

## EDITORIAL NOTE

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**I**n Buchanan has used this issue to write his final message as President of the International Society of Olympic Historians, and although he will officially depart from his office at the quadrennial meeting of the Society in Sydney, on September 26th, the editorial team wishes to convey its deeply felt gratitude for his unfailing assistance and guidance in their work.

Not only has he been a regular contributor to the contents of the Journal, but when in doubt the editorial team could always rely on his advice.

In the message from the Secretary-General, all members will be able to find the results of the elections for the positions on the Executive Committee over the period 2000 - 2004. The editorial team congratulates all newly (re-)elected members, including two of their own.

This will be the last issue under the supervision of editor Anthony Th. Bijkerk. He hands over the duties as editor to Stephen L. Harris. In fact, the editorial team will continue with the same members, but Steve and Tony will change places.

Again this issue of the Journal of Olympic History will bring varied contents, starting with biographies of some American Olympians, George Orton and A.C. Gilbert both from the hand of John Lucas; and another about a Japanese female Olympian, Kinue Hitomi, by Ian Buchanan.

Tony Bijkerk has written an article about the 1920 tug-of-war event, and translated an eye-witness report on these events from the Dutch language.

Ove Karlsson has sent his regular contribution on the obituaries; the editorial team supports his plea to all members to inform him about the passing away of Olympic medal winners from all over the world.

Ruud Paauw reports about the renovation of the 1928 Olympic Stadium from Amsterdam; Karl Lennartz writes about a celebration to commemorate Evangelinos Zappas, who died 200 years ago; Wojciech Zablocki tells us about a "lucky wound" (acting upon the request from the editorial team for stories about "Olympians at War"); and Glynn Leyshon discusses a controversy about citizenship in his article.

There are quite a few book reviews, but "The Olympic News Section" has been reduced.

Following a report from the Olympic Study Centre, we inform the readers about the Post Graduate Grant Programme for 2001.

We hope that you will enjoy these contents, but at the same time we request all of you to continue to send us stories, articles, or reviews.

The Editorial team:

**Anthony Th. Bijkerk**, Secretary-general and editor  
**Stephen L. Harris**, associate editor. **Harry Gordon**, associate editor, and **Anthony Edgar**, associate editor