

(d) Count Baillet-Latour in conclusion expressed himself as being in agreement with that decision, but at the same time he said that he was certain that the I.O.C. would be happy to accord its patronage to any Games modelled on those of Rio de Janeiro in 1922, which if so desired, could be launched on a special occasion by one of the countries of Latin-America.

The Conference then terminated.

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7.— Conference of the Central American Games

Amsterdam 1st August, 1928.

I. — A meeting of those countries interested in the Central American Games was held under the Presidency of Count Baillet-Latour on the 1st August. Costa Rica, Panama, Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Haiti and the Y.M.C.A. were represented.

2. — (a) The organisation of the 2nd Games of Central America was discussed.

(b) Count Baillet-Latour read M. Matheu's report on the situation in the different Central American countries, and said that, as a result of the very excellent work of M. Matheu, the development in sport of these countries had been such as to necessitate the holding of preparatory trial games before each Olympiad. He further stated that the holding of the Central American Games had rendered the same service to Central America as the Far-Eastern Games had to the Far East.

(c) The President then congratulated the representatives of Mexico on the excellent organisation of the Mexican Games and expressed his regret that so few of the countries invited to participate were represented. Showing a very sporting spirit, the delegates from Mexico expressed their opinion that Havana, being easier of access, less expensive, and not so high, would certainly be more popular than Mexico was.

(d) The Committee agreed, but at the same time expressed the opinion that it was necessary not only to obtain the assurance of the Government of Cuba that it was ready to undertake the Games of 1930, but that they must be assured of the interest of men such as MM. Barreras and Silva in the success of the enterprise, for without their interest and support the Games would certainly be a fiasco. It was also decided that active propaganda must be undertaken at once, with the co-operation of the Press and all difficult question, such as the obligation of the various Governments to defray the expenses of participation of their teams, must be dealt with publicly and energetically. It must be impressed upon the public that the idea of restricted participation as to the number of athletes is ridiculous, and public opinion informed that all idea of politics must be banned from sport.

(e) It was finally decided that if Havana would not give the necessary guarantees, negotiations with San Domingo should be commenced, and the President was asked by the Conference to get into communication with M. Porfirio Franca.

The conference then terminated.

8.— Conference of the Far-Eastern Games

Amsterdam, 2nd August, 1928.

I. — A meeting of the countries interested in the Far-Eastern Games met under the Presidency of Count Baillet-Latour on 2nd August, 1928. China, the Indies, Japan, the Phillipines and the Y.M.C.A. were represented.

2. — The President asked that the results of the last Far-Eastern Games might be communicated to the Secretary of the I.O.C. at Lausanne, in order that they may be published in the Official Bulletin, and at the same time he congratulated the Committee responsible for their organisation, upon the success of the last Games.

3. It was decided to hold the Games in future once in every four years. Tokio being selected for 1930, and the Phillipines for 1934.

4. — The view was expressed by several members that the time had come to admit Europeans resident in the various Far-Eastern countries to the Far-Eastern Games, and the President said he would get into communication with the Governments concerned.

5. — The Chinese delegate expressed the hope that in the near future the Olympic Games might be held in a country of the Far-East.

The conference then terminated.

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9.— Meeting of the Executive Committee and Delegates of the International Federations

Amsterdam, 30th July 1928.

I. — A meeting of the Executive Committee of the I.O.C. and of the International Federations was held under the Presidency of Count Baillet-Latour on the 30th July.

The following were present:

Executive Committee of the I.O.C.
International Amateur Wrestling Federation: M. Brull.
International Federation of Association-Football: M. Hirschman.
International Equestrian Federation: M. le Commandant Hector.
International Amateur Athletic Federation: M. Kjellman
International Amateur Boxing Federation: M. Val Barker.
International Fencing Federation: M. van Rossem.

Apologies were received from:

Union Cycliste Internationale.
International Gymnastic Federation.

The International Weightlifting Federation had stated that it would be represented by M. Bourdonnay-Schweich, but he was not present at the meeting.