

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the formation of ISOH some nine years ago, I have had the honour of serving as President and now that my term of office is coming to an end it is an appropriate time to reflect on the current position of the Society.

From a distinct modest beginning we now have some 300 members from 50 different countries which is testament in itself to the widespread interest in Olympic history. Our members do, of course, have different interests and we try to give these varying enthusiasms as wide a coverage as possible in the ISOH Journal.

With the membership roll now at a very satisfactory level I would like to acknowledge the debt that we, as the Society, owe to those who have served as officers or members of the Executive Committee. In particular, I would like to thank our Secretary-General, Tony Bijkerk, who has borne an immense work-load during his period of rapid development. In addition to his duties as Secretary-General, Tony has also served as editor of our Journal, the quality of which continues to improve and a number of prestigious academic institutions throughout the world are now numbered among our subscribers.

The IOC continue to maintain their generous grant towards the costs of producing the Journal and SOCOG have kindly met the costs of producing the last four issues, which were published in 1999, and in the Olympic year 2000. Our financial situation is now satisfactory and I thank David Wallechinsky for his diligent stewardship of our financial affairs.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the newly elected officials of the Society and I am confident that under their guidance ISOH will continue to prosper.

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