

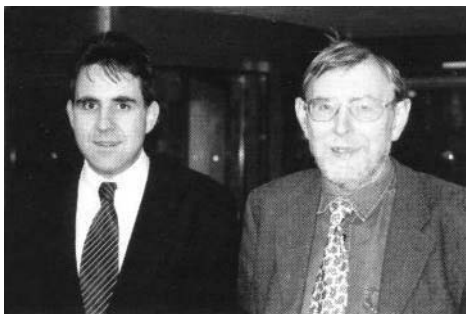
WELCOME TO THE ISSUE

As you will see from the articles printed in this Journal, we decided to continue with the project to publish at least one or two articles dealing mainly with the Olympic Games in St. Louis 1904. This time we decided to print June Wuest BECHT'S article on the St. Louis Olympics and the one of Robert L. CLOTWORTHY entitled "Aquatics St. Louis 1904: Fancy Diving."

From 27 – 29 February 2004 a conference on the subject: The International Olympic Games in Athens 1906 took place in Volos, Greece. The conference was organised by our member Georgios DOLIANITIS and was attended by several ISOH members, who had been invited to speak at the conference.

The participants in the Congress (upon special request by its organiser Georgios DOLIANITIS) decided to publish the main results of the congress in another special issue on the 2nd International Olympic Games in Athens 1906. In this special issue, which is in fact a reprint of ISOH's Special Edition from March 2002, the request to recognize the 1906 International Olympic Games as an official part of the Olympic Games is repeated. For that reason the special issue will be sent to all members of the IOC and to all NOCs.

The special issue will contain the article by Karl LENNARTZ and photographs on some rare documents on the Olympic Games 1906.



In this issue of the Journal, you can find an article written by Tony BIJKERK on Fanny BLANKERS-KOEN, who passed away 25th January 2004. As the article contains a lot of information on BLANKERS-KOEN, which highlights her as the world's greatest female athlete, we decided to print it not in the section reserved for obituaries.

Last but not least some words on the articles, which are all worthwhile for being published. We, the editors, think that we should try to use standardized guidelines for authors. By this means the quality of our journal can be improved. We will try to draw up these guidelines, which in the not too distant future you can find on our new website.

We also want to make it a custom to print a short Curriculum Vitae with a photograph of each author whose article has been included. So, if you send us an article then please enclose some brief biographical data of yourself and a photograph. Although we started with this innovation in the last issue, we could not realize this service in the current issue as we were still lacking biographical notes on some of the authors.

Enjoy reading this issue.

Karl Lennartz & Stephan Wassong