

## **Report on the recognition of the international amateur sports federations, the sports of which do not figure in the programme of the Games**

*(Presented at the Rom session)*

We have often received requests from amateur sports federations who wanted to be recognised by the I. O. C., even if this recognition did not imply the participation at the Olympic Games. These requests are renewed at regular intervals and I think it would be necessary to take a decision on this matter. Till now, the only, recognised federations are the ones whose sports figure in the programme of the Games and the list of which is in our Bulletin. Our point of view is that if we admitted the federations whose sports are not olympic, this would give them a power which would only strengthen their authority and prestige. On the other hand, the I. O. C. must encourage *all* sports and in doing this, only follows its own line of conduct. And, to-day more than ever, we must try to unite all the sportsmen

of the world and give our moral support to all those who, under the sign of amateurism, work for the same purpose and with a common ideal.

Besides, most of the national federations which are affiliated to an international body, belong to the national olympic committees. The last european championship of volley-ball for inst., was organised by the Italian Olympic committee. If we took up this idea we could, on the practical side, make up a list of the, so called, olympic federations and another of the non olympic federations.

OTTO MAYER, *chancellor*.

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(This report, as mentioned in the minutes, has been adopted. *Réd.*)

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