

Les membres du C. I. O. sont-ils sportifs?

(Suite de notre enquête)

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Voici ce que nous communiquent M. Loth au sujet de son activité sportive :

1. *Aviron*. Six en pointe avec barreur (ce type n'est plus en usage aujourd'hui) ;
Quatre en pointe avec barreur ;
Deux en pointe avec barreur ;
Skiff.
J'ai pris part à de nombreuses régates en Pologne et possède toute une série de prix. J'ai participé également à de nombreuses excursions d'aviron de longue distance.
2. *Course à pied* sur longue distance. A l'époque, j'ai gagné une course de 14 km. en Allemagne.
3. *Saut*. Premier prix en Allemagne du saut en hauteur avec planche à bond (ce genre de saut n'est plus reconnu actuellement).
4. *Cyclisme*. Participant à de nombreuses épreuves de longue distance.
5. *Natation*. Trois premiers prix de natation de longues distances.
6. *Escrime*. Un troisième prix.

J'ai pratiqué également le football, l'hippisme. Je fais actuellement encore de l'aviron pour mon délasserment avec des amis de mon club dont plusieurs possèdent des médailles olympiques.

Je suis président du plus ancien club d'aviron de Pologne dont le boat-house et ses 287 embarcations ont été détruits pendant la guerre. Nous possédions avant la guerre 1800 membres et actuellement nous en avons à nouveau 700. Nous faisons des efforts énormes pour reconstruire notre boat-house et notre flottille d'embarcations, car nous avons maintenant notre propre atelier de construction. Outre l'aviron, mon club encourage aussi la gymnastique et l'escrime ainsi que la natation en hiver.

D^r FRANCIS MEZO
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I was born in 1885. After finishing my studies (Latin and Greek languages and literature) I soon became headmaster of a secondary school.

As student of the secondary school I scored several times in high jump and in the putting the weight, after the first war as shooter too. I took part in the Olympic art competition in 1928 and won the *Olympic golden medal* with my sport-historical work : « History of the Olympic Games ». It was published in Hungary in 1929 and in Germany in 1930 and 1935. My first book entitled *Tibullus* in the Hungarian literature appeared in 1908. Since that time about 2000 articles of

mine have been published in Hungary and in about 15 other countries, also about 40 works (also in reprints). Three of them contained my experiences and anecdotes from the first world-war, all the others are sport books :

- Greek sport I-II (pictures by lantern slides). Pictures from Hungarian sport, 1926.
- History of the Olympic Games, 1929.
- History of the Olympic Games, 1930.
- On the sunny Greek soil, 1929.
- History of Hungarian Sport, 1931.
- Hungary at the Olympic Games, 1932.
- The battle of Marathon and the Marathon race, 1934.
- Olympia once and now, 1935.
- Olympic Guide, 1936.
- The XI. Olympia, 1937.
- Hero and Leandros (Byron as sportsman), 1938.
- The Question of the Long Jump in Ancient Times, 1941.
- Three Thousand Year Old Youth, 1947.

As contributor I wrote many articles in many lexicons among them *Bechman : Sportlexikon* 1933, *La Hongrie et la Civilisation*, Paris, 1930, *Olympische Spiele*, Zurich, 1928, *Polska I Wengry* Warszawa, 1937 ; *Encyclopedia of Sport*, 1928, Budapest, etc. My library collected for 40 years, is rich in data, printed matter, news-papers, programmes, pictures concerning the Olympic Games. Returning from my study-tour made in Greece in 1928 I proposed that the Olympic Stadion and gymnasium should be excavated just as the buildings of the sacred grove (Altis). Germany accepted my proposals and began to work in 1937 and only stopped in 1940. These excavations also resulted very nicely.

Regarding my sport administration I was elected from 1932 to 1946 chief secretary of the Hungarian Olympic Society. 1945-46 President of the Hungarian Scientific Society for Sport and Physical Training. 1945-March-1948 chief of the section for sport in the Hungarian Ministry for Religion and Education, also lecturer for History of Sport at the Hungarian High School for Physical Education. During 40 years I gave 500 lectures on history of sport literature also in Hungary and also abroad. I became member of the I. O. C. in 1948. My intention is to serve the high Olympic idea both with pen and the propagation of the Olympic peace. It would cause me great happiness if the whole world would take part with sincere friendship in the Olympic Games in Helsinki in 1952. Naturally I should like to continue my literary studies too, because there is still much to do.

Dr Francis Mezo.

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