



## Members' Forum

**Subject:** In search of the artists of 1912/ spring, 2001

**Date:** Fri, Jun 8, 2001,

Dear Mr. Editor,

I enjoyed Richard Stanton's article In Search of the Artists of 1912 in ISOH, spring 2001. However I think some clarification is in order re the Sculpture competition. Robert Tait McKenzie did enter his Joy of Effort work and according to his wife, Ethel, "was much worried over the obscurity of the joy of Effort which no one seemed to know of its existence. . . hung among a cheap array of exhibits . . . fuming and fussing about it." In any event the fate of his work, the Joy of Effort, was that the American Olympic Association presented it to the Swedish nation. Crown Prince Gustaf Adolph accepted it and presented a silver medal to McKenzie and the original sculpture was imbedded into the wall of the Stadium at Stockholm. Copies of it continue to be used by many sporting and physical education organizations in Canada and the United States to this day.

Frank Cosentino, Eganville, Ontario, Canada.

**Letter dated June 21, 2001, from Peter Lovesey to Richard Stanton:**

"Dear Richard,

I enjoyed your article in the ISOH Journal on the artists of 1912. I'm not an art historian myself, but I enjoy

a challenge, so I looked for the Brits in my local reference library. Ernest Townsend, whose address is given as Derby in the handwritten list, exhibited at the Royal Academy in the following years: 1910, 1913, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1927, 1932, 1933, 1934 and 1937. His address in 1913 was 77 Otter Street, Derby, and several of his paintings had titles mentioning Derby, so I think it's safe to assume he was your man. The info is from a book called Royal Academy Exhibitors, 1905-70. I looked him up in Who Was Who, but he isn't included there.

However, he must have been well known in Derby. If you were to get the address of the art gallery or library there, I expect they could give you his dates and other information.

One other thought: could the musician be Ethel P. Barnard, rather than Ebbel? I looked up both names, but no joy.

Good luck with your researches.

Peter Lovesey, Donnington, Chichester, England."

**Letter to the Editor from Ture Widlund, dated 9 July 2001:**

"Dear Editor,

A comment to Ben Wright's letter to you in no. 2 – 2001.

He claims that the election of Ottavio Cinquanta to the IOC Executive Board "is the first time since Victor

Balck in 1984 that an ISU representative has reached that level (Executive Board) in the IOC".

That is not correct. Victor Balck was never a member of the IOC Executive Board. He resigned from the IOC in 1921, the very same year as the Executive Board was created. The successor of Victor Balck, Sigfrid Edström, then President of IAAF, was elected as one of its members.

Yours sincerely,

Ture Widlund, Stockholm, Sweden."

**Letter from Jeroen Heijmans to the editor, dated August 5th, 2001**

Dear Mr. Editor,

After I recently joined the ISOH, I found that the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAFLA) keeps digital copies of the Journal of Olympic History. In the 1999 Winter issue, I came upon the article A review of Olympic Games results on the internet) by David Foster. It gives a survey of Olympic websites around (as a matter of fact, an unfinished website created by myself several years ago is briefly mentioned; I quit working on it but was unable to remove it) and concludes that in fact most websites do not offer satisfactory information on the Olympics, and results/statistics in particular, with which I agree.

This made me come up with the idea of an Olympic website created by the ISOH. This could be a great support to Olympic researchers. I myself am often frustrated by the fact I cannot f.e. find the first names of the 1980 Seychelles 4x100 m team, only because I do not have access to the publications that contain the information, which I suspect to exist. On the other hand, I might be envied by others because I have access to a lot of other resources that they do not, perhaps only caused by fact that I live in the Netherlands or master the Dutch language. When all information present in the publications, databases, archives and heads of the ISOH members could be concentrated in a single place,

this would greatly increase our overall knowledge of the Games, even if access were to be confined to ISOH members.

The best place for this I can think of is the internet, or more specific, the web. In my view, such a website should (of course) contain a results/competitors database - and therefore also statistics - but also written texts such as event reports and competitor biographies. Further, I would like to see the opportunity for visitors to annotate the information present, and I could think of several other possibilities.

I would like to know what the position of the ISOH members is regarding this perhaps rather audacious idea. Are there yet individuals or groups occupied with similar projects? (I know that ISOH member Kyle Whelliston has created a very promising website which sadly is currently unavailable) Or is there interest to begin such a project?

I would be glad to receive any reaction regarding this topic.

Sincerely,

Jeroen Heijmans (Netherlands)

**CORRECTIONS:**

The list with Deceased Olympic medallists, which was supplied to us by Ove Karlsson in the last issue of the *Journal of Olympic History*, Volume 9, number 2, May 2001, contained two lines with the same person: Johanna Maria TERMEULEN, who participated in the 1948 and 1952 Olympic Games and won a bronze medal [1948] and two silver medals [1952]. Ove Karlsson submitted the correct information, but one way or other its contents were distorted underway, and now we feel that our readers should receive the correct information and that is:

(w) TERMEULEN, Johanna Maria "Hannie" (NED) – 18.02.1929-01.03.2001  
Aquatics/swimming. 2 silver (1952), bronze (1948)-ABi.