

THE AVERY BRUNDAGE FOUNDATION MEDAL

Two hundred gold medals, precious and resplendent in their artistic simplicity and finesse will honour the "great ardinals" of the Olympic movement. These medals of the very BRUNDAGE Foundation will embody all the thanks that the resident wishes to show for their invaluable contribution to the important mission which the International Olympic Committee has undertaken.



During his recent stay in Europe the IOC President presented several of these medals. Dr. Heinz SCHOEBEL, member of the IOC for East Germany - who has already shown himself as an adept writer in his remarkable biography "The Four Dimensions of President BRUNDAGE" - had the privilege of receiving the first medal, on the 14th October last in Mexico City. Next came Mr. Willi DAUME, IOC member for Germany and President of the Organizing Committee for the Munich Olympic Games. Then during a reception at Grenoble Town Hall Mr. Hubert DUBEDOUT, leading citizen of the town and Dr. Albert MICHALLON of the Organizing Committee for the Grenoble Games were also honoured.



Was Mr. Armand MASSARD to be forgotten after his sixteen years of worries, annoyances and responsibility as vice-president of the IOC? Not at all! His president, Avery BRUNDAGE, made a special visit to Paris to bestow on him the gold medal and its accompanying diploma of honour in recognition of his services.

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Jean-François BRISSON

editor of Le Figaro, parallel to his professional life has always had an extremely full and active career as athlete and sports official.

Champion of France for athletics and record holder (110 m. hurdles) just before and again after the second world war, this member of the Racing Club of France is responsible for the creation of the modern decathlon (in which the athlete has to compete in ten different events).

Descended from famous men of letters - his father, Pierre BRISSON, was the head of Le Figaro, his grandfather Adolphe BRISSON ran the "Annales" and his great-grandfather was the famous drama critic Francisque SARCEY - Jean-François BRISSON, by his writings and actions, has always championed the Olympic ideal, in particular as a member of the Pierre de COUBERTIN Committee. His article which we publish here, explains the reasons for which this committee has been led to reconsider the Olympic Charter and to suggest new rules which will be put before the International Olympic Committee.

The Pierre de Coubertin Committee⁽¹⁾

Almost 130 teachers, sportsmen, artists and youth leaders - among them Geoffroy de NAVACELLE, the grand-nephew of the reviver of the Olympic Games - meet to carry out the work of the Pierre de Coubertin Committee. This committee, created in 1950, strives to revive, preserve and renew the Coubertinian spirit. The statutes lay down the scope of the work to be accomplished: "To maintain the whole of the intellectual work of the reviver of the Olympic Games :

- To make clear and spread the moral and educational lessons contained therein and, particularly, to preserve an educational and disinterested ideal in the practice of sport;

To undertake any action likely to create a movement favourable to the promotion of healthy sporting practices;
- To promote the adoption of plans of campaign and concrete steps contributing to them."

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