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## Attendance

The meeting opened at 10:00 am.

### Took place at the tribune:

Mr. Thomas BACH (MH)  
Mr. Alisher USMANOV (RUS)  
Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (MH, GRE)  
Mr. Ferial Nadira SALHI (ALG)  
Mrs. Ana PASCU (MH, ROU)  
Mr. Donald ANTHONY JR. (USA)  
Mr. Yuki OTA (JPN)  
Mrs. Nathalie RODRIGUEZ M.-H.  
Mr. Evgeny TSUKHLO

President of the International Olympic Committee  
President  
Secretary General  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Vice-President  
Vice-President  
Vice-President  
CEO  
Sport and Technical Director

### Members of the Executive Committee:

Mrs. Erika AZE (LAT)  
Mr. Jacek BIERKOWSKI (POL)  
Mr. Giorgio SCARSO (ITA)  
Mrs. Velichka HRISTEVA (BUL)  
Mrs. Isabelle LAMOUR (FRA)  
Mr. Novak PEROVIC (RSA)  
Mr. Oleg PESKOV (KAZ)  
Mr. Bence SZABO (HUN)  
Mr. Pascal TESCH (LUX)

### Presidents of the Confederations:

Mr. Stanislav POZDNYAKOV (RUS)  
Mrs. Helen SMITH (MH, AUS)  
Mr. Mbagnick NDIAYE (SEN)

President of the European Confederation  
President of the Oceanian Confederation  
President of the African Confederation

### Absent with apologies:

Mr. Celso L. DAYRIT (MH, PHI)  
Mr. Vitaly LOGVIN (MEX)  
Mr. Aldo MONTANO (ITA)

President of the Asian Confederation  
President of the Pan-American Confederation  
President of the FIE Athletes' Commission

### Members of Honour:

Mr. Carl BORACK (USA)  
Mr. Samuel David CHERIS (USA)  
Mr. Stephen HIGGINSON (GBR)  
Mr. Peter JACOBS (GBR)  
Mr. Jenő KAMUTI (HUN)  
Mr. Adam LISEWSKI (POL)  
Mr. Bert M. J. VAN DE FLIER (NED)

## Federations Present or Represented

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>ALGERIA</b>             | Hadi Islam BILEL<br>Ameziane EL HOUSSINE                   |
| <b>AMERICAN SAMOA</b>      | Irene KANE   |
| <b>ANGOLA</b>              | Domingos Pedro PASCOAL                                     |
| <b>ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA</b> | Kelesha ANTOINE  |
| <b>ARGENTINA</b>           | Victor Sergio GROUPIERRE<br>Jorge Alberto MONGE            |
| <b>ARMENIA</b>             | Armen GRIGORYAN<br>Samvel ABRAHAMYAN                       |
| <b>ARUBA</b>               | Migalda Marieta JANSEN<br>Cecilia Antonia THOMAS-BALENTIN  |
| <b>AUSTRALIA</b>           | Vincent ELIAS  |
| <b>AUSTRIA</b>             | Ursula HINTERSEER  |
| <b>AZERBAIJAN</b>          | Mikayil JABBAROV<br>Vasif MAMMADOV                         |
| <b>BAHAMAS</b>             | Anthony Delwhite LEWIS                                     |
| <b>BAHRAIN</b>             | Saleh Faraj SULTAN FARHAN<br>Ibrahim Bin Salman AL KHALIFA |
| <b>BARBADOS</b>            | Joy SUE<br>Mark WATSON                                     |
| <b>BELGIUM</b>             | Piet WAUTERS   |
| <b>BELARUS</b>             | Alexandre ROMANKOV   |
| <b>BENIN</b>               | Jacques OKOUMASSOUN<br>Charles Ulrich DJOSSA               |
| <b>BERMUDA</b>             | Represented by El Salvador                                 |
| <b>BOLIVIA</b>             | Viviana CHACON   |
| <b>BOTSWANA</b>            | Mandlenkosi MASUKU   |

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| <b>BRAZIL</b>                       | Mirani FERNANDES<br>Arno Perillier SCHNEIDER<br>Ricardo PACHECO MACHADO |
| <b>BRUNEI</b>                       | Mohammad Nashriq MOKSIN   |
| <b>BULGARIA</b>                     | Velichka HRISTEVA<br>Ivaylo VODENOV                                     |
| <b>BURKINA FASO</b>                 | Henri Hyacinthe DIARRA  |
| <b>CAMBODIA</b>                     | Sotheany SOKHA<br>Chhay DUONG   |
| <b>CAMEROON</b>                     | Marcel AMOUGOU<br>Marie Gabrielle NKODO                                 |
| <b>CANADA</b>                       | Yann BERNARD<br>John FRENCH<br>Lisa HUZEL                               |
| <b>CAPE VERDE</b>                   | Isaias BRITO<br>Maria RAMOS SILVA                                       |
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| <b>CHINA</b>                        | Aihua XIAO<br>Junyan WANG   |
| <b>COLOMBIA</b>                     | Vladimir IWANOFF<br>Mariana VILA  |
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| <b>CROATIA</b>                      | Irena SULJIC<br>Martina ZMAIC   |
| <b>CUBA</b>                         | Alhjadis Ricardo BANDERA MIRANDA  |
| <b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>               | Oldrich KUBISTA   |
| <b>CYPRUS</b>                       | Yiannis HADJIARAPIS   |
| <b>DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO</b> | Michel MAUNZA<br>Pitchou BOLENGE YOMA                                   |
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| <b>ESTONIA</b>       | Margus HANSON   |
| <b>FINLAND</b>       | Joonas LYTTINEN<br>Lena TALLROTH-KOCK   |
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| <b>GHANA</b>         | Mohamed MAHADI  |
| <b>GERMANY</b>       | Dieter LAMMER<br>Claus JANKA<br>Gordon RAPP<br>Reka SZABO<br>Wilfried WOLFGARTEN<br>Claudia BOKEL                                     |
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| <b>GREAT BRITAIN</b> | Hilary PHILBIN<br>Janet HUGGINS<br>Georgina USHER   |
| <b>GUAM</b>          | Anthony R. CAMACHO  |
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| <b>TUNISIA</b>                  | Salah FERJANI  |
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Hussain Ben Naser AL-SHAREEF



## Agenda

- 1.** Validation of attendance and proxies
- 2.** Addresses
- 3.** Ratification of the new federations
- 4.** Approval of the report of the 2018 Congress held in Paris (FRA)
- 5.** 2018 annual report of the Executive Committee
- 6.** 2018 financial report, auditors' report, the approval of the accounts, discharges of the Executive Committee and of the auditors
- 7.** Budget 2020
- 8.** Nomination of the auditors
- 9.** Election of one member of the Executive Committee
- 10.** Vote to award the organisation of the World Championships  
2021 Seniors: candidature of EGY
- 11.** Call for candidatures to the organisation the World Championships
  - 2022 Juniors and Cadets
  - 2022 Seniors
  - 2022 Veterans
- 12.** Proposals submitted to the Congress, reports from Commissions and Councils, and urgent decisions
- 13.** Award of the 2019 Chevalier Feyerick Challenge
- 14.** Winners of the 2019 official rankings
- 15.** 2019 Fair-Play trophy
- 16.** Miscellaneous items

# 1. Validation of attendance and proxies

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen,  
We are starting our Congress with the roll call. When I call your Federation please raise your hand and you will receive a voting device.

|                                 |                           |                              |                             |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Algeria                         | Dominica                  | Kyrgyzstan                   | Poland                      |
| Angola                          | Ecuador                   | Korea                        | Portugal                    |
| Antigua                         | Egypt                     | Kingdom of Saudi             | Puerto Rico                 |
| Argentina                       | El Salvador               | Arabia                       | Qatar                       |
| Armenia                         | Spain                     | Kuwait                       | Romania                     |
| Aruba                           | Estonia                   | Latvia                       | South Africa                |
| American Samoa                  | Finland                   | Libya                        | Russia                      |
| Australia                       | France                    | Lebanon                      | Rwanda                      |
| Austria                         | Great Britain             | Lithuania                    | Senegal                     |
| Azerbaijan                      | Georgia                   | Luxembourg                   | Singapore                   |
| Bahamas                         | Germany                   | Macao                        | Slovenia                    |
| Barbados                        | Ghana                     | Madagascar                   | Serbia                      |
| Belgium                         | Greece                    | Morocco                      | Sri Lanka                   |
| Benin                           | Guatemala –               | Moldova                      | Switzerland                 |
| Belarus                         | Guatemala                 | Mexico                       | Slovakia                    |
| Bolivia                         | Guam                      | Mongolia                     | Sweden                      |
| Botswana                        | Guyana                    | North Macedonia              | Syria                       |
| Brazil                          | Haiti                     | Mauritius                    | Thailand                    |
| Bahrein                         | Hong Kong                 | Mauritania                   | Tajikistan                  |
| Brunei                          | Honduras                  | Myanmar                      | Turkmenistan                |
| Bulgaria                        | Hungary                   | Namibia                      | Togo                        |
| Burkina Faso                    | Indonesia                 | Nicaragua                    | Chinese Taipei              |
| Cambodia                        | India                     | Netherlands                  | Tunisia                     |
| Canada                          | Ireland                   | Nepal                        | Turkey                      |
| China                           | Iraq                      | Nigeria                      | United Arab Emirates        |
| Cameroon                        | Iceland                   | Niger– Niger is not<br>here? | Uganda                      |
| Democratic Republic of<br>Congo | Israel                    | Norway                       | Ukraine                     |
| Colombia                        | Ivory Coast               | New Zealand                  | Uruguay                     |
| Cape Verde                      | Virgin Islands            | Oman                         | United States of<br>America |
| Costa Rica                      | Italy                     | Panama                       | Uzbekistan                  |
| Croatia                         | Jamaica                   | Paraguay                     | Venezuela                   |
| Cuba                            | Jordan                    | Peru                         | Vietnam                     |
| Cyprus                          | Japan                     | Philippines                  | Yemen                       |
| Czech Republic                  | Kazakhstan                | Palestine                    |                             |
| Denmark                         | Kenya – Is Kenya<br>here? | Papua New Guinea             |                             |

Were all the Federations called?

We move to the proxies.

Bermuda has given a proxy to El Salvador. Does El Salvador accept it?

Chile has given a proxy to Argentina. Does Argentina accept it?

Mali has given a proxy to Senegal. Does Senegal accept it?

We have one hundred and thirty-eight (138) Federations present or represented.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** As you remember, last year we have changed a bit the voting system. The total number of votes cast must be at least equal to the majority of all the Federations present or represented at the Congress.

The Congress decisions concerning modifications of the Statutes are valid with a majority of 2/3 of the votes cast.

The Congress decisions concerning the modifications of the rules and general decisions are valid with a simple majority of the votes cast.

You all have received your voting devices and a document explaining how to vote. This is the same system as in the previous years. Please vote, and do not leave the room before the breaks.

We now move to the second item on the agenda: *Address to the Congress*, and we will start with the address of the President of the Swiss Federation. Mr. Carrard, will you please come to the tribune?

## 2. Addresses

*Address by Mr. Olivier Carrard, President of the Swiss Fencing Federation*

### **Olivier Carrard (SUI):**

Dear Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the IOC, Dear Mr. Alisher Usmanov, President of the FIE, Dear Members of the Executive Committee, Dear Mrs. Rodriguez, and all the Staff of the FIE,

Dear Members of the Commissions, Dear Presidents of the Federations of the Fencing World, Dear Sport Friends: In my capacity of President of Swiss Fencing, it is a pleasure and a privilege for me to welcome you in Lausanne for this 98th FIE Congress.

We are very happy and very proud that a large number of International Federations, including, in particular, the FIE and the IOC have chosen our country as well as the city of Lausanne to establish their headquarters. By the way, I would like to inform you that yesterday, in the media, Lausanne was nominated as the best small city of the world.

