



inexhaustible fountain of knowledge reaching all domains, his diplomatic tact and his refined social behaviour, all formed the personality of a world format and a typical figure of the International Olympic Committee, appreciated and loved by all.

He showed a vivid interest in sport and in the Olympic movement right to the last moments. All his active life was connected with sport. His merits, such as the Czechoslovak Order of Work and the title of Meritorious Worker of Physical Education and Sport, amongst others, were appreciated with good reason. He had at heart the perspectives of Czechoslovak sport even when he no longer shared in the everyday work. He put forward a whole range of proposals. He appreciated with great understanding Prague's intention to present herself as a candidate for organizing the Olympic Games.

Dear Professor,

Again the Olympic fanfares will ring out this year, again the wood of flags will flutter and the sacred flame from ancient Olympia will blaze over the Mexican metropolis.

You will be no more with us. You, who almost never missed an Olympic Congress, an Olympic Games. You, who scattered everywhere round you the Olympic strain and Olympic Peace !

Thus terminates Pindar's verses of the Hymn of Sport:-

And our praise shall resound:  
Praise to the glory of sport  
Praise to sport,  
To beauty, to youth be praise,  
and to the winner's name !

Even you, Dear Professor, you are the winner through all your beautiful lifework devoted to Olympic sport and to Olympic ideals !

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