

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE F. I. E. P. AND A HOMAGE TO ITS PRESIDENT DURING THE WORLD CONGRESS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

By Pierre Seurin

The *F. I. E. P.* held its *General Assembly* in the frame-work of the imposing *World Congress of Physical Education* organized in *Madrid* from 13th to 17th September 1966, by the *National Direction of Physical Education and Sports in Spain* and the *F. I. E. P.* The meetings were carried out in the *International Hall* of the *National Institute of Physical Education*.

The following members of the *Executive Committee, International Council and Delegates*, were present:

Mr. Leal d'Oliveira (*Portugal*), President.

Mr. Luis Bisquerdt (*Chili*), Vice-President.

Mr. Pierre Seurin (*France*), Secretary General.

Mrs. L. Diem and Mr. K. Wildt (*Federal Germany*), Messrs. A. Willee (*Australia*), H. Groll (*Austria*), F. Demaseure (*Belgium*), J. Targa (*Brazil*), Benoit, representing Mr. Don Guay (*Canada*), R. Aguilera (*Cuba*) P. Lopez (*Costa Rica*), F. Andersen (*Denmark*), Fadali (*Egypt*), J. Cagigal, R. Yagüe, T. Nuñez (*Spain*), Mrs. Kopponen (*Finland*), Messrs. Coevoet (representing the Delegate in *France*), E. Bamieros and C. Caviskis (*Greece*), Kupers (*Holland*), F. Hepp (*Hungary*), A. Adubi (*Israel*), Decker (*Luxembourg*), P. Acosta (*Mexico*), G. Sanchez (*Peru*), Mrs. J. Kutzner (*Poland*), Messrs. N. Feio and R. Leite (*Portugal*), Siclován (*Rumania*), P. Högberg (representing the Delegate in *Sweden*), H. Brandt (*Switzerland*), Reitmayer (*Czechoslovakia*), Mihovilovich (*Yugoslavia*).

Prof. Dr. P. Chailley-Bert, president of the *F. I. M. S.* (*France*) and Prof. Dr. La Cava, Secretary General of the *F. I. M. S.* attended the *General Assembly*, as guests.

The 13th September

A preparatory meeting was dedicated to work out the Agenda and to distribute documents.

The 14th September

1 — Mr. J. Cagigal, President of the Organizing Committee of the *Congress* and delegate of the *F. I. E. P.* in *Spain* welcomed the official representatives of our Organization.

2 — Mr. d'Oliveira introduced his report on the activity of the *F. I. E. P.* since 1963, when the last *General Assembly* took place in *Brussels*.

He referred to the constant development of the *F. I. E. P.* in the *World*, its participation in numerous international meetings, the collaboration with other international Organizations, particularly the *I. C. S. P. E.* and the «*F. I. M. S.*».

3 — Mr. Seurin, Secretary General, recalls the decisions taken by the last *General Assembly* and gives an account of the following achievements carried out by the *Executive Committee*:

— Study of new *Statutes*, the last text of which was to be submitted to the delegates.

— Founding of the *Thulin's Prize*.

— Study of physical education in the primary school.

— Development of the *F. I. E. P.* — *Bulletin*.

— *International Congress and Courses* patronized or organized by the *F. I. E. P.*

1963: *Luso-Brazilian Congress of Physical Education in Rio de Janeiro*; *International Course in Aix-en-Provence*; *Symposium of University Departments of Physical Education in Latin America, Concepcion*.

1964: *International Courses in Warsaw and Toulouse. World Congress in Tokyo*.

1965: *International Course of Physical Education and International Congress of the «G. L. M. P. S.»*, in *Lisbon*.

1966: *Luso-Brazilian Congress in Luan-da; International Course in Aix-en-Provence; World Congress in Madrid; International Colloquium in Oporto*.

— A large correspondence addressed to delegates, members, etc., all over the World.

4 — *Reports from the F. I. E. P. Delegates*.

Each Delegate then presented a short report on the action of the *F. I. E. P.* in his country.

These reports bring an optimistic conclusion as to the future of the *F. I. E. P.* and its *Bulletin* is considered as being of a high quality.

Certain Delegates wish to see technical articles published in the *Bulletin*. It is however admitted that it should keep its present day character with articles of a high scientific, philosophical and pedagogical level.

It is this level that must characterize the *F. I. E. P.* in the World. It appears to be more convenient to entrust to national magazines and technical books the care of diffusing divers forms of body exercises. The adaptation of technical terminology to various languages, cultural levels of teachers and trainers and material conditions of teaching, etc., is thus better accomplished.