Being the President of Swiss Fencing for 16 years, I have participated in many Congresses in different cities from Moscow to Paris and Dubai, but it is the first time I have ever been to a Congress in Switzerland, and in Lausanne. In fact, the FIE had held its last Congress in the Olympic city 20 years ago, in 1999.

Currently, all the fencers around the world, all the National Federations, and the FIE are living at an Olympic pace in order to prepare for the Olympic Games in Tokyo in July 2020. For their part, the city of Lausanne and the region are also living at a fast-Olympic pace as the Winter Youth Olympic Games will be held here in January 2020. The entire region will thus live the Olympic rhythm with the presence of many young people from multiple countries who will come to familiarize themselves with the Olympic movement.

I shall say no more as our agenda is very full. I wish you an excellent and productive Congress, as well as an excellent stay in our country, which I hope you will find the time to enjoy a little bit.

Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Alisher Usmanov will present the FIE Homage medal to the President of the Swiss Federation, Mr. Olivier Carrard.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, will address the Congress.

*Applause.*

*Address by Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee.*

**Thomas Bach:**

Good morning Dear Friends,  
Dear President of the FIE, my Dear Friend Alisher Usmanov, and all my Dear Friends from the fencing family:

It is indeed a great pleasure to be home again. Being home in what I still consider my family, our family, the fencing family. You know, your President is a person who, some may not believe it, but he can deliver even very subtle messages from time to time. When I entered the room this morning, I got two of these subtle messages. The first one, when I came here, I had to read that it does not matter whether you are a foil, an épée, or a sabre fencer. So, I got the message, Mr. President. Then a couple of steps later, he made sure that I am becoming very humble, immediately, because the first man I met here in the room was the only fencer in the world, who during my entire career I could never beat, Alexandre Romankov.

*Applause.*

In all this humbleness, I am here to thank you and to congratulate you.

When I was last time at an FIE Congress, it was not the most pleasant experience in my life. This was in a situation when my predecessor as the IOC President, after taking the decision to reduce the number of medals, gave the poisoned gift to me and said: "You are going to the FIE Congress to defend this". Since then, I haven't dared to come back to an FIE Congress, but now, this year, in all understanding of the clear messages from your President, and being in a position to say that we are back to the 12 medals in the Olympic Games, I dared to come.

*Applause.*

You have many reasons to look to the recent past and to the last years with great pride. If I only recall the most recent World Championships in Budapest, with this great success with record participation, the great sport, the great and a very successful cooperation with the media, with Eurosport on one side and with the IOC Olympic Channel on the other side, there you could really showcase what kind of dynamic and development our sport has taken in the last couple of years. Here, I would really like to thank your President and my friend Alisher Usmanov for those many initiatives he has taken to modernize our sport, to make our sport embrace the overall reforms we have been undertaking in the IOC with the Olympic Agenda 2020. And in this way, making it possible for us to take this decision of giving the 12 medals back to fencing. As this is also an expression of our appreciation for the modernization of our sport under his leadership. Congratulations to all of you for these many reforms: being it with regard to the rules, be it with regard to the presentation of the sport, be it with regard to the cooperation with the media, be it with regard to introducing the World Fencing Day. There are so many things happening, and still underway, also in the fields of technology, that you can really be very confident that you are adapting to the times, and that you are following the motto of the IOC that we are using in this context. We say, you have only two choices: either you change or you will be changed. And it's always better to change and to sit in the driver's seat of changes rather than to be changed by the third parties. Continue this way, and continue your social engagement, which you have been showing on the occasion of the Olympic Games Rio 2016 and you will show again at Tokyo 2020 with your programs for the orphans of the province of Chiba.

This is what sport is about; because we, in sport, we do not live on an island. We live in the middle of society; and our success in sport is coming from society, and it is coming through the appreciation of society, like every other success, be it in your private life, or be it in a social life. This is also true for your life in the FIE: every success also brings responsibility with it. There is no success without taking responsibility, and here this responsibility is giving back to society. This is what you are doing as well, and in this way, you are living the Olympic values in an excellent way.



However, possibly the most important development of the last couple of years is your work in international development. For me personally this is also a great experience, because now you have 157 members, an increase of 23 member Federations. Now, when I travel, and I do some travelling from time to time, it is really a wonderful experience, because with this international development wherever I go they present to me the fencers. I get to see fencers in countries where just a couple of years ago you would not have thought that fencing there has a place in the world of sports, in these countries.

I just returned from a visit of four countries in Africa. In all four of them I saw fencing. When I travel in the Middle East, it is fencing; when I travel in the Far East, it is fencing. They are all very proud to present it to me. This makes me happy for myself, but even more for you, because this is the demonstration of the success of these development programs. In this way you have contributed to the democratization of our sport by making it a real universal sport. More so even then, when I ask the fencers or the coaches: "How come that you have fencing here?", I always get the answer: "thanks to the development program of the International Federation". You see then the coaches from different countries training these young fencers, and making our sport popular. When you see in Budapest some of these new nations already winning medals at the World Championships, then you all can be extremely proud. I would like to congratulate you from the bottom of my heart for this great achievement.

*Applause.*

We will altogether have more opportunities to see fencing at its best: now, first in Tokyo with the 12 medals, and Tokyo will be great Olympic Games. I think our friend Ota will agree with this, because our Japanese friends are extremely well prepared. I have never seen an Olympic city so well prepared ten months before the Olympic Games as they are in Tokyo, and in Japan. This will be again a great stage for our beloved sport to be recognized, to be appreciated on a global level by the billions of spectators, who will enjoy the Games, as we know already now that by far more than half of the entire world population will follow the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. Then for the first time we go with an Olympic event to Africa, with the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2022. This again is a great opportunity for all sports, but, in particular, for our sport, to be in Africa, on this young and dynamically developing continent with such a great potential. And then to really establish there our sport, and to establish, as far as the IOC is concerned, the Olympic sports on the African continent. One of the African countries that I have just visited is Senegal. Therefore, I can tell you firsthand that our Senegalese friends are very enthusiastic; they are working very hard. It will be a great experience for all these young athletes to be in Africa to enjoy these Youth Olympic Games, to enjoy sport, and also to enjoy life, to enjoy the hospitality, to enjoy the friendliness of not only our Senegalese partners and friends, but of the African people, because these Youth Olympic Games are games in Africa, for Africa, by Africa, and presented by Senegal.

Therefore, we have many reasons to look forward to the future with great optimism, but, please, without any complacency, keep changing, keep evolving, because the times keep changing, and if we want our sport to remain relevant, and if we want our sport to become even more relevant, we have to keep changing. We have to keep changing in many ways.

You have done all of this in such an excellent way, and the achievements I just mentioned are only a few of the many! All of these achievements demonstrate that you really associate your living with the Olympic values. For this reason, I want to hand over to our President Alisher Usmanov the IOC Trophy on Olympic values as recognition of these great efforts.

Thank you very much and congratulations.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** We also have prepared for our President a beautiful new medal from the FIE.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Mr. Alisher Usmanov will now address the Congress.

*Address by Mr. Alisher Usmanov, President of the International Fencing Federation.*

**Alisher Usmanov:**

Dear President Thomas Bach, Monsieur Carrard, Dear Friends:

Such a warm address delivered by our President, made me think what the real friendship is. We are the big family of friends, friends, and fencing fans. Even more, I feel that our friendship is also a competition in generosity and modesty. I would like all of you to feel the symbolism of this day as this is our last Congress before the Olympic Games, and, for the first time in the history of our Federations, we will have all six disciplines of fencing present fully and completely at the Olympic Games. In my view, today is a perfect occasion to personally thank President Thomas Bach, the IOC Executive Board, and the IOC staff. We are grateful to everybody who works there for their trust in us, and their support to our sport.

Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

Your faith gives us an opportunity to feel even more deeply our responsibility for our sport. It is our responsibility to reaffirm our right to have all the six disciplines present in the Olympic program and to hold our competitions at a level that will ensure the continued presence of our sport in the Olympic program. I am sure we will demonstrate this during the next Olympic cycle, and will certainly achieve every goal that we have set for our federations and for our great sport.

I do not want to speak too much about current achievements. Of course, it should be recognised that we have significantly increased the level of our competitions at the World Championships, Grand Prix events, and at the Continental Championships. Fencing broadcast today is held at a level that fencing and TV have never seen before. Now, we are using many social networks, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Mail.ru to increase the popularity of our sport. Our priority is to use the most advanced technologies for the spectators, while at the same time maintaining great and old traditions of our sport and our adherence to the Olympic principle. From my side, I can say that I am ready to continue my efforts to make our sport even more understandable, more interesting, and more delightful for every athlete, every spectator, every coach, and every Federation who creates today our fencing family.

*Applause.*

Thank you very much. It is with great pleasure that I open our Congress, and express the hope that our fencing President Mr. Thomas Bach will again participate in our activities. Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Before moving to the agenda, we would like to share with you a short movie that was made by Eurosport. This movie is about a pilot project between the FIE and Eurosport. We are the first International Federation with whom they are implementing such a project, and they have shown that movie at the forum of International Federations.

*[Video presentation]*

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you. We move to the next item. I would like to mention that Niger has arrived, so we have one hundred and thirty-nine (139) Federations present or represented.

### 3. Ratification of the new federations

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item is the *Ratification of the new federations*. You know that this year the Executive Committee has given the provisional affiliation to Kenya Fencing Federation, to Cape Verde Fencing Federation, to Oman Fencing Federation, and to Papua New Guinea Fencing Federation, and we are pleased to say that they are all here. This is their first Congress in the FIE, and we hope that it will be one of the best. We move to the vote on this item.

The vote is open. The vote is closed.

The new Federations were ratified. They are now full members of the FIE.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** One Federation voted No.

(Laughter)

**Alisher Usmanov:** Who voted No?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I have no idea. The vote is secret.

(Laughter)

Maybe the person who has voted No would like to explain why?

**Alisher Usmanov:** There is no need in it.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Or maybe you pushed the wrong button? I think that is the explanation.

## 4. Approval of the report of the 2018 Congress held in Paris (FRA)

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next item, which is the *Approval of the report of the 2018 Congress* that was held in Paris, and if you agree, we move to the vote on that item.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The report is approved.



## 5. 2018 annual report of the Executive Committee

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item on the agenda is the *annual report of the Executive Committee for 2018*, and the floor is to the Secretary General Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** Thank you. You all have received this report. Unfortunately, this year we have lost some close friends of our family, and for this reason, I ask you to stand up for a minute of silence in the memory of those who have passed away during the last year.

[Video presentation]

(A moment of silence.)

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** Thank you very much.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are now moving to the vote on the 2018 Annual Report of the Executive Committee and the vote is open.

The vote is closed. The Annual Report is approved.

**Alisher Usmanov:** My friends, let's say a warm goodbye to our President, as he has to return to his very important duties at the IOC. Thank you very much again to Thomas Bach for coming, for staying with us during our work.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** You will be pleased to know that Mr. Thomas Bach will join us at the dinner tonight.

*Applause.*

## 6. 2018 financial report, auditors' report, approval of the accounts, discharges of the Executive Committee and of the auditors

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item on the agenda is the *2018 Financial report, report of auditors, approval of the accounts, and discharges of the Executive Committee and of the auditors*. The floor is to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ferial Salhi.

**Ferial Salhi (ALG):**

Dear Members of the Congress, good morning,

I am pleased to submit to your approval the balance sheet of accounts, results of the 2018 financial year of the International Fencing Federation, as well as the budget for the year 2020.

The accounts of the International Fencing Federation have been audited and approved by Ernst & Young.

What is important to note, based on the main elements of our accounts, is that we came in positive of 2,700,000 CHF, and that we have a capital of 31,000,000 CHF. Our expenditures were in conformity with the planned budget. All the activities of the Federation, all the meetings were held as planned. I will therefore ask you to approve these results.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are opening the vote on the financial report and accounts for 2018, which were approved by our auditors.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The accounts are approved.

## 7. Budget 2020

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item on the agenda is the *Budget 2020*, and the floor is to the Secretary Treasurer.

**Ferial Salhi (ALG):** The 2020 budget is very similar to the 2019 budget with the addition of the expenses for the Olympic Games. We therefore have a budget of 10,334,000 CHF. The estimated revenues from the Olympic Games are of 15,000,000 CHF. I also ask you to approve the 2020 budget.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We are opening the vote for the budget 2020.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The budget 2020 is approved.

## 8. Nomination of the auditors

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next item on the agenda is the *Nomination of the auditors*; and the proposal is to nominate Ernst & Young for another year.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The nomination of Ernst & Young is approved.

## 9. Election of one member of the Executive Committee

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next item, which is the *Election of one member of the Executive Committee*. The reason for this election is that Mr. Wei Wang could not be present during the past two years, and according to the Statutes in case of such absence the member of the Executive Committee must be replaced.

At the elections in 2016, the candidates who had not been elected and were next were:

Mrs. Ana Irene Delgado Guerra from Panama and Mr. Nikolay Ivanov Mateev from Iceland, by alphabetical order. You have to vote for one of these two candidates.

The vote will be electronic. When we open the vote, if you want to vote for the candidate number one, please press *1 and Valid*, and for the candidate number two, please press *2 and Valid*.

We open the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

*Applause.*

Mrs. Delgado Guerra from Panama has been elected as the new member of the Executive Committee.



## 10. Vote to award the organisation of the World Championships

### 2021 Seniors: candidature of EGY

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to the next item of the agenda, which is the *Vote to award the organisation of the 2021 Senior World Championships*, and we have received the candidature of Egypt. I ask the representatives of the Egyptian Federation to come to the tribune and make their presentation.

#### **Mbagnick Ndiaye, President of the African Fencing Confederation:**

Ladies and Gentlemen Congressmen,

The President of the International Olympic Committee has just expressed his feeling of enthusiasm for fencing in Africa. It is that feeling of enthusiasm that drives us, Africans, united around the Egyptian Fencing Federation to encourage you to vote in favor of the Egyptian candidacy to host the 2021 Senior World Championships. Egypt is a country of hospitality, but also the cradle of humanity.

I ask everyone to vote for the candidacy of Egypt on behalf of the African Confederation that I represent here. Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

#### **Abdelmoneim Elhamy El Hussein (EGY):**

Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Honoured Guests:

It is a great pleasure for me to stand before you today as a President of the Egyptian Fencing Federation and as a member of the fencing community, with whom I share so many valuable memories.

First, it is an honour to be here in Lausanne attending this Congress, and discussing the fencing World Championship, which is an important event that brings us all together under the umbrella of the diversified fencing community to celebrate our beloved Games.

Nevertheless, one of the main points I wanted to address here is that despite the aforementioned diversity, since 1948, for more than 70 years, the African continent did not get the honour to host these Championships.

Accordingly, I stand before you today to invite you all to the land of Pharaohs to attend the 2021 Senior World Championships to celebrate once again an impressive fencing event in Africa. The hosting of such an event in Egypt will contribute to building a better fencing infrastructure, and spreading the Game not only in Egypt, but in Africa as well.

Finally, I fully trust your decision, and I am looking forward to seeing you all in the upcoming Championships. Thank you.

*Applause.*

[Video presentation]

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We will now move to the vote to award the 2021 Senior World Championships, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

*Applause.*

The Senior World Championships 2021 are awarded to Egypt.

*Applause.*

## 11. Call for candidatures to the organisation of the World Championships

- **2022 Juniors and Cadets**
- **2022 Seniors**
- **2022 Veterans**

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Before we have a break, a well-deserved one, I think, I would like to address the next item on the agenda, which is the candidatures for the Junior and Cadet, Senior, and Veteran World Championships 2022. I would like to know if there are any Federations here who would like to announce their candidature.

Do we have a candidate for the Junior and Cadet Championship 2022?

Please pass the microphone.

**Huda Al Matrooshi (UAE):** Good morning, everyone. This is from the United Arab Emirates. We are looking forward to hosting the 2022 Championship for Juniors and Cadets; and we will assure that all the formalities in regards to the documentation will be covered as well.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Now for the Senior 2022 World Championships. Is there any Federation, which would like to announce its candidature?

Yes, pass the microphone, please.

**Alexander N. W. Yeung (HKG):** Hello, everybody. This is Hong Kong. We would like to be the candidate for the 2022 Senior World Championship; and we shall follow up with all the documentation afterwards.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Now for the Veterans 2022, is there any Federation, which...? Ah, sorry.

**Bokyung KIM (KOR):** Hello, this is Korean Fencing Federation. The Korean Fencing Federation would like to be a candidate for the World Championship for Seniors in 2022.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you very much.

*Applause.*

Is there any other candidate for the Seniors 2022? Yes.

**Yuki Ota (JPN):** Hello, everyone. The Japanese Fencing Federation would like to organize the 2022 World Championships for Seniors.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have three candidates from Asia for the Seniors 2022. Is there any candidate for the Veteran 2022 World Championships?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** You still have time until the end of the Congress in case you wish to think about it and then announce your candidature.

Before moving to the proposals for the Congress, I suggest to have a short coffee break.

(Coffee Break)

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats; we are going to resume the work of the Congress.

For your information, just before lunch, we will take the photo of the Congress, before the lunch, so please follow the FIE personnel for this.

Second, as you know, this year we are going to award the Chevalier Feyerick Challenge 2019.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Dear friends, please take your seats. This Congress takes place once a year, and in such a beautiful place. We need to finish on time.

We have to finish by 17:00 the latest.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes, because you would like you to see a bit of the city of Lausanne, to take some time to enjoy it. It is not that often that we have a Congress in Lausanne. As we said, the last one took place 20 years ago.

As I have said, this year we are awarding the Chevalier Feyerick Challenge 2019, and according to the Statutes, we must nominate a Commission who will review the proposal of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee unanimously proposed to award the 2019 Chevalier Feyerick Challenge to Thomas Bach.

*Applause.*

The Commission will meet and inform us of its decision, and the awarding ceremony of the Challenge will take place tonight at the Gala event, during the dinner of the FIE in the Olympic Museum.

During the lunch break, we would like the following members of the Commission to meet for a few minutes: Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis, Mr. Alexander Mikhailov, Mr. Abdelmoneim Elhusseiny, Mr. Sam Cheris, and Mr. Francis Kwong.

## 12. Proposals submitted to the Congress, reports from Commissions and Councils, and urgent decisions

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next item of the agenda, which is the *Proposals submitted to the Congress*, and we will start with the Statutes. Please remember that for the Statutes we need two-thirds of the votes cast in order to have the proposal accepted.

### Proposals submitted to the Congress

#### Proposal of the Italian Fencing Federation

The *First Proposal* is the proposal of the Italian Fencing Federation.

The Italian Fencing Federation wishes to add to the FIE Statutes and to the mission of the FIE the possibility to cooperate with IWAS.

The Secretary General of the FIE had several meetings with IWAS, and a document has been signed regarding the organisation of the competitions. Therefore, the Executive Committee thinks that introducing that sentence into the Statutes of the FIE and changing the mission of the FIE by introducing that item is not necessary.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Nathalie, I would like to say a few words. The cooperation that our friends and colleagues from the Italian Federation want to suggest already exists between the FIE and IWAS. It is therefore pointless to change our Statutes and implement that kind of cooperation program. For this reason, the FIE COMEX has a negative opinion about this amendment. Our cooperation with IWAS is developing, and the FIE member federations, such as Russia and France, also support Paralympic athletes. For example, I have received in Moscow an Italian Paralympic delegation of women fencing champions of the highest level. Together with the Russian Minister of Sport, the Ambassador of Italy and myself; we have arranged for them a three-day visit to the Russian Paralympic Fencing Federation. I believe there is no need to incorporate this cooperation in our Statutes. We recommend the Italian Federation to suggest such ideas for those who do not help the Paralympic athletes. I don't think we should put this matter to the vote.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** As I have said, the Executive Committee is not in favour of adding that item to the Statutes; and we already have an agreement with IWAS. Does the Italian Federation still wish the Congress to vote on this issue?

**Alisher Usmanov:** Of course, if you have any additional arguments, which you want to bring up, please, we do not want to close your mouth, but please think about this. This looks like a charity that the billionaire actors organize, when they invite people to a fundraising and say: "We need to help the Paralympic athletes...etc. I am here, I am part of this". Later we see how much these rich people give, some ten thousand, some five thousand. Some people give one million, but do not talk about that.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Our proposal is to say: we are going to help them within our development program; and we think that this is a good solution. Does the Italian Federation agree that we are going to help IWAS, and the fencers of IWAS within the development program of the FIE, and not introduce this in the Statutes. Would you agree on this? Yes, do you agree? Yes, Giorgio?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The microphone, please.

**Giorgio Scarso (ITA):** The Italian Fencing Federation is grateful for all the contribution given to develop the Paralympics world. But this is a different topic: I am aware that a meeting was held with the Secretary General four-five years ago, however nothing changed. I am well acquainted with the problems between Paralympics and politics, because in Italy we organised the World Championships in Turin and in Catania. We are not talking about supporting. We are talking about the fact that the possibility to cooperate should be included within the aims of the FIE, as it is not on the list of the FIE missions. What we want is that this possibility of cooperation is listed, as a sign of civilization. We cannot just give them the money and keep them aside.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Giorgio, you are changing the terminology again: to support or to include in the Statutes. How does the support change when adding it to the Statutes, what is the difference?

**Giorgio Scarso (ITA):** We need to add to the Statutes that the FIE mission is to cooperate with IWAS.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Let us vote then.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Giorgio, we were very clear that adding this to the Statutes and the mission of the FIE would make it obligatory for the FIE. We were very clear that this is a choice that we can make, but this should not be a mission of the FIE to undertake, to deal with another sport, another Federation. In this case the Executive Committee said: "we do not want to introduce this into the FIE Statutes, make it the mission of the FIE, because then it would be obligatory for the FIE to deal with this issue". Still, if the Italian Federation wants to maintain this proposition we move to the vote.

**Giorgio Scarso (ITA):** The Italian Fencing Federation wishes to maintain the proposal.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** Can I say a few words? I agree with the CEO, and I would like to say to you that there is a memorandum of understanding. We have made a new one two years ago and one during the last World Championships in Budapest. We have very good relationships with the President of IWAS, and we help in all levels: organization, referees, coaches, materials, everything. I think it is not necessary to put this in our Statutes. This is clear.

**Alisher Usmanov:** I understand the wish of the Italian Federation to make it our duty to help this Federation, but it is not our mission. If for example future President of the FIE thinks it not an essential mission, and there is this article in the Statutes, he may decide to spend less and help much less comparing to what we are doing today, or, on the contrary, he may want to give much more. For example, I never check the budget spendings of our Federation after I give my donation, because if I check, it does not look as a humanitarian act. It is up to the Congress to decide how much we want to spend for help and on what we want to spend it. If you add a respective article to the Statutes, it is likely that our assistance will become nominal as a minimum amount will suffice to comply formally with the Statutes provisions.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We can move to the vote on that proposal. If you agree with the Executive Committee that it is not necessary to add that item to the Statutes then you vote No on the proposal. If you think the proposal should be integrated into the Statutes then you vote Yes on the proposal; and if you don't know then you Abstain.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass.



**Alisher Usmanov:** 38 members of our Congress think differently, and we need to respect this minority. We have our agreement with IWAS and we already help them. I would like to propose the following: set a specific amount of assistance that will be annually allocated to IWAS and each of these 38 federations should decide which expenses must be cut and what federations will get smaller amounts in order to help IWAS. We are helping today to many federations: African, American, and lots of others.

I would like to draw your attention to the responsibility: our Federation does not make any money in order to help anybody. Our Federation exists only thanks to the donations, of a single sponsor, and the money from the Olympic Committee. The IOC grant provides only thirty percent of our annual budget, if you divide it by four years of the Olympic cycle. If a member federation does not have money for its own budget, how can it donate anything? At the same time I would like to emphasize that the FIE regularly makes donations to our member federations, including the Italian federation.

The FIE budget over these four years is between 12 and 15 million euro. After Rio 2016, the IOC gave us 16 millions, i.e. 4 million per year. Thus we need to find 10 millions more and after that we can donate something. At the same time, the Russian Federation directly helps the Paralympic athletes without announcing it widely all over the world.

Starting from today we will ask all the Federations to contribute to our budget, and tell us where we need to take the funds, if we do not have such donations and if we do, then we will ask them how we should use these donations. And in case we do not have any donations, then who is responsible for this? Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the *Second proposal* from the United Arab Emirates Federation. Yes.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** Mr. President, I would like to clarify one point.

**Alisher Usmanov:** No, the Italian Federation already explained its position. Please. Thank you very much for your clarification.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** Well, you have asked a question to the 38 countries.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Well, we already know the opinion of Italy.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** No, I am not speaking about the proposal. I am speaking about your question, if I may. You are asking to clarify where the money can come to help this activity.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Then we are listening.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** This remark is the clarification I would like to point out. When we were mentioning the point to include this statement in the Statutes, this was not implying that we should put money for that. In Italy, you are quoting our experience, we have done this, and we do not put one penny for this activity, because the Italian Paralympics organization is supporting with money; we are just assisting them with organisation. We do not put the money of our Federation into this activity directly, we just receive and spend what the Italian Paralympics organisation is in condition to give. The same thing was the idea based on our question: no obligation, no financial implication, only to give dignity, an equal dignity to this side of the sport by mentioning it in our Statutes. Maybe not in the mission, maybe in another point as we have discussed with Sam Cheris; that is changing the image of the structure of the rule, but not the principle. This was just to clarify. You should not scare the 38 countries that they have to find the money, we don't need the money. We just want the mentioning of this part to give recognition.

**Alisher Usmanov:** What does this reference give us? We already provide help to the organisers, arrange refereeing, give them equipment. Your proposal sounds sophisticated but not realistic. I propose more than what you ask for. I propose the following: find the money, put it in the budget, and then give it to them. Money assures the independency for federations. And for this, we can create a special fund, for example, and all the 38 Federations, as well as the Russian Federation, and the FIE will put money, and we will help them.

### Proposal of the UAE Fencing Federation

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to the next proposal, which is the proposal from the United Arab Emirates, and I think the Federation wanted to talk about that proposal.

**Huda Al Matrooshi (UAE):** As discussed yesterday at the Arab Fencing Federation, we would like to change the proposal into having another recommendation for simultaneous translation at the Congress, if possible.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The suggestion is to withdraw the original proposal, and to request the Congress discussions' translation to Arabic?

**Huda Al Matrooshi (UAE):** Yes, if it is possible.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** This proposal is actually not for the Congress but for the Executive Committee, as we have translations for four other languages. This is well noted, and we will take care of this. We are not going to vote on that proposal, and we will provide translation for the next Congresses.

**Alisher Usmanov:** It is better to arrange one interpreter for all the Arabic Federations.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Exactly, but we will have the translation at the future Congresses. We are not going to vote on that proposal, and we are going to provide translation for the next Congresses.

### Proposal of the Executive Committee

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The next proposal is a proposal from the Executive Committee. It was just a proposal to put eight months instead of seven months for the proposals to reach the FIE. The Legal Commission was unanimously in favour of that proposal. I think we can move to the vote on Proposal #3 from the Executive Committee.

The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

### Proposals of the Legal Commission

The next proposal is a proposal of the Legal Commission to have 30 percent representation of each gender in the Commissions. The Commissions were generally in favour; the Executive Committee is in favour of that proposal. The Councils are in favour of that proposal, and I think we can move to the vote on that proposal.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Applause.*

*Proposal #5* is also a proposal from the Legal Commission to establish a procedure in case there is an insufficient

number of candidates presented during elections. The Legal Commission was unanimously in favour of that proposal; and the Executive Committee was also in favour of the proposal.

We move to the vote on Proposal #5, and the vote is open.

The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

## **Proposals from Sam Cheris (MH)**

*Proposal #6* is a proposal from Sam Cheris as a Member of Honour, regarding issuing FIE licenses for coaches. I think there was a misunderstanding by the Coaches Council, because they were thinking about accreditations in competitions. We are not talking about accreditations, because we already provide accreditation to coaches. The purpose here is to have a license for coaches, the FIE licenses. The Legal Commission has slightly revised the proposal; and the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission, but valid from the season 2020-2021.

We move to the vote on that proposal. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7.* We move to the last proposal on the Statutes, which is also a proposal from Sam Cheris to add to the Statutes that the person for whom an FIE license is ordered is committed to respect the FIE code of ethics, codes of conduct, and safeguarding policy. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

We open the vote on that proposal, and the vote is open. The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

We have finished with the proposals on the Statutes, and we now move to the proposals on the rules.

## **Proposals on the Rules**

### **Proposals of the Rules Commission**

*Proposal #1* is a proposal from the Rules Commission to establish a precise set of terms in the rules. The Rules Commission has slightly modified its proposal. The Refereeing Commission was in favour of the revised rule, and the Executive Committee is also in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

We move to the vote on that proposal. The vote is open.

The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #2* is also a proposal from the Rules Commission. It is again linked to the establishment of a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion in the rule. The Rules Commission was in favour, the Refereeing Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour.

We move to the vote. The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

### **Proposals of the SEMI Commission**

*Proposal #3* is a proposal from the SEMI Commission. The SEMI Commission and the Rules Commission were in favour of the proposal. I think there was a misunderstanding by the Refereeing Commission; we discussed the details with them. After the discussion with the Refereeing Commission, we have slightly adjusted the text of

the proposal to be more precise so that everybody agrees to it. The Executive Committee said that the date of application should be 1 January 2021, so we move to the vote on that proposal.

The vote is closed.

The revised proposal passed, and the date of application will be 1 January 2021.

*Proposal #4.* Next proposal is also a proposal from the SEMI Commission. The SEMI and the Rules Commission were in favour. The Executive Committee was in favour.

We move to the vote on that proposal. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

### **Proposal of Sam Cheris (MH)**

*Proposal #5* We move to proposal 5 from Sam Cheris regarding the medical intervention on the piste. The Medical commission has modified the proposal. The Rules Commission is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Medical Commission, and the Executive Committee is also in favour of the modified proposal, on which we are going to vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal modified by the Medical Commission is approved.

### **Proposals of the Refereeing Commission**

*Proposal #6* The next proposal is from the Refereeing Commission, regarding some precisions about the procedure in case of conflict of interest during the drawing of lots of the referees. The Rules Commission and the Executive Committee modified the proposal, and we are going to vote on the modified proposal.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

*Proposal #7* is also from the Refereeing Commission, to delete one sentence in art. t.55 as unnecessary. The Rules Commission and the Executive Committee are both in favour of deleting that sentence. We move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is approved.

### **Proposal of the Athletes' Commission**

*Proposal #8* is a proposal by the Athletes Commission suggesting that each time a video is requested, the opinion of the video-consultant is recorded on paper. The Coaches Council is in favour, the Rules Commission is in favour with a modification and the Refereeing Commission is in favour and furthermore requests a dedicated scoresheet to be established.

The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission and with the request of the Refereeing Commission and we move to the vote.

The vote is open.  
The vote is closed.  
The proposal passed.

### Proposals of the Executive Committee

*Proposal #9* on non-combativity. It is not a new proposal, but the consolidation of the texts of the FAQ and explanatory document published in February. It also includes a precision agreed with both the Rules Commission and the Refereeing Commission: the minute starts again at the beginning of each period or relay. We move to the vote.

The vote is open.  
The vote is closed.  
The proposal passed.

*Proposal #10* is a proposal from the Executive Committee to introduce the obligation of maraging steel blades also for sabre, for safety reasons. The rule is already implemented for foil and epee. The SEMI Commission, the Coaches Council, the Rules Commission and the Medical Commission are in favour. The obligation would apply from the beginning of the 2020-2021 season. However, it is strongly recommended to the fencers to advance the date of application.  
We move to the vote.

The vote is open.  
The vote is closed.  
The proposal passed.

### Proposal of the SEMI Commission

*Proposal #11* is a proposal from the SEMI Commission, concerning the socket inside the epee guard. The Rules Commission modified the proposal and the SEMI Commission agreed to the modification. The Executive Committee is also in favour of the modified proposal by the Rules Commission. This proposal would be applicable in the season 2020-2021. We move to the vote.

The vote is open.  
The vote is closed.  
The proposal passed.

### Proposal of the Italian Fencing Federation

*Proposal #12* is a proposal from the Italian Fencing Federation. The SEMI Commission...

Yes.

**Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR):** Date of application of the one just approved, please.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** It will be the same date. It will be linked to the urgent decision on the plug.

I was at *Proposal #12*.

*Proposal #12* The SEMI Commission was in favour of the proposal and slightly modified the text. The Rules Commission was in favour and requested some modifications, but only in the English version; and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI Commission.

The vote is open. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

### **Proposal of the Athletes Commission**

*Proposal #13* is a proposal from the Athletes Commission to have the possibility to write on the jacket the name of an athlete either in gold or in red color, depending on whether the athletes are World champions or Olympic champions.

There were several discussions on this, and in the end the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as submitted by the Athletes Commission, but as an option, and not as an obligation: if the athletes want to put their names in red or gold color, they have the right to do it, if they don't want then they should not be obliged. This option will be applicable to the individual and team World champions (all categories), and to the individual and team Olympic champions. The date of application will be the season 2020-2021.

We move to the vote on that proposal, and the vote is open.

Yes.

**Yann Bernard (CAN):** Hello. Here you have the first proposal, which is from the Athletes Commission with the letters in colour. There is also a suggestion, as I understand from the PCM Commission, to use stars. If a Federation thinks the stars would be the appropriate way to go, how does that work today with the vote?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have an original proposal from the Athletes Commission. Do not forget that this is not a proposal from a National Federation. It is a proposal from the Athletes and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal from the Athletes. If the National Federations think that this proposal is not what they want, then we will open the vote on the other proposal, which is coming from the PCM Commission. If the proposal from the PCM Commission is also not voted for, then no proposal will be adopted. We think it is important to vote on a proposal which was prepared by the Athletes. Therefore, first, we would like to maintain that proposal from the Athletes. If you do not agree with this proposal, just vote No.

**Yann Bernard (CAN):** So if the majority here would like to go for the stars, they should reject the Athletes proposal?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Exactly.

**Yann Bernard (CAN):** And then there will be another vote on the other proposal.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Exactly. On the proposal from the PCM Commission to have stars.

**Yann Bernard (CAN):** If the vote is rejected, we do not go directly to the next item?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We will then vote on the proposal from the PCM Commission.

**Yann Bernard (CAN):** Okay. Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The vote now is on the proposal from the Athletes Commission.

We are opening the vote on that proposal. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

### Proposal of the SEMI Commission

The next proposal is *Proposal #14* from the SEMI Commission. The Rules Commission was in favour with an extra deletion because of a repetition. The SEMI Commission was in favour of the modified proposal of the Rules Commission; and the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

We open the vote on that proposal. The vote is open.  
The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

### Proposal of the SEMI Commission

We move to the next proposal, which is *Proposal #15* regarding the Annexes on the Rules, also from the SEMI commission. The SEMI Commission was in favour and made a slight modification in English and French. The Rules Commission was in favour, and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI Commission.

We move to the vote. The vote is closed. The proposal passed.

*Proposal #16*. I think there was a misunderstanding by the Athletes Commission suggesting to delete one paragraph in the Annex of Material Rules, because if we delete the blocking time in sabre, then sabre which is a conventional weapon becomes a non-conventional weapon. We propose to re-discuss this with the Athletes Commission to understand what they intended to do with this proposal, as this proposal cannot be accepted the way it is now. It is not only the deletion of one paragraph in the rules; it is the complete switch of sabre from a conventional weapon to a non-conventional weapon.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Of course, we respect the opinion of every Commission, but this kind of proposals makes me think that the Rules Commission does not like sabre. Who is the Chairman of the Rules Commission?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Mr. Higginson, the question of the President is why the Rules Commission was in favour of this proposal.

**Stephen Higginson (MH, GBR):** I am sorry. I do not remember us being in favour of it.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes, but this is what is in the report of the Commission.

**Stephen Higginson (MH, GBR):** Yes, I withdraw our opinion in that case.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Okay. So we can say that all the Commissions and Councils were against it. Do you still wish to vote on that proposal, or you think it is not necessary?

**Alisher Usmanov:** Who supports this proposal?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Do you want to vote on that proposal suggesting to eliminate the blocking time in sabre?

**Alisher Usmanov:** It is not possible.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Okay, we will discuss with the Athletes Commission to clarify with them what was their intention in that proposal.

We have finished with the proposals.

## Urgent Decision

We have finished with the proposals and we move to the urgent decision.

The aim of this proposal is to make the connecting plug transparent. We would like to make this transparent plug obligatory for the next season, 2020-2021.

The FIE will provide these plugs and the bodywires to all fencers at the Junior and Cadet World Championships in Salt Lake City in 2020. We will also provide them to the Senior fencers at the Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo, and then it will be obligatory for all fencers at the beginning of the season 2020-2021.

We move to the vote on that urgent decision. The vote is closed.  
The urgent decision passed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have finished with the proposals and the urgent decisions. Now it's time for lunch, and for the photo of the Congress. Have a good lunch, and a good photo!

*(Lunch)*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Please take your seats. We are going to continue the work of the Congress, in order to finish quickly so you can go back to the hotel and rest, and then have a wonderful moment at the Olympic Museum.

Regarding the dinner at the Olympic Museum, there will be a welcome cocktail. Please note that the Olympic Museum shop will remain open for us tonight. You all have received a voucher from the FIE that you will be able to use at the shop of the Olympic Museum to buy some presents, and then we will have a dinner.

I was told by some Federations that they would like to announce their candidature for some events. I think the Bulgarian Federation would like to be a candidate. Velichka? Can we have a microphone, please?

**Alisher Usmanov:** My friends, excuse me, before we give the floor to Velichka to speak on her proposal, I would like to inform you about the following: according to our schedule, our dinner starts at 19:00 o'clock, but I would like to ask for a small delay, because the President of the IOC Mr. Thomas Bach told me that he can come at 19:30-19:35 to have an option to speak, to join this cocktail party. Because of this, I kindly ask you to come at 19:15-19:30, not later. I think everybody agrees that the IOC President visit is a big honor for us. Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Velichka, please.

**Velichka Hristeva (BUL):** On behalf of the Bulgarian Fencing Federation, I would like to announce that we want to organize the Veteran World Championships in 2022.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** In 2022? (Laughter) You cannot rest!

*(Laughter)*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Is there any other Federation, which would like to make an announcement? Thank you.



## 13. Award of the 2019 Chevalier Feyerick Challenge

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Now, I would like to tell you that the Commission that was nominated at the beginning of the Congress met, and the Secretary General will announce the decision of the Commission regarding the award of the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick 2019.

**Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE):** The Commission unanimously decided to award the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick 2019 to the IOC President Thomas Bach.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The text that will be integrated in the Statutes of the FIE for this award is the following: "It was awarded to Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee for his outstanding professional achievements since his brilliant results as a fencer, his dedication to the cause of sport with a view of its development and its global outreach, his visionary programs for ensuring the protection of rights, aspirations, and interests of all athletes. For his actions in favour of peace and the rapprochement of peoples through sport, and his personal contribution to strengthening ties of friendship in international sport."

## 14. Winners of the 2019 official rankings

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to the next item, which is item 14, the awarding of the *Winners of the 2019 official rankings*.

The members of the Bureau will award the medals to the athletes. The members of the Bureau can you, please, move to the award wall?

We are going to start with the junior fencers.

### Junior Rankings

Women's Épée – Federica Isola from Italy

*Applause.*

Men's Épée – Davide Di Veroli from Italy

*Applause.*

Women's Foil – Martina Favaretto from Italy

*Applause.*

Men's Foil – Mohamed Hamza from Egypt

*Applause.*

Women's Sabre – Yoana Ilieva from Bulgaria

*Applause.*

Men's Sabre – Lorenzo Roma from Italy

*Applause.*

### Junior Team Ranking Winners

Women's Épée – Russia

*Applause.*

Men's Épée – Hungary

*Applause.*

Women's Foil – Italy

*Applause.*

Men's Foil – Russia

*Applause.*

Women's Sabre – Germany

*Applause.*

Men's Sabre – Italy

*Applause.*

### **Senior Rankings**

Women's Épée – Man Wai Vivian Kong from Hong Kong

*Applause.*

Men's Épée – Kazuyasu Minobe from Japan

*Applause.*

Women's Foil – Inna Deriglazova from Russia

*Applause.*

Men's Foil – Alessio Foconi from Italy

*Applause.*

Women's Sabre – Olga Kharlan from Ukraine

*Applause.*

Men's Sabre – Sanguk Oh from Korea

*Applause.*

### **Senior Team Ranking Winners**

Women's Épée – Russia

*Applause.*

By the way, it is also Russia for Men's Épée and Women's Foil, so Mr. Mikhailov, please, do not move.

(Laughter)

Men's Épée – Russia

*Applause.*

Women's Foil – Russia

*Applause.*

Men's Foil – USA

*Applause.*

Women's Sabre – France

*Applause.*

Men's Sabre – Korea

*Applause.*

### **Nations Grand Prix**

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The Junior Nations Grand Prix 2019 goes to Italy.

*Applause.*

The Senior Nations Grand Prix goes to Russia.

*Applause.*

We now move to the winners of the Fair-Play trophy.

## 15. 2019 Fair-Play trophy

The Fair-Play trophy, as we announced to you earlier, was awarded for 2019:

To the Men's Sabre team of Hungary composed of Csanád Gémesi, Tamás Decsi, András Szatmári, Áron Szilágyi.

*Applause.*

To Boladé Apithy from France.

*Applause.*

Thank you very much.

**Alisher Usmanov:** Our agenda is over.

### *Final Remarks and Closing of the Congress*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have quite finished with the agenda. I would like to inform you that in the coming weeks the Sport and Technical Director will contact you regarding the calendar, to discuss what we are going to do on that issue. The Executive Committee has decided that it would be better to wait for the new Executive Committee to make the final decision on the calendar, because it will be a four-year calendar. We are preparing that calendar, and the Sport and Technical Director will contact you after the Congress. We have finished with our agenda, and the President will close the Congress.

**Alisher Usmanov:** First of all, I think everybody understands the uniqueness of our meeting today, and that we are facing highly responsible times to prepare our sport for the first complete representation in Tokyo. Because of this, I address everybody. As you see, today we give many awards to the sportsmen. Some of them have a new form. We give good quality, nice medals, so they remain in the memories of these young people, to understand that we care about our future, and we care about our sport.

Please, as much as we are united and have support for each other, and this time I want to say this to you as to our full family who are now present here and continue our fight for our future, for our new fencing, for fencing of the 21st century, and our old tradition of the Olympic Games, Olympic sports. This makes me a bit sad but still optimistic, because we need to be optimistic to achieve every goal, which we set for us. We must not waste our time to discussion, if it does not truly help us; and I want to express my gratitude to every Federation for their participation. However, we need to understand that the time when the activity of a Federation was just to be present at a Congress is over. Now we want to have members of the FIE who improve, and put more and more efforts to develop fencing worldwide, and I wish you all the best.

Today we have the possibility to see each other once more, and after in this number of participants we invite you on behalf of the Russian Federation and me personally, in 2020, to Moscow for our Election Congress.

I want to say thank you again to every Federation who sent me their letters of support. I don't know why so early, there is still one more year, God knows, Inshallah we will all be alive and healthy, and we will be together. In any case, today I want to say thank you to everyone who supports me, and who gives me the feedback on my personal performance regarding my first love, the sport, which I love all my life. Of course, there are other sports, which I love. I very much enjoy rhythmic gymnastics; it is because of my wife. After that I love football, basketball, but the first love of course, is fencing. Thank you very much for your support, thank you to everybody who sent me these several letters. I will never disappoint you, at least I tried to do my best, and I wish all the best to you. Thank you.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Before we leave, I would like to say a big thank you to the translators, who have done a very good job.

*Applause.*

I would like also to thank all our volunteers coming from everywhere to help us, including the Fencing Club of Lausanne, and other International Federations.

*Applause.*

And a very big thank you to the FIE personnel for the great job they have done.

*Applause.*

**Alisher Usmanov:** We cannot forget, I think everybody appreciates the big big role that plays this person, and I think it is fair to say that she is the mother of our successful Congress, which we have year by year, or at least the last 12 years while working with me. Thank you to Nathalie! Thank you to the Secretary General, thank you to the Secretary Treasurer, thank you to every Vice President!

*Applause.*

I want to express my big respect, and a big pleasure of working together with the members of COMEX. Of course, we cannot say, we have performed at our 100% that the FIE expects from us, but we try our best, beginning from my permanent opponent Giorgio, my friend, and finally, my love, Madame Lamour.

(Laughter)

Thank you very much to everybody. I wish you all the best.

*Applause.*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:**

Please leave your voting devices on your tables, we will take care of them. Thank you, and the buses will take you back now to the hotel.

## **Annexes**







## **SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**FIE CONGRESS**

**30 NOVEMBER 2019**

**LAUSANNE (SUI)**

## I. GENERAL DECISIONS

139 federations took part in the Congress: 136 were present and 3 were represented.

### **1. RATIFICATION OF THE NEW FEDERATIONS**

The Congress approved the affiliation of the following federations:

- the Kenya Fencing Federation (KEN)
- the Cape Verde Fencing Federation (CPV)
- the Oman Fencing Federation (OMA)
- the Papua New Guinea Fencing Federation (PNG)

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE REPORT FROM THE 2018 CONGRESS HELD IN PARIS (FRA)**

The report for the 2018 Congress was approved.

### **3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT 2018**

The Executive Committee report for 2018 was approved.

### **4. FINANCIAL REPORT 2018, AUDITORS' REPORT, APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS, DISCHARGE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS**

The financial report, the accounts for 2018 and the Auditors' report were approved.

Discharge was granted to the Executive Committee and the Auditors.

### **5. BUDGET 2020**

The budget for 2020 was approved.

### **6. NOMINATION OF AUDITORS**

Ernst and Young were reappointed for one year.

### **7. ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Ana Irene Delgado Guerra (PAN) has been elected Member of the Executive Committee.

### **8. AWARDING OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The organisation of the Senior World Championships 2021 was allocated to Egypt (Cairo).

### **9. CANDIDACIES FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022**

The following National Federations announced a candidacy for the organisation of:

- the Junior and Cadet World Championships: United Arab Emirates;
- the Senior World Championships: Hong Kong, Japan, Korea;
- the Veterans World Championships: Bulgaria.

### **10. AWARD OF THE 2019 CHEVALIER FEYERICK CHALLENGE**

The 2019 Chevalier Feyerick Challenge was awarded to Mr. Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee.

## Summary of decisions 2019 CONGRESS

### MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

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#### *Assaults and bouts*

**o.5**

A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**. When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result **in an individual competition** it is called a **bout**.  
The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called **periods**.

In a match (cf o.6) between teams each of the nine bouts is called a **relay**.

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#### *Match*

**o.6**

The aggregate of the **bouts relays** fought between the fencers of two different teams is called a **match**.

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## MODIFICATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

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### t.18

- 1 The **combat area** of the piste is ~~from~~ 1.50 meters ~~to 2 meters~~ wide.

**Application:** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021

Fig.1 and Fig 2 have been modified.

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### t.18

- 3 The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for **poules, DE, and** finals and semi-finals, **including the pistes already having safety borders**, do not form part of the piste.

