

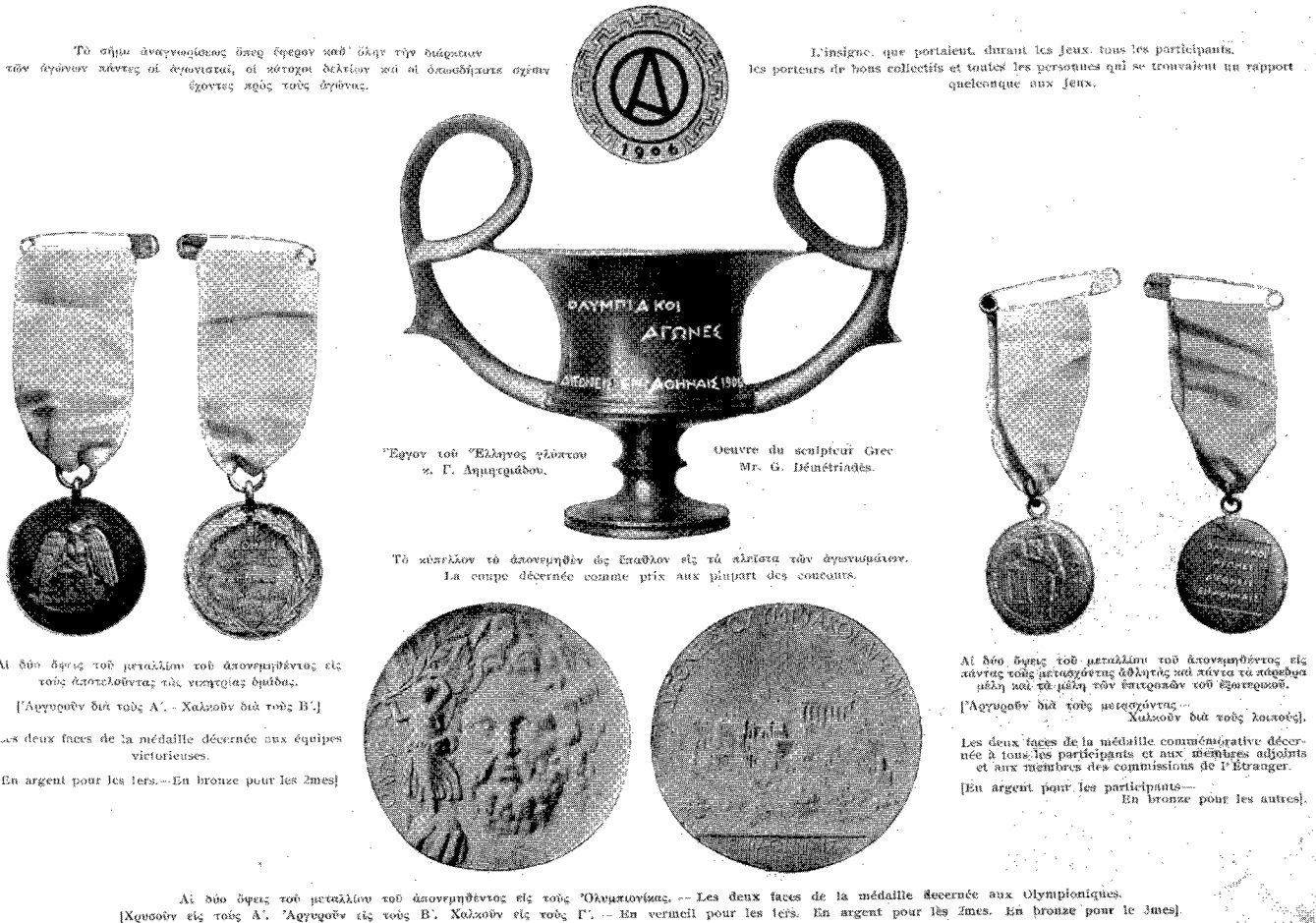
# Summary

After the successful Olympic Games in 1896 in Athens, the Greek government and (most of) the American team proposed to hold the Olympic Games permanently in Athens. COUBERTIN rejected these plans. Various IOC Members proposed a compromise: alternately holding the Games in Athens and in the capital cities of the world. The German IOC Members formulated a motion from this proposal, to which the IOC agreed at its 1901 Session. Although COUBERTIN was against it, he did pledge IOC support for this plan. After the final completion of the Panathenaic Stadium a new Organizing Committee was formed which sent out invitations to the "Second International Olympic Games in 1906". The International Games took place for all athletes, officials, journalists, and spectators in the spring of 1906 in Athens. Before and afterwards, Coubertin announced this event several times in the *Revue Olympique* and also called them "brilliantly executed" Games. For the first time there was a Parade of Nations, for the first time only NOCs sent athletes, and at the presentation ceremony gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded. The scheduled third and fourth Olympic Games in 1910 and in 1914 in Athens were planned,

but could not be held due to political problems in the Balkans. Soon the 1906 Olympic Games in Athens were dismissed as an aberration and denigrated with the title of Interim or Intermediate Games. But for the true Olympic historian these were Olympic Games, equal to all the other ones from 1896 to 2000.

# Motion

At the IOC Session in 1948 the IOC member MEZP 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 MEZP'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.



The various trophies and medals, issued to the winners and the participants