

THE OLYMPIC FAMILY

† Dr. Oskar Ruperti

Dr. Oskar Ruperti, who was member of the International Olympic Committee for Germany from 1924 to 1929 has just died in Hamburg, last November. He was also honorary President of the German Rowing Federation. He was eighty-two years old. It was in 1914, when the German Rowing Federation came under his leadership, that he began to take a keen interest in the Olympic Movement. In that same year he was one of the members of the German delegation which attended the Olympic Congress in Paris in the course of which the Olympic Rules were discussed. Dr. Ruperti had a vast knowledge of foreign languages, which caused Baron de Coubertin to charge him with the translation of the debates at the Olympic Sessions. His professional commitments compelled Dr. Ruperti to tender his resignation as a member of the International Olympic Committee in 1929, which was a source of regret for everyone. However he remained a true friend of sport, being especially keen on rowing, for which he had a great liking. He practised this sport extensively in Oxford and Hamburg. He was a keen lover of sport.

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† Joaquim Serratoso Cibils

In October 1958 Joaquim Serratoso Cibils, honorary member of the International Olympic Committee, passed away, in Montevideo. Businessman, he was a great supporter of sport and Olympism. He was a prominent member of several sport clubs and one of the first young men to play football in Uruguay (amateur). He founded the Albion and Wanderers Clubs. In 1915, he was, together with Louis Supervielle, the first Uruguayan national Tennis champion in double. Since his early youth he went in for swimming at a time when no competitions properly speaking were organized. He also played polo and golf and he was good at rowing and riding. He was elected member of the International Olympic Committee in 1937. To his widow and family we wish to express our deepest sympathy.