



# VII OLYMPIC CONGRESS - LAUSANNE 1921



 IOC

The resumption of Olympic Congresses following the First World War took place in Lausanne because, during the war, Pierre de Coubertin had moved the IOC headquarters there for the sake of neutrality. The main objective of the Congress was to complete the work, started in Paris in 1914, on streamlining the expanding Olympic Games programme.

## LOYALTY TOWARDS THE IOC

This of course was of direct consequence for the International Federation's and, following a suggestion by the International Cycling Union to create a union of international sports federations,

They held a conference of their own immediately prior to the Congress in Lausanne. Against this backdrop it was perhaps not surprising that the Congress failed to bring about a more concise programme of competition, but the fact that the intended amalgamation of the federations into a world sports union did not happen could be seen as a sign of loyalty towards the IOC.

## **1ST OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

The Congress decided not to introduce Olympic Winter Games as an independent part of the Olympics but the host country would be allowed to stage competitions in winter sports under the auspices of the IOC, assuming that the country met adequate landscaping and organizational criteria. France was the first to have the chance of staging an “International Winter Sports Week”. This took place at Chamonix in 1924 and later became officially known as the 1st Olympic Winter Games.



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MEMORANDUM

on the CREATION of a UNION OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTING FEDERATIONS

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One of our oldest international sporting bodies, the "Union Cycliste Internationale", has just informed us that, trusting its twenty odd years standing as an international body might appear sufficient excuse for its initiative to discuss the grouping of all international sporting bodies into one

"UNION DES FEDERATIONS INTERNATIONALES SPORTIVES"  
(U.F.I.S.)

The aim of such a union is to secure for each of the international federations the assistance of all the others, and to create bonds of lasting friendship between all, thereby facilitating, among other things, a discussion of international relations from a general point of view.

On the other hand the "UNION DES FEDERATIONS INTERNATIONALES SPORTIVES" might promote the organization of World Championships in each sport, grouping, when desirable, in the same town or country the championships of various sports of kindred nature; lastly, discuss the course to be followed by all members with regard to the Olympic games.

The "UNION DES FEDERATIONS INTERNATIONALES SPORTIVES" might make it its business to fix the dates of all great international contests.

There would, of course, be a definite understanding that the new body should not in any way interfere with the interior management of each of the affiliated bodies; nor would it be allowed to deal with any technical question.

Its essential purpose would be an assertion of the general community of our aims and interests. It may be presumed that the cause of sport throughout the world would, by the institution of such a Union, be greatly benefited.

The "Union Cycliste Internationale" has undertaken to invite the various sporting federations to a CONSTITUENT CONGRESS, to be held at LAUSANNE, on the 31<sup>st</sup> MAY and 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE 1921.

The agenda of business to be discussed will be as follows:

- 1.- Statement of motives for constituting a Union,
- 2.- Discussion of Statutes,
- 3.- Calendar of World Championships for 1921,
- 4.- Address of Union,
- 5.- Election of Board,
- 6.- Fixing of venue and date of next Congress,
- 7.- Miscellaneous questions.

The following are the federations before which the question has been laid:

FEDERATION AERONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE,  
INTERNATIONAL AMATEURS ATHLETIC FEDERATION,  
ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE DES AUTOMOBILES-CLUBS RECONNUS  
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE D'AVIRON,  
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE BOXE AMATEUR,  
INTERNATIONAL BOXING UNION,  
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE D'ESCRIME,  
FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE FOOTBALL-ASSOCIATION,  
ROYAL AND ANCIENT GOLF CLUB of S<sup>t</sup> ANDREWS.



ENTENTE DES FEDERATIONS EUROPEENNES DE GYMNASTIQUE.

LIGUE INTERNATIONALE DE HOCKEY SUR GLACE.

Fédération Internationale de Lutte  
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF "CATCH AS CATCH CAN" AMATEUR  
WRESTLING (Lutte libre)

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE NATATION AMATEUR.

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE PATINAGE.

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DES POIDS ET HALTERES.

INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF RUGBY.

UNION INTERNATIONALE DE SKI.

FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE TENNIS.

UNION INTERNATIONALE DE TIR.

UNION INTERNATIONALE DE YACHTING DE COURSE.

UNION CYCLISTE INTERNATIONALE.

All communications respecting the "UNION DES FEDERATIONS INTERNATIONALES SPORTIVES" and the CONSTITUENT CONGRESS of May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> 1921, should be addressed to

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