

Luis FERNANDEZ – My interviews with Kirsty COVENTRY

TRANSCRIPT OF THE VIDEO n°11:

See you again

All good things must come to an end....

KIRSTY, how do you conclude this series of interviews, initiated for your presidency of the I.O.C.?

To tell you already that I took real pleasure in it is obvious. I hope it's the same for you. And also to tell you that I am at your disposal... today... tomorrow... in six months... a year or more...

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Then tell you that before approving or rejecting my vision and each of my proposals, can you pass them through the filter of this code of ethics and draw the necessary conclusions:

1- Is it at the service of all licensees? Here, the planet's billion sports licensees

2-Is it beneficial to the community? Here, Humanity

3- Is sportsmanship respected?

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Also to tell you that if the Olympic Games of Antiquity lasted from 776 BC to 393 AD, more than 11 centuries. The Games of the modern era began in 1896 and are just 129 years old. A century and dust.

A century and dust. Compared to the scale of the Olympics of antiquity, this adventure of the Olympics of the modern era is comparable to that of a big child who has just finished his teenage crisis.

In my book: "The I.O.C. and its decline" and this series of interviews, I wanted to lay the foundations for the maturity of the global Olympic and Sports Movement

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KIRSTY, for this, you have:

1. A global vision
2. Anticipating the future
3. An I.O.C., the true planetary government of world sport
4. The first measures and recommendations
5. The common thread for the future: the Olympic Congresses
6. The proposal for an Olympic mascot: OLYFLAM
7. The creation of a continental Olympic theme park to reach concretely and personally not only all athletes but also every human being

These last three measures – the congresses – the mascot – the continental theme park – are capable of striking people's minds and constituting the birth certificate of a new era of the Olympic Movement, that of its maturity.

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To tell you again that:

We will all pass... Olympism will remain

Tomorrow, it's obvious that I won't be here anymore... And each of us can make the same observation. Olympism, on the other hand, will continue its march forward. I will simply say that, from my time of time, I have tried to look at the eternity of Olympism. Have I succeeded?

Only time will tell....

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As a Rotarian athlete, I tell you:

In his last message to his Rotarian friends in 1947, PAUL HARRIS said:

"When a man plants a sapling in early spring, how can he know if it will grow? Must he not rely on rain, sun and providence? Only after seeing the first bud can he start dreaming of shade! »

It is this wisdom that drives me.

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Finally, I will tell you that I will, of course, continue to work for the advent of this maturity of the Olympic and Sports Movement, and transmit my vision and "my essential oils" - as my

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friend JAMEL says - so that sport is really and concretely a school of life. Because, beyond the fact of preparing sports champions, shouldn't we concretely prepare champions of Life?

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KIRSTY, allow me, at the end of our interviews, to say a big thank you to the close team that accompanies me: First JAMEL, international consultant, then BASILE, in formation at the Vatican, and I would have a special thought for my wife GISELE"

Perhaps one day we will read in the history books: "Three sportsmen, a Frenchman, supported by an Algerian and seconded by a Togolese, have successfully initiated a refoundation of the Olympic and Sports Movement." Who knows?

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The writer Carlos CASTANEDA wrote:

A vision without action is a dream

Action without a vision is a chore

A vision in action is a hope in motion

My only ambition is to offer a hope on the move: to make the sporting people feel that another form of governance is possible. Fairer. More harmonious. More legitimate that promotes the influence of each person and the development of the whole.

I want to see this hope shine in the eyes of my entire sporting family, the billion sports licensees.

This hope on the march is simply translated by the slogan:

With Olympism, the Human Grows

Thank you.

Luis