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Welcome to this special **OLYMPIC ISSUE** of the *International Journal of Wrestling Science*. The wide variety of the topics addressed in the articles demonstrates the rich knowledge base that supports our sport of wrestling. I am also particularly excited by the number of countries represented through this fine scholarship.



Wrestling has played an integral role in both the ancient, as well as the modern games - from Olympia to London! Who will become the heroes of 2012? It is fascinating that we have records of the achievements of athletes from antiquity. One of the most accomplished was the wrestler Milo of Kroton. He was six times Olympic wrestling champion. He first won in 540 BC, in the youth wrestling event, and then five times in men's wrestling! There are many accounts of his achievements and exhibitions of strength. One stands out to



me, because of one of the most recent rule changes in international wrestling - the addition of the push-out-of-bounds for a point. It is said that Milo would stand on a greased discus (the disks of the past were a bit larger than those of today ranging between 17 to 32 cm) and could not be pushed off!

May these London Olympic Games be a great success and provide beautiful technique, sportsmanship and drama. Good luck and fair play to all of our modern day heroes!

Sincerely yours in the advancement of Wrestling,

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