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*Those who see any
difference between soul
and body have neither.
Oscar Wilde.*

A wonderful IOAPA Conference in Olympia Carlo Farrugia (MLT)

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The eighth IOAPA conference has come and gone in a flash. We have all returned home to get back into our normal routines. Those wonderful moments in Olympia are again part of our past. The IOAPA working session was an excellent conference with 46 participants coming from many different countries and all the five continents. Dr. Nikos Filaretos, President of the IOA and Dr. Kostas Georgiadis, Dean of the IOA, once again were very generous and helpful in giving us the Academy to be able to hold our working session. Since the IOA was only available to us for five days it was decided to pass an additional day in a hotel in the village in Olympia.

Dr Kostas Georgiadis opened the session with his welcome speech and participated actively in the session. The new members interacted very well with the old members and in fact various new and innovative ideas emerged out of the session and the plan-



ning and action stages for the coming two years have been identified. Amongst these there were plans and actions in connection with the Athens 2004 volunteer programme, Olympic Youth Camp, Athens 2004 Torch Relay, Internet Website, Country Representatives, marketing, networking, IOAPA incorporation, service providers, Hans Van Haute Fund, IOAPA 2005 conference and a reunion in Athens in 2004. The Dean of the IOA, Dr. Georgiadis, was also generous enough to hold a brainstorming session with the IOAPA members.

As well as group discussions we also had the opportunity to listen and learn from each other. In all there were eight presentations

from conference members including the following topics: the Salzburg 2010 bid, the 1st Olympic Winter Session in Austria, American Fencing, ATHENS 2004 Volunteer Programme and Olympic Youth Camp, Danish high school teachers in Olympia, the Torch Relay in Denmark, and How to read and write a Sports Philosophy paper.

Different proposals were put forward and discussed by the participants for any changes in the bylaws. These were approved or rejected by a simple majority vote of the participants present at the session. In fact through one of these proposals it was decided that the IOAPA Executive Board would grow by two members whose duties would be to act as a country representative co-ordinator and as marketing officer.

The new IOAPA Executive Board was elected through a secret vote held on the last day of the con-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Laurel Brassey Iversen (USA)



Dear friends,

Of course the big news is that the IOAPA session of 2003 was a huge success and many great projects are already under way as a result of this session. We added two positions to the Executive Board and there are six new members in the board. The session was infused with many new members from IOA 2002. These new people were full of energy and they helped develop some of the new projects for the coming year. Please read this edition of the newsletter carefully since it is full of great new information.

As the Olympic Games of Athens grows near, many IOAPA members are preparing to attend these Games in various capacities. The IOAPA will be hosting a reunion during the Games for all IOA past participants. Hopefully many people will attend and we can obtain some new members, as well as meet many old friends. There is more information about this event inside the newsletter.

The IOA session for 2003 was also a big success where 21 IOAPA members served as Discussion Group Coordinators. This is 2/3 of the total number of coordinators. There is an article about the session inside.

I am looking forward to the next two years and the Olympic Games in Athens 2004. I want to keep this short since there is plenty of information in the newsletter. On behalf of the Executive Board, I would like to thank Alastair Cameron, Secretary, Rusty Wilson, Newsletter Editor, and Youla Pipilis, IOA Liaison, for their hard work on the board these past few years.

Sincerely,

Laurel Brassey Iversen

A Note From the Editor

Cesar R. Torres (ARG)



Dear readers,

I was humbled to be elected to serve as the second editor of *Arete* as IOAPA approaches its fifteenth anniversary. I want to take this opportunity to express my most candid appreciation to Rusty Wilson for his many years of distinguished service as *Arete* editor. Rusty's talent and tireless work were instrumental in successfully meeting the challenges he encountered along the way, such as the transition from a traditional format to an electronic one, and has made *Arete* the valuable tool to keep our members well informed and in touch that it is.

Having been a member of our association for a number of years I decided that it was time to volunteer my energy and time to serve the association in a formal capacity. And what a better way to do that than from a position that involves two of my favorite activities: reading and writing. As the new editor of *Arete*, I am committed to follow the direction of my predecessor. In this sense, I will make every effort to publish *Arete* on schedule, keep contributions interesting, and provide as much information about IOAPA's activities, our members, and their deeds as possible.

In addition to provide a sense of continuity, I would also like to include novelty in the newsletter. In particular, I will try my best to contact participants from the "early" years of the IOA, so they share with us anecdotes, stories, and, most important, the impact that the IOA experience had on their lives. I hope that our membership benefits from this exercise in "looking back" at the IOA. I will also attempt to expand the scope of the contributors to *Arete* to include material by members from different parts of the world and diverse backgrounds.

