

acts, writings or their work in the big sportive Associations have rendered eminent services to Sport.

The First Prize for Women's Athletics, a large gold medal, is intended to reward a feat of physical endurance or successful sportive performances accomplished by a Frenchwoman competing in national or international displays.

The Prize Deutsch de la Meurthe, of Frs. 25.000, is intended to reward the author of a deed which may promote material, scientific or moral progress to humanity. This must be accomplished either by a Frenchman or a foreigner in France or in a foreign country by a Frenchman only.

The Prize Virginie Hériot, of Frs. 30.000, is intended to reward an outstanding sportive feat achieved by a French Amateur Athlete. By Athletism the Sport's Academy understand athletics, gymnastics, basketball, hockey, wrestling, boxing, fencing etc...

The Sport's Academy which functions since 1905, founded at that time a prize intended to reward the inventor of an apparatus for the self-starting of cars also gave a prize to encourage the athletic movement of the year.

It has rewarded the authors of the best works on athletic, mechanic and cynegetic sports, on sportive pedagogy, on ballistics.

At the same time it founded Cups to reward sailors, the best « Tireurs de mer » the best oarsmen on launches, rowing boats or whalers.

The Sport's Academy published informations on the industrial and practical use of the internal combustion engine in navigation, on the Gordon Bennett Cup dealing with spheroids, on a saving apparatus for skaters in case of the ice breaking, on the use of the laboratory of the Aerotechnic Institute of France, for the first man who flew a plane in France etc.

By its diversity and by the noble character of its work the Sport's Academy is an organization which won in its own sphere the highest moral ascendancy.

Its exemple deserves to be followed by other countries.

The International Olympic Committee has acknowledged the worth of this Academy by bestowing on it the *Pierre de Coubertin's Olympic Cup*, founded in 1906 by the Renovator of the modern Olympic Games. This Cup was awarded for the year 1951 to the Academy.

NOTICE ON THE SPORT'S ACADEMY

The *Sport's Academy* was founded in Paris on June 26th. 1905. It has been recognized as a Public Institution by decree of the President of the Republic on May 29th. 1910.

It has been created to encourage the practice of sports, to represent and defend their general interests, to popularize mechanical appliances discoveries or scientific means liable to promote their development and progress.

It constitutes an Academy in the proper sense of the word as represented by the five Sections of the Institut de France as well as by similar Associations in France and in foreign countries.

Thus understood, this Academy is composed of an assembly of a limited number of men possessing special proficiency in the knowledge of human nature which is the mainspring of this Institution.

Its activity consists of conveying INFORMATIONS as done by the great Academies whose Periodicals are famed for their Editorial staff. Every year it awards prizes and finally it is elected by co-option. It has fifty members who are allotted to three sections: The section of Athletics, of mechanical sports, the section of equestrian sports and shooting.

The Academy elects corresponding foreign members. Amongst its members are some of the most illustrious Frenchmen known for their high social standing as well as for their competence.

Each year a general report is published dealing with all the sporting events of the preceeding year. This permits in a special ceremony, to reward the champions known to have achieved the finest performances.

These awards are:

The gold Medal of the Sport's Academy awarded by Section, to the most deserving competitors in sportive events, to the authors of the most interesting books on sport, to the most useful sport Institutions as well as to the persons who by their