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## Letter From the Editor

Since the last newsletter many things have happened with OATH. It has now published *The OATH Report* and has had two witnesses, Nancy Hogshead and Dr. Gary I. Wadler, testify on Capitol Hill at the Senate Commerce Committee hearing on performance enhancing drugs in Olympic

Competition. The hearing further established OATH as the independent voice of athletes, experts and stakeholders around the world.

OATH has a new Board of Directors and Honorary Board with combined representation from thirteen countries on five continents. From around the globe OATH has athletes and experts to draw on as resources to illuminate the reform debate and to ensure athletes' voices are heard as a stakeholder in international sport.

I wanted to say a special thank you to all members who committed so much time and effort in reviewing *The OATH Report* and for providing your feedback. We are currently in the process of mailing a copy of Phase two of the Report to you. As well as a big thank you to Nancy and Gary who committed so much time and energy to testify for OATH at the congressional hearing. (Nancy was on her way home from her honeymoon!)

OATH has made inroads with the website adding news and information. We have created a section called "commentary" and are encouraging members who have a particular point-of-view on matters regarding the Olympic Movement, Olympic reform, anti-doping efforts or other subjects of particular interest to submit their personal views to be posted. The biographies section has been updated as well, so if you see any changes to yours please advise.

### Quotable Quote

"Doping is a matter of ethics, which affects not only Olympic athletes but also youth, high school, college and professional athletes. The fact is doping threatens to undermine the ethical and physical well being of children".

Dr. Gary I. Wadler, testimony at Senate hearing.

"If all of this were the private property of a private club perhaps this would not matter. But the Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement are not the private preserve of a set of unelected, unaccountable officials presiding in Lausanne. The Olympic Games and the Olympic Movement were created for the world as a beacon of hope and peace and excellence."

Nancy Hogshead, testimony at Senate hearing.

## The OATH Report Phase Two of the OATH Report is launched

Phase two of The Report is out and circulating. We have mailed it to all IOC 2000 members, and are in the process of mailing it out to OATH members, IOC members and IF's, NOC's, sports ministries and other stakeholders. Angela Schneider presented the report to The Olympians in London, England and they agreed to endorse it. The report was on the agenda of the IOC Athletes' Commission meeting which took place on October 1<sup>st</sup> in Athens. It was also submitted as evidence by Dr. Gary I. Wadler at the Senate Hearing on doping. Once again, we would like to congratulate everyone for their valuable input and efforts. The Report is now posted on the website, at [www.theoath.org](http://www.theoath.org).

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## OATH Governance Meet OATH's new Board of Directors

On Wednesday September 22, 1999 a new Board of Directors was voted in. We would like to welcome the board and thank the Nominating Committee for all of their efforts.

Willie BANKS Vice Chair

Dawn FRASER **Vice Chair**  
Prof. Barrie HOULIHAN  
Grace JACKSON **Vice Chair**  
Bruce JENNER  
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Mark TEWKSBURY **Vice Chair**  
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Dr. Gary I. WADLER  
Xiuli WANG

Marcia SAGE - **Secretary**

## **Meet OATH's new Honorary Board**

At the Board's first meeting, which took place on October 14, 1999, OATH's Honorary Board was voted in. Honorary Board members are individuals with external expertise whose counsel to the board is expected of considerable value OATH. Dame Mary Glen-Haig has accepted the Chair position.

Dame Mary GLEN-HAIG, **Chair**

Susan AUCH  
Gaetan BOUCHER  
Peter CARRUTHERS  
Martin CROSS  
Prof. John DALY  
Jack DONOHUE  
Marc GIRARDELLI  
Prof. John HOBERMAN  
Nancy HOGSHEAD  
Thomas JONES  
George MARSLAND  
John NABER  
Brian ORSER  
Mary PETERS  
Gen. Richard ROHMER  
Keith STEIN  
Belinda STRONACH  
Elaine TANNER  
Ulf TIMMERMANN  
Bart VELDKAMP  
Franz WEBER  
Phil WHITTEN

## **Political Outreach Commerce Committee Hearing, Washington D.C.**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1999 Senator John McCain held a Full Commerce Committee hearing on the use of performance enhancing drugs in Olympic Competition. There were three panels. Barry McCaffrey White House drug czar opened the hearing on panel one, following on panel two were Nancy Hogshead, Four-time Olympic Medalist and OATH Honorary Board Member; Frank Shorter, Olympic Gold Medal Marathon runner; and Scott Serota, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Association; and panel three consisted of Dr. Gary I. Wadler, OATH Board Member; Bill Hybl, President, USOC; Dick Pound, First Vice President, IOC; and Doriane Coleman, Professor, Center of Sports and Law, Duke University Law School.

Both Nancy and Gary provided incredible testimonies, which are available to read on the OATH website. They both made convincing

arguments, which resonated throughout the Senate chambers regarding establishing an independent, accountable and transparent anti-doping agency which encourages the athletes participation as major stakeholders in its development and management.

