

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.



Bill Mallon, M.D.

President, International Society of Olympic Historians (ISOH)

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

Education. We congratulate Karl Lennartz [and ISOH] on this important appointment!

Our good wishes go to Harry Gordon who has been presented with the first **Australian Sports Commission Lifetime Achievement Media Award** for a lifetime's work devoted to writing about sport. Chairman Peter Bartels presented the award to Harry Gordon for his services to the media over **60 years** in a special meeting at the National Press Club in Canberra. An indication of how highly this award is regarded is shown by the personal letter which Harry received from Australia's Prime Minister John Howard!

Harry was for several years a much appreciated member of the editorial team for the *Journal of Olympic History*, [from which he recently retired owing to other commitments]

As usual at the end of the year [2002], all members will by now have received the ISOH Directory for 2003, with the names of all Full Members, Patron Members and [unfortunately] also the names of several members who have had to be deleted from membership because they had neglected to pay subscription dues for two consecutive years.

As in previous years, I enclose with the ISOH Directory 2003, a personal letter explaining to each member his/her situation with regard to

his/her payment of the subscription dues.

However, I need to say that the same problem as stated above, threatens to happen to several members, who still have to pay the subscription over the last year (2002). It is for this reason that I urge every member to look at his personal situation with regard to payment of the subscription dues.

Our founder member from Sweden Ture Widlund provided us with an overall index of all articles that were published during the first ten years of ISOH's existence. To celebrate ISOH's first decade, the Executive Committee decided to print this index for all members, so that everyone can see, what articles have been published in the *Journal of Olympic History* over the past ten years.

I should add that many of those articles can also be found [with ISOH's permission] on the website of the Amateur Athletic Foundation in Los Angeles: <http://www.aafla.org>.

Alternatively you can obtain back issues of the *Journal of Olympic History* through me, even though several issues have long been out of print. However, we've kept 'master-copies' from each issue, which can be photocopied and bound. For each backissue, original or in photocopy, the price is US\$10.00, not including mailing costs.

Anthony Th. Bijkerk

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORS

The old and new editors

Since the foundation of ISOH more than ten years ago we have produced a journal.

Originally named *citius – altius – fortius*, it now bears the title *Journal of Olympic History*. As we have grown so has the journal. An increase in content and quality has helped it part of a circle of well-recognised Olympic publications world wide.

In recent years Tony Bijkerk was chief editor and general secretary of ISOH. He was supported by editors from various European countries and published many interesting articles. Undoubtedly he did a great job. We

cannot thank him enough for his efforts. It is only reasonable that Tony does not wish to continue as both editor and general secretary. For some time he has been looking for a successor. Therefore we have decided to take over the job as chief editor of the journal. The last four issues have been published and mailed out at our institute, so the format of the magazine is familiar to us. In addition we will be able to call on the same editorial team which has done such great work in recent years. We will try to go on with the work in the Olympic spirit and hope that you will be satisfied with the content and structure of this issue.