I would like to end these remarks inviting our members to send to our newsletter their personal and professional news as well as stories and accounts of their involvement with the Olympic world. Time and time again we hear about the fascinating work of IOAPA's members by word of mouth. Let us work on sharing these stories in a more comprehensive manner; please do not hesitate in sending your news and story to the newsletter. The quality of *Arete* is not so much about the editor as it is about the material submitted for publication, which allows members to know what is going on, what is to come, and to keep in touch.

I am looking forward serving you. Sincerely,

Cesar R. Torres

The Winter Session Axel Bammer (AUT)

In the year 2002 I was one of the three lucky Austrian sport students who were sent to the IOA to participate in the 42nd session for young participants. I don't have to explain to you how great the experience was! Meeting two hundred people from all over the world, discussing Olympic topics, sharing different opinions about the Olympic movement and playing sports together was fantastic! But Olympia is not only the place of the ancient Olympic Games, it is also a place of inspiration and new ideas.

In our discussions about the Winter Olympics and winter sports in general, some of the participants from so called non-winter-sport-countries mentioned that they have never seen snow in their life. As a passionate skier and ski instructor it was unbelievable to me that somebody has not experienced snow. At that point I knew that we would have to do something about this situation. The group agreed that we have to meet again . . . that was the moment in which the idea of an Winter Session was born!

I took the idea to the Austrian Olympic Committee, which was very interested in the project and supported it by paying the hotel for forty people. Rental skis, a bus for the sightseeing tour and ski-lift tickets were covered by the Salzburg 2010 Bid Committee, which was trying to get the Winter Olympics to that city. Participants in the Olympic Winter Session had just to pay their journey and lunches.

Forty people from twenty four different nations participated in the first Winter Session and made it not only truly international but also a great success. People came from Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Finland, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Latvia, Luxemburg, Lybia, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Paraguay, Slovakia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzer-

land, Turkey, Ukraine, and USA.

Like at the IOA we had sports activities, lectures, discussions, and leisure activities. The main topic was: "Relation between Universality and High level sports!"

The goals of the Winter Session were that the participants learn how to ski, improve their skills or just experience snow. Due to the fact that there was just one person who signed up for cross country skiing, we agreed on skiing and snowboarding as one of the sports activities.

very enthusiastic and it was great to work all together!

For the future it is my dream to have a Winter Session every year in order to educate young students about winter sports and raise interest in the Winter Olympics in those countries which are not used to cold and freezing weather conditions. I am sure that people of those countries will watch the Winter Olympics when they have an athlete from their own country participating in the Winter Olympics. To reach that goal we have to give



A fun moment at the Winter Session organized in Flauchau, Austria from January 25 to February 1, 2003 by Axel Bammer (seen in the picture at the front of the pack)

Like at the IOA it was important to have lectures and discussions about many different topics. The aim was of this part of the program was to have an outlet for discussion but also support the Olympic movement and the Olympic idea. This goal was not difficult to reach, because all the participants were

