

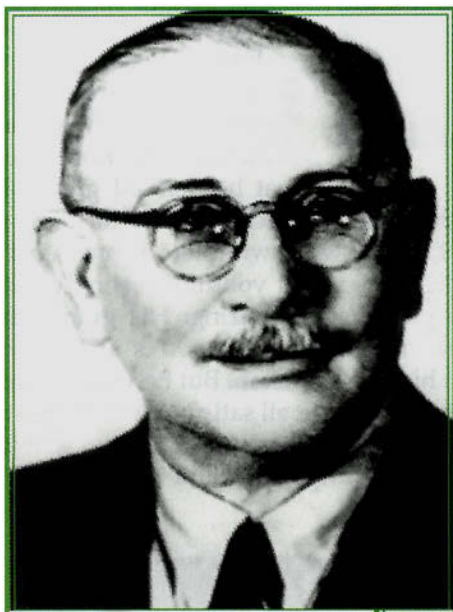
Ferenc Mezo HUN
*13 March 1885 † 21 November 1961

Ferenc Mezo was born in Poloskefo, Zala, Hungary and became a teacher, first in Nagykanizsa and later in Budapest. He led the way in trying to record the medal winners of the Modern Olympic Games. Over his lifetime he wrote more than 70 works on the Olympics, his first being published in 1911. MEZO - whose name was GRUNFELD before; a hint to his Jewish origin - collected documents and relics related to sports history and by the early 1920's his library was one of the most extensive in the world. In 1928 he was the gold medal recipient in the literature section of the Olympic Art Competitions for

his famous book History of the Ancient Olympic Games. In 1956 MEZO published the book The Modern Olympic Games, which included for the first time the medal winners of all nations with their first or given names, information that was lacking until that time in nearly all Olympic result lists and books. But a number of omissions remained, especially in team sports, because even Official Reports often neglected the names of the team members in those sports.

Throughout his Olympic career Dr. MEZO was one of the strongest proponents of the Art Competitions segment of the games. After the competitions were converted to exhibitions he fought for their reinstatement to full competition status for the remainder of his life.

Ferenc MEZO was a founding co-President of the Hungarian Olympic Society and the Hungarian member of the International Olympic Committee from 1948 until his death. After his death on November 21, 1961 the MEZO Collection was deposited in the Museum for Sport and Physical Education in Budapest. (WZ)



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