

MEETING WITH IOC PRESIDENT SAMARANCH

IOC President Samaranch joined the meeting of the ISOH Executive Committee around noon.

On behalf of the *International Society of Olympic Historians* President Mallon thanked IOC President Samaranch for his support to the ISOH throughout the ten years of its existence. On behalf of the members of the ISOH Executive Committee he handed IOC President Samaranch with a signed, commemorative certificate of appreciation (See cover).

President Samaranch thanked ISOH for its gift. He had wished to meet with the ISOH Executive Committee before reaching the end of his term in office. He stressed that the Olympic historians had an important role to play within the movement. Although the movement was constantly moving forwards, it was vital to look back and learn from its original principles and ideals. Collaboration between the IOC and the ISOH was thus important for both parties.

He informed the meeting that the IOC had decided to increase the ISOH budget, to enable a better quality of its publication: *the Journal of Olympic History*.

In addition, he invited the ISOH to nominate one representative to serve on the IOC Cultural and Education Commission. The IOC would accept the person chosen by the ISOH.

President Samaranch stressed once again that the ISOH had contributed considerably towards the Olympic movement, and that he hoped that it would continue to collaborate with the IOC, working side by side.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch with President Samaranch.

After lunch the meeting resumed.

ORAL PROJECT

Several members of the committee reported about the situation in their respective countries with regard to the *ORAL PROJECT*, which was initiated by ISOH Treasurer David Wallechinsky three years ago. It was decided to make contact with the Olympic Museum about this project to see if cooperation between the two organisations can be implemented.

Ancient Olympic Games

ISOH member Prof. Manfred Lämmer from the German Sports University in Cologne has launched the idea to create a special working group on the subject of the Ancient Olympic Games. The Committee decides to support the idea and invited Prof. Lämmer to submit an article on the subject for inclusion in the *Journal of Olympic History*.

Nominations

The Committee decided that members, whose yearly subscriptions have not been received, cannot be nominated for membership of the Executive Committee. The Secretary-General has been invited to propose a change in the ISOH Constitution accordingly, but to act conform to this decision when the next election is due.

IOC Commission for Education and Culture

The Committee unanimously nominated Prof. Dr. Karl Lennartz as the ISOH's representative on the IOC Commission.