### t.45

- 1 For a **sport trauma/injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. **Only the doctor and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.** This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the FIE Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion. **This break should and** be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for a **sport trauma, injury** cramp, **or an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

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- t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn by the computer at each stage of the table, but may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of any problem with the computer programme,**

mistakes made by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts between category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE). In any case where the computer draw is modified, it must be with the agreement of the Directoire Technique and signed by both the Refereeing Delegate and the President of the DT. At each referees' meeting before any competition, the referees will be asked to declare their potential conflicts of interest to the Refereeing Delegate or to the President of the Directoire technique (for junior competitions). This information must be notified to the FIE by the Refereeing Delegate or the Directoire technique President (for junior competitions).

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#### t.55

- 1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:
    - started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
    - which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.
  - ~~1—At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~
  - 32 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170**.
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#### t.62

- 1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.
  - 2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.
  - 3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~
  - 4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.
  - 5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:
    - at the referees initiative
    - at the request of the athlete
    - in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
    - at the video consultants requestthe decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.
  - 6 Each time the referee consults the video, whether on his own initiative, following an appeal or at the suggestion of the video-consultant, the opinions of the referee and the video-consultant must be recorded on the match sheet.
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## Unwillingness to fight (Non-combativity)

### t.124

*The text in blue was presented in green and blue at the FIE Congress 2019.*

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

#### 1 Individual events – Direct elimination

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

When, **from** the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

- e) **If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.**
- f) **If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.**

#### 2 Team events

**P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.**

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

When, from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons.

If a replacement is made following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team in which a fencer has been sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### **3 In both individual and team competitions**

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

a) The P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

b) In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled each penalty hit, and at the beginning of each period or relay.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.



## Updates to t. 170

| OFFENCE  | ARTICLE | PENALTIES            |                               |                               |
|--|---------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Unwillingness to fight: the sanctions imposed are shown by specific P- cards which are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded. | t.124   | 1st time<br>P-Yellow | 2nd and<br>3rd times<br>P-Red | From 4th time<br>Penalisation |

| EXPLANATIONS    |   |
|-----------------|---|
| P CARDS (t.124) | P-yellow (warning), P-red (penalty hit), P-black (possible loss of the bout or match). In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points. |

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE MATERIAL RULES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

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### *General description*

#### **m.2**

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

- 1 A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted).

At all three weapons, the use of maraging steel blades is obligatory.

**Application:** The rule is already enforced for epee and foil. For sabre, the obligation will apply from the beginning of the 2020-2021 season. However, it is strongly recommended to the fencers to advance the date of application.

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#### **m.18.3 (new)**

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block separately and then connected to the terminals.

**Application:** season 2020-2021

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#### **m.25.3**

##### **c) Characteristics of the clothing**

Jackets, under-plastrons, breeches and trousers must be made entirely in cloth able to **resist a pressure of 800 Newtons**. Very particular attention must be paid to the way the seams under the armpits, if there are any, are made. **The fastenings of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the fastenings in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).**

An **under-garment** consisting of a protective under-plastron covering the vital upper areas of the body (following the design given in Annexe A to these Rules, 'Safety norms for manufacturers') resistant to 800 Newtons is also obligatory.

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#### **m.25.3**

## Characteristics of the clothing

- h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

A World Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in red.

An Olympic Champion has the right to have his/her name and the abbreviation of his/her national federation printed in gold.

**Application:** season 2020-2021

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### m.25

#### 6 Glove

At all weapons, the **gauntlet of the glove** must, in all circumstances, fully cover approximately half the forearm of the competitor's sword arm to prevent the opponent's blade entering the sleeve of the jacket.

Under no circumstances should there be any hole in the hand of the glove, even to allow the passage of the body wire.

The closure of the glove should be from the middle of the wrist upwards towards the thumb.

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### m.32.4

The **electrical contact** between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white coloured or clear covered wire with ~~one or~~ two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the mask with one crocodile clip ~~or by soldering~~ and to the jacket with ~~another~~ a crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

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### m.32.5

The **electrical resistance** between the crocodile clip and any point on the mask must be less than 5 ohms. The crocodile clip(s), the design and size of which must conform to the conditions laid down in Article m.29.2(c), must be soldered to the end(s) of the wire. In addition, the electrical resistance in this wire (between ~~the two crocodile clips and crocodile clip or crocodile clip and soldering~~) must not exceed 1 ohm. ~~The wire must be white coloured or clear.~~

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## Annex A

### Modification management:

- 1) The homologation is valid for the duration specified in the technical handbooks as long as no modification is made to the equipment or its manufacturing process.
- 2) Any change must be **immediately** reported to the FIE SEMI Commission President. **These changes cover all aspects of the homologated items (appearance, composition, internal content, software and all other material changes).**
- 3) The modified equipment must pass the whole homologation process again.

In particular, if a manufacturer intends to change the material or the manufacturing of his FIE certified equipment, ~~he~~ **the manufacturer** must submit it ~~to~~ **for** a new homologation process and wait for the result.

#### **Technical handbooks:**

- 1) Technical handbooks are elaborated by the SEMI and submitted to the Executive Committee.
- 2) Technical handbooks are specific to each item of equipment.

#### **Marks:**

The FIE emblem is a registered trademark.

It can only be used on equipment that has successfully undergone the FIE homologation process.

By affixing the FIE label of quality to their equipment manufacturers guarantee that such marked equipment fulfils FIE technical and security requirements.

#### **Expenses:**

All the expenses and costs related to the homologation of the equipment (**e.g. masks, blades, breeches, jackets, under-plastron**), pistes and apparatus, software and video systems) are chargeable to the requester.

#### **Withdrawal or suspension of a homologation:**

Homologation can be withdrawn or suspended when the SEMI Commission becomes aware that:

- a) the homologated material no longer conforms with the Rules; or
- b) after the homologation has been granted, the material has been modified significantly and the modifications have not been submitted for a new homologation.

#### **Random quality control of Fencing Equipment**

~~Whenever it deems necessary, t~~ The FIE SEMI Commission may obtain a random sample of any specific item of fencing equipment available on the market. Having obtained the equipment, the SEMI will submit it to technical analysis for quality control purposes.

Should there be any doubt as to the quality of the item, the SEMI may send it directly to an **agreed certified** independent institute for testing; tests will be carried out in accordance with the existing FIE material rules and with CE/EC standards.

Should the tests reveal any non-conformity or any lowering of quality level, the SEMI will take appropriate action, which may involve the application of a penalty. In extreme cases, the manufacturer may lose a previously awarded FIE homologation.

## URGENT DECISIONS

### **m.29** Bodywire and attachment plugs

- 1 **b)** This bodywire has a **connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material, at** each end. In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.

### **m.31** Bodywire and attachment plugs

- 2 The bodywire has a **connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material,** at each end. In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.

#### **Application:**

- For the Junior and Cadets: 2020 Junior and Cadet World Championships (the bodywires with transparent plugs will be provided by the FIE)
  - For the seniors: Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo (the bodywires with transparent plugs will be provided by the FIE)
  - For all fencers and competitions: compulsory from the start of the 2020-2021 season.
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# Summary of decisions 2019 CONGRESS

## MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES

The texts below are applicable on January 1st, 2020, unless mentioned otherwise.

### 3.4 AGENDA

3.4.1 All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than ~~midnight 00:00 hrs~~ Lausanne time ~~7~~ 8 months before the opening day of the next Congress.

#### 4.4.4.

##### Commissions:

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as~~ candidates been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

If there are fewer than 3 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates of such gender put forward who have received at least one vote and the remainder of the Commission will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

If there are fewer than 10 candidates for a Commission then the commission will consist of all candidates who have received at least one vote.

If there are no candidates for a Commission then the members of the Commission whose term had just ended shall hold over for the following year until new candidates can be presented and an election is held for that Commission at the following Congress.

**Application:** Elective Congress 2020

#### 9.1.2 b)

This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, Councils and Ethics Committee of the FIE;
- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~

- All A or B referees of the FIE; and
- All coaches at an official competition of the FIE.

**Application:** season 2020-2021

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### **9.1.5      *Application and Issue***

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.

b) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

c) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

d) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

e) The F.I.E. head office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the F.I.E. nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the I.O.C., and to fencers who are legally stateless.

f) All persons listed in 9.1.2 b) and for whom an FIE licence is ordered by a national federation are committed to respect the FIE Code of Ethics, code of conduct and Safeguarding policy.

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## **2019 CONGRESS**

**30 November 2019  
Lausanne (SUI), 10:00am**

### **AGENDA**

- 1.** Validation of attendance and proxies
- 2.** Addresses
- 3.** Ratification of the new federations
- 4.** Approval of the report of the 2018 Congress held in Paris (FRA)
- 5.** 2018 annual report of the Executive Committee
- 6.** 2018 financial report, auditors' report, approval of the accounts, discharges of the Executive Committee and of the auditors
- 7.** Budget for 2020
- 8.** Nomination of the auditors
- 9.** Election of one member of the Executive Committee
- 10.** Vote to award the organisation of the World Championships
  - 2021 Seniors: candidature of EGY
- 11.** Call for candidatures to the organisation of the World Championships
  - 2022 Juniors and Cadets
  - 2022 Seniors
  - 2022 Veterans
- 12.** Proposals submitted to the Congress, reports from Commissions and Councils and urgent decisions
- 13.** Award of the 2019 Chevalier Feyerick Challenge
- 14.** Winners of the 2019 official rankings
- 15.** 2019 Fair-Play trophy
- 16.** Miscellaneous items
  - Nomination



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This report takes account of events that took place between January 1st and December 31st 2018.

## OBITUARY

The International Fencing Federation has been affected by the departure of several friends:

### NOUREDDINE ROBBANA (TUN) - 1949-2018

Born on February 9, 1949, he fenced on the Tunisian national epee team from 1960 to 1969.

Noureddine Robbana was voted as a member of the FIE Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission at the 2016 Elective Congress.

Prior to that, from 2012 to 2016, he was a member of the FIE Legal Commission.

As a member of the Tunisian Fencing Federation, he was Treasurer from 2002 to 2006; a member of the Federal Bureau from 2006 to 2012; President from 2012 to 2016; and a member of the Tunisian Federation's Executive Committee since 2016.

He served as Treasurer for the Mediterranean Fencing Confederation from 2012 to 2016.

### ÁNGEL MARTÍNEZ VASSALLO (ESP) - 1952-2018

The Spanish fencing master Ángel Martínez Vassallo passed away on April 5.

Born in San Sebastián on January 20, 1952, he was a member of the national junior and senior men's foil teams until 1978, when he began working as a weapons master of the Royal Spanish Fencing Federation. After several years as national coach in Seville and Madrid, in clubs such as the Fencing Club Maestro Cervantes, Fencing Club of Madrid and the Fencing Hall Palacio de los Deportes, he was appointed Head of the National Teams in 1990, a position he held until 2013.

He was a member of the Fencing masters' sabre team that became World Champion and foil bronze medal in 1978, along with Joaquín Campomanes Grande, Luis Sánchez-Elvira Jiménez and Antonio Solivera González.

Mr. Vassallo was also part of a team of coaches who developed fencing in Spain and led the country to the successes culminating gold medals of Manuel Pereira in 1989; the female epee team of Rosa Castillejo, Taymi Chapé, Carmen Ruiz and Cristina Vargas in 1994; and the Olympic bronze medal of José Luis Abajo in Beijing 2008.

Ángel Martínez Vassallo lived fencing and life with passion and made it his reason for being until the end of his days.

### AUSTIN EDISON THOMAS (ARU) - 1939-2018

Austin Edison Thomas, President of the Aruba Fencing Federation, born on March 25, 1939, participated in the 1988 Seoul Olympic Games in individual foil and epee.

His entire life was dedicated to fencing and he trailblazed the sport in Aruba. Mr. Thomas worked tirelessly and with extraordinary perseverance to develop and promote fencing in Aruba and beyond.

### DR OMAR ALEJANDRO VERGARA (MH) OLY (ARG) - 1943-2018

Dr Omar Alejandro Vergara (ARG, MH) OLY, renowned epeeist and foilist, was an Argentinian and South American champion and individual Pan American Games champion (1975) in Mexico. A three-time Olympian, he competed in Mexico City (1968), Munich (1972), and Montreal (1976). He was also a category "A" international referee at the three-weapons.

