



Dear President,

Death of Lutz Schirrmacher (GER)

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Lutz Schirrmacher on November 25, 2016.

Lutz Schirrmacher was born in 1943 in Leipzig. He started fencing in 1960 and won several national titles (individual and team) in all weapons. As such, he had been a Member of the German National Sabre Team (DFB).

He was also Team Captain of the German Sabre Team from 1998 to 2004.

As an FIE international referee, he officiated in numerous international tournaments, World Championships and Olympic Games. He started his career as international referee in 1968 and became an FIE A-grade referee at all three weapons in 1976.

He had been a Member of the EFC Refereeing Commission from 2001 until 2009.

Since 2004, he was a member of the FIE Rules commission. For the 2016 elections, he was a candidate to the FIE Executive Committee.

The FIE and the sport of fencing have lost a talented fencer, a referee of great merit and a remarkable member of the Rules Commission.

Lutz Schirrmacher was highly regarded for his loyalty, his experience and knowledge, as well as for his commitment for junior fencers.

But above all, the FIE has lost a great friend who was appreciated and respected by all.

We would like to extend our sincere condolences and sympathy to his family, friends and to the German Fencing Federation in these difficult times.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**