

MESSAGE FROM THE ISOH-PRESIDENT


The *International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH)* has now been in existence for 11 years and each year our group has grown, and the quality of our journal, the *Journal of Olympic History*, has improved every year as well. The journal began life in 1991 as *Citius Altius Fortius* and ISOH had only a few members. At that time the journal was photocopied and bound by hand. I served as the editor of the journal until 1996. In 1996, Tony Bijkerk took over and greatly advanced the journal's quality, which was then renamed as well. It is now professionally bound and simply looking at the volumes brings pride to the founding members. In addition to the professional appearance, the quality and tenor of the articles has really made the *Journal of Olympic History* a solid publication that is becoming more respected in academic circles.

But editing the journal is difficult and takes time, and Tony has elected to step down. We have now moved on to two new editors, Karl Lennartz and Stephan Wassong. Karl and Stephan are our first true academicians to be the editors, as they are professors of sports studies at the Carl and Liselott Diem-Archive in Cologne, Germany. Harry Gordon and

Steve Harris will remain as assistant editors, and Philip Baker will join the team. Tony Bijkerk will step down to that role as well, providing advice and his knowledge gained from years as editor.

I have no doubt that Karl and Stephan will further enhance the quality of the *Journal of Olympic History*. I expect the appearance to continue its current quality but I think that the articles will become more and more scholarly. As always, the members of ISOH are needed to assist the Editorial Staff by contributing your writings to them, so that there is always a sufficient number of quality material from which to choose. The membership has done this thru the 1990s and I have no doubt it will continue to do so.

Our best wishes to the new Editorial Staff, and we pledge our continued support.



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MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



During the last few months, the ISOH Secretariat has received very sad news:

- One of our members in England, Mrs Franceska Rapkin died in December 2001. We only received the information in August. We pay our tributes to her and offer our condolences to her family.
- ISOH doyen Wolf Lyberg's wife of sixty years: Margareta Lyberg died of a stroke in October. On behalf of ISOH we offer our condolences to him and his son Michael.

Elsewhere in this Journal you will find a report on the meeting, between IOC President Dr. Count Jacques Rogge and a delegation of the ISOH Executive Committee. The meeting took place on September 2nd. The atmosphere was very cordial and Dr Rogge took great interest in our activities.

That meeting has already borne fruit as ISOH President Bill Mallon recently received a very cordial letter from the IOC President, informing him [us] that the subsidy for 2002 will soon be awarded.

Another important result also came during October with the appointment of Dr. Karl Lennartz, vice-president of ISOH, to the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic