

BOOK REVIEWS

COUBERTIN AND OLYMPISM - QUESTIONS FOR THE FUTURE. LE HAVRE 1897-1997.

303 Pages. In English and French To be obtained from the Secretariat of the "International Pierre de Coubertin Committee", Mme. Ada Wild, Secretary-General, Avenue Verdeil 1, CH-1005 Lausanne, Switzerland. Price of the Report: SwFr. 25,-; or DEM 34,00; or Fr.Fr. 100,00. Reviewed by Ian Buchanan.

This well-produced book provides a valuable permanent record of the 21 main lectures and 7 ancillary papers delivered at the Le Havre meeting in 1997. The occasion, which marked the centenary of the 1897 Congress, attracted speakers eminent in their specialist field. The inclusion in the title of the phrase: Questions for the Future is rather misleading as the historical aspects of the Olympic Movement were also the subject of many papers. This collection of papers, which has the merit of the French and English language being used in parallel, contains much of interest about the past and food for thought on the future.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF LECTURES

The International Olympic Academy through its lectures, 1961-1998. By Prof. Dr. Norbert Müller. Translated from German by Brenda Kübler-Mabbott (1961-1990) and Ruth Griffiths (191-1998). 387pages, in English Published in 1998 by the International Olympic Committee, Lausanne, Switzerland. Reviewed by Anthony Th. Bijkerk

Müller, an early ISOH member, started this book by giving an introduction, why the I.O.A. thought it necessary to publish this extensive work. He followed up with a fine excerpt of the work and the history of the I.O.A., as the legacy of Pierre de Coubertin, Carl Diem and Jean Ketses; and the late Professor Nikolaos Nissiotis, to whom this book has been dedicated. However, I do not quite understand why Mr. Ketses, who has for ever been known as Jean Ketses in the Olympic Family, has now suddenly been christened John Ketses?

It is the only 'comment' on the publication of this book from my side.

Anyone well disposed to the usual procedures of the International Olympic Academy (IOA) must welcome the appearance of this book. Instead of having to look through all the Session-Reports from 1961 up to 1998, each and every lecture given during the yearly Sessions of the IOA in beautiful Olympia during that period, have been carefully summarized by Dr. Müller.

Very important for people studying the IOA, are the two indexes at the end of the publication: one giving the alphabetical index of the names from all lecturers; the other giving an index of certain key-words, with which the various lectures may be identified.

The book is a substantial contribution to the work of the International Olympic Academy.

**DER WEG DER DRITTEN WELT IN
DIE OLYMPISCHE BEWEGUNG,
(The road of the third world into the Olympic
Movement), by Xiaofei Liu (China). Published in
the series: Studien zur Sportgeschichte, Band 5,
by Academia-Verlag, Sankt Augustin 1998. 180
pages, in German ISBN 3-89665-076-9. Reviewed
by Karl Lennartz.**

Xiaofei Liu's dissertation is one among many others published at the German sports university in Cologne, dealing with the history of the Olympic movement. Xiaofei Liu was born in the People's Republic of China and studied at the German Sports University. The idea to deal with the subject came, when she read a short passage concerning the history on regional Games, I wrote in the book published by the IOC "The International Olympic Committee - One Hundred Years". On the Account of Prof. Manfred Lämmer, her doktorvater, she studied the history of the third world within the Olympic movement.

She starts with the period between the two world wars, describes the attempts of Coubertin and Baillet-Latour to introduce the athletes of the African colonies and the east Asian countries to the Olympic movement. Concerning the period after the second