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**The 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium for Olympic Research**

In accord with its mission to plan, organize and execute an International Symposium for Olympic Research at some time during each Olympic year and, following the successful 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> such symposia in 1992, 1994, and 1996, respectively, the International Centre for Olympic Studies is pleased to announce its 4<sup>th</sup> Symposium, scheduled from Thursday evening, October 1<sup>st</sup> to Saturday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1998. As usual the symposium will be held on the campus of The University of Western Ontario and will focus on socio-cultural research themes, that is, the historical, sociological, philosophical and anthropological dimensions of the Modern Olympic Movement. The symposium will be composed of presentations limited, in general, to internationally-renowned sports scholars, as well as a select group of research papers submitted for presentation. Symposium information (aside from that which appears below), including research paper submission procedures, may be obtained by letter, email, fax, or telephone requests made to the International Centre for Olympic Studies.

**The  
International Centre for Olympic Studies  
at  
The University of Western Ontario**

**Announces**

**Global and Cultural Critique - Problematizing the Olympic Games: Fourth International Symposium for Olympic Research**

**October 1-3, 1998**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Program Committee invites scholarly submissions for possible presentation at the Symposium. Papers should explore socio-cultural themes bearing on historical, sociological, philosophical, anthropological and other cultural studies of the Modern Olympic Movement and relevant issues.

**Deadline Date for Submission of Abstracts: May 15, 1998**  
**Deadline Date for Submission of Full Texts: August 15, 1998**

All abstract submissions for possible presentation should be forwarded to:

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Abstracts should present a clear statement of the research problem examined, the methodology pursued, the sources or data investigated, and the preliminary conclusions reached. Scholars whose research papers are accepted for presentation will be contacted concerning final computer format information. The Symposium Proceedings are published in advance of the opening of the conference.

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**The International Centre for Olympic Studies**  
**1998**  
**Distinguished Olympic Fellow**



**Dr. Karel Wendl**

The International Centre for Olympic Studies announces the appointment of Dr. Karel Wendl of Prague, Czech Republic as its first Distinguished Olympic Fellow. Dr. Wendl will be on the Western campus for a three month period from March through May, 1998. He will be based in the International Centre for Olympic Studies located in Somerville House, where he will articulate with the teaching and research activities of the Centre and the School of Kinesiology in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

A highly honored and respected colleague to hundreds of the world's best Olympic scholars, Dr. Wendl was born of a Czech father and Serbian-Hungarian mother in Prague on November 22, 1930. Because his father was an official of the Czechoslovak diplomatic service, the first ten years of Wendl's life were spent largely in France (Paris). On 12 June 1940, one day before the Nazi occupation of Paris, Wendl's family fled to Southern France, hence spending the duration of World War II in Algeria, Morocco, Portugal and the USA. Following the war, at age sixteen, Wendl returned to Prague where he finished gymnasium studies (high school) and entered Charles University, attaining a doctoral degree in Law in 1953. He served in the Czechoslovakian army for two years, worked in the legal departments of foreign trade corporations and taught international law at an institute for future interpreters. Wendl is fluent in five languages and conversant in three others. A gifted athlete, in 1956 Wendl ran the marathon in 2 hours, 24 minutes and 49 seconds, qualifying him for the Olympic Games in Melbourne. He did not compete in the Games due to the political climate in Eastern Europe at the time, a circumstance that repeated itself in 1958 with regard to the European Championships in Sweden. Wendl retired from track and field competition in 1958 to become, instead, an enthusiastic pursuant of recreational fitness.

