

Motion to the International Olympic Committee

At the IOC Session in 1948 the IOC member MEZÖ proposed to include the event of 1906 in Athens as “*IIIb Olympic Games*” in the list of the Olympic Games. The motion was rejected in 1949 without any historical analysis. The Executive Committee of the *International Society of Olympic Historians* (founded in December 1991), based on research documented herein, voted in 1999 and again in 2001 to recommend, echoing Ferenc MEZÖ’s 1948 proposal, to include the *Second International Olympic Games 1906 in Athens* in the official list of Olympic Games and to assess the event for what it had been – real Olympic Games. We urge the International Olympic Committee to consider this proposal and adopt it as a historical fact.

For the International Society of Olympic Historians

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The Second International Olympic Games in Athens 1906 were as well for Baron de Coubertin, the IOC, the participating NOC’s, the athletes, the spectators, and the people interested in sports activities all over the world, as real Olympic Games, as for instance those from 1896 in Athens, or 1908 in London.