Omar Vergara also worked as member of the Directoire Technique (DT) at several World Championships.

He was President of the Argentinian Fencing Federation from 1986-1990, 1996-2000, 2004-2008, and 2012-2016.

He served as President of the South American Fencing Confederation and Vice-President of the Pan American Fencing Confederation.

Omar Vergara was an FIE Executive Committee member from 2008 to 2012.

He has served on the FIE Legal Commission since 1992 and was a permanent member of the Argentinian Olympic Committee. At the 2017 FIE Annual Congress, he was inducted as a Member of Honour of the FIE.

Omar Vergara was motivated by the sole objective of developing fencing and love for the sport, ceaselessly giving the best of himself to its mission and purpose.

## RASHID MUFTAWU (GHA) - 1971-2018

Mr. Muftawu Rashid, Vice President of the Ghana Fencing Federation, passed away recently in his home country. "It is with deep sorrow I report the sudden death of the Vice President of our federation," said Ghana Federation President Mohammed Mahadi. Mr. Rashid was elected to the federation in January 2017.

## MAX GEUTER (MH, GER) - 1937-2018

Born on September 16, 1937 in Aachen, Germany, Max Geuter served as a member of the FIE Executive Committee from 1993 to 2016, and Vice President of the organization from 2000 to 2004.

He had also served as a member of the FIE Refereeing Commission from 1985 to 2004.

He was also elected as a Member of Honour by the 2000 FIE Congress.

From 2013 to 2016, he represented the Executive Committee on the FIE Veterans Council. In 2016 he was then nominated as a member of the same council, and then elected President by the Council itself.

From 1996 to 2005, Max Geuter was the First Vice President of the European Fencing Confederation, and became its Secretary General from 2005 to 2017.

A fencer in all three weapons (foil, epee and sabre), Max Geuter took part in five Fencing World Championships and three Olympic Games. He competed at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games under the Unified Team of Germany, and again at the 1968 Mexico City and 1972 Munich Games on the epee team from West Germany.

Max Geuter loved sports. He began his life with gymnastics, athletics and handball, only later to begin fencing in 1954 when he moved to Frankfurt. In his club, Frankfurter TV 1860, he benefited from various fencing masters who pushed him to become German epee champion in 1963.

He then moved to the United States for more than a year in the mid-1960s, where he was permitted to fence in two United States fencing championships; he won the 1966 U.S. foil championships and finished fifth in epee.

When Max Geuter retired from competitive fencing, he took on multiple roles as a member of the German Fencing Federation: he was responsible for referees; he oversaw the men's epee team; and was Vice President of elite sports and foreign affairs. Together with many top coaches, Max Geuter achieved 284 medals for Germany at the Olympic Games as well as World and European Championships.

Max Geuter became an international fencing referee in all three weapons after successfully passing the examination in Mexico City, and he officiated at multiple Olympic Games and World Championships. He also participated as a delegate of the Refereeing Commission at the Olympic Games, World Championships and Asian Games, and over the years was the examiner for hundreds of referee candidates.

He served as a member or president of the *directoire technique* at multiple World Championships, took an active role in the renaissance of the European Championships and was responsible for the organization of several other events, including the 10th Arab Games. He managed and directed numerous referee examinations and seminars. One of his most impressive achievements was the creation of veteran fencing in the FIE, beginning with a men's epee-only championship in Cape Town, South Africa in 1997, and increasing over the years to include all weapons and both genders, as well as multiple categories and age groups.

Max Geuter's motivation was inspired in part by the following: "Not one hour in your life you spent with sport is lost." Derived from a quote from Sir Winston Churchill, these words fit him in his active time as a sportsman as well as in his later years as an official.

Max Geuter dedicated his entire life to sports and fencing, performing a remarkable number of functions and roles, and achieving outstanding results for fencing worldwide. He continually gave the best of himself and devoted his extraordinary talents to the cause of fencing.

## ADA WILD-GENTINZON (SUI) - 1933-2018

Swiss Fencing has informed that Mrs Ada Wild died on 1st September 2018, in her 85th year.

Mrs Wild worked passionately for the world of fencing. She was President of the Cercle des Armes de Lausanne (CAL), President of the Swiss Fencing Federation (1989-1992), as well as organizer of the Junior World Championships in Lausanne in 1981 and the Senior World Championships in Lausanne in 1987.

## GYÖZÖ KULCSÁR (HUN) - 1940-2018

Born on October 18, 1940 in Budapest, the Hungarian epee fencer Gyöző Kulcsár, four-time Olympic and three-time world champion, started fencing at the age of 15. He was a member of the FIE Hall of Fame.

Gyöző Kulcsár was one of the most famous Hungarian athletes, who did not only excel as a fencer, but has also been one of the finest coaches in Hungary - his career had been longer than half a century: 52 years.

He won team gold at the 1964 (Tokyo), 1968 (Mexico City), and 1972 (Munich) Olympic Games; he also earned an individual gold medal in 1968 (Mexico City) as well as two bronzes (Munich 1972 and Montreal 1976).

Gyöző Kulcsár earned an engineering degree in 1968, but focused the majority of his life on fencing. After finishing his competitive career, he was the Secretary General of the Hungarian Fencing Federation between 1979 and 1980.



He was also Member and later Board member of the Hungarian Olympic Committee.

In 1988 he moved to Italy and worked as a fencing master in Vercelli, where he trained Olympic and World Champions like Maurizio Randazzo, Paolo Milanoli and Elisa Uga.

He moved back to Hungary in 2001 and he became the master of several fencers that later became Olympic and World Champions. He was also the head coach of the Hungarian National Epee team from 2006 to 2012.

Among others he trained Tímea Nagy, Krisztián Kulcsár and Gábor Boczkó. The last champion of his career was Emese Szász, who took the gold medal at the Rio Olympic Games in 2016.

Besides the number of merits and awards, Győző Kulcsár was also elected to join the Association of Immortal Hungarian Athletes, a very illustrious company which consists of 21 sportsmen, in 2000. In 2004, he was elected among the sportsmen of the nation, while in 2010, he was awarded the Hungarian Order of Merit, Commander's Cross.

## GEORGE KOLOMBATOVICH (USA) - 1946-2018

George Kolombatovich was President of the FIE Refereeing Commission from 2004 to 2008, Member of this very same commission from 2000 to 2004, and also member of the US Fencing Hall of Fame.

Born on the 29th August 1946 in New York, he became FIE referee at the three weapons.

He was an official and referee at numerous world events: three Olympic Games (Los Angeles 1984, Barcelona 1992 and Atlanta 1996), three Pan American Games, seven Senior World Championships, three Junior World Championships, three Paralympic Games and several world cups.

He was First Vice president of the Panamerican Fencing Confederation from 1988 to 2005.

He was also Member of the US Commission of fencing officials for more than 30 years and was named chief of mission and team captain for the U.S. team at several Senior, Junior and Cadet World Championships as well as at the World University Games and the Pan American Games.

He attended New York University and was their fencing coach before moving to Columbia University in 1978. He began as assistant coach in 1978 and then in the following year became head coach of the Columbia University fencing team for a remarkable 32 seasons (1979-2011).

George Kolombatovich's Columbia University fencers won 17 individual NCAA titles and several qualified for and fenced at the Olympic Games, including 2008 silver medallists James Williams and Erinn Smart.

In all, his coaching produced 158 All-Ivy League honourees and 152 All-American athletes.

US Fencing had published his Refereeing Handbook, a pedagogical work.

## VIKTOR KIRPU (EST) - 1955-2018

Viktor Kirpu, born on October 31, 1955, esteemed Estonian fencing coach, father and coach of World Championship epee bronze medallist Erika Kirpu, began practicing fencing in 1966 under Coach Tiit Räni. He competed as a member of the Estonian fencing team between 1973 and 1980, and became a "Grand Master" in 1980. He was a member of the Tartu LNSK since 1984, later the sports club Escrime and since 2007 was a trainer at Tartu Sports Association Kalev.

He served as a member of the Board of the Estonian Fencing Association, and, in addition to Erika Kirpu and many other fencers, notably coached Estonian epeeist Sergei Vaht. Mr. Kirpu also coached at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

## RENÉ ROCH (MH, FRA) - 1929-2018

René Roch was President of Honor of the FIE since 2008, President of the FIE from 1992 to 2008 and a Member of Honour of the FIE since 1989.

René Roch was born on the 28th of June, 1929, in Paris. He studied at Paris-Sorbonne University where he obtained a degree in law, followed by a diploma as a chartered accountant.

He practised as an auditor and was a member of the Paris Appeal Court.

A former foilist and sabreur, in 1949 he was French university senior and junior champion in sabre and, the same year, French university junior champion in foil. As a member of the French national team between 1950 and 1961, he took part in many international competitions, including the Coupe Santelli, World Championships and Student Games. Several times, he was French senior sabre champion and French junior foil champion.

In 1951, René Roch limited his sports activities to focus on his studies and fulfill his military obligations. From 1956, the year he was the military champion of France, until 1961, he again became a member of the French national team. In 1957, he was selected for the World Student Games and, that same year, took third place in the "Spartakiades" in Moscow in the sabre team competition. In 1959 he was selected to take part in the Senior World Championships. He competed in the Coupe d'Europe from 1970 until 1975.

It was in the 1980s that his career began as a sports administrator. He was the General Treasurer of the French Fencing Federation (FFE) from 1980 until 1984, then Vice-President of that Federation from 1988 until 1992. From 1992 forward, he was a Member of Honour of the FFE.

At the same time, he was Treasurer of the FIE from 1984 until 1992 and President of the FIE's Promotion Commission from 1984 until 2000.

In 1999, René Roch was awarded Chevalier of the Order of the Legion of Honour and, that same year, the Republic of Senegal promoted him to the rank of Officer in the National Order of the Lion of Senegal in recognition of the impetus he provided for the development of fencing in Africa. In collaboration with the Senegalese Fencing Federation, he created the first International Fencing Masters' Academy in Africa in Dakar. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) awarded him the Olympic Order in 2009.

René Roch's contribution to the universality and development of fencing was incalculable. Under his presidency, the first FIE Veteran World Championships were organised in 1998 and, in 1999, women's sabre became part of the Fencing World Championships.

Wireless fencing debuted at the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004. He introduced video-refereeing at the Senior World Championships in Turin in 2006 and at the Olympic Games in 2008. In 1996, women's epee was introduced into the Olympic programme in Atlanta and women's sabre joined in 2004 in Athens.

Throughout his career, he passionately defended the values of the sport of fencing that were initially created in France, worldwide. He instigated numerous modifications to the FIE's rules and organisation of competitions.

### **BRIGITTE DUMONT-GAPAIS (FRA) - 1944-2018**

Brigitte Dumont-Gapais was born on 25 April 1944 in Saint-Fargeau-Ponthierry and was the pupil of Maîtres Ernest Revenu and Guy Sommier.

Precociously gifted, she was junior world champion in 1964, winning her first title as individual French champion at the age of 19. This was followed by four other titles in 1968, 1969, 1974 and 1976.

Brigitte Dumont took part in 4 Olympic Games and secured the Holy Grail of the Olympics when she won the silver medal in Montreal with the French team in 1976.

She became a manager once her sporting career came to an end. In the beginning she was Vice-President of the French National Olympic Committee from 1976 to 1981 then, in 1985, she became Secretary General of the French Fencing Federation, occupying this post for over 15 years.

As an international referee, and with a Fencing Master's Diploma, she was also an honorary member of the FFE.

Brigitte Dumont-Gapais died at the age of 74 after a long illness.

### **CHRISTINE MUZIO (FRA) - 1951-2018**

Born on 10 May 1951 in Creil, Christine Muzio was the pupil of Maître Guy Sommier. She was a member of the great women's foil team from 1970-1980.

Christine Muzio tasted the delights of the Olympic podium for the first time when she won the silver medal with the French team in Montreal in 1976.

