

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

In this issue of the Journal we remember Lord Killanin, the sixth President of the IOC; but also ISOH-member Fernand Landry from Canada, who died in April.

We also believe you will find some splendid articles. I ask your special attention to Bill Mallon and Ian Buchanan's piece on the famous "To No Earthly King" incident; while new member Dr. Floris van der Merwe from South Africa submitted a most interesting story about two South African runners who participated in the 1904 St. Louis Olympic marathon.

SOCOG CEO, Sandy Hollway, writing exclusively for the Journal, gives his perception of the IOC crisis and its impact on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, while Charles Little gives an incite into the history of the Sydney Bid. Séamus Ware looks at the technological progress at the Olympic Games, plus we have our regular Members Forum pieces and book reviews.

Members will undoubtedly note that this issue looks different and has even been mailed from a different continent. This happened quite suddenly. Associate editor Steve Harris, who was responsible for the typesetting, printing and mailing the Journal, moved to the State of Vermont in July. Because of personal circumstances, he asked if he might ease off on his work for the ISOH. In about a year, he will be able to resume his full support of our work.

Out of the blue, and almost at the same time, I received a message from Anthony Edgar from SOCOG, offering his assistance with the Journal up to the Sydney Olympic Games in September 2000.

This offer completely solved ISOH's problems. I thank Anthony Edgar for offering his much appreciated assistance, and pass on our great gratitude to Steve for his time and expertise over the last year.

HONOURS TO ISOH MEMBERS

The Australian Olympic Committee has presented its highest honour, the Award of Merit, to Harry Gordon, author, historian and senior Olympic contributor to *The Australian*.

The award, whose previous recipients have included Betty Cuthbert, Herb Elliott and Dawn Fraser, was presented by President John Coates to a standing ovation, at the annual meeting of the Australian Olympic Committee.

Mr. Coates paid tribute to Gordon's achievements as journalist, editor and author. He noted Gordon's recent contributions in helping to plan the torch relay for Sydney 2000.

This abstract was taken from the May 17, 1999 issue of *The Australian*. On behalf of all ISOH members, we extend our heartiest congratulations to Harry. We are proud to have him as a member of the ISOH and the Journal's editorial-team.

Another of our ISOH members, Christine Brennan, a journalist with *The Washington Post*, was voted SPORTSWRITER of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation. The ISOH extends a hearty congratulations to Christine.

Being Olympic historians, you won't need to be reminded that when you receive this issue, which we hope will be around September 15th, the Opening Ceremony of the Games of the XXVII Olympiad will be exactly one year away!

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