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1st Conference of the German Pierre de Coubertin Committee

International influences on the re-establishment of the Olympic Games by Pierre de Coubertin

On 21st March in 2002 the German Pierre de Coubertin Committee was founded in Mainz. Apart from trying to implement central educational ideas of Pierre de Coubertin in schools, the German Pierre de Coubertin Committee aims to thoroughly investigate Coubertin's educational work

Coubertin's intention to revive the modern Olympic Games has been thoroughly examined in sport history and sport pedagogy. From this the inauguration of the modern Olympic Games appears as a project whose realisation can be attributed to various impulses. Among them were pedagogical values which Coubertin gained from France, England and the USA, the educational principles of the peace movement and the idea of the so-called 'National Olympics' which already had a strong tradition before the congress for the re-establishment of the Olympic Games was held in Paris in 1894. Unfortunately, research results on these various influences on Coubertin's endeavours to invent

modern Olympic Games have hardly been coordinated until now. Therefore it is quite difficult to develop an overall view.

The conference aims at bridging this gap. National as well as international well-known researchers are asked to present their research results on a particular influence of Coubertin's intentions to revive the modern Olympic Games and open their results to discussion. At the end of the conference the polyglotal origin of the modern Olympic Games should become clearer. The presentations as well as the results of the discussion will be published.

The conference will take place from 5–7 September 2003. Leipzig as the German candidate for the Olympic Games 2012 will be the location for the congress. For further information contact one of the following

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