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# Press release

## **Closing of the Pan-American Training Course for Epee Teachers, El Salvador 2017**

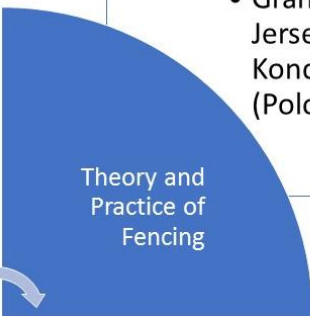
### Successful conclusion

**San Salvador**, El Salvador, May 29, 2017. Forty-two enthusiastic students from thirty member countries of the Pan-American region have successfully completed the Innovative Studies Program for Teacher's Training of the Epee Specialty. During these two weeks, from May 14 to 29, the assistants shared their knowledge and experiences while forming new collaborative networks to promote the development of fencing in our continental region with the facilitating guide of our expert speakers.

The Regional Development Strategy of the Pan American Fencing Confederation emphasized not only the teaching of the fundamental concepts of pedagogy and didactics of modern fencing, but also, in an innovative way, has included in its curriculum strategic papers on arbitration and FIE regulations as well as mental preparation and development of efficiency and effectiveness in combat, all for the better performance of teachers, and therefore, of the athletes of the region, according to our program of continuous improvement of processes, on this occasion, the development of human resources of our confederation.


Thus, this course, which was carried out on the initiative and direct support of the CPE, together with the National Sports Institute of El Salvador and the National Federation of Salvadoran Fencing, give due continuity to the collaborative efforts of the FIE and the CPE for the better development of fencing in our region, and the realization of the aspirations of fencers of the continent.

From our innovative curriculum we share the following aspects:



Theory and Practice of Fencing

- Grand Master Jersey Konczalski (Polonia)



Master Jersey Konczalski instructed the students of this course with refined theoretical knowledge in the auditorium where he made use of the multimedia equipment with which he illustrated the concepts that were subsequently put into practice on fencing pistes, where he meticulously taught each one of the attendees ensuring that the entire group optimally harnessed the knowledge he imparted. Achieving with excellence the integration of the group that worked with true passion and camaraderie as only a Grand Master of Fencing can do.



Mental Preparation and Competitive Efficiency for Fencers

Professor of Mental Preparation and Competitive Efficiency Juan Carlos Lopez (México)



Professor Juan Carlos López had the task of exposing a theoretical and practical basis that coaches and future fencing teachers can develop in themselves and provide their students with so that their efficiency and effectiveness during combat can be expressed optimally based on the development and better use of their mental strength. He also provided tools that can be used for strategic planning of training and collaborative work between athletes and teachers.

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The FIE Referee Juan Carlos Ríos, with his vast experience, presented the didactics of the FIE Regulation to sharpen the refereeing skills of teachers and future assistant judges so that their greater understanding helps them to apply a more informed and synergic pedagogy with the class of technique and customization for each student. Ríos emphasized how "the mathematics of fencing" when well understood, are able to solve effectively the clarification of all the phrases of arms, even the most complex.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor José Benavides (Venezuela)</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: right; background-color: #0056b3; color: white; padding: 10px; border-radius: 0 0 15px 15px;">                 Methodology &amp; Preparation Strategy for Diverse Groups             </div>	
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For his part, Professor José Benavides worked closely with the Grand Master Jersey Konczalski helping him from translation and interpretation, to the presentation of content and the delivery of individual classes. He also focused on teaching the methodology of preparation of athletes based on microcycles, macrocycles and Olympic cycles, which is very important to achieve good results of athletes in national and international competitions.



*Photo Gallery, Training Course for Fencing Teachers in the Epee Specialty,  
San Salvador, El Salvador 2017*



*Diplomas Ceremony and friendly convivance of the group*

The students in this course were exposed to synergistic aspects between the disciplines of the new curriculum even though the group was integrated in a diverse way between mature teachers and young students, in the search of the promotion of their integral development in all the aspects that will make them more efficient and effective in their practice. In this way, the Pan American Fencing Confederation has begun to teach its new curriculum, motivating new opportunities to create networks for knowledge exchange and friendship from the most austral to the most septentrional regions of the continent.



*Double birthday celebration among continental friends!*



*El Salvador*