



Dear President,

Death of Austin Edison Thomas (ARU)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Austin Edison Thomas, President of the Fencing Federation of Aruba.

Born on 25 March 1939, he took part in the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul in individual foil and individual epee.

He devoted his whole life to fencing and was its trailblazer in Aruba.

For decades he worked tirelessly with extraordinary perseverance to develop and promote our sport in Aruba.

Fencing has lost a lifelong friend, wholeheartedly and faithfully devoted to its cause and an example of commitment and determination.

We offer our sincerest condolences to his friends and family, and to the Fencing Federation of Aruba, and express our deepest sympathies in these difficult times.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**