

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



Just before this issue went to press, we learned that King Albert of Belgium has honoured IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge by promoting him from "Chevalier" (Knight) to "Comte" (Count) for his many contributions to world sports. In a letter, ISOH President Bill Mallon has congratulated the new Count with his promotion (p. 3).

We also wish to congratulate our life member (and IOC member) Dick Pound, who received the Gold Medallion Award of the International Swimming Hall of Fame at a ceremony held on 11 May 2002 in Fort Lauderdale (USA). Dick Pound finished sixth in the final of the 100 metres freestyle at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome in a time of 56.3 seconds.

In June, Dick Pound was approached by Bill Mallon, suggesting that he might replace Fékrou Kidane as the representative of the IOC in the Executive Committee of the International Society of Olympic Historians. Dick Pound accepted, and of course we welcome him as a member of the team!

Two more congratulations are due: The first is to our former Executive Committee member Conrado Dú rantez from Spain, who stood down as President of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee (IPCC) last April after a period of ten years. He was nominated honorary President of the IPCC and then was awarded the highly valued Pierre de Coubertin medal by IOC President Dr. Jacques Rogge. We congratulate him with this very high honour! The second congratulations go to another one of our members: Norbert Müller, who in April replaced Conrado Dú rantez as President of the IPCC.

By the time you read this message, a delegation of the Executive Committee will have had a meeting with the President of the International Olympic Committee, Dr. Jacques Rogge at the Chateau de Vidy in Lausanne. We will report on this meeting in our next issue.

Early in the year 2000, ISOH started the

procedures for nominations of new candidates for the Executive Committee (period 2000-2004). Many members responded to the invitation and came up with their nominations. However, when the nominations were reviewed by the Executive Committee, it was found that several members listed as nominees were behind in paying their subscription dues for the current year. One of the nominees even had to be deleted that same year from the membership list because he was two years behind in his fees. The newly elected Executive Committee last year decided that this was no longer acceptable and decided to adapt the ISOH Constitution accordingly.

The ISOH Constitution as a consequence has been amended as follows and the change is underlined:

1. The procedures for the nomination of new candidates for the Executive Committee will be implemented by the Secretary-General, at least six month before the actual postal or electronic ballot.
2. Each Member has the right to nominate other Members for a post in the Executive Committee; however, the nominees must be willing to serve. Each candidate must be nominated by at least two Members, who must do so in writing. To be eligible for any position on the Executive Committee, a nominated member must have paid the annual subscription.
3. Members are not allowed to nominate themselves.

Please take good note of this change and act accordingly.

I am happy that I can report that the International Society of Olympic Historians continues to expand, albeit more slowly. We have now reached the figure of 312 members in 50 different countries.

However, the rules set out in the ISOH Constitution, once again point at the fact that at the end of this year (that is to say after this September 2002 issue), ISOH must scratch



several members off the membership list, who failed to pay the yearly subscription dues for two consecutive years! Up to this moment, nineteen (19) members have forgotten to pay their dues for two consecutive years. According to our Constitution, their names will soon have to be deleted! Pity!

Every member was informed about where he

or she stands with regard to these payments at the end of last year, when the ISOH Directory was mailed to all members. If you are not quite sure about your personal situation, then please contact our treasurer, David Wallechinsky, or me.

Anthony Th. Bijkerk

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The present issue of the Journal of Olympic History will be the last one under my editorship.

After six years, starting in January 1997 - but with an interim period of two issues in early 2001, when Steve Harris took over as editor from me - it is time for younger persons to take over. The future needs them. So does the Journal.

Charles Hale once wrote:

“Deliberate with caution, but act with decision; and yield with graciousness or oppose with firmness.”

This advice led me through that period of six years, and as someone who does not have the English language for his own, I had to depend a lot on others.

I am happy to be able to say that, with an editorial team consisting of people like Harry Gordon, Steve Harris, Karl Lennartz and Anthony Edgar, I had ‘men of true genius’ around me, who ably assisted me in making choices, editing articles and especially in enhancing the quality of the Journal of Olympic History.

I am immensely grateful for their generous expertise, their unselfish assistance over the past six years!

Thank you dear Friends!

Allow me to use Pindar’s words at the end: “If toil it were, yet the joy succeeds more abundant!”

Anthony Th. Bijkerk

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