The outcome of the hearing was an indication for two new pieces of legislation, one addressing the need for research grants into performance enhancing drugs and the other to address the need for an independent, accountable and transparent anti-doping agency which conducts out-of-competition, random, unannounced and year-round testing.

## **IOC Outreach Continued dialogue with IOC 2000**

OATH has continued its dialogue with IOC 2000 Reform Commission members and IOC members, athlete representatives, NOC's, sports ministries and government officials.

## **On the Road Ann Peel addresses NGB/AAC in Colorado Springs**

At the end of August I had the great pleasure of attending the USOC joint NGB/AAC meetings in Colorado Springs. The IOC "scandal" has had a strong negative impact on the USOC's fundraising abilities. The USOC is also undergoing a management review (I'm not sure if this was prompted by the SLOC issues) by McKinsey & Company. Consequently, the atmosphere over the weekend was defensive and quite closed in the joint NGB/AAC sessions. However, the USOC accepted the McKinsey recommendations and it's likely that their implementation will do a great deal to change the culture of the USOC in a positive way. The AAC enjoys good leadership from highly educated and highly accomplished athletes. Individual athletes were extremely interested in OATH and very supportive. The AAC is in the process of considering its international role vis-à-vis the IOC Athletes Council and OATH and will soon determine what role they wish to play. Their concern is that elected representatives of American athletes represent the US internationally which I told them they could best ensure by becoming part of OATH.

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## **Recruitment Update**

We would like to welcome five new members to OATH. They are Vicki Preston, CAN Swimming;

Judy Cline, CAN, Sport Physiotherapist; Sally Hamilton Fleming, AUS Swimming; Deirdre Laframboise, CAN Equestrian; and Phil Mahre, USA Alpine Skiing.

Recruitment efforts are coming along. Remember that we need those support forms, please note that they are now available on the website under membership. Now is the time to have athletes' voices heard. If every OATH member recruits 2-3 new members our voice will be that much stronger. The OATH office is your resource centre to assist you in recruiting, so let us know what we can do to help. If you plan on attending a sporting event and can undertake some recruiting there, we can equip you with kits, support forms, pins and t-shirts, just inform Linda Ecclestone and she will assist you with your needs.

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## **Website Update**

Please visit the website at [www.theoath.org](http://www.theoath.org), you will notice some changes that have been happening. There are a few items that should be brought to your attention. First, for recruitment purposes, the Support form has been posted under "membership". OATH's vision, mission and statement of consensus is the initial page, with a link to the support form which can then be printed out and faxed in to (416) 323 0914. *The OATH Report* is now posted on the website under its own heading. Dr. Gary I. Wadler and Nancy Hogshead's testimony is available under the News section. The biographies are also posted. If you notice that we are missing yours or there is an error please let us know. If you have already sent it in, it will be posted in the next two weeks. We welcome any suggestions or comments about the website. It is a work in progress, there is much that needs to be done! If there is something you would like to see please e-mail Linda Ecclestone at [oath@interlog.com](mailto:oath@interlog.com).

## **International Sporting Event Calendar**

Boxing (AIBA) Golden Belt Tournament  
October 31 – November 7, 1999, Bucharest, Romania

Hockey (IIHF) World Junior Hockey Championships, December 1999, Sweden

Sailing (ISAF), Boards Men & Women (Mistral) World Championships  
November 1 – 30, 1999 Noumea, New Caledonia France

Alpine Skiing: World Cup Test Event November 18-21, 1999, Park City Utah

Cycling (UCI): World Championships – Indoor, November 19-21, 1999 Funchal, Portugal

Skating (ISU) World Junior Figure Skating Championships, Nov. 28 – Dec. 5, 1999, Oberstdorf, Germany

Volleyball (FIVB) World Cups, Nov. 2 – Dec. 2, 1999, Japan

### **IOC 2000 Reform Commission Calendar and OATH's action**

Sept 25: Meeting of the Executive Committee of the IOC 2000 Commission, Lausanne  
OATH submitted Phase One of the Report to those who attended the meeting.

Oct 1-4: Executive Board (VII), Athens

Oct 1: Athletes' Commission, Athens  
OATH requested to present the Report to the commission at its meeting in Athens, unfortunately Mr. Tallberg did not grant the request.

Oct 2: Executive Board with Athletes' Commission, Athens

Oct 30-31: Meeting of the Plenary Commission IOC 2000, Lausanne  
OATH submitted copies of the Report to illuminate the debate regarding reform measures to be voted on. OATH has requested observer status but did not receive approval.

Dec 6-7: The World Olympians Association, Lausanne

Dec 7-9: Executive Board (IX), Lausanne

Dec 10-12: 110<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Session (Dates to be finalized by Executive Board in October), Lausanne

### **Upcoming Activities**

- Heather Clarke, Mark Tewksbury and Gaetan Boucher will travel to Ottawa to meet with Dan Smith, Director General of Sport Canada.
- OATH is seeking representation at the Australian Government hosted Anti-Doping Summit taking place in Sydney on November 15, 1999.
- Please keep Linda Ecclestone informed on your upcoming activities and we will include them in this section.

