

# Message from the editorial team

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Within the Editorial Team, we have had a few changes. The composition of the editorial team returned to the situation as it was in the year 2000. The post of editor again passed into the hands of Tony Bijkerk. Fortunately Steve Harris, who relinquishes that post, will remain a member of the team. He continues as an associate editor, as he did before and at the same time Anthony Edgar also rejoined the editorial team as an associate editor.

We believe we have an exciting issue of the Journal coming up at the end of this year. In early May the editorial team began discussions on how to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the *International Society of Olympic Historians*. The decision was taken, with the blessing of the executive committee, to publish a large commemorative issue of the *Journal of Olympic History* on December 5, 2001. This issue will replace the one normally published in January 2002, and we believe it will be a landmark publication.

The current issue also contains some very good articles.

Karl Lennartz, in his ever continuing research for historical documents, found a significant letter from Pierre de Coubertin, in which he, Coubertin, made rather scathing comments on a publication in the *Official Report of the IXth Olympiad Amsterdam 1928*, edited by the British Olympic Association. Lennartz has compared the text in this report with Coubertin's letter --- and

the result is a fascinating contribution to Olympic history.

To continue with a Pierre de Coubertin theme, we decided to publish an article by John Lucas on the burial ceremony of Pierre de Coubertin's heart in Olympia. We found some good photographs to go with this article.

Outside the Netherlands nothing was ever known about rumours that were published in that country after the return of the famous Dutch swimmer "Zus" Braun from the Games of the Xth Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1932. "Zus" Philipsen-Braun (she was married to Mr. Philipsen) claimed that she had been subjected to a deliberate injury during the Games, in order to eliminate her from the backstroke final. You can read all about this in an article written by Ruud Paauw, who researched the contemporary newspapers, and much later personally interviewed Mrs Philipsen-Braun about the episode..

Of course, there is more, including the regular components like the Book Reviews, the Olympic News Section, ISOH Members Information, etc.

We hope you will all enjoy this issue.

The Editorial Team:

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Harry Gordon, associate editor  
Anthony Edgar, associate editor,  
Steve Harris, associate editor.