



Minutes of the Lausanne Meeting 4th, 5th and 6th July 2014 – Hotel de la Paix
COMPTE RENDU DE LA REUNION PROMOTION COMMISSION

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1. Welcome and Foreword by the President of the FIE`s Commission P&P.

The Chairman Cécile Faye opens the Meeting of the P&P Commission at h 9.00 and thanks all P&P Commission Members. She asks Donald K. Anthony, representative of the FIE COMEX, to bring greetings from FIE Comex. Donald Anthony greets participants at this meeting and recalls some of the activities that the Comex has launched in the last season.

2. Presentation and Validation of the Agenda.

The Members of the Commission listen from the President the Agenda and they approve the proposed content and times.

Asimina Tsellou explains the absence of Maxim Paramonov. She will report accurately to Maxim Paramonov everything that will be discussed during the work of the P&P Commission.

P&P Commission takes note of this, but regrets the lack of opportunity to meet with the new Director of CMTV Department, at the beginning of the new organization of the FIE Offices, starting since 1 May 2014.

3. Project Fencing Whites.

Nathalie Rodriguez presents a draft of the project.

The final version will be presented in Kazan, during the Senior World Championships. After this presentation, the document will be sent to all the members of the P&P Commission.

The goal of the project is to introduce uniforms and colorful fencing material; proposal is the establishment of a working group of at least nine people, for the elaboration of specific proposals.

The P&P Commission appreciates that their input was requested in advance and was pleased that one of their 2013 proposals was accepted.

The P&P Commission approves the objectives of the project and the general approach presented by Nathalie Rodriguez.

All members of the P&P Commission will contribute according to their experience; the P&P Commission appointed Carl Borack as its representative in this new Working Group.

4. Actions and Proposals.

The Promotion and Publicity Commission decides to reorganize the structure of its work by producing a new document, in which it is described:

- Proposals to FIE Comex from P&P Commission
- Action items for P&P Commission
- Requests to FIE Head Office

The final document is attached.

5. Proposal for the amendments of rules and of Statutes.

The Promotion Commission analyzes and discusses the proposals received.

The final document is attached.

6. Sport Department.

The Promotion Commission listens to Frederick Pietruszka and Krisztian Kulcsar the report on the recent reorganization of the FIE Offices.

In particular they describe the new Sport Department and its activities.

7. New name of the Commission.

The Promotion & Publicity Commission proposes to change their name to the new one **“Promotion, Marketing and Development Commission”** and presents to Comex the request to vote it during the next Congress.

8. New duties of P&P Commission.

The Promotion & Publicity Commission proposes to replace the duties listed in the Statutes with the new ones that are in line with their current activities, in coordination with new CMTV Department. (See attachments)

9. Two years Plan for media.

The Promotion & Publicity Commission requests that CMTV Department shares their strategic plan.

10. Next PP Commission Meeting.

The Promotion & Publicity Commission decides to have next meeting in Rome, on **Thursday 20 November**, in the evening, the day before the 2014 FIE Congress.

The Meeting of the P&P Commission ends on Sunday 6^h July.

The President Cécile Faye and the FIE Comex Representative Donald Anthony thanks all Members for their active participation.

The President of the PP Commission
Cécile Faye

the Secretary of the Meeting
Gianandrea Nicolai

PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES CONGRESS 2014

Submitted to the PP Commission

Proposals of the Executive Committee

Proposal 1

Motivation: *If the proposal concerning the Cadet World Championships is ratified by the Congress, it would be necessary to:*

Remove references to the Cadet World Championships in the following articles:

Organisation Rules:

o.4, o.34, o.35. o.48, o.71 (title and article), alphabetical index. Table of contents

Technical Rules:

t.42.3 iv), t.45.4 b)

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

See motivation written about Proposal for the amendments of the Statutes, Proposal of the Executive Committee, Proposition 1.

Proposals postponed in 2013

Hungarian Fencing Federation Proposals

Proposal 1

Motivation: *This is only to clarify the existing rule, ie. the fencer should only be penalised by stepping back one meter in case the fencer crosses the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet.*

t. 17.9

If a fencer has crossed the **lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet**, he may be put back on guard at the correct distance even if this places him behind the rear line and thereby causes a hit to be awarded against him.

Opinion of the working group (Rules, Refereeing, Promotion Commissions, Coaches Council) charge of the review of the proposals postponed in 2013 : In favour if modified as follows:

If a fencer has crossed the lateral boundaries of the piste **with one or two feet**, he may be put back on guard at the correct distance even if this places him behind the rear line and thereby causes a hit to be awarded against him

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR with the opinion of the Working Group.

Proposal 2

Motivation: *This is only to clarify the existing rule, ie. the fencer should only be penalised by stepping back one meter in case the fencer crosses the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet.*

t.28.1

If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste **with both feet**, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre (but cf t.29).

Opinion of the working group (Rules, Refereeing, Promotion Commissions, Coaches Council) charge of the review of the proposals postponed in 2013 : In favour if modified as follows:

If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste **with one or two feet**, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre (but cf t.29).

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR with the opinion of the Working Group.

Proposal 3

Motivation: *This is only to clarify the existing rule, ie. the fencer should only be penalised by stepping back one meter in case the fencer crosses the lateral boundaries of the piste with both feet.*

t.102

If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste **with both feet**, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre.

Opinion of the working group (Rules, Refereeing, Promotion Commissions, Coaches Council) charge of the review of the proposals postponed in 2013: In favour if modified as follows:

If a competitor crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste **with one or two feet**, he must step back one metre from the point where he left the piste; and if he goes off the piste during an attack he must return to the position he occupied when he started his attack and then step back a further metre.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR with the opinion of the Working Group.