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### **Comment on IOC Reforms**

No one will really know anything until the December IOC votes, but the refusal to implement a 70-year age limit for existing members, and the ability to be reelected after eight years, combined with far more severe limits on terms for athlete representatives, hardly shifts the power. The IOC will still be loaded with NOC presidents and IF presidents, as well as its own members, all of whom have a vested interest in protecting one another. Athletes will have a voice, but nominal influence. They will comprise less than 15% of the IOC membership. The more things change, the more they stay the same. Plus, the athletes will be appointed. The IOC will have to appoint some people like Koss, but it can load its athlete group with puppets and dupes. The US Congress has to be

briefed over and over again so it understands the reforms, at least so far, are merely palliatives. The may look and sound good, but it's more of the same. And JAS' advocacy for no visits to IOC sites is but a sham. The IOC members know he's not trying to deny them their perks, but this is merely a ruse to make him look progressive, while they can ensure the status quo in any subsequent vote. Everything is orchestrated. Having Kissinger and others of renown involved is merely window dressing. Like adding another actor in an insignificant cameo role to the stage in a play whose final act was decided long ago.  
Greg Lewis

### **Media Clippings (Attached)**

#### **Sports group treads softly / Mainichi Daily News Oct.27.99**

This article was e-mailed to OATH members on October 27, 1999. It discussed the meeting of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), held in Osaka this past week. The President of the body is Kim Un Yong, IOC member from Korea. The scandals have caused the IOC to call a moratorium on formal lobbying activities by cities vying to host the 2008 Olympics. Since Osaka is one of those cities, this year's GAISF meet was a relatively low-key affair with none of the lavish wining and dining that usually characterizes such events. Greg Lewis offers the following comments.

#### *Synopsis by Greg Lewis*

Out of one side of its mouth, the IOC talks about its efforts toward reform and then pats itself on the back. But out of the other side, its message is business as usual. At the recent meeting of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), IOC executive board member Kim Un-Yong of Korea revealed that the IOC's greater goal is not ethical stewardship of sport but total control of sport.

"In the third millennium, sport will continue to stir envy and jealousy," Mr. Kim insisted. "We, the IOC for the Olympic Games, the International Federations for competitions and the GAISF must protect sport and control it."

How is it that Mr. Kim, whose own son has been indicted in the Salt Lake City Olympic scandal, can possibly confuse contempt for IOC corruption with envy and jealousy of the IOC? If the IOC continues to "protect" sport as it did in Salt Lake City, Atlanta and Sydney, then the Olympic Games will soon be as hollow as the Olympic rings. Do these feudal lords of sport really care? Apparently not. Once they have total control, as Mr. Kim insists they must, they'll become self-annointed kings, and anyone who challenges their absolute power will be tossed into the dungeon of disregard. Until then, the IOC has hired the best spinmeisters its money can buy to convince its critics that purported reforms (as yet unapproved by the organization) will ensure openness, integrity and fairplay. Does Mr. Kim even know what those words mean?

### **Ticket Sales in limbo after refund move /**

*Sydney Morning Herald Oct.27.99*

The sale of millions of remaining Sydney Olympic Games tickets is in limbo, with consumer watchdog chairman Prof. Allan Fels expected to press SOCOG president Mr. Michael Knight today for a reversal of the strict no-refunds policy. The intervention by Prof. Fels on Tuesday and SOCOG's decision to release a further 520,000 seats has threatened the second round of ticket sales the timetable for selling the remaining tickets. With 40% of people demanding refunds rather than further tickets, there is the prospect of SOCOG staff being too busy providing refunds to dissatisfied customers.

### **Letters to the Editor / Sydney Morning Herald Oct.27.99**

Find out what the Australians think about the ticket fiasco.

#### **My humble apologies**

Please extend my sincere apologies to Michael Knight, and those in SOCOG responsible for ticketing, for my recent carping comments and complaints.

I, like many others, have been stupid in believing what I was told and am truly sorry for the inconvenience and disruption that has been caused.

Clearly Messrs Knight, Gosper,

Coates, Richardson and Reading are individuals whose understanding is at a higher level than other citizens, and therefore it must have been galling to have to explain their actions.

If SOCOG can forgive us Olympic supporters and taxpayers, I am sure we can all get over this misunderstanding and progress in harmony and good faith.

Also, it would seem helpful if we could be more appreciative and respect that the SOCOG board really knows what is best for us.

How could I have ever thought that any lack of integrity, honesty or goodwill existed towards the community?

**- Ross Butler, Rodd Point.**

So it looks like the good folks of Sydney and Australia are slowly discovering what we did in the past year: the Olympics have very little to do with sport and a lot to do with money, money and, yes, more money.

But don't feel too badly, Sydney. You weren't the only naive city to believe it was supposed to mean so much more.

Unfortunately, it's going to be a costly lesson to learn.

**- Brian Hall, Lake City (US).**