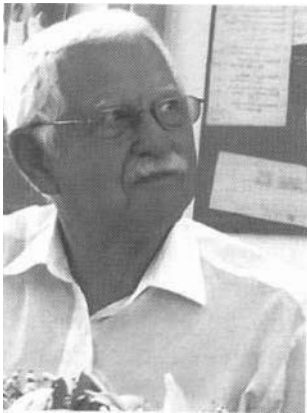


MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL



Our quadrennial meeting took place as planned on Sunday morning, August 15, 2004 at 10:45 am in the premises of the oldest Rowing Club in Greece, *Omilos Ereton*.

Unfortunately, we experienced that several members, including

our President Bill MALLON, had not been able to find the location, even though a small map showing the location of *Omilos Ereton* had been published in the previous issue of the Journal.

The minutes of our Quadrennial Meeting (made by Roula VATHI from the *International Olympic Academy*) can also be found in this issue, so I will refrain from mentioning any further details.

Most of the attending ISOH's members watched the video presentation by our French member André DREVON about the Games of the IInd Olympiad in Paris in 1900.

After the Quadrennial Meeting the new Executive Committee, under the new ISOH

President Dr. Karl LENNARTZ took over the tasks from the previous Committee.

The invitation from our Greek member Georgios DOLIANITIS for an official reception in his worldfamous library in Athens two days later, had to be scratched owing to sad personal circumstances in DOLIANITIS' family.

Instead, the ISOH members were now invited to visit an exhibition about Pierre de COUBERTIN and the Greeks, which was organised by ISOH member Jean DURRY and several others, in the old Athenian gasworks at the address Pireaus Street 100 in Athens. Unfortunately only few ISOH members attended this interesting exhibition. Jean DURRY personally gave an explanation for those who did attend.

Finally, I can now state that ISOH is almost near to the figure of 350 members. As I stated in my report to the Quadrennial Meeting the membership in Asia, and especially in countries like China, Pakistan, Korea and Thailand is zero. All ISOH members are invited to try and get us represented there! Even the country which will be organizing the next Olympic Games (Beijing 2008) is not represented in our ranks and it is about time for that to change!

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