Proposals postponed in 2013

Russian Fencing Federation Proposals

Proposal 4

Motivation: *The bigger variation of replacements during the team match, tactical play of coaches in comparison with previous rules will greatly enhance the interest of spectators in the events taking place on the piste.*

o.44.10

a) In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to **substitute** for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. ~~The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match in order to replace a fencer on the piste, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances.~~ The replaced fencer has the right to fence one more time during the current team match in order to replace a fencer, except when the first replacement has been done for medical reasons. **The announcement** that a fencer is to be substituted, which must be reported by the Referee to the Directoire Technique and to the opposing team captain, must be made at the latest **before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced.**

Opinion of the working group (Rules, Refereeing, Promotion Commissions, Coaches Council) charge of the review of the proposals postponed in 2013:

To allow more flexibility will reduce the risk that a team has to withdraw because of injury and also give some more room for tactical decisions for the team captain. At the same time, it was not considered desirable that two fencers could fence two relays against each other during the same team match.

In favour if modified as follows:

In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to substitute for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. **However, the fencer who has been replaced may fence one more time during that match, but only to replace the substitute fencer, except when the first replacement has been done for the reasons listed in article o.44.11. No further substitution is allowed,** ~~The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match in order to replace a fencer on the piste,~~ even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted, which must be reported by the Referee to the Directoire Technique and to the opposing team captain, must be made at the latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced.

NB: The working group remarked that if accepted, this change would not be applicable in the Olympic Games.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

It is not well explained all possible situations.

The Promotion Commission agrees in principle. **Suggestions to test this new rule in Junior Team World Cup Competition, during next season 2014/2015.**

Proposals postponed in 2013

US Fencing Federation Proposals

Proposal 5

Proposed Change to Rules of Competition Governing the “Crossover” at Sabre (Rule t.75.5)

Motivation: *The current rule has increasingly caused problems for fencers, referees, trainers and spectators. The rule is not completely clear as to when a crossover occurs and the critical point is difficult for the referee to see accurately. The problem is magnified during video reviews because the fixed camera position gives a skewed perspective that makes it difficult to see accurately the relative positions of the rear heel and the toes of the front foot. As a result, disagreements and confusion about crossing over actions have grown more frequent and video review is not as effective as it might be in resolving them.*

As now formulated a crossover is said to occur during a forward movement when “the rear foot completely passes the front foot.” This appears to mean the crossover occurs when the heel of the rear foot passes the

tips of the toes of the front foot. But at that point the lower legs and the ankles have already passed each other, and a small but real step can take place. Indeed, one can by taking small steps actually walk down the piste without violating the rule. The proposed changes address these concerns.

The current rule is also difficult for referees to apply during the heat of the action because the precise moment when the heel of the rear foot passes the toes of the front foot is hard to see. The proposed language states that the crossover occurs when the heel of the rear foot passes the heel of the front foot. This alignment of body parts should be much easier for the referee to observe, both during live action and during video replay, and facilitates application of the rule.

Summary: The proposed change is intended to decrease ambiguity about when a prohibited crossing of the feet occurs in sabre by clarifying the point at which a crossover happens.

CURRENT RULE t.75.5:

5. The fleche and any forward movement in which the rear foot completely passes the front foot is forbidden. Any offence will be penalised as specified for penalties in the 1st group (cf. t.114, t.116 et t.120). Any hit scored by the fencer at fault will be annulled. However, any hit correctly executed by his opponent is valid.

PROPOSED RULE:

5. The fleche and any forward movement in which the heel of the the rear foot passes the heel of the front foot is forbidden. Any offence will be penalised as specified for penalties in the 1st group (cf. t.114, t.116 et t.120). Any hit scored by the fencer at fault will be annulled. However, any hit correctly executed by his opponent is valid.

PROPOSED RULE, WITH CHANGES MARKED:

5. The fleche and any forward movement in which the **heel of the** rear foot ~~completely~~ passes **the heel of** the front foot is forbidden. Any offence will be penalised as specified for penalties in the 1st group (cf. t.114, t.116 et t.120). Any hit scored by the fencer at fault will be annulled. However, any hit correctly executed by his opponent is valid.

Opinion of the working group (Rules, Refereeing, Promotion Commissions, Coaches Council) charge of the review of the proposals postponed in 2013: In favour.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR with the opinion of the Working Group.

Proposals from the Rules Commission

Proposal 1

Motivation: Up-dating of the articles on logo for zonal championships.

t.45.4

- b) Wearing his national uniform **and logo** (cf. m.25.3). Application as follows:
- Open, Junior and Cadet World Championships, all bouts, whether in a pool, in the direct elimination **and or** during a team match;
 - Individual: Senior World Cup competitions and ~~in individual~~ Zonal Championships, **all bouts, whether in a pool or in the direct elimination;**
 - Teams:** World Cup ~~team~~ competitions **and Zonal Championships**, all bouts in every match.

In case of violation of this rule:

For the competitions mentioned in items i) and iii) above, the Referee shall eliminate the fencer at fault, and he will not be allowed to participate further in the event.

For the competitions mentioned in item ii) above, the Referee shall penalise the fencer at fault with a Red Card (Articles t.114, t.117, t.120, Second Group). The fencer at fault shall however be allowed to remain on the piste and fence the bout concerned.

