

MEMBERS FORUM

Dear ISOH,

In the membership roster of ISOH I find a lot of famous names, idols in Olympic research. I am looking for work as a librarian, journalist or writer in the Olympic Movement somewhere in the world - on Olympic Committees, Museums, Publishing Houses, and so on. My family and I would be willing to go anywhere. Anything which can be arranged would be seriously considered.

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Dear ISOH,

On page 34 of the most recent edition of *Citius, Altius, Fortius* you mentioned that NBC is paying \$2.3 billion for the 2004, 2006, and 2008 Olympics. You then give the amounts which each Organizing Committee will receive, but these amounts add to \$2.3 billion, leaving nothing for anyone else. I think this must be a mistake.

Christopher Hill
GREAT BRITAIN

Dear Chris,

You are correct. The breakdown by Olympiad was the total to be distributed to the COJOs/OCOGs, IOC, NOCs, and IFs, inclusive. It was my mistake.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tuesday, 5 December 1995, marked the fourth anniversary of the founding of ISOH and our first "Olympiad" has now come to a close. Sadly, just a few weeks earlier we learned of the death of Erich Kamper, our Honorary President, and the doyen of Olympic historians. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Erich, my first letter from him was dated 20 April 1974 and after 21 years of regular correspondance it seems as if I have lost a close friend. I am sure you will all share the sentiments expressed by Bill Mallon in the accompanying obituary.

When ISOH was founded by a small group of historians in London in 1991, I was delighted to be asked to serve as the first President although I can now confess that I entertained some reservations about the need for such an organization. I felt that I knew of just about everyone interested in Olympic History and that the need to formalize many years of amicable correspondance was perhaps not necessary. How wrong I was! Since the founding of ISOH, I have made countless new and knowledgeable friends, many of whom I have had the pleasure of meeting personally and I am sure that through ISOH other members have also been able to widen their field of contacts.

The main vehicle for learning of members with similar interest is, of course, our journal, *Citius, Altius, Fortius*, and we owe an immense debt to Bill Mallon for editing a publication of such high quality. From the very first issue he produced a journal which was far superior to many of the publications of societies of much longer standing. However, all of Bill's efforts would have been in vain without the necessary finances to meet the printing and postage costs. Here we are indebted to IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch, for making funds available to meet the cost of publication.

Speaking of the IOC, many of you will already know that Karel Wendl, former Director of the Olympic Studies and Research Centre for the IOC, has now retired and I am delighted to report that, in recognition of all the help he gave to ISOH during our early years, Karel has been elected an Honorary Life Member by the Executive Committee. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

I believe it can be safely said that our first "Olympiad" has been successful. We are now recognized by a number of international academic bodies, and many of our members have published the results of their researches in a particular field. The wide-ranging nature of the articles in the Journal also serves to confirm the growing interest in Olympic history. Starting in 1996, ISOH will be listed as a recognized organization in the *Olympic Movement Directory*, published by the IOC.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for their support during my term of office and I look forward to meeting them and many other members in Atlanta.

Ian Buchanan
President, IS OH