

The I.O.C. mourns:

Dr. Miguel MOENCK has passed away

On 1st September, a telegram from Cuba arrived at the I.O.C. Secretariat. Dr. Miguel MOENCK had just died on 31st August following a chronic illness.

His colleagues will remember the tall, slim figure of this architect, with his narrow head crowned by fine white hair, and his large blue eyes, on his last appearance at the I.O.C.



Session in Mexico, exactly a year ago.

Dr. MOENCK was one of the most legendary sports figures of his country. Originally a basketball champion, he soon specialised in athletics, carrying off victories in the 400 and 800 metres in national championships. He took part in rowing races and tennis tournaments with equal success.

In 1913 he took a lead in organising sport in his country by founding the Union of Amateur Athletics, of which he was Secretary from 1920 to 1922. A member of the Council of Administration and then President of the Vedado Tennis Club until 1939, he also carried out the duties of President of the National Organisation of Cuban Sport, President of the Cuba National Olympic Committee and President of the Organising Committee of the Second Games of Central America in 1934. In 1938 he replaced Mr. Porfirio FRANCA, as a member of the I.O.C., in which he played an active rôle until just recently.

Dr. MOENCK, an architect of repute, lectured on this subject for many years at the University of Havana.

The I.O.C. conveys its deepest sympathy to his family and the Cuba Olympic Committee for the loss of this remarkable man of whom his country can be very proud.