~~The same penalty is also applied for the absence of name and nationality, in accordance with the rules, on the back of the jacket at Junior World Cup competitions, at Individual Senior World Cup competitions before the last 64, and at Zonal Championships.~~

Opinion of the Refereeing, Promotion Commissions and Coaches Council: In favour.

NB: recommend that in the English rules the word "Open Championships" be replaced by the equivalent of "Championnats Seniors" in French.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR.

Proposal 2

Motivation: Up-dating of the articles on national logo and name on the back for zonal championships.

Fault 0.1 in t.120.

Absence of name **and nationality** on **the** back, absence of **national logo** or national **costume colours** when compulsory, at World Championships/Team World Cup competitions **and at team Zonal Championships**.

Opinion of the Refereeing, Promotion Commissions and Coaches Council: In favour.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR

Proposal 3

Motivation: *Up-dating of the articles on national logo and name on the back for zonal championships.*

Fault 2.4 of t.120

Absence of name **and nationality** on **the** back, absence of **national logo** **colours** when compulsory, at individual World Cup competitions and **individual** Zonal Championships.

Opinion of the Refereeing, Promotion Commissions and Coaches Council: In favour.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR

Proposal 4

Motivation: *After the incident in London, there is a proposal to change the rules so that also milliseconds are shown on the chronometer and that the referee controls the time-keeping in the last minute. There is an initial proposal from Swiss Timing to have the command "Allez" being given by the machine.*

Proposals of the Commission:

- Chronometers showing 100th of seconds should be introduced,
- The referee should be able to manually set the time to the previous time with precision of 100th of a second,
- The referee should operate the time-keeping during the last minute,
- The remote control for the referee should be simplified to make it easier to handle and should operate with radio and not IR-signal,
- Any oral commands should be given by the referee and not by the machine
- Introduction of this system should be made step by step, beginning with the World Championships and the Olympic Games.

Opinion of the Refereeing, Promotion Commissions and Coaches Council: In favour. These proposals should be submitted to the SEMI Commission for approval and preparation of the corresponding texts into the Rules.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR

Iranian Fencing Federation Proposals

Proposal 1

Motivation: *As the zonal championships rules are not clearly specified in the organization rules, we propose to add the following chapter so that everybody can access its rules easily*

CHAPTER 9

FIE ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

o.94 These competitions are open for all affiliated members of the four FIE following zones:

- a) Africa**
- b) America**
- c) Asia-Oceania**
- d) Europe**

o.95 The FIE official zonal competitions which are organized under this title are (cf. a.d.9.4):

- a. The annual Open Zonal Senior Championships
- b. The annual Open Zonal Junior Championships

Program of Competitions

- o.96**
1. The program of the **Open Zonal Senior** Championships comprises **twelve** events, six individual and six team – male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre.
 2. The program of the **Junior Zonal** Championships comprise **twelve** events (six individual and six team) – male foil, female foil, male epee, female epee, male sabre and female sabre.

Entries for competitions

o.97 At the **Senior and Junior Zonal** Championships, entries for the individual events are limited to **four fencers** per gender, per weapon and per nation and one team per gender, per weapon and per nation (cf. a.d.9.4).

One team consists of three fencers with or without a reserve (cf. o.42, o.82.b, t.86.5.ii).

o.98 The entry of the names of the junior fencers and teams participating in each event and all possible replacements, must be made **via the FIE website** 7 days before the competition at the latest (midnight Lausanne time)(cf. o.54).

Formula of competitions

o.99 Apart from the details that follow, the general rules for pools and direct elimination in chapters 5 and 6 are applied.

For the Open Senior and Junior:

1. Individual events

- a) No exempted fencers;
- b) Use of the FIE ranking for the individual events;
- c) 1 round of pools to eliminate 20 to 30 % of fencers, then direct elimination table;

2. Team events

- a) The **first four teams** will be placed in the direct elimination table according to the current official team ranking of the FIE (cf. o.86); the remaining ranked teams will be placed in the table by drawing of lots in pairs.
The **teams that are not in the FIE ranking** will occupy the last places in the table, and will be separated by drawing of lots.
- b) The **table will be drawn up** based on the ranking of the teams entered, at the latest one hour after the quarter finals of the individual event.
- c) All places in the table **up to 16th place will be fought for**. From 17th place onwards teams will be classified, within each round of the table, according to their initial place in the table (cf. o.43).

o.100 Two bronze medals for the third places in the individual competitions and eight bronze medals for the third places in the team events.

Technical officials and referees

o.101 **Directoire Technique:**

The technical organization is undertaken by a Director Technique of **three** members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organizing country (cf. o.57).

FIE delegates:

o.102 The Executive Committee of the FIE will nominate the following officials:

1. The **President** of the Director Technique is appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.
2. One member of its **Refereeing** Committee (coming from outside the continent),

Zone delegates:

o.103 The Executive Committee of the Zone Confederation shall appoint the following officials:

1. One technical director from the organizing country,
2. One member of the Directoire Technique,
3. One member of its **SEMI** Committee,
4. One member of its **Refereeing** Committee,
5. One member of its **Medical** Committee,

Referees

o.104 1. Refereeing at The Zonal Championships is carried out by the zone **FIE licensed** referees **chosen by the Executive Committee of the FIE** at the proposal of the Refereeing Committee.

2. The FIE will invite **two neutral referees** from other zones.
3. Referees' travel and board and lodging costs are paid by the Organizing Committee, who in return will receive all the entry fees.
4. Referees must **attend the refereeing meeting** that takes place the day before the Zone Championships.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR.

Asking the final supervision of the Rules Commission.

