

IN MEMORIAM



ERICH KAMPER, 1914-1995

Erich Kamper, distinguished lexicographer of the Modern Olympic Games, passed away in his native Austria in November 1995. Kamper was born on 22 June 1914 in Mitterdorf/Murztal, Austria. He began his research into the history of the Olympics and track and field athletics in the 1930s. From 1947 to 1979 he was the chief sports editor of the Graz (Austria) daily *Neue Zeit*. In addition he was a special contributor for numerous magazines, including *Leichtathletik*, and *Olympisches Feuer*. His best known books are: *The Encyclopaedia of the Olympic Games* (1972), *Lexicon of 12,000 Olympic Medalists* (1975), *Lexicon of 14,000 Olympic Medalists* (1983), *The Olympic Heroes* (1991), and, most recently, in collaboration with Bill Mallon, *The Golden Book of the Olympic Games* (1992) a volume that fittingly marked the zenith of his 60 some years of research into Olympic history. On two occasions Kamper was invited to Olympia, Greece as Distinguished Lecturer at the International Olympic Academy. Since 1969 he has been an honorary member of the IOA. In 1987 he received the International Olympic Committee's highest honor, the Olympic Order, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Olympic Movement. We will miss this man. Honor to his name.