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'Minds are like parachutes. They function best when they are open.' *

If necessity is the mother of invention, then enrichment is the father of initiative. Following earlier innovations - annual Collection and Monograph Numbers and an International Annual Review Number, from 2007 IJHS will include annually Regional Numbers: North America (2007), North and South East Asia (2007), South Asia (2007) and Europe (2008).

There is no intention, of course, to leave out the keystone in the IJHS arch: the Article Numbers will continue.

A contiguous set of numbers will result.

Three factors are responsible: the cresive interest globally in the history of sport, the increasing number globally of young scholars of quality in the history of sport and the growing global practice of downloading specific journal articles. The wider the range available the wider the opportunities.

With this polymorphous IJHS innovation, opportunities for scholars will be enhanced, the frontiers of historical research will be advanced, the academic community will be enriched.

I welcome with great personal pleasure an impressive team of Regional Academic Editors: Mark Dyerson (North America), Fan Hong (North and South East Asia), Boria Majumdar (South Asia) and Thierry Terret (Europe). Their publications on modern sport are respected throughout the world of Sports Studies. Their talents will enrich IJHS.

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* Adaptation of an aphorism attributed to Sir James Dewar (1842-1923)