

## **Editorial Preface**

The response to the special Olympic issue has been very positive. A number of people need to be thanked for the cover design: these include Perry Crosswhite, former Executive Director of the Australian Olympic Committee, for permission to include the Olympic flame in the cover design; Sarah Hefferan, our layout person; George Ordell-Ardelyan from the University of New South Wales Printery; and Ian Jobling – they all played a role in the realisation of the cover design.

This issue is not devoted to a particular theme (as with most volumes) but it is intriguing how a number of articles and even a book review cluster around the issue of sport in war-time, prisoner-of-war camps and Nazi Germany.

This issue contains an announcement of the publication of ASSH Studies No. 11 in June 1995: *Sport, Power and Society in New Zealand: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by John Nauright (see p. 122). This is the first major sports history publication on New Zealand, to my knowledge, and I am pleased that ASSH can provide New Zealand scholars with a forum for publication. Australian and New Zealand sports history has run parallel at a number of points and there is much that can be learnt from both sides of the Tasman by comparative analysis.

The membership of ASSH continues to grow. Since the last issue of the journal was published, membership of the Society has passed the 400 mark.

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