

## *WORLD NETWORK OF OLYMPIC STUDIES*

Meeting in Seoul in November 1991, representatives of major Olympic archives, libraries, and university-based Olympic studies centers, together with leading independent Olympic scholars, agreed to found a ‘World Network of Olympic Studies.’ The purposes of this new cooperative network include:

- ❑ Exchanging information and documentation among organizations and individual persons;
- ❑ Creating a directory of Olympic Studies Centers, collections, and services available to scholars in the human sciences;
- ❑ Studying the feasibility of a common and interactive system for classification, cataloguing, and preservation of Olympic documentary resources;
- ❑ Promoting the establishment and development of additional Olympic archives and study centers;
- ❑ Cooperating with the International Olympic Committee, and the membership of the Olympic Movement and other organizations, with particular reference to the activities associated with the new IOC Olympic Museum and Study Center;
- ❑ Encouraging continuation of the World Academic Congress and Olympiad Anniversary Conference models developed during the Seoul Olympiad.

Contributors to the new agreement included: archivists from the IOC, the Los Angeles Amateur Athletic Foundation, the Seoul Olympic Museum; heads of Olympic Studies Centers in Cologne, Barcelona, and London, Ontario; and independent scholars from Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, England, France, Spain, Canada, and the United States.

The organizational meeting was hosted by the Seoul Olympic Memorial Sports Promotion Foundation and by Dr. Park Seh-jik, former president of the Seoul Olympic Organizing Committee. A second meeting will be held in Barcelona in 1993, under the auspices of the Centre d’Estudis Olímpics at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Further information may be obtained from its director Prof. Miquel de Moragas Spa (fax 34-3-581-2139).