

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND THE EDITORIAL TEAM

We would like to congratulate three ISOH members who have recently been honoured for their work. They are ISOH Executive Committee Member Wolf Lyberg, Dr. Don Anthony, and our own Associate Editor Harry Gordon.

- Wolf received a fine stipend from "The Friends of the Swedish Sports," for his work through the decades for Swedish sport. The amount of Sw. Kronor 15.000 (a lot of money!) will not be available for his own private use, but will be donated to an athlete of Wolfs choice, to facilitate his or her training for the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. It is another very much deserved honour bestowed upon the most senior founder-member of the ISOH Executive Committee.

- Don was elected a "Life Member" of the prestigious Wenlock Olympian Society. A well-deserved honour for which we in the ISOH congratulate him most heartily.

- Harry, whose duties as associate editor of the *Journal* officially begin with this issue, was recognised for a long and distinguished career in journalism through one of that profession's richest awards in Australia. The former editor of *The Melbourne Sun* and editor-in-chief of Queensland Newspapers and *The Herald and Weekly Times*, won the coveted prize for Best Olympic Writing in the annual Sport Writing and Photography competition, conducted by Carlton and United Breweries and Random House Publishers in Sydney. The award was for a poignant article published in *The Australian* in April (1998), exploring the often tragic meeting point between war and Olympic Sport. Harry has a Walkley Award and three United Nations Media Peace Prize gold citations. For outstanding service to journalism, sport and history, he was honoured with a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, membership of the Order of Australia and induction into Australia's Sporting Hall of Fame. (Quoted from: *Gold Coast Bulletin*, 16 October 1998). Harry's colleagues at the *Journal* are especially proud.

Our first issue for 1999 provides an overall view of all available information on the 1896 Olympic marathon. Thanks to many contributors, with special emphasis to Dr. Karl Lennartz and Ove Karlsson. Dr. David Young and the editor assembled a wealth of information on the marathon. However, we'd be most grateful if our readers have anything more to add to the list!

For the first time, we mailed a special separate issue of the ISOH memberships-list up to December 15, 1998. You should have received it by now. In this way, we reserve more space for the articles.

Finally, some of you will receive a personal reminder to pay your still open dues for 1998. You should combine that payment with your subscription for 1999. It will save you money. Also, please read the message on Page 4 from the Treasurer and myself.

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Stephen L. Harris and Harry Gordon, Associate Editors

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