Proposal 9

A proposal for o.83

Motivation:

1. *Since nowadays most of FIE competitions are so crowded that we are having a preliminary direct elimination table of 128 and even sometimes a table of 256.*
2. *To value efforts of losers of the preliminary direct elimination table of 64.*

3. *To decrease the fencers with 0 points in the FIE official individual ranking. If we have a look on today's Epee Men official ranking (13/2/2014), we see that only 327 fencers have points, where 670 fencers have no points, in other words, they have 0 points which is a critical point for our ranking.*

So, to have a more logic and fair ranking, we propose to add a new point to the scale of points in o.83.3 as follows:

Scale of points

2. a) The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

1st place	32 points
2nd place	26 points
3rd place <i>ex aequo</i>	20 points
5th–8th places	14 points
9th–16th places	8 points
17th–32nd places	4 points
33rd–64th places	2 points
65 th –96 th places	1 point

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR.

Proposal 10

A proposal for o.11

o.11. Individual competitions may be organised:

- a) **By direct elimination with a mixed system** consisting of one round of eliminating pools and a preliminary direct elimination table, followed by a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.
- b) **By direct elimination with a mixed system** consisting of one round of eliminating pools, followed by a direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.
- c) **By direct elimination throughout.** (This formula, applicable at the Olympic Games, is contained in an annexe.)

Motivation *As it is obvious in this article, only 3 kinds of formulas are to be used in organizing FIE official competitions. But since nowadays the number of competitions has increased and the level of competitions which are under the supervision of FIE has highly differed, we propose to improve this article according to today's FIE official competitions needs.*

First of all, let's review the current FIE competitions:

1. Open Senior World Championships
2. Open Senior World Cups
3. Grand Prixes
4. Open Junior World Championships
5. Open Junior World Cups
6. Zone Championships
7. Cadet World Championships
8. Satellite Competitions
9. The Masters
10. The Olympics
11. The Regional Games

We know that the formulas that are used in some of the above mentioned competitions are not the same, thereby, we are going to assemble the current formulas and at the same time we will add our proposed ones.

o.11. Individual competitions may be organized:

- a) **By a mixed formula with exemption (Open Senior World Championships, Senior World Cups and Grand Prixes)** One round of eliminating pools, a preliminary direct elimination table, followed by a main direct elimination table of 64 fencers, **including 32 exempted fencers**, to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.
- b) **By a mixed formula without exemption (Open Junior World Championships, Junior World Cups and Zonal Championships)** One round of eliminating pools, followed by a direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.

- c) **By a mixed ranking system (Cadet World Championships)** One round of eliminating pools, followed by a direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final, based on the previous year Cadet World Championships and the current official FIE Junior ranking.
- d) **By a mixed formula with 2 rounds of pools (Satellite competitions)** Two rounds of eliminating pools, followed by a direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.
- e) **By direct elimination throughout. (The Masters)** A direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final.
- f) **By direct elimination throughout. (The Olympics)** A direct elimination table to qualify 8 or 4 fencers for a direct elimination final, with a match for the third place.
- i) All formulas except the Olympics are run without a match for the third place.

Moreover, according to the actual situations which usually happen in those competitions with few participants, we also propose the following sub-articles:

ii) Whenever in a competition from group (a), the number of fencers don't allow running a preliminary direct elimination table, the competition will be run without exemption.

In some other competitions, specially junior ones, we often face a problem that too many participating fencers have no ranking where some of them are very good at fencing, so in order to be just and fair we propose the following sub-article:

iii) Whenever in a competition the number of fencers without ranking exceed the number of fencers with ranking, the competition will be run with two rounds of preliminary pools.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR.

But in Junior World Cup Competitions the Directoire Technique will be careful, because when the number of participants is large, especially in épée and foil competitions, it will be difficult schedule and complete matches in one single day.

Swedish Fencing Federation Proposals

Proposal 3

Establishment of a cycle for the Olympic programme based on the principle of gender equality and equality between the different weapons (o.48.1)

Motivation: *The situation with 10 gold medals for fencing at the Olympic Games has now been a fact since 2004 and there is no indication of an increase in this respect. Up to this point, the Congress has taken the decision on the programme three years in advance (e.g. in November 2013 for the Olympic Games in Rio 2016). This is clearly too late to allow athletes and national federations to prepare and plan their activities in an orderly way.*

It is therefore desirable to clearly establish in the rules the cycle of the Olympic programme in order to ensure stability and fairness between different genders and weapons.

The Swedish Fencing Federation proposes that the cycle implemented for the Olympic Games in Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro is continued.

Programme of competitions

o.48.

1. The programme of fencing events at the **Olympic Games** currently comprises ten events. **Until such time when 12 events can be organised, the team competition programme of the Olympic Games will vary in such a way that each Olympic year two weapons shall not be present. For those weapons, the FIE will organise World Championships.**

The competition cycle will be:

First Olympic Games: Women's foil, men's foil, women's épée, men's sabre. (In women's sabre and men's épée, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Second Olympic Games: Women's foil, men's épée, women's sabre, men's sabre. (In men's foil and women's épée, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Third Olympic Games: Men's foil, men's épée, women's épée, women's sabre. (In women's foil and men's sabre, the FIE will organise Team World Championships.)

Any change of the above cycle or in the number of events must be approved by the Congress.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR

PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENTS OF STATUTES CONGRESS 2014

Submitted to the Promotion Commission

Proposals of the Executive Committee

Proposal 1

Motivation: *In order to make the World Championships easier to organise, of a shorter duration and to help to find organisers. Actually, the organisation of the junior and cadet World championships is too heavy and the FIE does not find organizers, or only one organizer at the last minute. Besides, the FIE does not have any Cadet World Cups, while confederations, or some confederations, have cadet circuits opened to all federations.*

1.1 MISSION

The Aims of the F.I.E. are:

- a) To organise the ~~Open-Senior~~ World Championships, as well as Junior, ~~Cadet~~ and Veteran World Championships;

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

Yes n. 1 vote and no n. 9 votes and n. 1 abstention.

