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So come to the Academy, go to a Games, There you'll see and feel the proof And all you need to do is work along with us. Your search it will be over, for you'll have found the truth.

> - John Talbot Powell (1919 – 2000)



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All of you have been to Olympia and have savoured the wonderful time spent making new friends and renewing friendships with old ones. Well, the time has come to meet again in Olympia, our second home, between the 5th and the 10th of July 2001, for the seventh conference of the IOAPA. Held every two years, the conference reunites past participants to share special moments, learn what members are doing in their respective countries and especially to renew and strengthen their commitment to the Olympic Movement.

Our association has come a long way from its beginnings in the summer of 1989. This has been possible through the constant work of some of our long time members and the constant support and help given by the International Olympic Academy, especially by Mr. Nikos Filaretos, the President of the IOA, Dr. Kostas Georgiadis, the Dean of the IOA, and Mr. Athanassios Kritsinelis, IOA Technical Engineer and former director of the Olympic Torch Relay, who were an inspiration to our Association.

The Executive Board of the IOAPA has already started preparations for the 2001 conference under the chairmanship of the Vice-

President of the IOAPA. On page nine is a conference application. If you would like to attend the conference to renew that wonderful feeling and at the same time meet old friends as well as make new friends you are welcome to apply. Try and book as early as possible since places for the conference are restricted.

A deposit of USD50 is required with the application. All applications must be in the hands of Paul Baldacchino, IOAPA treasurer, by March 31st.

The IOAPA conference will last five days with various discussions, presentations and workshops. Other activities including sports, dancing, social evenings and pool party have been scheduled. Any proposals for changes in the bylaws will be put forward to be approved by a majority vote of those attending and a new IOAPA Executive Board will be elected for a two-year term.

We also welcome your assistance in conducting conference activities (also on application). If you would like to make a presentation on your activities towards Olympism and Olympic Education please let the Vice President know as soon as possible.

We all hope that it will be a big success with everybody's

contribution.

Remember, you must be a dues paying member of the IOAPA, pay your own way to Olympia, and submit a deposit of USD50 to secure your booking for a place at the conference.

Thank you and I will be waiting for applications from those of you that can make it back to Olympia.

I wish you good luck in all your work and I am sure that deep in your heart you will always have a special place for Olympia, Olympism and the International Olympic Academy. See you in Olympia!

Carlo Farrugia Vice-President/ IOAPA Session Chair E-mail: carlo@waldonet.net.mt



President's Message from Laurel Brassey Iversen

The biggest news is that the IOAPA website is up and running (**www.ioapa**. **org**). We hope that you will enjoy it and please let us know how it can serve you better. We apologize that it has taken us so very long to get this task accomplished. I personally would like to thank everyone who worked on this project. Working together from all parts of the globe is a difficult task and I am proud that we finally have a better way to reach the large majority of you. At this time we plan to continue mailing the newsletter, but excerpts from the newsletter will be available online.

We already have the dates for



the 7th IOAPA Session that will take place in Ancient Olympia next year. We hope that many of you will find a way to join us.

In Memorial: John Talbot Powell, 1919-2000

Certainly, the Sydney Olympics were a gigantic success and sent a very positive message around the world about the state of the Olympic Movement and the future of the Games.

During the Closing Ceremonies, the US television interviewed many athletes. Their statements about their experiences during the Olympic Games were a wonderful endorsement for the Olympic Movement.

Please contact us if we can help you in any way. Sincerely yours,

Laurel Brassey Iversen

On October 31, 2000 the Olympic Movement, and the IOAPA particularly, lost a dear friend, when Dr. John

Talbot Powell died at the age of 81. In 1972 Dr. Powell began a 24-year association with the IOA serving as lecturer and discussion group coordinator. During that time he touched all of our lives. In 1981 He was awarded a silver medal by the IOA.

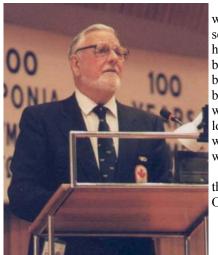
As a college student he was a championship runner who hoped to participate in the Olympic Games. Those hopes were dashed with the outbreak of World War II. During the War he served seven years in the British army and was wounded in action.