The reports of Delegates stress the fact that schools and Institutes for the training of teachers of physical education, are almost always the more numerous «collective members» of the *F. I. E. P.* in divers countries. This presents the problem of a closer connection with the *International Association of the Colleges of Physical Education*.

The 16th September

This session was especially devoted to the study of the project of *Statutes*:

After discussion the text of the new *Statutes* was approved of and the *General Assembly* entrusted the *Executive Committee* to draw up the definitive text, taking into

consideration the correction of details which might be suggested by the *F. I. E. P.* Delegates to the Secretary General.

The new *Statutes* will be printed in three languages: English, French and Spanish.

The 17th September

The *Agenda* was the following:

1 — Message from the Secretary General of Honour.

2 — Relations with other *International Organizations*.

3 — *Thulin's Prize*.

4 — Programme of activity for the following four years.

5 — Election of the *International Council*.

Regarding the first item, Mr. Seurin read the following message addressed to the *Congress and General Assembly*, by the Secretary General of Honour Major O. Kragh (*Sweden*):

«My thoughts will follow the *World Congress and General Assembly*, wishing ardently that the choice for a new President, if it is really indispensable, be profitable to the precious continuation of the *F. I. E. P.*

I wish all possible success and happiness to the organizers and congressmen and send my unreserved thanks and admiration to the President during 1959-1966 and his closest collaborators for their work, world renown and development of the *F. I. E. P.*, and for their fight for a physical education of high quality».

The President d'Oliveira praised the work accomplished by Major O. Kragh as former Secretary General of the *F. I. E. P.* in complete agreement with the deceased President J. G. Thullin, the help he continues to give him and suggested that a telegramme should be sent to him with the thanks of all, which was warmly approved.

In what concerns the second item, the *General Assembly* wished that a closer coordination be accomplished among divers international Organizations and considers that

it must be the principal rôle of the *International Council of Sport and Physical Education*. (I. C. S. P. E.) which was founded precisely for that.

Then the *Assembly* adopted the protocol of agreement carried out by the *Executive Committee* with the *F. I. M. C.* ⁽¹⁾ and entrusted the *Committee* to study with the *I. C. H. P. E. H.* and the *A. I. E. S. E. P.* the possibility of a closer collaboration.

The creation of the *Thulin's Prize* of which the conditions of award are stated by the President d'Oliveira, is confirmed by the *General Assembly* ⁽²⁾.

Programme of activity

The following proposals concerning *congresses* and *courses* organized or patronized by the *F. I. E. P.* were presented by the Delegates:

— Mr. Demasure (Belgium):

In the 1st fortnight of July 1967: *International Course in Brussels*.

— Mr. Targa (Brazil):

1969: *Luso-Brazilian Congress in Brazilia*.

— Mr. Cagigal (Spain):

1968: *International Course*.

— Mr. Coevoet (France):

1967: *International Course at Houlgate*.

1968: *International Course* (place not yet fixed).

1969: *World Congress in Strasburg* on the theme: *Pedagogical demonstrations of school physical education*.

— Mr. Perez Acosta (Mexico):

October 1967: *National Congress of Physical Education*:

1968 — *World Congress*.

— Mrs. Kutzner (Poland):

1967 or 1968: *Symposium on physical education in the primary school*.

— Mr. Noronha Feio (Portugal):

July 1967: *International Course in Lisbon*.

1970: *General Assembly of the F. I. E. P. in Lisbon*.

Prof. Dr. La Cava (Italy):

A joint meeting of the *F. I. M. S.* and *F. I. E. P.* on the occasion of the *XVIIth International Congress of the F. I. M. S. in Havana*, in October 1968.

The *Executive Committee* of the *F. I. E. P.* was entrusted to study details of organization and dates with the delegates.

Election of the international Council and Executive Committee

The new *International Council* of the *F. I. E. P.* was unanimously elected for four years. It comprises the following people:

Honorary Secretary General:

Mr. O. Kragh (Sweden).

Honorary members:

Messrs. Henri Bolland (France), Ricardo Villalba (Spain), Nizamettin Kirsan (Turkey).

President:

Mr. A. Leal d'Oliveira.

Vice-Presidents:

Messrs. Luis Bisquertt (Chili), Erling Asmussen (Denmark), Arthur Steinhaus (U. S. A.), M. Ikai (Japan).

Secretary General:

Mr. Pierre Seurin (France).

Assistant Secretary General:

Mr. Noronha Feio (Portugal).

