

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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In fact my first message is a very short one. I have summarized what I regard as important for my work as president in my inaugural address given at the General Assembly which was held in Omilos Ereton, Piraeus. The speech is printed in this issue.

Many members of ISOH visited the 2004 Athens Olympic Games and made their own opinion about the event. In the course of the Games many exhibitions were held. You can also find articles about them in this issue. The new executive board met with Dick POUND who promised his support to the ISOH motion to



become a recognised member of the IOC. I hope that we succeed in this. In the meantime I have written to president ROGGE to inform him of the changes in our board and to confirm that we shall continue to strive for a continued good relationship with the IOC.

After my return from Athens there was little time for recreation. I accepted an invitation from the University of Missouri to speak at the *International Congress on the 1904 St. Louis Olympic Games and Anthropological Days: A Centennial Retrospective*. A report on this conference is published in this issue, too. Back from St. Louis I took part in a conference organised by the *National Olympic Committee for*

*Germany*. This conference was entitled "Historical, Current and Future Aspects of Olympic Development" and is organised every two years for students. Students and professors from various universities were asked to give a lecture and to present a specific topic which they had prepared in groups. It was very interesting to participants not only from German universities but also Russia, Poland, Czech Republic and Estonia. Normally this conference is staged at the IOA in Olympia but this year was staged on the island of Usedom in Germany because the IOA was closed for the Olympic Games.

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