

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

Welcome to the second year of the International Society of Olympic Historians and the second volume of *Citius, Altius, Fortius: The ISOH Journal*. I hope all of you enjoyed the first year and the first volume. At this writing we have 94 members, fast approaching 100. Enclosed with this volume as an insert is an up-to-date membership roster. All members can use this to help stay in touch with the various ISOH Members. This will be updated in each volume of the journal and each year, a new complete roster will be sent out to all members.

Since we are now starting our second year, dues for the journal are due for the 1994 volume. If you have not joined as a lifetime member, or paid several years dues in advance, you will be receiving with this volume a payment invoice, which also details the several ways in which the dues can be paid. Please send these in as soon as possible to keep the group as financially viable as possible.

You will note that we have a fairly "full" volume this time and I think the articles are improving with each issue as I receive more and more from the membership. I must again emphasize that this is your journal, and depends on the submission of articles by the membership. Please send me what you have. In addition, all members may be solicited for articles dealing with their own special area of Olympic expertise, or for book reviews, and, on occasion, for critiques of some of the articles. This is often done with medical journals and I would like to start this practice of having our members critique articles by other members.

Karl Lennartz has done this in this issue, adding some information to the article on the 1896 marathon, which was published in the last issue by Athanasios Tarasouleas. Lennartz also commented to me that the journal is a bit too "English/American." I would admit that this has been the case to date, but it is because I have not received as many articles from the Europeans. I assure you that quality articles will almost certainly be used when received. So, to the Europeans, Asians, Australians, and Africans - let me hear from you.

We are quickly gaining more and more members from the world of academia. As stated in earlier issues, we are trying to have a mix of members - academics, journalists, statisticians, hobbyists, collectors. I would urge the academicians to submit their "rejected" articles which may not have been published yet elsewhere. As an academic orthopaedic surgeon who frequently submits articles to medical and orthopaedic journals, I have many articles in that category which have not yet been published. Hopefully, the academic world will use *Citius, Altius, Fortius* for some of their articles with slightly less academic rigor.

As this is being mailed around the holidays, the Mallon Family would like to send our best Olympic holiday wishes to all members of ISOH and their families. This comes from my wife, Karen, our cat, Kiki, and our two dogs, Kelly, and Kamper. Kamper's name? A chocolate labrador retriever, it comes from two sources - one, he is the happiest dog extant, hence Happy Kamper, and two, the spelling is after my Olympic history mentor, Erich Kamper.

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