

# REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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***Esprit: Sports et Olympisme:*** Jean-Pierre Picquot, 172 Bd. Berthier, 75017 Paris, France. [In French]

December 2008 (#50). This issue is dedicated to a very colorful and wide-ranging look at the philately of the “World Championships of Alpine Skiing: 1931-2009” by René Christin. The 2009 competition was held February 2-15 at Val d’Isère, France. An organizing committee cover from the 1933 FIS championships is shown above.

***Filabasket Review:*** Luciano Calenda, POB 17126 - Grottarossa, 00189 Rome, Italy. [Color, in English]

December 2008 (#27). A thorough review of basketball philately at the Beijing Olympic Games dominates this issue. A short, but interesting, article by Pierre Lehoux reports on an exhibition in Tours, France celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of U.S. forces following World War I. Among other things, the soldiers introduced a number of sports, including basketball.

***IMOS Journal:*** Diethard Hensel, Dorfstr. 15, OT Koselitz, D-01609 Röderaue, Germany. [In Ger.]

December 2008 (#140). A lengthy report on the Beijing Olympic Games is featured in this issue along with a look at EURO 2008 soccer, and Biber Post (a private mailer in Germany). Catalogue updates include Olympic and sports postmarks along with new stamp issues from the around the world. The auction catalogue for the 12<sup>th</sup> IMOS Auction (closing March 29, 2009) is also enclosed.

***Olimpiafila:*** MOSFIT, Vorosmarty u. 65, 1064 Budapest, Hungary. [Hungarian; Eng. synopses]

November 2008 (Vol. XI, No. 1-2). The Beijing Olympic Games take center stage in this issue with a look at the philately of the Games, Olympex, and the torch relay through China. The Olympic team flight to Beijing is covered. Sándor Szekeres honors the centennial of the 1908 London Olympic Games with an article on their philately. In a second article, he examines the seal stamps (vignettes) of the 1932 Olympic Games. For the sports collector, László Várhelyi discusses and illustrates Hungarian sports machine cancels from 1945-2008.

***Phila-Sport:*** UICOS, CP 14327 Roma Trullo - via Lenin, 00149 Rome, Italy. [In Italian]

October 2008 (#68). Gianni Galeotti starts off this issue with a review of the big celebration in Italy for favorite son, Dorando Pietri, on the anniversary of his Olympic Marathon run at the 1908 London Olympics. Pasquale Polo takes a look at the 1960 Olympic velodrome in Rome. Mauro Gilardi catches up readers on motor sports (both cycles and cars), while Ferruccio Calegari covers rowing events in Trieste. Other sports briefs from a variety of contributors include softball, volleyball, and soccer.

***Torch Bearer:*** Miss Paula Burger, 19 Hanbury Path, Sheerwater, Woking, Surrey GU21 5RB, U.K.

December 2008 (Vol. 25, #4). This is a two-part issue. Part 4a provides coverage of the Olympics from a report on the handover from Beijing to London, to an update on Vancouver 2010 happenings. The latter includes a report on the Olympic Spirit Train across Canada in the fall of 2008.

Part 4b is a separate booklet devoted entirely to the 1948 London Olympic Games. The booklet – in full color – thoroughly covers the philatelic aspects of the Games from their conception through their completion. Britain’s stamp issues are extensively examined, as are philatelic materials from other countries. Stamps and cancels portraying medalists of those Games are also presented.