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Greetings to all nations -

With sincere respect I wish to call your attention to Literary Olympics, founded in 1983 to honor world poets along with athletes at each Olympiad. As history tells us, it was customary in ancient Greece to honor the gods and leading poets, as well as outstanding athletes. However, since the rebirth of the Olympics in 1896, only the Games have been accorded that honor.

Literary Olympics, Inc. is dedicated to reviving world interest in poetry by way of recognizing its leading national poets and awarding gold, silver and bronze medals to those selected by an international jury of literary scholars.

Our initial efforts began in 1984 when nine countries were represented in our anthology of <u>Literary Olympians I</u> for the L.A. Olympiad. In 1988, the number increased to thirty countries represented in our anthology of <u>Literary Olympians II</u> for the Seoul Olympiad. Now, in 1992, we have sixty-five countries represented by one hundred thirty-two poets in fifty-five languages, including English translations, in <u>Literary Olympians III</u> for the Barcelona Olympiad.

I think you will agree this growth attests to the revival of world interest in poetry. To celebrate the occasion, we are awarding our gold, silver and bronze medalists, accordingly.\*

Your endorsement of our purpose and goal, of having your national poets honored in our anthology as candidates for the awards, is important to us, to the poets, and to the world-at-large. May we invite your approval with the enclosed expression of support?

Many thanks for your kind consideration.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Bartlett
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President & Editor-in-chief

\* 1992 medal awards for poetry:

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in honor of
WORLD POETS

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