A senior lecturer at Rhodes University in South Africa (1948-1959) he earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois (USA) in 1964. In 1965 he joined the fac-

ulty of the University of Guelph (Canada) which continued until his death.

As an athletics coach at Cambridge, Rhodes, Illinois and Guelph he conducted 140 coaching clinics worldwide and 19 of his athletes won Olympic medals.

A leader in the study of Human Kinetics, he was honored by Guelph in 1993 when the Human Biology Building was re-named the J.T. Powell Building.



He is survived by his wife, Joan, three children and 10 grandchildren.

As the Greek playwright Sophocles wrote, "One must wait until the evening to see how wonderful the day has been." It is hoped that Dr. Powell was able to look back and see how wonderful his day had been, and how he had made our lives richer by his presence. We can be assured that when our evening comes we will be able to look back and see that our day has been wonderful due to people like Dr. Powell who touched all our lives.

A fitting epithet for Dr. Powell would be the final stanza of a poem he penned, OLYMPIA.

SO WE OLYMPIA'S VALE HAVE (OME AND IN SILENT RAPTURE WE WILL GO QUIETER THAN WHEN ALPHEUS RIVER'S FLOW MEETS THE FAR DEEPS OF THE SEA. BOTH RIVER, AND OURSELVES,

The Sydney Games: A Canadian's perspective, Charlotte MacNaughton

I had the privilege of working with the Canadian Olympic Team in Sydney. It was my first time working on the mission staff and it was an incredible experience - both professionally and personally.

Sydney is a remarkable city. It's stunningly beautiful. The architecture there is extraordinary - including the design of the Olympic venues. Sydney Olympic Park is fascinating... to have so many venues in such a concentrated area. It was awesome to see that many people in one place.

The Canadian Olympic Team's headquarters outside the village were at Macquarie University in the City of Ryde (just north of Sydney). We had families of Canadian athletes, Canadian Olympic Association sponsors, team personnel and other Canadians staying at the University. We also had a huge lounge area where Canadians could gather to watch the Olympic Games on CBC (Canada's Olympic broadcaster). It was a great opportunity to catch up on how Canadian athletes were doing at the Games. We also had our store there where we sold lots and



Canadian Olympic merchandise. The Roots clothing was a hot seller!

One of my jobs in Sydney was to help with the special events that we organized at Canada Olympic Place. We had parties for the opening and closing ceremonies, medal celebrations for Canadian medallists, various sponsor events and various community events. This was lots of work very intense, but a lot of fun.

I did manage to get to some events (mountain biking, track cycling, diving and synchronized swimming) during my free time. All of these venues were amazing. I also did get to a couple great Arts Festival events. Hats off to SOCOG for their incredible organization.

I have unforgettable Sydney memories, including the wonderful weather (I came home on Oct 4th to an early season snow storm in Calgary - that was a shock!) the amazingly friendly and helpful Austrians that I met, the beauty of Sydney (I look forward to going back one day when I have more free time so that I can explore the city and its surroundings) the strong friendships that I made with the people I worked with (very similar to my IOA experience!)

Being from Calgary and seeing the incredible legacy that an Olympic Games can create for a community, I wish Sydney a long-lasting legacy from these Games.

The IOAPA Social Scene in Sydney by Elizabeth Hanley (USA)

Traveling to Sydney, Australia, for the 2000 Olympic Games for ONE week might seem like a "crazy" thing to do...but what a rewarding experience it was! In ONE short week, I ran into lovely IOA 2000 participant from GBR, Hannah Quigley, in a cafe near the Opera House -- a serendipitous meeting, since I was about to call her at some point in the week!

Later in the week, at the International Friendship Party hosted by IOA 2000 guest, Mr. Masato Mizuno, two lecturers from IOA 2000 were also in attendance Peter Tallberg (NOR) and Robert Steadward (CAN). This lovely event was held in the Art Museum of New South Wales -- beautiful venue! The BEST gathering of all was at our Penn State "reunion party" to which I had invited a couple of IOA-PAers....and Penn State was happy to have them at the party!! So...who came? Peter Dawson (GBR), Wikka (Sri Lanka/

Wales), and Philip Barker (GBR)! It was a thoroughly enjoyable time together -- way too short, however. And, altho' the party was to continue at Peter's afterward, I had to leave with my SOCOG hostess and friend to return home for a very early departure



to the States.

