also use the history which is being written to develop the Olympic ideals. This is why Olympic historians have always played an important role within the Olympic Movement.

It is indeed vital to learn from the past in order to build the future. The success of the Olympic Movement and this technologically-oriented society is due to that fact that it has managed to mix the richness of tradition with the bold imagination of modernity, and the energy and dynamism of youth.

The Olympic Museum is living testimony of the history, culture and tradition of the Olympic Movement, where the books and studies of historians are treasured. I therefore wish the International Society of Olympic Historians success in its future undertakings on the occasion of its 10th anniversary.