

Circular-letter from the president of the organizing Committee of the 50th session of the C. I. O

My dear Colleagues,

In a few weeks time the solemn opening of the 50th session of our International Committee will take place in Paris.

At the Athens Session, you have doubtlessly noticed how the candidature of the French Capital to become the seat of the forthcoming Session, though warmly introduced by so many of you, was backed up with a certain reticence by the man who considers himself honoured to be your Vice-President.

Being fully aware of the advantages and inconveniences which the flurrid life in Paris offers, I feared that the welcome you deserve may not prove equal to the one you received on former Sessions which have left us unforgettable memories.

The "Gay Paris" might prove a disappointment to its distinguished visitors in being able to blend harmoniously the actual work during the sittings of the Session and the entertainments it can offer to its guests ?..

Furthermore, if I thought it advisable to preconize the candidature of Barcelona on

the urging request of our deeply regretted colleague Baron de Guell, I held the opinion that it would facilitate the travelling dispositions of those of our colleagues who desire to attend the IInd Mediterranean Games. Unfortunately the date fixed to hold our Session in Paris with the intent to make it fit in with the Barcelona Manifestation, was too late and this plan has now fallen through owing to the regrettable alteration of date settled by the Spanish Committee.

However as soon as the decision to have Paris as the seat of the Session had been approved of and carried through, François Piétri, Jean de Beaumont and I felt highly honoured by this flattering nomination.

What more can I say ?

May our effort come up to your expectations ! We shall do our utmost to give you a hearty welcome here, this is our most ardent wish.

Armand Massard.