The Promotion Commission thinks is useful to keep the Cadet World Championships for the following reasons:

- an opportunity for young fencer under 17, who are the future of fencing, to meet and have a comparison
- to allow National Federations with less tradition in fencing competitions to bring their athletes at a World Championships
- to obtain from the Sports Ministry of their country of contributions targeted for the preparation of the younger fencers
- in case of good results in the Cadet World Championships, a National Federation has an important promotion return to fencing in their own country and also a financial contribution from sponsors and the Sports Ministry.

The Promotion Commission believes that high costs of compliance with Cahier des Charges is a cause of great difficulty in finding candidates to organize the World Championships.

To contain costs borne by local Organizers, the Promotion Commission proposes that in Cadet World Championships:

- the use of the wireless system will be optional, not mandatory
- the use of Video Referee System will be optional, not mandatory
- the number of Referees shall be permitted to be reduced; and the number of Referees coming from the organizing Country will allowed to be increased
- highly recommended using official hotels and revisited entry fees

Proposition 17

Motivation: *To be in line with articles on Commissions and Councils.*

5.5.3

The Executive Committee outlines the work of ~~the Commissions and~~ the Congresses and ~~monitors the work of the Commissions~~. To this end, it has to gather information by every possible means on the views, tendencies, and desires of the affiliated groups.

It decides the date and the place of ~~the meetings of Congresses, commissions and councils~~.

It may convene an Extraordinary Congress.

It establishes and approves the agenda of the Congress.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR.

The Promotion Commission believes the main annual Meeting will be decided by the Executive Committee. But additional meeting can be decided by the President of the Commission.

The Executive Committee should outline the work of the Commission.

Proposal 18

Motivation: In most of the International Federations, the World Championships are attributed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee makes inspections for each candidature and it is thus perfectly informed about the situation of each candidature. During the past years, the organisers had to wait until the date of the Congress to be awarded the World Championships, sometimes only 4 months before the event.

5.5.10

The Executive Committee must examine the **nominations candidatures** for the organisation of **the Senior, and the Junior and Cadet Veteran** World Championships and, when necessary, other official competitions of the F.I.E. It **will grant the organization to the most convenient and suitable candidature and must then present a report the decision on these nominations** to the **next** Congress

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR.

Proposal 24

Motivation: Clarification of the current text.

6.1 THE COMMISSIONS

FIE Commissions are technical bodies. The Executive committee consults the Commissions about all necessary issues.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR.

The Promotion Commission believes that the proposed wording is not clear.

The term "technical" can have different meanings and the Promotion Commission recalls that its components have been elected by the vote of the Elective Quadrennial Congress.

The adjective "necessary" ('nécessaires' in french) should be replaced with the word "relevant" (in french 'en relation avec ...')

Proposal 25

Motivation: In order to clarify the responsibility of the members of the Executive Committee delegated in Commissions and also to open the meetings to experts who propose their services to the FIE.

6.2.3

The Executive Committee will delegate one of its members to be responsible to **raise monitor** and coordinate the work of the commissions (cf. 5.5.7).

The President of the FIE may, ~~as agreed with the Executive Committee and~~ after consultation with the ~~President of the Commission~~ Secretary General and CEO, have relevant experts involved in the commissions' work.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR.

The Promotion Commission believes that the proposed words are not correct.

The Promotion Commission considers that the relationship between the Executive Committee and Commissions, according to the Statutes and rules, must be described with other words. The President of the Commission should be consulted.

Proposal 26

Motivation: In order to clarify the rules regarding the expenses and also to be in line with article 6.2.3.

6.4.3

Commissions must admit to their meetings the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals submitted to the Congress and placed on its agenda by the Executive Committee of the F.I.E. The attendance of such a person, or his representative, is restricted to when the proposal in question is being discussed. **The expense for such attendance is borne by the persons, or their representatives, responsible for the proposals. Commissions must also admit to their meetings any person designated by the President of the FIE.**

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

Because it must be clarified that the costs are borne by the FIE if the person was expressly invited.

Different is the case when the person has asked to participate at the work of the Commission and the person has been accepted.

Proposal 30

Motivation: *The reports are first studied by the Executive Committee which then determines its final opinion based on the recommendations of the Commissions.*

6.5.5 The Promotion and Publicity Commission

Last paragraph:

It presents to the **Executive Committee** a report **which will be submitted** to the Congress on all the proposals submitted to it. The definitive formulation of texts for the decisions taken by the Congress must be entrusted to the Rules Commission or the Legal Commission as applicable for approval by the Executive Committee

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

The Promotion Commission considers that it should continue as it has done until now.