I am sure there were many more IOAPA notables in attendance at Peter's abode who enjoyed the rest of the evening/night.....On a closing note, I must say that during one week at the Games, I felt Olympism alive in every part of the city, at the Olympic Park and other venues, and in the faces/actions of every volunteer! Sydney could not have been a better choice for host city -- and I was fascinated by the events which I attended archery, equestrian, sailing and men's triathlon. It was a truly Olympic experience in every sense, and I look forward to Athens 2004!

IOAPA Activity in South America

Day by Day, by Silvia Dalotto (Argentina)

How many times do we have the chance to do little things that makes the Olympic Movement grow...day by day? How many times is what we do go unnoticed by so many people but make us feel that we are helping to make a better world... day by day?

That is what I do, that is the way I feel every time I speak about Olympism.

I have been developing activities that are not major events but simple meetings with students and I feel the flame of the Olympic Movement born in some of their hearts.

The Olympic Games are very motivational, not just for athletes but also for people and was a great event to make others aware that the Olympic Movement is much more than 16 days of sport at the elite level.

I spoke with teachers that have had their students investigate Olympic History. Then we had meetings, in four different schools, with students of different ages, from 10 to 17 years of age.

Just this year the Journalist Sport School opened in my city. I went there on September 14, only hours before the Olympic Opening Ceremonies. For 3 hours we discussed the importance of the Games in our world. It was very interesting and the media is one of the best ways to let the people know what is going on before, during and after the Games, and all that Olympic philosophy entails. I am positive they will include Olympism in the study programme after that three hours.

The city of Villaguay (200 km away from my city) organised a meeting with 120 students in the only cinema in the city, The Education Secretary and the Sport Office where responsible for that. How incredible is the feeling to motivate young people in Olympic education!!!... Mendoza (a city in the west of Argentina, 1000km from my city) invited me to a multidisciplinary symposium. One day, out of five, was dedicated to Olympic subjects. I was the only woman invited to talk about Women and the Olympic Movement.

The Argentine Olympic Academy session will be held between October 23 and 27. I will attend, as a lecturer, along with 42 participants. Women and the Olympic History and The International Olympic Academy will be my two presentations. But I will also have the pleasure to be there the whole week as the only coordinator of the session. The President, the secretary of the AOA and I will have the honour of working for five days with the same values that we have shared many times in Olympia. From Buenos Aires I will travel directly to Guayaquil, where the Ecuadorian Olympic Academy will be held November 1st to 5th. Two presentations there and the happiness to meet again with Ecuadorian friends, friends from abroad, and live what I am sure will be another great opportunity to develop Olympic education in South America. I know, after the session I will have many fantastic moments to share with all of you.

Day by day we are trying to grow in our region. In August 18th, 25 people met in the city of Cordoba, located in central Argentina. The whole country was represented. Seven were former IOA participants and we formed the Argentine Olympic Academy Participants Association, with our own rules and representatives. We have been accepted by our NOC and the president of the AOA was with us during the three day session. Soon we will have our own web page.

Uruguay and Ecuador are also working toward the same goal and I am sure we will soon talk about new associations being created there. Carlos Manzur offered us the possibility to organise in his country a IOAPA regional meeting. That is our next goal... Day by day...doing a little more ...

The Ecuadorian Olympic Academy (EOA) held its third session between the 1st and 5th November 2000. We was generously invited to attend the conference by the President of the EOA, Ab. Carlos Manzur. We were very honoured with this invitation and accepted wholeheart-edly.

