



Dear President,

Death of Antonio Melo (VEN)

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you the passing of Antonio Melo (VEN) on April 17, 2020 from complications related to Covid-19.

Born on January 21, 1948, Antonio Melo was a member of the FIE Veterans' Council.

He was vice president of the Venezuelan Fencing Federation from 1981 to 1983 and had also been a national referee in foil and epee. He represented veterans' interests on the national federation board, initiating, developing and organizing veteran competitions throughout the country.

In addition to competing on the Venezuelan national team in sabre B veteran competitions, Antonio Melo served as a member of the national delegation to the Pan American Youth and Veteran Championships in Costa Rica 2013 and Aruba 2014, the 2015 South American Youth and Veteran Championships in Caracas, Venezuela as well as the 2015 Veteran Fencing World Championships in Limoges, France.

Antonio Melo has dedicated his life to fencing and to veteran fencing, performing various functions and roles. He continuously gave the best of himself and devoted his talent, energy, kindness, and experience to the cause of our sport.

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

**Alisher Usmanov
President**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Usmanov', is positioned below the printed name and title.