Proposal 36

Motivation: *Consequence of proposal 18 and same motivation.*

10.2.1

Candidatures for a World Championship

- a) Each year, requests to undertake the organisation of the World Championships for the following years, accompanied by a file describing the technical and financial circumstances of the candidature, must reach the head office of the F.I.E. three years before the organising of the competition. These requests are to be placed on the agenda of the Congress and must arrive within the time limit laid down by the F.I.E. Statutes for inclusion thereon.
- b) When it puts forward its candidature, a federation must present a full dossier which complies with the FIE instructions, and make a commitment **before the Congress to the Executive Committee** to comply with the specifications set down by the FIE and to respect its financial obligations.
- c) When the **Congress Executive Committee** has awarded the World Championships to a Member Federation, the President of the organising Federation and, if the case arises, the organiser himself shall sign a protocol detailing their complete awareness of the specifications set down by the FIE and of their financial obligations.
- d) The ~~Congress~~ **Executive Committee** will decide **at least** two years in advance to which member federation the organisation of these Championships will be entrusted, and, at the same time, fix the date and place where they will be held.
- ~~e) Should the Ordinary Congress be unable to decide by the above process which member federation will organise the World Championships, because no candidate has come forward, the Central Office of the F.I.E. may itself decide which member federation will organise these Championships if it receives one or more candidates after the Congress has taken place.~~
- f) The Executive Committee of the F.I.E. will have the same powers should the member federation to whom the organisation was entrusted by the Congress withdraw and in the event of any discriminatory act by the organising federation.
- ~~g) Furthermore, the Congress will accept the candidatures proposing to organise separate Junior and Cadet Championships.~~
- h) Requests to undertake the organisation of the Veteran World Championships for the following years, must reach the head office of the F.I.E **at least** two years before the organising of the competition.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR.

See proposal 18, Proposals for the amendments of the Statutes, Proposals of the Executive Committee.

Proposal 37

Motivation: *Consequence of proposal 1 and same motivation.*

10.2.2

Participation in a World Championship

A member federation which is not up to date with its financial obligations towards the FIE at midday the day before the opening of a **Cadet**, Junior, Senior or Veteran World Championship may not participate in this World Championship, unless exception is justified and granted by the Executive Committee.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR.

Proposal 38

Motivation: *In order to use the same terminology.*

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THE ~~OPEN~~ SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.3.1 General Rules

The official championships called "~~Open~~ Senior World Championships" are held annually, between July 15th and August 15th, under the auspices of the F.I.E.

Replace "Open" by "Senior" in 10.3.2, 10.3.3, 10.3.4

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR.

Proposal 39

Motivation: *Consequence of proposal 1 and following and same motivation.*

10.1 OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS OF THE F.I.E.

10.1.1 The official competitions of the FIE include the Olympic Games, the ~~Open Senior Junior, Cadet~~ and Veteran World Championships, the individual and team Open World Cups (Category A candidates, Category A, Grand Prix, satellites) and the Junior World Cup, the zonal Championships, as well as the Masters and Super Masters that are organised, any qualifying events for the Olympic Games that are organised, and any other competitions designated by the Congress of the FIE.

10.1.2 Of these official events the Olympic Games and the ~~Open Senior and Junior and Cadet~~ World Championships take priority. No other official F.I.E. competitions in the same age category may coincide with them or be organised on dates which prevent a fencer from taking part in these World Championships.

10.4 JUNIOR ~~AND CADET~~ WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

10.4.1 General Rules

The World Junior Championship ~~and World Cadet Championships are~~ is to be held ~~together~~ annually under the auspices of the F.I.E., comprising individual competitions at men's and women's foil, épée and sabre. A team event under the same principles as for the ~~Open Senior~~ World Championships shall be held for the Juniors.

The Junior ~~and Cadet~~ World Championships are held every year, during the first two weeks of April, under the auspices of the FIE.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL NOT IN FAVOUR

The word Cadet will not be cancelled, but we agree about Senior, new word used.

Proposal From FIE Women & Fencing Council

Proposal 1

That the minimum representation of men and women on the FIE Executive Committee and all FIE Commissions should be raised from at least 20% to at least 30%.

Motivation: *In 2007 the Olympic Charter was amended to include, for the first time in history, the following reference:*

"The IOC encourages and supports the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women."

Rule 2, paragraph 7, Olympic Charter in force as from 07.07.2007

The Olympic Movement and the sports community at large have undertaken initiatives to allow broader participation by women in sport. More sports and disciplines have been opened up to women at all levels and in most countries of the world. In the last 20 years especially, the IOC in cooperation with the respective International Sports Federations (IFs) and the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games (OCOGs) have pressed for the women's programme at the Olympic Games to be enlarged. This development has been further reinforced by the IOC's decision that all sports seeking inclusion in the programme must include women's events. The IOC also pressed for women's deeper inclusion and involvement at leadership levels in sport in 1981, under the initiative of former President Juan Antonio Samaranch, who wanted to have women co-opted as IOC members. As a result, 24 members out of 107 are women (22.4%).

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has publically committed itself to increasing the number of women occupying leadership positions within the Olympic Movement, including in the IOC itself.

Eleven years ago, in 2003, the FIE Congress took the decision to require minimum representation of 20% of men and women on the FIE Executive Committee and all FIE Commissions.

Since 2003, the membership of all Commissions (apart from the Medical Commission and the Executive Committee which exceed the 20% requirement by one) still has not exceeded the 20% requirement in regard to female members. Additionally, if we want to further encourage growth in fencing in terms of athletes, supporting the growth for women in leadership roles is imperative. For this reason, many FIE member federations believe that it is time to lift the minimum requirement for representation of either gender to 30%. This policy change reflects the vision and desire of FIE leadership to increase the participation of women in all areas of the sport and to ensure that the leadership of the FIE is increasingly representative of the entire fencing family and society in general.

