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## EDITORIAL

### Reviewing papers

A distinguished reviewer for this journal recently wrote, for a resubmitted Original Research paper: “I think that the authors have done an excellent job on their responses. While I somewhat disagree with some of their conclusions, I cannot penalize them for this. They have provided justification for their point of view and so I must conclude that, in my opinion, the paper is now ready for publication”.

I felt a warm glow when I read this thoroughly professional and open-minded review. As reviewers we are *not* required to agree with everything that authors write – we have, broadly speaking, only to judge whether the paper is suitable for the journal, contains good science and is well written (and the editor generally shoulders the first and last of these responsibilities).

One of the papers in this issue may be a shade contentious as it challenges traditional views of running. This paper, in our New Methods and Theoretical Perspectives section, has been through the same review processes as all other papers for this journal and was accepted for publication by two excellent scientists. I believe that the traditional views of any science deserve to be challenged from time to time, so I welcome wholeheartedly the publication of the paper by Graham Fletcher and Nicholas Romanov. Read it – you may disagree with some of their views, but your traditional thinking about running will be challenged and that cannot be a bad thing.

This issue also includes 13 somewhat less controversial Original Research papers. Five of these – probably the largest concentration on one sport any issue of this journal has contained – cover track and field athletics, three are on cricket, two on gymnastics, and one each on ice hockey, sports shoes, and tennis. The issue concludes with a review article of the biomechanics of Tai Chi.

As members of ISBS will already know, Young-Hoo Kwon (ykwon@mail.twu.edu) has taken over as Editor for all new papers submitted after 1 July 2007. I will remain as co-editor to deal with all the papers still under consideration that were submitted before that date, until they are accepted or rejected. The publishers – Taylor & Francis – and Young-Hoo will be introducing a fully electronic submission and review system soon, probably around the end of August, so it should be up and running before you receive this issue. I offer my sincere thanks to all of those with whom I have communicated as authors or reviewers during my 4-year stint, and wish the Journal, the Publishers, and the new Editor great success over the years ahead. It has now been confirmed that *Sports Biomechanics* will appear in the ISI Citation Statistics for 2007, having been accepted for inclusion in SciSearch, the Science Edition of Journal Citation Reports, and Focus on Sports Science & Medicine from the first issue of 2006.

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