

1. DISCOURS PRÉSIDENTIEL

My dear Colleagues,

When I open this business meeting of our I. O. C. I wish once more to thank you for your decision to meet in Stockholm. I wish you heartily welcome. It is a great joy for me to be able to have you as my guests here. Only a few of you participated in the 1912 years Olympic Games, but they have told me how happy were those days.

Under the present difficult times the background for happy days in a friendly and accomodating way, if we meet with open minds and faithful hearts, I feel sure that this 1947 year's meeting will also leave good memories behind.

We have an extensive agenda before us. We must work hard. — I ask you to come in time to the meetings. Avoid luncheon invitations. Swedish luncheons are dangerous.

And now, let us start our work.