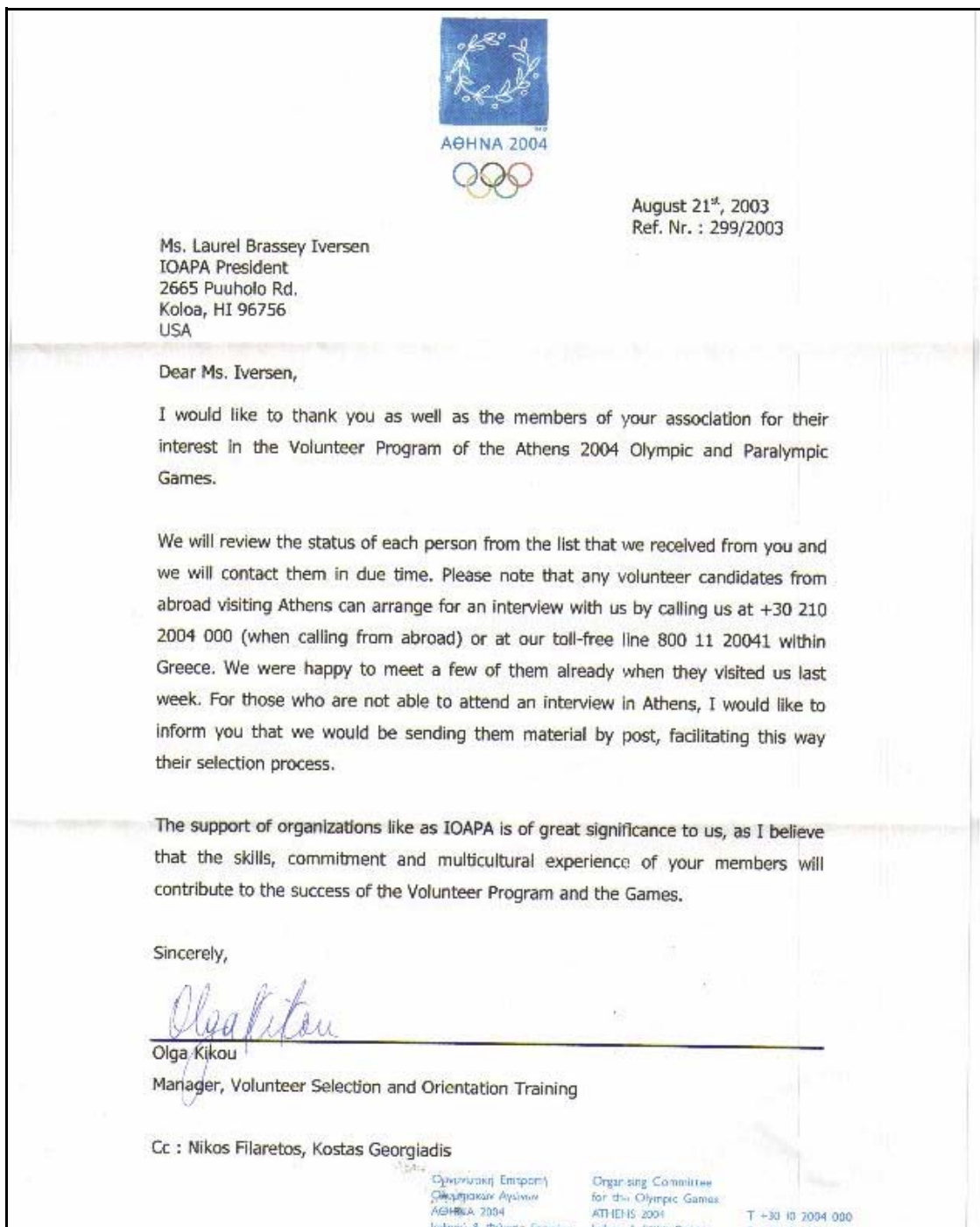
these athletes first the opportunity to train appropriately! The Winter Session is the first step on this way!

Finally the Winter Session should also help the IOAPA to get more members!

Axel Bammer

IOAPA and the Volunteers Program of the 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games

During our last Session, it was decided that IOAPA should offer the expertise of its members as volunteers during the 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games. IOAPA President Laurel Brassey Iversen sent the list of members who have shown their willingness to collaborate in those events and received a positive response from ATHOC 2004 (see letter below). This is fantastic news! It is great to know that IOAPA will be present and make a contribution to the largest and most important sporting event in the world.



More about IOAPA and Athens 2004

COME ONE! COME ALL!

WHAT? Athens 2004 Olympic Games "IOA reunion" ~ sponsored by IOAPA

WHEN? Saturday 20 August 2004 ~ 5pm - 9pm

WHERE? The Athens Centre, Archimidous Street in Mets (just behind the 1896 Olympic Stadium ~ directions to follow later)



View of the Athens Centre, a conveniently located venue for the reunion

WHY? Reconnect with your IOA friends! Enjoy Olympic camaraderie in the shadow of the Acropolis! Enjoy light refreshments and good conversation!

Put this date on your calendar and plan to be there!

Questions? Contact the planning committee: Elizabeth Hanley (chair), Nancy Apostopoulou, or Laurel Brassey Iversen

A letter to all IOAPA country representatives

Lone Jakobsen (DEN)



Dear IOAPA Country Representatives,

From the 12 - 16 August 2003 the 8th IOAPA session was held at the IOA in Olympia. It was a very good and constructive session with many new ideas.

One of these changes was to elect a new Executive Board member to be responsible as head co-ordinator of the national and regional country representatives or co-ordinators. It is my pleasure to have this position for the next two years.

