



Dear President,

Death of Ryszard Parulski (POL)

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing in Warsaw of Ryszard Parulski, on 10th January 2017.

Born on 9th March 1938, Ryszard Parulski was a very successful fencer in all three weapons.

In 1959, he was junior world champion at individual men's sabre, in the junior World Championships in Paris (FRA).

In 1961, he was World champion at individual men's foil, in the World Championships in Turin (ITA).

In 1963, he was world champion by team at men's épée, in the World Championships in Gdansk (POL).

He was silver medallist at individual men's foil in the 1963 World Championships, and by team at men's foil in the 1963, 1965 and 1969 World Championships.

He was bronze medallist at individual men's foil in the 1969 World Championships, and by team at the men's foil World Championships in 1961, 1962, 1966 and 1967.

He was silver medallist at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo at team men's foil and bronze medallist at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico, at the same weapon.

After his athlete career, he became a lawyer. He also became President of the Polish Fencing Federation from 1989 to 1992. He was Vice President of Polish Olympic committee since 2005.

He founded the Polish Olympians Association, being their President since, and was honoured from his government for "Sports Excellence"; additional many international medals crowned this sportsman's fencing life.

To his family and friends, and to the Polish Fencing Federation, we express our most sincere condolences and our profound sympathy in these difficult times.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**