With his Mexican-born wife, Wendl emigrated from Czechoslovakia to Mexico in 1965. In Mexico he became active in Olympic administration matters, performing duties with the Mexican National Olympic Committee, the National Track and Field Federation, and the Cultural Commission of the Games of the XIXth Olympiad, which Mexico hosted in 1968. For over a decade Wendl taught at Mexico City's Instituto de Intérpretes y Traductores as well as at the Unidad Lingüística de la Presidencia de México. Widowed in 1982, Wendl and his two sons moved to Switzerland where he was engaged by the International Olympic Committee, rising to the post of Director of the IOC's Olympic Studies and Research Centre. In 1996 IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch conferred on him the Modern Olympic Movement's highest service honor, the *Olympic Order*. Now retired and living in Prague, Wendl remains active in the Olympic affairs of the Czech Republic National Olympic Committee. He frequently lectures on Olympic history at various universities and at the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece.

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### The 1997/1998 Guest Lecturers at the International Centre for Olympic Studies

As part of its scholarly mission, the International Centre for Olympic Studies normally presents two invited guest lectures each academic year. The invited lecturers and their addresses for the Autumn of 1997 and the Winter of 1998 are:

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 1997, The Ion Ioannides Memorial Lecture  
 Dr. Ingomar Weiler, Karl-Franzens University, Graz, Austria  
 "Apart from Sport: Cult and Culture in the Ancient Olympic Festival"

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 1998: The J. Howard Crocker Memorial Lecture  
 Dr. Karel Wendl, Distinguished Olympic Fellow, ICOS  
 "Juan Antonio Samaranch and the IOC: The Man, The Mission,  
 and the Balance Sheet"

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## ANNOUNCING

### The International Centre for Olympic Studies World Wide Web Site

The International Centre for Olympic Studies first developed a world wide web site in October, 1995. It may be viewed at the following URL Address:

**<http://www.uwo.ca/olympic/>**

To date, January 1998, the Centre has received over 75,000 international visitors to its web site.

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## ANNOUNCING

### Olympika's New Editorial Review Board Members

Under the terms of the By-Laws of the International Centre for Olympic Studies, which prescribe specific terms for editorial review board members, the Executive Council wishes to announce the appointment to *Olympika's* Editorial Review Board of Professors Stephen R. Wenn, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and Patrick B. Miller, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois, USA. *Olympika* wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to retiring Board members Professors John J. MacAloon of the University of Chicago, USA and Bruce Kidd of the

University of Toronto, Canada for their enduring and dedicated service.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

From time to time, the editors of *Olympika* invite selected sports scholars to serve as guest reviewers for articles submitted to the journal for which they have special research knowledge and expertise. In this regard, the editors wish to acknowledge the contributions to Volume VI-1997 of Professor Stephen R. Wenn, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada (for service prior to his appointment to the Review Board); and Professor John J. MacAloon, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA (for service following his retirement from the Review Board). Thanks, too, is due Professor Nigel B. Crowther of The University of Western Ontario for his careful editing of the passages in Greek which appear in Professor Decker's review of *Das Gymnasion* . . . The editors wish, too, to recognize the untiring efforts of Scott Martyn and Gordon MacDonald in helping to prepare the contents of *Olympika* for publication. Such efforts include editing, proof-reading text and preparing the journal for mailing to its subscribers across the world. Finally, *Olympika* owes a special debt of gratitude to Scott Martyn and Carrie Kohut for carrying out the Adobe FrameMaker photographic scanning and computer disk transfer processes by which the journal is now prepared for publication.

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## NOTES TO CONTRIBUTORS

*Olympika* is the official journal of the International Centre for Olympic Studies. It is an internationally refereed, scholarly journal incorporating socio-cultural studies predominately related to historical, philosophical, sociological and anthropological dimensions of the Modern Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement. In general, papers and notes of any of the following categories will be considered for publication in *Olympika*.

1. Articles and research studies containing discrete treatment of topics pertinent to the socio-cultural study of the Olympic Games and the Modern Olympic Movement.
2. Scholarly discussions, synthesis statements, and critical notes which address concepts and issues previously discussed in *Olympika*.
3. Critical reviews of pertinent current and recent works and published literature on Olympic themes.
4. Reports, notes, and other information concerning meetings, conferences, research centres, scholarly programs, etc., related to the socio-cultural study of the Modern Olympic Games.