

## **MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Greetings from Durham and a Happy New Year to all of you. This marks the second edition of *Citius, Altius, Fortius: The ISOH Journal*. Remarks concerning the first edition were generally positive and we have had a good response to the membership with approximately 55 members joining up to date. Since the last newsletter, another successful Olympic Games has been held, and I'm sure many of you were in Barcelona. If not, I'm certain all of us watched on television.

Several changes have been enacted concerning membership after discussion between Ian Buchanan, Ture Widlund and myself. Most of these entail ways to allow members to pay their dues and avoid some of the problems with currency exchanges. Two copies of a prospectus concerning the International Society of Olympic Historians are enclosed with this issue. The prospectus details the new methods of paying dues which are possible. In addition, a membership application is part of the prospectus. Those of you who have not yet joined are encouraged to do so by returning the application and making arrangements to pay dues in one of the methods described. Thanks to member Mark Maestrone, who let us use a copy of the prospectus for the Sports Philatelists International as an example.

Briefly, the following new methods of payment of dues are now possible: 1) lifetime membership to avoid yearly payment of dues; 2) payment of dues to either Ian Buchanan or Ture Widlund in European currencies to alleviate the problem with currency exchange; 3) payment of several years of dues at one time to avoid having to pay each year in differing currencies; and 4) direct deposit into a checking account here in Durham, North Carolina, USA. We have established a checking account in the name of ISOH at First Union Bank, Durham, North Carolina. All affairs of the society will be paid via this account and a yearly accounting of our balances will be published in the newsletter.

Other news: His Excellency President Juan Antonio Samaranch has joined ISOH and offered us his wishes for a successful society. In addition, he desired a meeting with Ian Buchanan and myself to discuss ISOH and how we can interact with the IOC and this is being arranged for the July 1993 in Lausanne. We will keep you apprised of the details and the results of this meeting.

Two important points were omitted from the previous newsletter. First of all, Volker Kluge of Germany was invited to the original meeting which helped formed ISOH in December 1991 in London and he should be considered a founding member. Secondly, there may have been some misunderstanding with a note on p. 39 of the first newsletter concerning a forthcoming book entitled *The Golden Book of the Olympics*. I may have misrepresented this and made it appear to be my book, for which I apologize. It is a joint venture with Erich Kamper, the honorary president of ISOH, and consists of an amalgam of two previous books - Kamper's *Lexikon der 14,000 Olympioniken* and Mallon's *The Olympic Record Book*.

This issue consists of several articles - one by Ian Buchanan, one by Juan Fauria Garcia, and one, basically an editorial, by myself. Also included are multiple book reviews, as Olympic books tend to proliferate in the year of the Olympiad. A few letters to the authors of the articles in the first issue (Pete Cava, Frank Zamowski) are also enclosed. I have also included year-end listings of Olympic obituaries from 1992, and a list of ISOH members and their addresses and other data which was included on their membership application. Hope you enjoy it.

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