Proposed changes to FIE Statutes (with changes shown in red and blue)

4.3.4: In order to secure the principle of equal treatment, women and men must be represented in overall view by at least ~~32~~30% of the elected members of the Executive Committee. If the 15 candidates who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~53~~5 persons of each gender, the Executive Committee will consist of the ~~53~~5 candidates for the Executive Committee who have obtained the greatest number of votes of the gender not otherwise being so represented and the ~~102~~10 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If there are less than ~~53~~5 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates put forward and the remainder of the Executive Committee will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

4.4.4: If the 10 first members elected do not include ~~two three~~ members of each gender, the Commission will consist of the first ~~78~~7 members elected and the ~~two three~~ members of the other gender who are candidates for the commission and who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of either gender has offered herself/himself as candidates, the 10 candidates of different nationalities with the greatest number of votes are elected.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: ALL IN FAVOUR.

The Promotion Commission believes that for some FIE Commissions - Referee and SEMI – it could be important to find a good number of women candidates.

The Promotion Commission invites FIE Women & Fencing Council to prepare a development plan and training for women interested in taking on positions of responsibility in these Commissions.

Italian Fencing Federation Proposals

Proposal 2

Motivation :

This proposals aim to adapt the number of members of the Commission to the number of the COMEX members, which has been increased up to 15 and also to adapt the number of the members of the Commissions to the increased number of Federations affiliated.

6.2.1 Permanent commissions, except the Athletes Commission.

a) Each permanent commission except the Athletes Commission is made up of ~~ten~~ eleven voting members elected by the Congress.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

Proposal 3

Motivation :

In consideration of the age of the Cadet category, it could be enough the participation only to the Zonal Competition. It being understood that if a Federation wants a Cadet to participate in a Junior competition will be allowed to do it.

Furthermore, we must add the fact that organizing a tournament of the two categories together, Junior and cadet, could be more difficult than organizing the Senior World Championships for certain aspects, and therefore, excluding the Cadet category would make the World Championships period shorter and to find organizers would be easier. As far as the qualification for the Youth Olympic Games, this could be through the Zonal cadet Championships. This would also make these competitions more interesting.

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The Junior ~~and Cadet~~ World Championships are held every year, during the first two weeks of April, under the auspices of the FIE.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: NOT IN FAVOUR.

See motivation written about Proposal for the amendments of the Statutes, Proposal of the Executive Committee, Proposition 1.

**FIE P&P COMMISSION
PROPOSALS - JULY 2014**

PROPOSALS FROM P&P COMMISSION FROM MEETING ON 4-6 JULY 2014		Owner	Timeframe	Notes
1	We propose the introduction of athlete statistical and biographical information at major events, for live and TV audiences, and incorporating existing web data. This is because 60% of the decision-making by the IOC about our future in the Olympic Games is based on television audience (40%) and internet audience (20%). Data could include, for example, the track record between 2 fencers, their favourite hits, number of penalties, etc. Short biographical elements could be screened immediately before the start of finals fights, possibly including some footage from a previous bout. A reference could also come up on screen to show the FIE website. (Some questions are: what software is already available, if too costly how could it be done in a different way, and what do other sports do?)			
2	We propose the production of an announcer's kit for television and/or live streaming. We need to create the tools (for example, athlete 'quick reference' templates) that will help the announcers keep the audience informed and engaged. We also recommend the introduction of a short seminar for announcers, run by a professional sports announcer prior to major events.			
3	We propose the establishment of an FIE 'shop' at major events selling FIE fencing products. These could also be sold over the internet.			
4	We propose that the FIE develops a programme similar to the USA's 'NFL Experience' (for example, called 'The Fencing Experience') so that spectators can try fencing at an event, meet an elite fencer, be escorted by an ambassador or buddy, and buy a t-shirt or souvenir from the FIE shop).			For more information see: wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Football_League_Experience
5	We propose the introduction of an annual worldwide Fencing Day in order to promote our sport.			
6	We would like to offer our assistance to CMTV and Rio 2016 organisers, regarding how to maximise the number of tickets to be sold, and how to grow the sport in South America.			(See HP notes from 2013.)
7	We propose the development of a Portuguese version of explanatory information and fencing background material that will engage Rio 2016 fencing spectators and give them an appreciation of fencing.			
8	We propose that a film is made by joining together good fencing scenes from films (old and modern) for the entertainment of spectators in Rio. The rights would need to be cleared, but many old films are in the public domain.			
9	We propose that the FIE seeks permission from the IOC to allow us to produce a montage of historical Olympic fencing, to show at Rio 2016 before the events and during breaks.			
10	We would like to resubmit our 2013 proposal regarding the establishment of an elite fencers competition between zones, to be held in turn in each of the zones, with the best fencers in each weapon.			
11	We propose that coaches of individual fencers are recognised with the award of a medal during the medal ceremony at major events. This could be for all the medallists or, if this is not practical, it could be for the gold medal winner only.			
12	We recommend the further introduction of national flags on masks, for easier recognition of countries.			
13	We recommend that the Chief of Protocol for major events is from the P&P Commission.			
14	We propose that the name of our Commission is changed to Promotion, Marketing & Development			
15	We propose that the statutes relating to the 'Duties of PP Commission' are updated to make them more meaningful to modern times.			See separate sheet (next tab).
16	We propose, commencing in 2015, to have a display of historical fencing posters at the senior and junior world championships and Grand Prix competitions. (We can photograph the posters and reproduce them.)			