We, who attended the session last August, agreed on the following:

- It is important to create a systematic structure to enable effective communication to spread our resources and further Olympic Education.
- It is important that the country representatives are active in their countries: recruiting new IOAPA members, establishing a network for those attending an IOA session, be a link to the IOAPA and the executive board and to motivate past IOA participants to continue their work.
- Country representative will regularly inform the head coordinator about their activities.
- The head-co-ordinator will collect the information and motivate country representatives to establish new activities and help where needed.

Carlo Farrugia (MLT), Silvia Dalotto (ARG) and I have created a handbook for country representatives describing their responsibilities and how to accomplish these tasks. This information is very important and can be sent to you by e-mail or regular mail.

The important question is: Would you like to continue with your important job as country representative? If yes, you will receive the support that you need to accomplish your tasks and you will be a part of our new structure/network. If you are no longer interested in continuing in this position please let me know by **1 November 2003**. You can contact me at: ludo@stofanet.dk

Please remember that country representatives have to members of IOAPA. Some of you are not members, so do not forget to renew your membership as soon possible.

The IOAPA needs your help and support and hope that you will continue your association with it.

Best regards,

Lone Jakobsen

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Ian Brittain

GREECE
Panos Vassilaras

The 43rd IOA Session for Young Participants

Carlos Manzur (ECU)



This year's special subject was "Education through Sport", covered by the following lectures: The Connection of Education with Culture and Sport Within the Programme of the Olympic Games of Athens 2004 (Kostas Kartalis); Sport as a Platform to Educate World Peace (Stavros Lambrinides); Olympic Games and Olympism: Invention or Necessity? (Sofia Sakorafa); Plato in the Gymnasium (Stephen Miller); The IOC Athletes Commission (Sergey Bubka); Sport and Olympic Games As Sources of Employment (Yannis Spanoudakis); Education Through Sport (Kipjoge Keino); The policy of the ASOIF in Dealing with Doping and the Athlete's Education (Denis Oswald); The Volunteers as Olympic Ambassadors (Olga Kikou); Sport and Future Objectives of Education Systems (Eleni Theodoraki); Doctors Without Borders: Their Principles, Action and Role Within the Contemporary Volunteer Humanitarian Movement (Konstandinos Papaioannou); Social Integration of Paralympic Athletes Through Sport Education (Philip Craven) and Social Integration of the Athletes of Special Olympics through Sport Education (Timothy Shriver).

In general, we had the chance to hear excellent and interesting presentations and, of course, to get a deeper understanding on how the preparation for the Athens 2004 Games is going on. Besides that, I would specially like to mention the long awaited participation of Sergey Bubka and Kip Keino at the IOA. Both Olympic medalists captivated the audience with their words and spirits.

Finally, Ambassador Lambrinides, brought into the forum a relevant theme: the actual role of Olympism in the strive for peace. I am sure this was one of the most discussed topics among the participants.

One of the unforgettable experiences of the 43rd International Session for Young Participants was the sports activities, which this year were superb. Normally, soccer, basketball and volleyball are the activities that attract most of the participants' attention. However, this year the track and field program was outstanding. The full involvement of participants, coordinators, lecturers

and guests was the main reason for its success. A special mention should be given to the planning and execution of the organization of the event.

I have to admit that during the first days, while the coordinators were discussing and reviewing their different responsibilities, we were somehow sceptic to the success of the track and field competitions. However, Alfred Otula did a great job. Of course, there are always corrections to be made, but this year's track and field program was among the best editions. The program consisted of the following disciplines: long jump (ancient style), relays, short and middle distance runs, discus throw (ancient style), and arm wrestling.

Another interesting experience was the chance to attend some of the testing events for Athens 2004. The archery qualification competition was taking place in the old Panatinaikos Stadium as we return to Athens. Being there was a great experience and we could already feel the Olympic atmosphere all over Athens.

184 participants, 13 lecturers, 19 guests, and 32 coordinators, contributed to establish a record of more than 100 countries represented in the session. Lets just hope, as the Dr. Filaretos mentioned, that this was a consequence of the NOAs growth and not only of the proximity of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games. Anyhow, the greater the number of participant countries, the greater the number of societies benefited by the efforts of the IOA.

As always, from now on, the spreading of the hopeful philosophy of Olympism will depend on every of us. It is time for us to start the work back home, during our daily activities, being an example of how these moral principles can lead us to a better world.

