



**Dear President,**

**Death of Doctor Omar Alejandro Vergara (ARG, MH) OLY**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr Omar Alejandro Vergara (MH) OLY on 28 June 2018 in his native city of Rosario at the age of 75.

He was a famous Épée and Foil fencer. He was National Champion, South American Champion, Individual Champion in the 7th Pan-American Games held in Mexico in 1975. He was an Olympian at the 19th Olympics held in Mexico in 1968, 20th Olympics held in Munich in 1972 and 21st Olympics held in Montreal in 1976.

Omar Vergara had been a Category A international referee at the three weapons.

He was a member of the Directoire technique at numerous World Championships.

He was President of the Argentinian Fencing Federation from 1986 to 1990, 1996 to 2000, 2004 to 2008 and 2012 to 2016.

He had been President of the South American Fencing Confederation and Vice President of the Pan-American Confederation.

He was a member of the FIE Executive Committee from 2008 to 2012.

He was a member of the FIE Legal Commission since 1992.

He was a Permanent Member of the Argentinian Olympic Committee.

During the November 2017 FIE Congress he was made a Member of Honour of the FIE.

Motivated by the sole objective of developing fencing, Omar Vergara never ceased giving the best of himself and his entire energy to the cause of our sport.

The FIE and the sport of fencing have lost a talented and remarkable expert. But above all, the fencing family has lost one of its members, a great friend who was appreciated and respected by all.

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to his family and friends, and to the Argentinian Fencing Federation, and ask them to accept our most heartfelt sympathies at this difficult time.

**Alisher Usmanov**  
**President**