

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE EDITORIAL TEAM.

This issue of the *Journal of Olympic History* marks a milestone in the use of graphic design. For the first time, we are using photographs and illustrations. There may be some kinks that need to be ironed out, but we are excited about our first try at presenting photographs and illustrations of historic events. And for us there is no better way to launch this endeavor than on the cover with a drawing of the founding site of the ISOH, drawn by Joanna Buchanan. What makes the cover even better, we know, is that Joanna is the daughter of ISOH President Ian Buchanan.

For me, personally, I've been an ISOH member now for two years. It was through the ubiquitous Bill Mallon that I joined up. We met while working on a CD-ROM for S.E.A. Multimedia out of Tel Aviv, a company of young entrepreneurs who produced one of the most detailed histories of the Summer Games in time for the 100th anniversary of the Modern Olympics. Getting to know Bill, then slowly some of the other Olympic historians, including Tony and Wray who like me are also held responsible for publishing the *Journal*, I soon realized I was among a special group of people.

A quick scan of the membership list bears me out. And in each issue we are always proud to note the honors and great works of our ISOH colleagues. Cases in point:

In May, five ISOH members received the coveted "Olympic Order in Silver," awarded by the International Olympic Committee. Thus, our heartiest congratulations go to ISOH President Ian Buchanan, Professor Emeritus Robert K. Barney, Professor John J. MacAloon, Miquel de Moragas I Spa and Thomas P. Rosandich. A month later, Wolf Lyberg, at a ceremony in the Swedish Royal Palace was given a special medal in the VIIIth grade by King Carl Gustav for his untiring international work. (We wonder if the King is as pleased as we are for Wolf because, after all, it was Wolf who at the 1972 Munich Games introduced him to his future queen and wife, Queen Sylvia.) And, of course, we doff our hats to our own Wray Vamplew who was recently elected to the Council of the International Society for the History of Physical Education and Sport.

The ISOH must also recognize H.W. "Rie" de Wit-Mastenbroek, featured in the previous issue of the *Journal*. On 28 July, she became only the third woman to ever receive from the IOC the "Olympic Order in Gold!" Quite a feat, and we salute this former Olympic gold medalist.

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