Carlos Ch. Manzur

The Hans van Haute Fund: History and Future

Harald Regensburger (AUT)



The idea of the fund was created in the IOAPA Session 2001 to eliminate the possibility for participants in weak financial situation to attend the reunion sessions. It was decided that the name of the fund was dedicated to the main force of the founding act of our association in 1989, Hans van Haute from Belgium who died in 1991. A council of three people was designated to decide how to spend the money for the 2003 reunion session. The money of the fund came from private donations; the largest amounts came from Elvira Ramini (IOC) and Liese van Haute, Hans' widow. In total we received \$1715.00 (US dollars) until the end of 2002. A deadline was set for applications for the fund in order to book flights for participants interested in then 2003 Session in time. It was decided that those elected to receive financial support through the fund would be reimbursed upon arrival in Athens. We would not send any money anywhere in advance. Five applications arrived before the deadline, and one arrived much later.

After several problems communicating with some of the applicants and after some withdrawals, there was only one of the five "correct" applicants who showed up at the reunion 2003 Session. So, once in Olympia we decided to support a second applicant although this person has applied for the fund too late. In total \$800.00 were given to those two people, so that about \$900.00 remain in the fund. From these \$900.00 we decided that \$300.00 should remain in the pot in the case of emergency (e.g. someone's ticket was lost or stolen, etc). The executive board of IOAPA approved these decisions.

Eligibility requirements:

- Members of IOAPA
- Students, persons from developing countries, unemployed persons
- Members that have received financial assistance once should only be considered again if there are no other qualified applicants for the scholarship

Application procedure:

- Applications should include a written statement justifying the request of financial assistance and three references with fax, email and phone numbers
- The Deadline for application shall be set by the committee responsible

Allocation of funding:

- The Fund will contribute to a portion of the actual travel expenses, depending on the money available in the Fund and the price of the travel ticket
- The number of people supported by the Fund will depend on the amount of money available in the Fund. If Olympic Solidarity provides tickets in the future, there will not be any scholarships from the Fund that year.
- The recipient will be reimbursed the amount offered upon arrival at the IOAPA session.

The Fund Committee is responsible for deciding who will receive a scholarship based on the criteria listed above.

Harald Regensburger

Chairman of the Hans van Haute Fund Committee

ference. Some members from the previous Executive Board were reconfirmed in their positions while other new faces were elected thus giving the required new blood and continuity within the IOAPA Executive Board. I would like to thank all those members that showed their interest to run for a post within the Executive Board. It is healthy to note that most of the posts within the Executive Board were very closely contested. I would also like to thank the outgoing members of the Executive Board for their contribution in these two years and for making part of such a closely knit working team. I would also like to thank Rusty Wilson who decided not seek re-election and has given up his post of newsletter editor, which he held since 1985. Thank you Rusty and well done.

As usual the sport, dancing and social evening activities were very well organised and also very well attended. Early morning exercise sessions were also organised by some members and we have also learned how to play fistball and bumball. Maybe if you join us in our next session in 2005 we will be able to teach them to you. The walk to the ruins during the August full moon had a special meaning and almost all the participants took part. Some of the new members also went to great pains to cope with the typing of the final report and I have personally seen them working on the IOA steps till very late in the night.

I would like to personally thank all the participants for making this year's conference such a great success. I would also like to thank all the Executive Board members, for their help in making this year's conference such an easy going working session, with everything running so smoothly and precisely. A big thank you goes to Dr. Filaretos and Dr. Georgiadis and their staff, in the offices, bar and kitchen for helping us.

Thank you for your contribution and let us keep working for the IOAPA and for the Olympic Movement. I hope to see all of you again in the 2005 IOAPA together with those that could not make it this year. Maybe we could even meet in Athens in 2004.

A big thank you and well done goes to all of you.

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KUWAIT

Jamal Al-Yahyouth

LUXEMBURG

Marion Grethen

MALTA

David Azzopardi

MAURITIUS

Ajay Gukhool

MEXICO

Paulina Suarez

NEW ZEALAND

Stephanie Thomson

NIGERIA

Elias Usman Gora

NORWAY

Marianne Tjørnhåm

PERU

Regina Florian Podesta

PORTUGAL

Luis Brito

PUERTO RICO

Maniliz Segarra

ROMANIA

Goe Raetchi

RUSSIA

Elena Gontcharova

RWANDA

Leon-Pierre Nkusi

SOUTH AFRICA

Tshikani Baloyi

SPAIN

David Mata

SRI LANKA

Joseph Wickremasinghe

SUDAN

Wafaa Hassan

SWAZILAND

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Website: Changes and Improvements Héctor Argüelles (ESP)



During the last IOAPA session Theo Breuers, webmaster of the IOA official site, proposed us to move the IOAPA site into the IOA one. Theo also offered to help in the development of our site. The assembly understood that this was a great chance to be associated with the IOA and, moreover, to gain visibility and resources for our website. Those in attendance unanimously accepted the proposition and, consequently, from September 5 IOAPA has his own section at www.ioa-sessions.org. Since then we are improving, updating and adding new features to our new official site.

