

REVIEWS OF PERIODICALS

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

June 2017 (#84). The Coupe de France (French Cup), an annual nation-wide football (soccer) competition in which all amateur and professional clubs may compete, celebrated its centennial this year. As author Jean-Paul Vanneraud observes, the competition which began in 1917 with 48 clubs, now has 7,290 competing for honors. The town of Pau in France plays host to this year's World Championships of Canoe and Kayak. Over the years, as observed by René Christin, there have been a number of philatelic commemorations of the event from Czechoslovakia (1933), Sweden (1938), Italy (1953) and France (1954, 1959 and 1969). Catherine Salaün reveals that the 1992 Grenoble Olympic torches were produced in two batches over a two-month period. Each torch is inscribed with a unique serial number to the right of the Olympic rings. Roger Viersou discusses the cycling drawings that French artist Paul Ordner created for numerous publications. Finally, Francis Gonzales tells about Haku Michigam, the last samurai of Bordeaux, who competed in and coached judo for France.

IMOS Journal: Veiko Brandt, Hauptstr. 8, 98634 Oberweid/Rhön, Germany. [In German]

May 2017 (#174). This year's special commemorative booklet issued for the annual IMOS Congress opens with an exploration by Karl Rathjen of the Drehberg Games, an early predecessor of the Olympic Games, held in Dessau from 1776-1799 and 1840-1842. In an interesting essay, well-known journalist and Olympic historian, Volker Kluge, asks the question: is there still a future for the sports stamp market? In reviewing the genesis of sports and Olympic stamps in Germany, he observes that 80% of sports stamps are bought by collectors. But even if one day there are no new stamps to buy, he believes that collecting as a basic human need will not disappear. Wolfgang Marx delves into the oldest sports related postal marking in the world for the 1863 Turfest in Leipzig. As one can imagine, fakes abound! Also by the same author is a look at some gymnastics private post stamps from Germany. Armin Haug examines markings on Olympic coins. The life of Jean Jacoby, a Luxembourg stamp designer and two-time Olympic medalist in the arts competitions, is reviewed by Ralph Letsch.

August 2017 (#175). Thomas Lippert discusses the 1932 Olympic Air Cruise (see Fall 2017 issue of *JSP*, pages 18-21, for an English translation of this article). Wolfgang Marx explores an unusual topic – sports facilities at Berlin WWI internment camps and hospitals. Armin Haug reports on the 2017 World Boxing Championships in Hamburg, while Veiko Brandt reviews 200 years of bicycles. Additional articles cover the 2017 Taekwondo World Championships in Korea; new Canadian stamps honoring auto racing stars; the sports/Olympics stamps honoring Canada's 150th anniversary; plus updates on Tokyo 2020 and the Paris and Los Angeles 2024 and 2028 candidacies.

Olympiaposten: NOSF, Postboks 3221, Elisenberg, NO-1208, Norway. [In Norwegian]

Vol. 12, #1, 2017. Halvor Kleppen discusses how, what was originally just a winter sports festival in Chamonix, France, was dubbed the first Olympic Winter Games during the 1925 IOC Congress in Prague. Fredrik Schreuder reveals the details of a 1936 letter from Pierre de Coubertin to his IOC colleague, Alberto Bonacossa in Italy in which de Coubertin talks about the inaugural Torch Relay from Olympia to Berlin, how a 1940 Olympics in Tokyo would help spread Olympism in Asia, his hope to set up a sports study center in Lausanne, and his legacy. Inge Johansen looks at the Cycling World Championships. Halvor Kleppen presents an interview with AICO President Roman Babut on AICO's future plans.

Phila-Sport: UICOS, c/o CONI Servizi, Piazza Lauro de Bosis 15, Foro Italico, 00135 Rome, Italy [In Italian]

April 2017 (#102). Italian medalists at World Championships of winter sports from 1991 to 2015 are presented by Alvaro Trucchi. Italy has a quite a number of sports clubs that go by the name "Rari Nantes." Filippo Carella takes a look at the philatelic history of these clubs which date back to the Roman club founded in 1891. If you're looking for the unusual, Rossana Gandini profiles two humorous "sporting" activities on stamps: pillow fights (on stamps from Gambia and Suriname), and wife carrying (on a Finnish stamp). Alessandro Di Tucci discusses motorcycles: their history, riders and competitions. Valeriano Genovese examines golf memorabilia dating back to the very early days of the sport.