



I hope that you have enjoyed the 2004 Athens Olympic Games – either on TV, or at the Olympic venues themselves. During the Games of the XXVIII Olympiad, the Quadrennial Meeting of ISOH took place on 15 August. *Omilos Ereton* in Pireaus,

which is the oldest rowing club of Greece, was chosen as site for the meeting. This was definitely a wise decision, as all of us felt very comfortable there, even though several of our members had problems finding the premises.

At the meeting, Karl LENNARTZ officially took over the office of president of ISOH. Although this is a great honour and a good public presentation for ISOH, it has some consequences for our Journal, since Karl decided not to combine his new duties as President with those of editor-in-chief. Therefore, he decided to step down, but also to remain on the editorial team as a co-editor.

As the new editor, I think it is good to have Karl remaining on the editorial team, because we cannot miss his expertise and long experience in editing. As Karl and I are employed at the same institution we could meet spontaneously. This is a good situation for preparing each issue. It is also a great advantage that we could persuade Bob BARNEY from London, Ontario, Canada, to join the editorial team.

Next to me as the new editor, the following persons belong to the new team: Karl LENNARTZ (co-editor), Philip BARKER, Tony BIJKERK and Bob BARNEY (as associate editors), and Thomas ZAWADZKI (as technical director).

In 2004, we celebrated not only the Olympic Games in Athens but also the 100th anniversary of those in St. Louis. As you know from the last two issues we wanted to mark both events by publishing first and foremost articles, dealing with the role of Athens in the modern Olympic Movement and with the Olympic Games in St. Louis. Even in the last issue of 2004 we want to stress this thematic series by publishing two articles on the 1904 St. Louis Olympic Games. They are entitled "Beyond Clotworthy and Aquatics St. Louis 1904 – Fancy Diving: A Centennial View of Swimming and Diving at the Games of the Third Olympiad" (Robert and David BARNEY) and *Chicago Loses The 1904 Olympics* (John FINDLING). The article by Robert and David BARNEY can be directly linked to Bob CLOTWORTHY'S article "Aquatics St. Louis 1904: Fancy Diving". This article was published in our last issue. Next to these and other articles you will find a special information section on ISOH. Although I do not normally want to include this section regularly in our journal, we do need it in this issue. The reason for this, is to inform you in detail about the Quadrennial meeting in Athens, the new members in our executive board, the objectives of our new President Karl LENNARTZ for the future, and last but not least about academic awards given to Dick POUND and Bruce KIDD.

I hope you will enjoy reading this issue.

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