



The International Pierre de Coubertin Schools' Network, that has schools from five different continents, was established in 1997. Ülenurme Gymnasium has been part of it since 2003. The International Youth Forum of Coubertin Schools takes place for the first time in Estonia from 19th to 26th of August in Ülenurme.

Every two years representatives of these schools (students age 16 to 18) meet in a Youth Forum. There the participants will discuss the ideas of the French pedagogue, historian and founder of the International Olympic Movement Pierre de Coubertin about international friendship, respect, fairplay and excellence. They will test their knowledge about Pierre de Coubertin, the ancient and modern Olympics and the Olympic Movement, as well as compete in different sports. During the week they will get to know different cultures and will have workshops in different fine arts.

The 11th Youth Forum in Estonia expects 24 different delegations with 150 participants, including the CIPC President, Prof Dr Norbert Müller, several experts on Olympic education from CIPC Board and Ms Alexandra de Navacelle de Coubertin as representative of the Coubertin family.

The 11th International Pierre de Coubertin Youth Forum motto is
„Kalokagathia – the harmony of body, will and mind“.

Previously held forums:

1997 – France – Le Havre

1999 – England – Much Wenlock

2001 – Switzerland – Lausanne

2003 – Italy – Arenzano

2005 – Austria – Radstadt

2007 – Czech – Ta'bor

2009 – Greece – Olympia

2011 – China – Beijing

2013 – Norway– Lillehammer

2015 – Slovakia – Piešťany

The competitions for the Coubertin Award 2017 will include the following five disciplines:

1) **Community Service.** All students must carry out an activity in their respective country for the benefits of their community.

2) **Olympic Knowledge Test.**

3) **Sports Tests:** Cross country race, swimming, long jump, sprint 100 m, ball throw.

4) **Arts Performance.** There will be 9 different workshops: banner, shadow theatre; songs; rhythm & body percussion; show dance, modern dance; Estonian dance; easy gymnastics; crafts.

5) **Olympic Values.** The central topic of our group discussions will be "Balance between Body and Mind".

Delegations will introduce the culture of their country with songs and dances at the Mini- Expo.

On the 24th of August at 7 pm there will be a parade at the Town Hall Square of Tartu.



Ülenurme delegation with Coubertin Awards in Beijing 2011



Youth from three different continents

The 11th International Pierre de Coubertin Youth Forum's patron is the Vice-President of the Estonian Olympic Committee and the two-time winner of the Olympic Bronze Medal, Jüri Tamm.

Ülenurme Gymnasium's alumni World Champions Oliver Venno (volleyball) and Rasmus Haugasmägi (water motosports) also cheer for the participants.

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