



Secretary-General

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Memories of the visit to "the best Olympic Games ever" are still quite fresh, and especially meeting with many ISOH members before, during and after the quadrennial meeting on September 26th, 2000, is a thing I will cherish for a long time.

The Games of the XXVIIth Olympiad, in Sydney, 2000, will always be remembered by all, because of the fantastic hospitality by the Australian people in general, the 47,000 volunteers and the people working for SOCOG in particular. Their cordiality, the well-meant phrases, and especially the never-ending will to be of service will remain in our hearts for ever.

The people of SOCOG, who were also members of ISOH, or were/are related to the Organising Committee in another aspect, really went out of their way to help. In this place, I personally want to thank Kevin Berry, Harry Gordon, Anthony Edgar, Janet Cahill, and Kristine Toohey for their kind and much appreciated assistance to ISOH, and to me.

In this issue of the *Journal of Olympic History*, members will find the report on that quadrennial meeting, plus the amended ISOH Constitution, as voted by the constituency earlier this year.

Past President of ISOH, Ian Buchanan was made "Honorary Member" during that meeting and he received many words of praise for his leadership that day. From this place, we congratulate him with this distinction. Ian Buchanan will continue to serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Alas, again, we mourn the death of two of our members:

Francisco Peris Vidal from Spain whose death was brought to my attention by his daughter Sandra Peris, only a few days after closure of

the deadline for the previous issue, and

David Guiney from Ireland, a long-admired and much appreciated author of Olympic publications.

In his opening speech in Sydney ISOH President Ian Buchanan remembered both Mr. Peris Vidal and our Japanese colleague Bob Miyakawa, who died earlier this year.

For this issue, Ian also wrote an obituary of David Guiney.

The Sydney Games had another aspect: ISOH registered a record in the number of new members, with several more coming up regularly. As usual, you'll find the new names at the end of this issue.

But this Secretary-General is especially glad to welcome three new Japanese members, who decided to take up Bob Miyakawa's place in our midst. Bob would have been proud of their decision.

But of course, ISOH is happy with all new members. We welcome you all.

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