

## ***MEETING WITH IOC PRESIDENT SAMARANCH***

A meeting was held in Lausanne on Thursday, 15 July 1993, and those present were as follows:

IOC	HE Juan Antonio Samaranch Karel Wendl	President Director, Olympic Research Dept.
ISOH	Ian Buchanan Bill Mallon Wolf Lyberg	President Secretary-General Executive Committee

After the usual exchange of courtesies, Ian Buchanan opened the meeting by giving a brief history of ISOH and invited President Samaranch to become an Honorary Life Member of ISOH. The President responded that he would prefer to maintain his present status as a "regular" paying member.

The meeting continued with a general discussion regarding ways in which ISOH could assist the IOC. We were urged to give Wolf Lyberg his support into compiling the IOC project of compiling an index of all Olympic competitors, including full names and dates of birth.

President Samaranch complimented Bill Mallon on the ISOH Journal and gave us the very welcome news that the IOC would be willing to help underwrite the costs of producing future issues of the Journal. This removes a huge burden from Bill who, at the moment, not only prepares all the editorial material but also prints, binds, and mails the Journal from his home. Through the generous support of the IOC the future of the Journal is now assured.

All three ISOH members in Lausanne paid a number of visits to the newly-opened Olympic Museum where the film archives and library provide an absolute treasure trove for historians, President Samaranch would like to see these new facilities fully used and the quality of the Museum, both in content and design, cannot be stressed too strongly.

A brief discussion was held on the matter of an IOC Scholarship/Award for original research work. It was agreed that this could be reviewed at a future date.

President Samaranch mentioned the possibility of forming an IOC Commission devoting to historical research. If formed, he stated it was possible to hold meetings (?annual) in Lausanne with the IOC possibly paying expenses of some ISOH Members to work with the commission. He also mentioned the 1994 Olympic Congress in Lausanne and that this may be an appropriate time to hold an ISOH Meeting or Executive Committee Meeting.

The matter of the IOC appointing a member to our Executive Committee was not raised and this will be pursued by correspondence.

We feel that as a result of this meeting, President Samaranch and the IOC now have a clearer idea of the status and aims of ISOH and this is confirmed by their generous support of the Journal. The meeting closed on a cordial note after approximately one hour.

Ian Buchanan  
President ISOH