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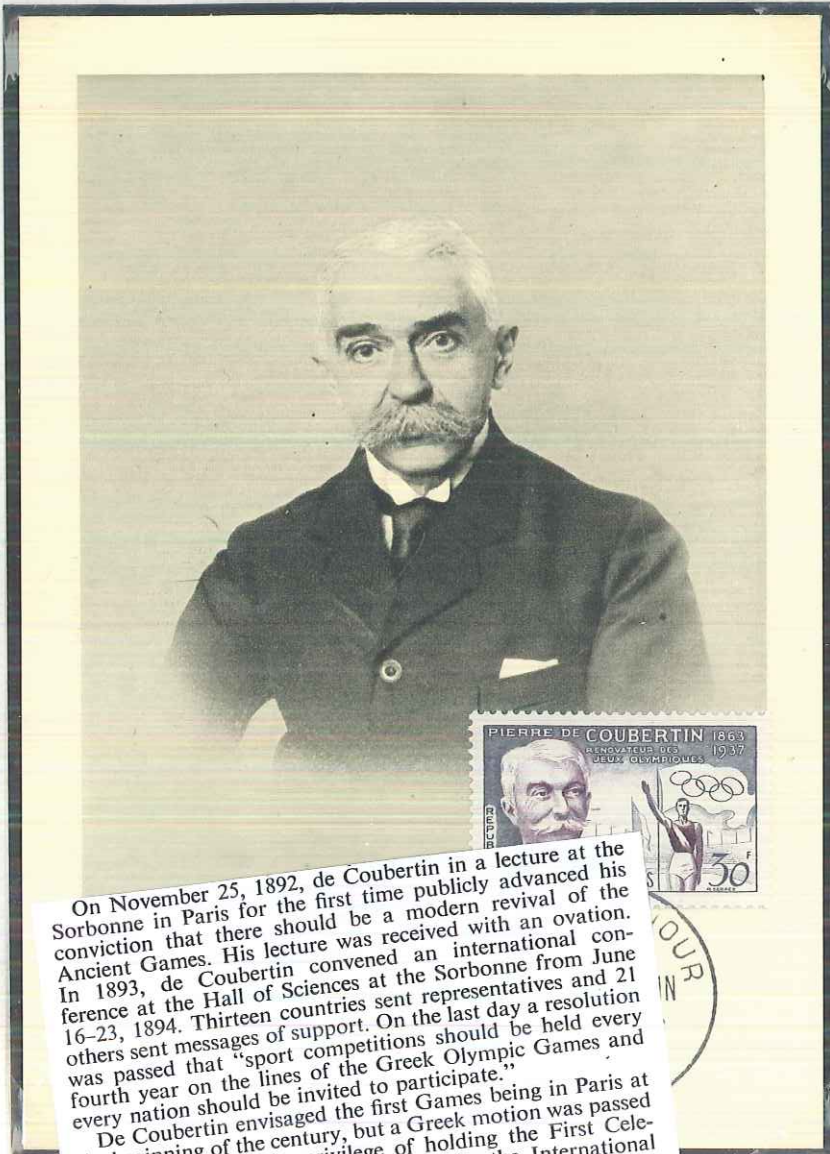
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Pierre de Coubertin

1863 — 1937

Father of the "Modern"
Olympic Games



On November 25, 1892, de Coubertin in a lecture at the Sorbonne in Paris for the first time publicly advanced his conviction that there should be a modern revival of the Ancient Games. His lecture was received with an ovation. In 1893, de Coubertin convened an international conference at the Hall of Sciences at the Sorbonne from June 16-23, 1894. Thirteen countries sent representatives and 21 others sent messages of support. On the last day a resolution was passed that "sport competitions should be held every fourth year on the lines of the Greek Olympic Games and every nation should be invited to participate."

De Coubertin envisaged the first Games being in Paris at the beginning of the century, but a Greek motion was passed giving the Greeks the privilege of holding the First Celebration at Athens in 1896. Accordingly, the International Olympic Committee (IOC)—then 12 strong—was formed.

"Let us export our oarsmen, our runners, our fencers into other lands. That is the true Free Trade of the future and the day it is introduced into Europe the cause of Peace will have received a new and strong ally. It now inspires me to touch upon the further step I now propose, and in it I shall ask that the help you have given me hitherto you will extend again, so that together we may attempt to realise, upon a basis suitable to the conditions of our modern life, the splendid and beneficent task of reviving the Olympic Games."

"Pierre de Coubertin"

Union des Sports Athletiques

Sorbonne (Paris)

25th November 1892

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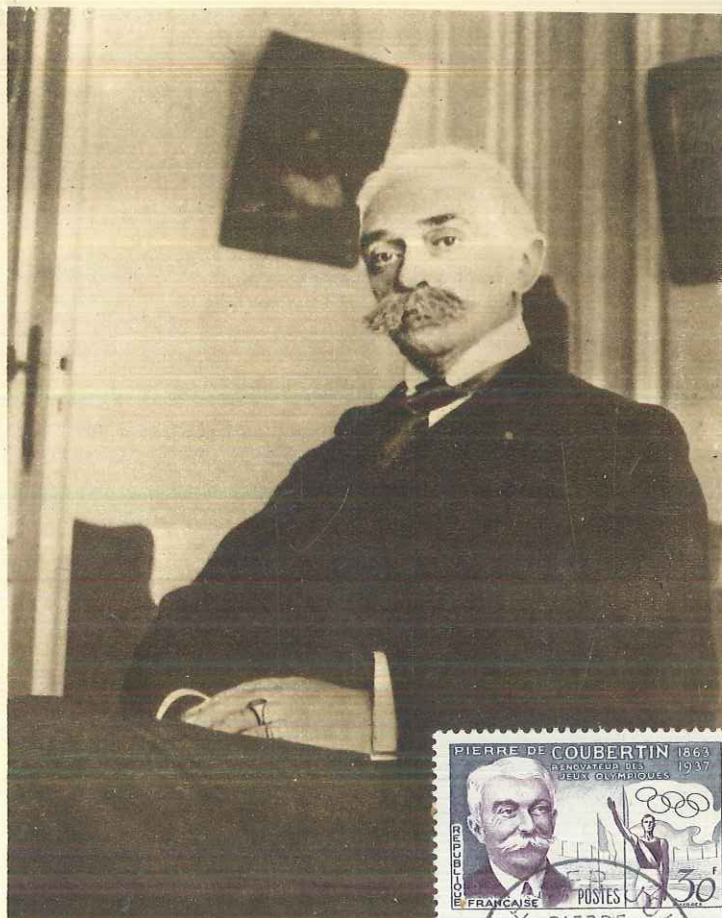
Pierre de Coubertin

Born
1863
Paris



Died
1937
Geneva

Founder of the Modern Games



PIERRE DE COUBERTIN
Rénovateur des Jeux Olympiques
1863 - 1937

