



**Dear President,**

**Death of Dr. Premysl Herych (CZE)**

It is with great sorrow that we inform you of the passing in Prague of Dr. Premysl Herych, the former president of the Czech Fencing Federation, at the age of 88.

Dr. Herych was a renowned and highly respected figure in the fencing community who devoted the majority of his life to the sport.

As a fencer, Dr. Herych quickly mastered all three weapons and found success at youth level before representing Czechoslovakia at senior level. He was a national champion in individual and a five-time national team champion.

In 1953, he was a founding member of the Czech Fencing Club SLAVIA VS Praha, still one of the biggest and best clubs in the Czech Republic (now called USK Praha), and was its first president.

He then became president of the Czechoslovak/Czech Fencing Federation from 1968 to 2001, and served as vice president of the Czech Olympic Committee from 1990 to 1998.

In 1991, he represented his federation in Vienna as one of the founders of the Union Européenne d'Escrime, which later became the European Fencing Confederation.

At the International Fencing Federation, he served for 20 years as member of the Calendar and Promotion Commission.

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

**Alisher Usmanov**  
**President**