Nevertheless, we preserve our own domain www.ioapa.org, which soon will be renewed and linked to our section at www.ioa-sessions.org, in order to keep integrity and uniformity of contents.

In an association of our kind, we see the website as the most important information and communication tool. We aspire to have a dynamic site, and we

would like to encourage all of you to participate actively in both the associa-

tion and the website.

These are some of the new features you will find at www.ioa-sessions.org. Follow the instructions at Top bar menu>Left panel menu to access:

- Post news: Share your Olympic news with all your friends at Members>Upload¹
- Read News: To see all the news related with our association at IOAPA>Members>Group News
- Newsletter: Register your e-mail and receive at home not only the IOAPA news but also the IOA news at Service>Newsletter
- Show and edit your personal information at Members>Registration¹
- Database: See the details of every IOAPA member at IOAPA>Members²
- IOAPA member's Forum: to discuss the topics of our interest at IOAPA>Forum¹

¹ Requires Logon and Password. Those of you who have attended one of the last IOA sessions may already have them. However,

Everyone will be receiving this information soon by e-mail.

² Under Construction

We remind you once again to provide us your e-mail addresses and inform of any changes on them. Our Secretary, Jeremy Cross, will be glad to receive your news at j.a.cross@lboro.ac.uk

We are also working in the setting up of an e-mail group, the projects page renewal and general updating. It is true that we still have a long way to go, but we have made a great deal of progress in less than one month. As the new Internet coordinator, I would like to thank Theo Breuers for his generous offer and hard work. Don't hesitate to contact me at hector_am@yahoo.es if you have any idea, advice, question, etc.

Best wishes,

Héctor Argüelles

Website officer

Memories of the 2003 IOAPA Conference



What Have They Been Doing? News from IOAPA Members

It was heard that . . .

Ina Hunger (GER) had a baby girl on September 16. The baby's name is Lotta Hanna.

Zinon Papakonstantinou (GRE) earned his Ph.D. last Summer and secured a position in the Department of History at the University of Oregon. His new e-mail address is: zpapak@darkwing.uoregon.edu

Sophie Keil (AUS) has recently married and enjoyed a fantastic honeymoon in the Maldives and Sri Lanka. She has also moved into the position of Unit Leader for the Women and Sport Unit at the Australian Sports Commission.

Fenella Ng and **Michael Tse** (HKG) received the visit of **Laura Boulton** (GRB) in September. They all enjoyed their reunion. **Michael** and **Laura** have changed their e-mail addresses. Here are the updated ones: **Michael**: matsega@hkusua.hku.hk, **Laura**: laura_boulton@hotmail.com

Verónica María Gutiérrez Lozoya (MEX) sent us her new e-mail address: guionista_mexicana@yahoo.com.mx **Verónica** is writing a book about the Olympic Flame. The tentative title of the book is "La Llama Olímpica: 76 años de historia (1928-2004)." She has also published an article about the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico. Those who would like to read the article can access it at: http://www.edm.com.mx/articulos.php?id_sec=5&id_art=24

Betz Hanley (USA) has become a member of the Scientific Committee of CID (Conseil International de la Danse - International Dance Council), a subsidiary of UNESCO. Late in October she will present a paper in an international conference on dance to be organized in Greece.



Silvia Dalotto (ARG) with FINA president Mustapha Lafaroui

Silvia Dalotto (ARG) served as a judge in the open swimming competitions of the Tenth Swimming World Championships organized by FINA. The events were held in Barcelona this past Summer. Silvia's new e-mail address is: silvidal@infovia.com.ar

Leo Hsu (TPE) has been instrumental in establishing the first Olympic Studies program (Master degree level) in Taiwan. He did so at the Department of Sports Business Management of the Da-Yeh University. Leo's new e-mail address is: hsuleo@mail.dyu.edu.tw

The Malta Female Basketball Team won the gold medal at the 2003 Games of the Small Countries of Europe. **Carlos Farrugia** (MLT) was the assistant coach of the successful Maltese team.

Keep in touch and send us your news and updates!