



Dear President,

Death of Marcello Baiocco (MH, ITA)

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the death of Marcello Baiocco on February 17th, 2020.

Marcello Baiocco was born on March 21st, 1924 in Rome. He graduated as electrotechnical engineer at the University of Rome.

He practiced fencing from 1935 to 1945, then, after a long break, he returned to the sport in 1965 at the Rome Fencing Club, whose President was Sidney Romeo.

Marcello Baiocco had been President of the SEMI Commission and Member of Honour of the Italian Fencing Federation.

He had also been a member of the Technical Commission of the Italian National Olympic Committee, which awarded him the silver and gold Stars of Sports Merit.

Marcello Baiocco was a member of the FIE SEMI Commission from 1983 to 2000, and then its President from 2000 to 2004.

He launched the first technical fencing laboratory, the "Laboratorio Scherma Marcello Baiocco", which is still the FIE's center of certification for the inspection, research and technical tests involving apparatuses and fencing equipment, ensuring their safety and homologation.

Marcello Baiocco was elected Member of Honour of the FIE by the 2009 Congress, and the FIE Executive Committee elected him Member of the FIE Hall of Fame in 2014.

Gifted and talented expert, he contributed to protect the safety of fencing and fencers with total selflessness and tireless dedication. The FIE and the fencing family have lost one of their members, appreciated and respected by everyone.

We offer our sincerest condolences to his friends and family, and to the Italian Fencing Federation, and express our deepest sympathies at this difficult time.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**