The Third Ecuadorian Olympic Academy,

by Carlos Farrugia (Malta) & Silvia Dalotto (Argentina)

The session, November 1-5, was structured similar to that for young participants held in Olympia, only over a shorter period. The over 50 participated and the EOA had to refuse other applications due to the limited space available. The participants came from Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cuba, and Argentina. The opening ceremony was simple but effective with the president of the Ecuadorian Olympic Committee delivering the opening speech, followed by other distinguished guests. The session was excellently organised by the EOA and Prof. Cesar Torres, who was the Academic Director. Distinquished personalities delivered their presentations, namely Arturo Gamboa (ECU), Carlos Manzur (ECU), Cesar Torres (ARG), Rodolfo Cremer (PER), Sabino Hernandez (ECU), Silvia Dalotto (ARG), Ernesto Canizares (ECU), Dr. Galo Narvaez (ECU), Jan Paterson (GBR), and Pedro Rivero (VEN). All the presentations were very well received by the participants who asked interesting questions and were very much involved themselves. Topics discussed included the Ancient and Modern Olympic Games, the Olympic Movement and its Symbols, Doping and Violence in Sport, Fair Play, Women in Sport and Olympic Education. Interest was high and many constructive debates ensued after the presentations.

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Promoting Olympic Education via the Internet by Marina Bonello (Malta)

A section on "Olympics and Olympism" has made its way to "PE LINKS 4 U," the first e-zine on the Internet for people in the Physical Education, Health and Sports field. Publisher Prof. Stephen Jefferies (Central Washington University, WA, USA) created this site to bring new and innovative information in these fields to the Internet.

IOAPA member, Marina Bonello (Malta) appointed as Developmental Editor since December 1999, proposed the "Olympics and Olympism" Section which is featured on the main page. "With Sydney 2000 in the offing, we felt that we could contribute by creating a section for "Olympics and Olympism".

The purpose of this section is to promote Olympism by featuring some of the myriad of Olympic sites that have been created. PE Links 4 U brings to its readers at just a click away, Internet based resources (online kits, interactive resources etc.) which teachers can use if they are interested in developing an Olympic Education Programs in their school. No longer do teachers have to scour hours for Olympic related resources - PE LINKS 4 U brings them to you. We have been doing this very successfully - with every biweekly issue we featured 3-4 Internet sites that have been of tremendous use to teachers.

This is a site maintained by committed PE professionals and students from Central Washington University. Besides providing very extensive links (hence why it is called PE LINKS 4 U), the site features a newsletter which is now being delivered to over 16,000 persons all over the globe and a PE Forum which is an online message board. Check out the site at http//www. pelinks4u.org and sign up for our free newsletter. We welcome you to PE LINKS 4 U.

What Have we Been Doing?

Ralf Stratmann-Kurzke (GER) has a new address: Grueneck 16 D 52070 Aachen GERMANY Tel: +0241/79878 E-mail: kurzke-stratmann@t-online.de

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The participants were divided into three groups and various questions were tackled by each group, under the guidance of experienced co-ordinators, namely Gexa Paredes, Silvia Dalotto, Jan Paterson and Carlo Farrugia. The conclusive replies from the discussion groups were read and handed to each participant. There were also two round table discussions about Violence in Sport and the Olympic Academies including the IOA and IOAPA. As usual the social aspect was not neglected and various sport activities were held as well as spontaneous dancing sessions. The sleeping quarters were fantastic and this was only possible due to the intervention of the Vice President of the EOA, Aldo Vanoni.

In our opinion the session was a big success and other NOAs should follow this example. The session was simple, effective and achieved the aim of spreading Olympism and enlarging the Olympic family. Many participants from this session could easily attend the main session in Olympia. Carlos Manzur has worked wonders in his short time at the head of the EOA and with the help of many friends, from his country and from around the world, he has managed to organise a fantastic session. As always the goodbyes were sad but it was just a see you next time and I sincerely hope that the EOA will continue with its sterling work. The representatives from other NOAs were also very interested in organising a similar session and so the future seems very bright. The possibility of organising a session for the IOAPA in South America was also discussed and constructive suggestions were put forth which could make this a reality. The comradeship and Olympic feeling that reigned during the session reminded us so much of Olympia and of the IOA. It was wonderful to renew the feeling once again. Congratulations to everybody and well done. One final word of thank you to Carlos Manzur for organising such a session to give us all the opportunity to contribute to the Olympic family which is growing more and more everyday. These are the moments that we will never forget.

