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To the CIPC Members

To the Honorary President and Members

To the CIPC Board Members

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By e-mail

Dear CIPC Members, dear Friends,

I have the great sorrow to inform you that our

Honorary President Geoffroy de Navacelle de Coubertin

died in Versailles, France, on 5th May 2015, after a long life of 97 years.

We are deeply touched because Geoffroy de Navacelle de Coubertin was the soul of our Committee since its foundation in 1975.

He was CIPC President from 1978 to 1992 and Honorary President thereafter.

During his presidency he worked particularly hard for the publication of Pierre de Coubertin's works in French which was finalised in 1986.

He took the responsibility for publishing a regular Newsletter, as well as several brochures on various themes of Pierre de Coubertin's works such as « Coubertin and the arts », « Coubertin and journalism », « Coubertin and sport for all ».

He established a very good relationship with IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch and, thanks to his dedication; the CIPC became an Olympic recognised organisation and obtained a moral and financial support from the IOC on a regular basis.

He represented the CIPC at the Olympic Congresses of Baden Baden 1981 and Paris 1994.

He was honoured for his dedication to Coubertin's ideas when being awarded the Olympic order.

In a few words, Geoffroy de Navacelle de Coubertin lived to perpetuate the life work of his great uncle Pierre.

We pay homage to a great man of the Coubertinian and Olympic Movement.

A funeral mass will be held in Versailles in the morning of 13th May and the burial will take place in Mirville in the afternoon (16:30).

With my deep condolences to his family,

Norbert Müller



CIPC President