



Dear President,

Death of Max W.F. Geuter (MH, GER)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Max W.F. Geuter (MH, GER) on August 27, 2018. He was born on September 16, 1937 in Aachen (GER).

Max Geuter was a member of the FIE Executive Committee from 1993 to 2016, and vice-president during the period 2000 to 2004.

He was a member of the FIE Refereeing Commission from 1985 until 2004.

He was elected as a Member of Honour by the FIE Congress in 2000.

From 2013 to 2016, he was the representative of the Executive Committee on the FIE Veterans Council,

In 2016, he was nominated as a member of the FIE Veterans Council, and then elected by the Council as its President.

He was also a member of the FIE Hall of Fame.

In the European Fencing Confederation, Max Geuter was the first Vice-president from 1996 to 2005, and then Secretary General from 2005 to 2017.

Max Geuter was also a fencer in foil, sabre and epee, participating five times at World championships and three times in the Olympic Games. He competed at the 1964 Olympics with the Unified Team of Germany and at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics with West Germany in the epee team.

His sports ambitions started with gymnastics, athletics, and handball and only later in 1954 with fencing, when he moved to Frankfurt. In his club, Frankfurter TV 1860, he benefited from various Fencing Masters who pushed him to become German epee champion in 1963. In the mid-1960s, he lived in the United States for over a year and was allowed to fence in two US Championships. He won the 1966 US foil championship and finished fifth in the epee.

After terminating active sport, he became a member of the German Fencing Federation in various positions: responsible for referees; in charge of the male epee team; vice-president in charge of elite sport and foreign affairs. He achieved, together with many top coaches, a total of 284 medals at Olympic Games, World and European Championships.

He became an international referee after passing his examination in Mexico City in all three weapons. He officiated at the Olympic Games and World Championships for many years. He participated as a delegate of the Refereeing commission at the Olympic Games, World championships and Asian Games, and examined hundreds of referee candidates.

He has also been a member or President of the Directoire Technique at World Championships, participated in the renaissance of the European Championships, was responsible for the organization of several major events including the 10th Arab Games and in charge of directing seminars and examinations for referees.

One of his impressive achievements was the creation of FIE veterans fencing, starting in Cape Town in 1997 with men's epee only, and increasing over the years subsequently with all other weapons, categories, genders and age limits.

Max Geuter's motivation was once initiated by a quotation of Winston Churchill: "Not one hour in your life you spent with sport is lost." These words fit him in his active time as a sportsman as well as in his later dedication as an official.

Max Geuter has dedicated his entire life to sport and to fencing, performing an incredible number of functions and roles, and achieving outstanding results for fencing worldwide.

Max Geuter continuously gave the best of himself and devoted his extraordinary talent to the cause of our sport.

The FIE and the sport of fencing have lost a great professional, and one of its dearest members, a great friend who was appreciated, respected and admired by all.

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

Alisher Usmanov
President