Members:

Mrs. L. Diem and Mr. K Wildt (Germany), Messrs. Romero Brest (Argentine), H. Groll (Austria), F. Demasure (Belgium), J. Targa and J. Ramos (Brazil), J. Cagigal (Spain), E. Jolk (U. S. A.), E. Bamieros (Greece), E. Simon (Israel), M. Gotta (Italy); Decker (Luxembourg), Smithels (New-Zealand), Mrs. J. Kutzner (Poland), Mrs. Deolinda Martins (Portugal), Åstrand (Sweden), H. Brandt (Switzerland).

The *Executive Committee* is therefore constituted by Messrs. Leal d'Oliveira as President, Pierre Seurin as Secretary General and Mr. Noronha Feio as Assistant Secretary General.

⁽¹⁾ *F. I. E. P. - Bulletin* N.º 1-2, 1966, p. 75.

⁽²⁾ *Idem*, p. 78.

Mr. C. Marques Pereira, professor at the *N. I. P. E.* in *Lisbon* will ensure with M. d'Oliveira the chronicle *Books and Magazines* of the *F. I. E. P.* — *Bulletin*.

The *International Sections* continue to be presided by Messrs. Erling Asmussen (*Denmark*) — *Scientific Section* —, F. Andersen (*Denmark*) — *School Section* — and E. — Westergren — *Work-Recreation Section* (*Sweden*).

The *General Assembly* entrusts the Presidents of Section to choose their collaborators.

Finally the President Leal d'Oliveira thanked warmly Mr. José Cagigal, *F. I. E. P.*'s Delegate in *Spain* and President of the *Organizing Committee* of the splendid *World Congress of Physical Education* and Mr. Ruiz Yagüe, Subdelegate and one of the Vice-Presidents of this Committee, and asked them to kindly accept respectively the *Ribbon* and the *Medal* of our organization.

He also thanked the members of the *International Council* and Delegates for their confidence on the *Executive Committee* of the *F. I. E. P.*

The Session was then closed.

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On the 17th September took place an imposing homage to the President Leal d'Oliveira in the Auditorium of the *N. I. P. E.*, followed by a banquet at the «*Real Sociedad Hipica*».

In the Auditorium, Mr. Seurin, on behalf of the *F. I. E. P.*, Prof. Dr. Chailley-Bert, as President of the *F. I. M. S.* and Prof. Julien Falize, President of the *I. C. H. P. E. R.* and on behalf of the President of the *I. C. S. P. E.*, spoke to praise the merits and devotion of the President of the *F. I. E. P.*

Then, the celebrated pianist Esteban Sanchez played pieces of Bach, Händel, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Albeniz and Granados.

In the *Real Sociedad Hipica*, the large hall was also full of very distinguished people.

The President of the *F. I. E. P.* was between Mrs. Primo de Rivera and Mrs. Pardo de Santayana.

When champagne was served Dr. Luis Bisquertt, Vice-President of the *F. I. E. P.*, Messrs. Demaseure, *F. I. E. P.*'s Delegate in *Belgium*, William Jones, Secretary General of the *I. C. S. P. E.* and José Cagigal, President of the *Organizing Committee* of the *Congress* spoke to praise our President.

Mr. Cagigal offered him a fine silver tray and an artistic book, both covered with signatures we reproduce and Mr. Coevoet handed him two fine souvenirs, one from the *F. F. G. E. G. V.* and another sent by Mr. Mario Gotta, *F. I. E. P.*'s Delegate in *Italy*.

Mr. Leal d'Oliveira, very moved with such a homage, heartily thanked those present, saying that if he had accomplished something worthy, it was due to having defended for many years the lofty ideal which has guided the *F. I. E. P.* since its creation in 1923, in *Brussels*.

He excused himself for adding that his work for this ideal, was also a consequence of a certain moral formation that makes him follow the exigencies of duty, however helped by his scientific and technical training, a certain permanence in his post, a calm and happy family life warmed for 47 years by the love and support of his wife, besides the precious help of his dear friend Mr. Pierre Seurin, Secretary General of the *F. I. E. P.* and other members of this Organization.

Referring to the *Organizing Committee* of the *World Congress*, Mr. d'Oliveira said that it has been most generous to the *F. I. E. P.* by helping the journeys and stay in *Madrid* of its President, Vice-President, Secretary General and Delegates, all congressmen being received with much kindness and entertainments. The homage to its President increased the debt to such a hospitable country.

Mr. Leal d'Oliveira then lifted his glass to wish the greatest happiness and progress for *Spain* and the other numerous countries represented at the banquet.