

## MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

This last issue of Volume Four brings ISOH to the end of its first Olympiad of existence. It also brings me to the end of my sojourn as editor of this journal. It has been an enjoyable four years of trying to get this journal started, and trying to get ISOH off its feet. In many ways I will miss editing the journal. In many other ways it is exactly the correct time for me to step down.

I think four years is about the right amount of time for any editor to continue at the head of a journal. After that, his own personal biases surely color what is written. There are many voices wishing to be heard in the world of Olympic history and by spreading the journal to other editors, perhaps a different voice will appear.

With the first issue of 1997, Tony Bijkerk of the Netherlands will begin editing *Citius, Altius, Fortius*. He will be assisted by Wray Vamplew of Great Britain and Steve Harris of the United States. I know they will do an excellent job. Please support them by continuing to send them the articles, book reviews, and comments which are necessary to keep the journal alive and healthy.

Many of us have now returned from Atlanta and the Games of the XXVIth Olympiad. While there, we had our first Quadrennial Meeting of ISOH, and the minutes of that meeting are found herein. A new Executive Committee was recently elected and details of that are found in the minutes. Amendments to the Constitution of ISOH are in this issue of the journal. In addition, I am enclosing with this mailing a complete up-to-date version of the ISOH Constitution. At this writing we now have 204 members and at least 10-15 pending applications. ISOH appears quite healthy indeed.

I would like to thank Ian Buchanan, Ture Widlund, and the other members of the Executive Committee for their support in the past four years. I also thank Juan Antonio Samaranch and the IOC for their continued financial support.

I leave you with the words of Dylan - Bob, not Thomas:

“May God bless and keep you always,  
May your wishes all come true.  
May you always do for others,  
And have others do for you.  
May you build a ladder to the stars,  
And climb on every rung.  
And may you stay -  
Forever young.”



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