

Editorial Preface

The publication of this issue marks the completion of a decade of *Sporting Traditions*. Since 1983, twenty issues of the journal have appeared featuring some 100 articles and more than 1000 book reviews. ASSH has also published ten monographs along with twenty issues of *Bulletin* when no. 20 appears in the near future. All members of ASSH can take some pride in what has been achieved over the decade.

In the past decade there have been three Editors, two Book Reviews' Editors and three *Bulletin* editors. Others have contributed unselfishly: referees, writers, readers, members of the ASSH Executive, and even some trenchant (and irate) critics in the Barracker's Corner. All have played some role in making ASSH publications both lively and informative.

ASSH has a healthy and growing membership of over 350 at last count. An encouraging feature is that material is being written by a diverse audience: established academics, postgraduate students and interested sports researchers.

While a decade of *Sporting Traditions* is an occasion for some self-congratulation, it is also an opportunity for a critical assessment of what has been achieved. I still continue to receive far more articles on major, rather than minor, sports and the vast majority are written by men on men's sport. There are many other areas in which we could 'lift our game'. A panel at the 1995 ASSH Conference at Brisbane will critically assess our strengths and weaknesses.

While it is not our usual policy to devote a volume of *Sporting Traditions* to one theme, the next issue will focus on the Olympics, in general, and the successful Sydney bid, in particular.

I believe that we can all look forward with confidence to the next decade of *Sporting Traditions*. It will provide us with the opportunity to enhance the journal's established reputation, both national and international, as a medium for informed and scholarly (but not stodgy) analysis of sport.

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