**FIE P&P COMMISSION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STATUTES - JULY 2014**

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE NAME OF OUR COMMISSION

Current

PROMOTION & PUBLICITY

Proposed replacement

PROMOTION, MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED CHANGE TO DUTIES OF OUR COMMISSION, AS LISTED IN THE FIE STATUTES

Current

The duty of this commission is:

- 1 to motivate and co-ordinate the activities of the member Federations for the promotion and development of fencing
- 2 to advise the Congress on the way in which the patronage of the FIE will be bestowed on international competitions
- 3 to propose the rules for the World cup competitions (A-category and Grand Prix) and Masters, and to supervise their application
- 4 and to maintain contact between the FIE and the fencing masters

Proposed replacement

The duty of this commission is:

- 1 to provide professional expertise to elevate and enhance the image of fencing for all groups including sponsors, audiences, fencers and all the fencing family
- 2 to propose innovations and improvements to COMEX, particularly those associated with television, internet and live audiences
- 3 to make recommendations to COMEX on all matters associated with promotion, marketing and development
- 4 to contribute to the continuing development of fencing in all zones
- 5 to propose changes and improvements to the sections in the administrative rules and handbooks relating to promotion, marketing and development

**FIE P&P COMMISSION
ACTION ITEMS - JULY 2014**

P&P ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING ON 4-6 JULY 2014		Owner	Timeframe
1	At each meeting produce the following: a) a list of proposals for COMEX, b) a detailed P&P action list with owners and dates, and c) a list of P&P requests to FIE Head Office - all 3 lists to be finalised and agreed by the end of the meeting	HP	Ongoing
2	Chase P&P progress on P&P action list	NM	Monthly
3	P&P to send proposals after each meeting (with budget) to COMEX	CF	2 wks after meeting
4	P&P to nominate representative on Clothing Working Group before the final product	CB	Completed
5	DA to circulate P&P with updates after each COMEX meeting	DA	1 wk after meeting
6	P&P to add 'Progress Review' as first item on each meeting agenda	CF	Ongoing
7	P&P to agree minutes at the end of each meeting.	GN/All	Ongoing
8	P&P to meet 3 times a year (without adding to the cost for the FIE) - the main meeting in Lausanne as usual plus 2 subsidiary meetings at the World Youth Champs and the Congress. (This will apply if there are at least 7 people present. DA will chair the meeting if CF is not able to be present.)	CF	Ongoing
9	P&P would like to feedback some messages to COMEX including: a request for more feedback generally on PP topics where we have made recommendations, and a request to be consulted on PP matters initiated outside the commission. It was also noted that it would be preferable to have MP and BH in attendance at the PP meeting if possible.	DA	Next COMEX meeting in September 2014
10	MP has requested that the P&P elements in the World Championships and Grand Prix handbooks are reviewed and revised. CF to ask AT or MP for clarification of scope.	CF/all	CF to clarify before Kazan
11	Asimina Tsellou should be cc'd on any major emails circulated within P&P.	All	Ongoing
12	All to log into CMS and let CF know if there are problems logging in.	All	06.juil.14
13	RM to input data into the minutes (eg - cost savings opportunities for local organisers) re the rationale for voting against the World Cadets Championship proposal.	RM	13.juil.14
14	2013 proposals: AT will forward some information on the explanatory video project. P&P are asked to give their feedback on CMS, with a co-ordinated response sent by by CF to AT	CF/all	3 wks after receipt
15	2013 proposals: AT will forward some information on the video game project. P&P are asked to give their feedback on CMS, with a co-ordinated response sent by by CF to AT.	CF/all	3 wks after receipt
16	AT is working on a marketing plan and budget. This will be forwarded to P&P for comments before publication.	CF/all	3 wks after receipt
17	AT will forward the Grand Prix brand book and other information (including the communication plan) from the GP Working Group in Kazan - P&P to provide feedback.	CF/all	3 wks after receipt

**FIE P&P COMMISSION
ACTION ITEMS - JULY 2014**

Notes



**FIE P&P COMMISSION
REQUESTS TO FIE HEAD OFFICE - JULY 2014**

REQUESTS TO FIE HEAD OFFICE FROM MEETING ON 4-6 JULY 2014				
1	2013 proposals: P&P request an update regarding production and distribution of video from fencing tournaments on TV. AT agreed to forward this request to Barna.	AT	Assimina	
2	2013 proposals: AT will forward some information on the explanatory video project, for feedback by P&P.	AT		
3	2013 proposals: AT will forward some information on the video game project, for feedback from P&P.	AT		
4	AT is working on a marketing plan and budget. This will be forwarded to P&P for comments before publication.	AT		
5	AT will forward the Grand Prix brand book and other information (including the communication plan) from the GP Working Group in Kazan - P&P to provide feedback	AT		
6	P&P would like to obtain from the IOC limited access to the fencing educational film (animated / motion capture) in use at London 2012 at the start of every session. AT agreed to follow this up with Jochen Farber.	AT		
7	P&P request that we see RFPs (requests for proposals) and distribution lists for external services before they are sent out. We would also like to see responses (for information purposes only).	CMTV		
8	P&P request that we see the current sponsor packs and contracts. AT agreed to forward them.	AT		
9	P&P request the Rio 2016 ticketing info. KK agreed to send this to CF for distribution to P&P.	KK	Kristian	
10	P&P would like to request from CMTV, following Kazan and all future World Championships, a Repocom report containing details of TV sponsors and TV audience (similar to that produced after Budapest).	CMTV		
11	P&P would like to request from CMTV the list of TV channels that are entitled to broadcast.	CMTV		
12	P&P would like to make their documentation accessible on the FIE website to all those with an FIE login. This will include agendas, proposals, action plans, minutes, etc.	CMTV		
13	P&P would like to ask Rio 2016 (via the Technical Delegates) if we can supply a display of historical fencing posters on the walls of the fencing venue.	KK	Kristian	
14	P&P request that CMTV share with us their strategic plan.	CMTV		