On 9 November 2000, **Silvia Beatriz Dalotto** (Argentina) was surprised with a special presentation by the mayor of her town. In the presence of family, friends, journalists, her students and fellow teachers, she was presented with the Sport order of Merit for her career in marathon swimming (a multiple world champion) and for her contribution to sport in Argentina. We send along our congratulations and our thanks for all of your selfless work towards Olympism.

The International Society for Health, Physical Education and Sport named **Annette Hofmann** (GER) The Reinhard Sprenger Award for the best young scholar in the field in 2000. Congratulations!

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Philip Barker (GBR) has a new email address:

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What Have We Been Doing? See for yourself



The IOAPA table at the wedding of Igor and Dimitra Lanzoni: (Left to Right) Francesco Cruz (Mexico), Lone Jakobsen (Denmark), Alberto Pellico (Mexico) and Nancy Apostopolou (Greece).

The Familia Mata!: David Mata-Verdejo (Spain), and his Gemma along with their "little Lion," Leon.





Participants at the Ecuadorian National Olympic Academy included: (from left to right) Rudy Cremer (Peru), Cesar Torres (Argentina), Carlo Farrugia (Malta), Jan Paterson (United Kingdom) Carlos Manzur (Ecuador) and Silvia Dalotto (Argentina)

<u>40th International Session for Young Partici-</u> <u>pants</u>

The 40th International Session for Young Participants was held in Athens and Olympia between the 23rd July and the 8th August 2000. When I received the invitation to attend as a co-ordinator from Mr. Nikos Filaretos, President of the International Olympic Academy, I was filled with joy at the opportunity to be able to return once again to the main session. This feeling stayed with me until I finally arrived in Athens on the 23rd July and started meeting all the participants, co-ordinators and members of the staff of the Academy. I was amazed how the five year span from when I had attended the main session as a participant in 1995, had simply flown away and everything had stood still in Athens and Olympia for all these long years. I met some of my old friends and made many new ones. It was fantastic to meet again Mr. Filaretos, Mr. Moissidis, Dr. Georgiadis, Elizabeth, Laurel, Themis, Igor, Youla, Kishani, Jorg, Michael, Jan, Ian, Panos, Yota, Nancy, Harald, Kevin, Cesar, and many others. Of course it was also sad that so many others could not be present at the session. The one person that immediately comes to my mind is Dr. John Powell who was my co-ordinator in 1995 and from whom I learned a lot during the main session in 1995 and with whom I have tried to remain in contact for all these years.

The opening ceremony on the Hill of the Pnyx was exactly as I remembered it and everything seemed to repeat itself one thing after the other. On arrival in Olympia the emotions were already running high and the activity at the Academy started all over again for yet another time. The lectures and group discussion sessions were very well planned and the sport activities, dance workshops, art happening, art workshops and social evenings were a pleasure both to see and participate. As always the participants discovered for themselves that the more activities that they attended the more enjoyable the session became. The visits to the village of Olympia as always were very frequent and enjoyable whether it was to have an ice cream, drink or dance.

New friendships and bonds were born during the session and the closing speeches were very emotional. It was easy to see that there were people in the old lecture hall that were already starting to cry and to miss all the wonderful people that created such a nice and flexible working group during the session. The culmination of the session for everybody was during the third and final social evening which ended up with all the people present at the 40th main session singing all together as one voice with tears coming down from their eyes.

It was a great feeling and the time to say goodbyes came again and strangely enough this was one of the things which I had forgotten from 1995. Once again it was very painful to have to say goodbye to people that shared the same ideals and with which I had lived for more than two weeks sharing fantastic moments. The bus trip back to Athens was immersed in memories of the recent and not so recent past of Olympia and all that it means to me. The time for goodbyes came again on the evening of the 8th August before I left and the tears were very difficult to hold back. Once again the session had come to an end and I came back to my country filled with more energy to do more for the great Olympic family and to try and maintain contact with my old and new friends from the 40th International Session for Young Participants.

Congratulations, thank you and well done to all of you that have made the session an event which will remain with me for a very long, long time.

Amigos para siempre. Friends forever.

Carlo Farrugia IOAPA Vice-President 27th August 2000



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We hope you choose to remain a member of the IOAPA and renew your membership!

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