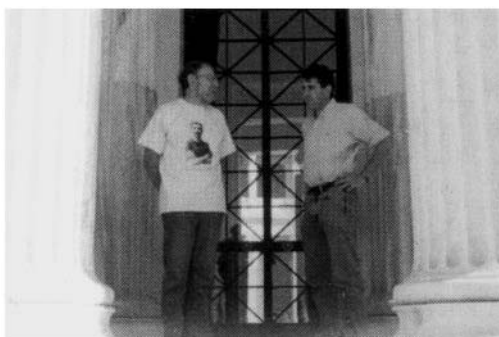


## WELCOME TO THE ISSUE

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We hope that all of you had a good beginning to 2004. The editorial team of ISOH wishes you all the best for the coming year, in which we not only celebrate the Olympic Games in Athens but also the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of those in St. Louis. We therefore think it is a good idea to mark both



events by publishing first and foremost articles which deal with the role of Athens in the modern Olympic Movement and with the Olympic Games in St. Louis.

In this issue you'll find one article dealing with the Olympic event in St. Louis. It is entitled „The Great Gathering of Sport Scientists: The 1904 St. Louis Olympic Games Exposition Fair Physical education Lectures” and was written by John LUCAS. In addition to this we have designed a calendar showing dates and pictures of Olympic jubilees from 1894 - 2004. We have enclosed this calendar with this issue and hope that it will be of use for you.

Perhaps it might even inspire you to write an article about a specific highlight in the history of the modern Olympic Movement.

In the last issues we presented both reports and announcements on conferences on which papers were or will be presented on historical aspects on the Olympic Movement. We have a detailed knowledge of what is going on in Europe but this is not enough. There are many worthwhile gatherings elsewhere where sessions or even the entire congress is devoted to the Olympic movement. We therefore ask you to help keep us informed so we can ensure they receive as wide an audience as possible.

Enjoy reading the issue

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