



Having been elected to the board of the Olympic Committee in 1923, he continued to serve the TOC until his death. In 1964 the IOC awarded him the Olympic Diploma of Merit. Founder of the first Turkish sports association, he was also instrumental in the creation of the Balkan Games and the Mediterranean Games.

In Paris in 1924 and in Amsterdam in 1928, he headed Turkey's delegation to the Olympic Games, and in 1948 in London, as well as in 1972 in Munich, he attended the Games as a representative of the Olympic Committee. His death is a tremendous loss to our Committee and to the Olympic Movement as a whole but we are sure that his name will for ever remain inscribed in the annals of the sports movement of our country.

Tribute to Mr. Burhan Felek

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Mr Burhan Felek, President of our national Olympic Committee since 1962, died on the 5th November 1982, at the age of 93. He had devoted his whole life to sport and contributed actively for over 75 years to the promotion of the Olympic ideals.

His sports career started in 1908 when he founded the « Anadolu » football club for which he also played. He also went in for athletics, winning several 3000 m titles. In 1910, he launched Turkey's first sports magazine « Futbol » and rapidly became the leading sports journalist in Turkey, writing brilliant articles and in particular a series entitled: « The Olympic Games». He venerated M. Selim Sirri Tarcan, the first IOC member in Turkey, as his master and followed in his steps in spreading Olympism in our country.