

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE NEW EDITORIAL TEAM.

It was certainly not without any hesitation that I agreed to the proposal from our President Ian Buchanan to take over both the post of Secretary-General and the editorship of the *Journal of Olympic History* from my eminent predecessor Bill Mallon. I promise to make the best of both jobs, and I am counting upon all members to make things as easy as possible for both the Secretary-General and the new editorial team. The editorial team appeals to all members to think about articles for the *Journal*. We need you to help us fill these pages.

Yes, we have a team of editors-full of dash and with a few new plans for the *Journal*. First, as you can see, we changed the name from *Citius, Altius, Fortius* (in complete accord with Bill Mallon, who also had been thinking along the same lines) to *Journal of Olympic History*. Second, we have started a "Circle of Correspondents" from all over the world to get as much information about Olympic historical matters as possible. Any of you inclined to join this "Circle" are welcome to do so. One thing we certainly are interested in are obituaries of Olympic medalists from all over the world. They deserve our lasting attention. Ove Karlsson from Sweden will coordinate the obituary information. Furthermore, we are giving our readers a platform where they can ask for much needed assistance in matters pertaining to their research. Prof. Wray Vamplew in Leicester/United Kingdom will coordinate the "Members Forum." You can send your questions to him direct. Steve Harris from Westport/USA will design the *Journal*, edit the material he receives through me. He will take care of printing and expediting the *Journal* to you all. Of course, the editorial team will decide every four months which articles will be worthwhile to be included in the *Journal*. My proposals, based on the received material, will form the basis for this decision.

We, as the new editorial team, shall continue to strive for the goals that have been established five years ago and that have been written down in our constitution!

There is good news to report. The Society again grew with quite a few new members, among whom we welcome the first member from Japan. Largely through the personal efforts from Wolf Lyberg, a personal friend, Bob Miyakawa from Tokyo joined the Society-together with a score of others.

Some of you may have wondered about it, but the former member of the Executive Committee Bob Barney from Canada, did not stand for re-election on July 30, last. ISOH President Ian Buchanan specifically asked me to inform you all about this fact.

At the very last moment, we learned from the section Olympic News, that some of our ISOH members have been awarded the Olympic Order. We herewith congratulate Karl Lennartz, Norbert Müller, Nadia Lekarska, Fernand Landry, Yves-Pierre Boulongne and Karel Wendl with this well deserved honor!

And from from the new editorial team: Happy New Year!

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