

*"If I look around me...in the evening of this congress which is the fulfillment
hope of the first two years of my life as a man... The Greek heritage is so vast.
gentlemen...We are rebels... I raise my glass to the Olympic idea which like an all-
powerful ray of sunlight, has pierced through the mist of the ages and returns to light
up a beam of joyous hope the threshold of the 20th century
Pierre de Coubertin*



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It was 100 years ago...

At 4 p.m. on Saturday 16th June 1894, the International Congress for the Revival of the Olympic Games opened in Paris, with the express provision for their re-establishment under point eight of the agenda, together with the appointment of an International Committee responsible for preparing this revival. In the main amphitheatre of the Sorbonne, the University of Paris, almost 1,000 people attended the opening ceremony as if at a society occasion. .me work began on the following day, with 79 delegates representing 12 countries: England, Belgium, Bohemia, Spain, the United States, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Sweden and France, with the support of 49 member societies. One German was also present.

A week later the principle of the Games organized every four years was established, along with that of a permanent International Committee made up of 14 members, and on the final day of Saturday, 23rd June, the revival of the Olympic Games was proclaimed

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of this proclamation, the IOC Executive Board has planned to hold a formal meetings in the same room, which today bears the name of Octave Gréard, Rector of the University in 1894. We shall report on all the ceremonies which mark this commemoration in our next issue.

COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAMME

20th June : Opening Ceremony of the ASOIF meetings in the Maison des Sports, Paris

21st June : Meeting of the IOC Executive Board in the MØridian Montparnasse Hotel

22nd June : Meeting of the Executive board with the Summer IFs, Maison de Sport

Signing of the agreement of the International Council of Arbitration for Sport

Juridical Commission of the IOC

IOC President's Press Conference

23rd June : Solemn Meeting of the Executive Board, Celebration of the Centennial in the Salle Octave GrØard, in the Sorbonne

Celebration of the Olympic Centennial Day in the Olympic Museum, Lausanne

25th June : Meeting of the Executive Board in Olympic House

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Ceremony of the tomb of Pierre de Coubertin

Ceremony of the Villa Mon-Repos

26th June : Meeting of the Executive Board and Press Conference of the IOC President

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