

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

This issue of *Citius, Altius, Fortius* completes the third full year of publication of the journal, and is the 10th issue to be published. ISOH has now been in existence for almost four full years (founded 5 December 1991). Currently we have over 180 members and the membership is growing steadily. We have also been listed on several library databases as a published journal, which I suspect will increase our circulation to the libraries of the world and should allow us more freedom to publish a higher quality product. In addition, we are now obtaining an ISSN Number, which registers us internationally. Our organization is becoming much better known, as well. Next year, ISOH will be listed as one of the "Organisations Reconnues/Recognized Organizations" in the *Olympic Directory*, published by the IOC. We again thank the IOC and Juan Antonio Samaranch for their financial support of *Citius, Altius, Fortius*.

In 1996, the Games of the XXVIth Olympiad will take place in Atlanta, Georgia, USA from 19 July through 4 August. We have made tentative arrangements for the first General Meeting of the ISOH Membership. Further details will be released next year, but currently a meeting is planned for Tuesday, 30 July, on the break day of track & field during the second week of the Games. It will be held at a conference room in a Holiday Inn in the Atlanta area. Members who have suggestions or ideas to be presented at this meeting should begin to formalize them and send them to either myself, Ian Buchanan, or Ture Widlund.

In addition, 1996 will see our first full Olympiad as an organization come to an end, and the current officers - President Buchanan, Vice-President Widlund, and Secretary-General Mallon - will see their terms officially come to an end. With the next issue of *Citius, Altius, Fortius*, I will distribute a nominating ballot for election of new officers for the next Olympiad. You may wish to begin thinking now of who you will nominate.

I repeat my thrice-yearly call for articles. Prospective authors who wish to contact me before beginning a writing project are encouraged to do so. Currently, we are in fairly good shape, but we cannot have enough quality articles. The more articles we receive, the closer we may come to our eventual goal of the journal becoming a "refereed" one in which we will cull out only certain selected articles by sending them in advance to reviewers. Currently, all decisions on inclusion are mine.

On a personal note, my orthopaedic surgery practice has continued to thrive, which is good. My Olympic "hobby/second job" has also continued to thrive, which is also good. However, I am not certain that the two together do not constitute too much of a good thing and it is likely that 1996 will represent my last year as editor of the journal. Currently, we are discussing with Tony Bijkerk of Belgium the possibility of his taking over as editor. However, if any members wish to be considered for this position, please let us know.

Hope you enjoy the issue. And I apologize for the printing error on the last issue, which was numbered as Vol. 2, No. 2 - it should have been Vol. 3, No. 2.

Bill Mallon
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