The following year the foilist, sporting the colours of the Paris Université Club, became individual French champion. But it was in 1980 that Christine Muzio had her finest hour. With the French team (alongside Véronique Brouquier, Pascale Trinquet, Brigitte Gaudin and Isabelle Boéri) Christine Muzio managed to win the gold medal in the 1980 Olympic Games. This remarkable achievement still remains the only Olympic gold won by a French women's foil team.

### **VLADIMIR BAEV (KGZ) - 1923 – 2018**

Vladimir Baev was a veteran of the Second World War, a mythical athlete who was 13 times fencing champion of the Republic of Kyrgyzstan. He was a former leader of the Sports Committee of Frunzé, a post he occupied for many years, and Honorary President of the Kyrgyzstan Fencing Federation.

He was born on August 12th 1923 in Barnaul. When war broke out, Vladimir Baev was working as a mechanic in a factory. He was only 17 when all the men were called up. He hid his identity documents and, lying about his age, managed to be accepted at Barnaul military school, together with a friend. That was in 1942. The situation around Stalingrad was complex. After a mere three months' training, instead of the usual two years, he landed in Stalingrad, in the inferno of the war. There, as a military intelligence officer, he received his first award, the medal for "Courage". After the war, Vladimir Baev gained his diploma at the "P. Lesgaft" Sports Institute of Leningrad, and was assigned to the city of Jalal-Abad, where, in 1951, he was appointed President of the Regional Committee of Physical Education and Sport. He began his task with the construction of the city stadium. With the support of the first Secretary of the Regional Party Committee, Mr. Bayan Alamanov, the city stadium was built in only six months. In 1959, after unification of the Jalal-Abad and Osh regions into one single region, the region of Osh, he led the Regional Sports Committee of Osh.

From 1964 Vladimir Baev worked on the Sports Committee of the Kyrgyz SSR. Later, for 15 years, from 1970 to 1985, he was President of the local Committee of Frunzé. After 1985 he received a pension of merit of the Republic for special services rendered. He was Honorary President of the National Fencing Federation, an excellent representative of Physical Culture and Sport for the USSR, and an honored cultural worker in the Kyrgyz SSR.

He was national fencing champion of Kyrgyzstan 13 times. At that time, he had to compete with many famous fencers: Galina Alexandrova, Zoya Logvinenko, Eduard Mustafin, Ravil Orazgeldiev, and many others. As one of the main representatives of fencing within the USSR, he frequently took the national team to international tournaments. The names of Soviet best fencers have resounded throughout the world. They include Alexander Abushakhmetov, Yuri Lykov, Vladimir Donin, Leonid Dunaev, the brothers Nicholas and Alexander Ivanenko, Anatoly Verulsky and many others, members of the URSS team, who mounted the highest step on the podium in Union-wide and international competitions. He was an ardent proponent of the sport and a dedicated ambassador of fencing, contributing to its development throughout the country. He also initiated the Union-wide "Pearl of Ala-Too" tournament where future champions of the USSR, Europe and the whole world were able to earn their stripes.

## GÖRAN ABRAHAMSON (SWE) - 1931-2018

Fencing became for him a lifelong history of love and he was coaching at his club until his last year.

Göran's fencing career took a hard blow when he was infected by polio in 1953 and lost the function of one of his legs. With the support of the Italian coach Sigfrido Motolese and considerable amounts of training he managed to continue with fencing, although the damage caused by the infection would affect his physical ability for the rest of his life.

He took part in the Olympic Games in Rome 1960 and Tokyo 1964 with a 9th place individually in 1964. In the World Championships he participated from 1957 until 1965 and was placed 6th in 1961 and 5th in 1963 – remarkable results for someone hit by polio paralysis.

When he stopped fencing on international level, Göran had a long and very successful refereeing career and refereed several Olympic finals.

Göran was a member of the SEMI commission 1984- 2004. He took an active part in the successful work by this commission to increase safety for the fencers. In this role, he also had numerous assignments as SEMI-delegate at Olympic Games and World Championships and as supervisor at official FIE competitions. He was president of the SEMI-commission 1992-94. He also became member of the Executive Committee of the European Fencing Confederation in 2002.

On national level, he was vice president of the Swedish Fencing Federation 1988-2001 and president of his club Göteborgs Fäktklubb 1974-2000. As a competition organizer, he played an instrumental role in the senior World Championships in 1973 and the World Cadet Championships in 1990, both held in Göteborg. He was also the organizer of the Coupe de Göteborg, a World Cup competition in ladies' epee.

Göran's work was always characterized by a meticulous attention to detail. He could easily communicate in six different languages and with his vast experience from all aspects of fencing, he handled difficult situations with ease.

**We express our sincerest condolences to the bereaved families and federations of the deceased.**

# 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

## 1.1 MANAGEMENT

The FIE's management activities have continued at a steady pace.

The Executive Committee met on the following dates:

17th February 2018 in Lausanne (SUI)  
9th June 2018 in Milan (ITA)  
16 September 2018 in Chania (GRE)  
7 December 2018 in Paris (FRA).

The Bureau met prior to each meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Commissions and Councils met:

on 29th and 30th June 2018 in Bucharest (ROU).  
The Rules and Refereeing Commissions also met on 1st July 2018.  
The Athletes' Commission met on 7th April 2018 in Verona (ITA).

The Congress 2018 was held on 8th December 2018 in Paris (FRA).

**The Executive Committee was consulted 16 times** by e-mail when an urgent decision was required.

The decisions taken by these management bodies have been regularly communicated to the FIE members through **13 Information letters and 10 Urgent letters**. These letters, as well as their annexes, were emailed to national federations, Honorary Members and Members of the Executive Committee.

**25 changes of nationality were accepted.**

## 1.2 REFEREEING

### 1.2.1 REFEREEING EXAMINATIONS

| Venue          | Date             | Jury   | Weapon                | Candidates                       | Pass                             |
|----------------|------------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Budapest (HUN) | 05-06.01.2018    | Irina Knysch (RSA);<br>Claus Janka (GER).          | Sabre                 | 14                               | 14                               |
| Lagos (NGR)    | 26.02-02.03.2018 | Chang-Gon Kim (KOR);<br>Katsumi Yamaguchi (JPN).   | Foil<br>Epee<br>Sabre | Foil: 4<br>Epee: 8<br>Sabre: 7   | Foil: 1<br>Epee: 5<br>Sabre: 5   |
| San Jose (CRC) | 28.02-05.03.2018 | Irina Knysch (RSA);<br>Claus Janka (GER).          | Foil<br>Epee<br>Sabre | Foil: 17<br>Epee: 21<br>Sabre: 6 | Foil: 12<br>Epee: 13<br>Sabre: 4 |
| Dubai (UAE)    | 21-25.02.2018    | Irina Knysch (RSA);<br>Mohamed El Motawakel (EGY). | Foil<br>Epee<br>Sabre | Foil: 14<br>Epee: 11<br>Sabre: 9 | Foil: 11<br>Epee: 9<br>Sabre: 7  |
| Sochi (RUS)    | 27.02-04.03.2018 | Olga Cojocari (MDA);<br>Salah Ferjani (TUN).       | Foil<br>Epee<br>Sabre | Foil: 1<br>Epee: 21<br>Sabre: 7  | Foil: 10<br>Epee: 20<br>Sabre: 6 |



## 1.2.2 RENEWAL OF LICENSES

| Venue          | Date          | Jury   | Candidates                     | Pass                           |
|----------------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lagos (NGR)    | 01-02.03.2018 | Chang-Gon Kim (KOR);<br>Katsumi Yamaguchi (JPN).   | Foil: 2<br>Epee: 3<br>Sabre: 1 | Foil: 2<br>Epee: 3<br>Sabre: 1 |
| San Jose (CRC) | 03-05.03.2018 | Irina Knysch (RSA);<br>Claus Janka (GER).          | Foil: 1<br>Epee: 2<br>Sabre: 0 | Foil: 0<br>Epee: 2<br>Sabre: 0 |
| Dubai (UAE)    | 24-25.02.2018 | Irina Knysch (RSA);<br>Mohamed El Motawakel (EGY). | Foil: 5<br>Epee: 6<br>Sabre: 2 | Foil: 5<br>Epee: 6<br>Sabre: 2 |
| Sochi (RUS)    | 02-04.03.2018 | Olga Cojocari (MDA);<br>Salah Ferjani (TUN).       | Foil: 2<br>Epee: 2<br>Sabre: 2 | Foil: 2<br>Epee: 2<br>Sabre: 1 |

## 1.2.3 TRAINING FOR INTERNATIONAL REFEREES

### PAN AMERICAN FENCING CONFEDERATION

| Date             | Venue              | Application |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 23-25.02.2018    | Quito (ECU)        | CPE         |
| 31.08-02.09.2018 | Tegucigalpa (HON)  | CPE         |
| 14-16.09.2018    | Lima (PER)         | CPE         |
| 31.10-02.11.2018 | San Salvador (ESA) | CPE         |
| 26-28.10.2018    | Quito (ECU)        | CPE         |
| 09-10.11.2018    | Caracas (VEN)      | CPE         |
| 12-14.12.2018    | Havana (CUB)       | CPE         |

Expert: Juan Carlos Ríos Rivera (MEX)

### ASIAN FENCING CONFEDERATION

| Date          | Venue        | Application |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 13-17.10.2018 | Manila (PHI) | FCA         |

## 1.2.4 PRIZE FOR THE BEST REFEREE

Based on the proposal of the Refereeing Commission, the Executive Committee has nominated the following best referees for 2018:

|              |                           |                                   |                         |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Foil</b>  | 1. Gheorghe Florin (ROU); | 2. Zhuravleva Natalia (RUS);      | 3. Suh Sangwon (KOR).   |
| <b>Epee</b>  | 1. Paghiev Mihail (MDA);  | 2. Rios Rivera Juan Carlos (MEX); | 3. Civiero Ambre (SUI). |
| <b>Sabre</b> | 1. Milenchev Vasil (BUL); | 2. Martilotti Luigi (ITA);        | 3. Florea Marius (ROU). |

The following prizes were awarded for each weapon:

1st: USD 25 000 - 2nd: USD 15 000 - 3rd: USD 10 000

## 1.3 ANTIDOPING

### 1.3.1 CONTROLS

Antidoping measures were continued throughout the period and **no** case of doping occurred in any competitions organized by the FIE.

390 tests during competitions and 133 out-of-competition controls were performed by anti-doping agencies using the ADAMS system (Anti-Doping Administration & Management System).

507 urine tests and 16 blood tests were performed.

## 1.3.2 ANTIDOPING EDUCATION

**Competition:** Junior and Cadet World Championships, 1st to 9th April

**City:** Verona, Italy

**Dates:** April 2 to 8, 7 days - 2 days more than in 2017 due to changing the calendar, with all the epee competitions first, followed by the sabre and then the foil. The objective was to raise the fencers' awareness of all 3 weapons.

### AWARENESS STAND

3 PC provided by the local organizers on tables with plenty of space around the stand in the main hall, close to the Fair Play stand.

1 x large roll-up "Clean Sport" banner + 1 x WADA advertising board set up.

Posters - put up around the competition venue.

WADA brochures in English and French.

"Wall" to be signed by the fencers - "WE SAY NO TO DOPING"

### INSTRUCTORS

Dr Clare Halsted - FIE

Dr Sabrina Halaimia - FIE

Dr Mary Cohen - Medical Commission (EEC) - volunteered to help for the first 3 days.

Cecilia Iacolucci and Chiara Vari from the Italian National Anti-Doping Organization joined the stand for the day on 6th April and added their advertising boards "There are so many reasons for fair play - What are yours?" to the activities.

### PROMOTION

Some posters were put up all around the competition venue on 1st April and others later on, but the area was huge so it was difficult to guarantee sufficient advertising.

The educational area, which this year included the "Safe Sport", "Donate Your Fencing Gear", Fair Play and Antidoping stands, was very well configured with a lot of space and partitions that could be used for posters, etc. However it was somewhat outside the traffic flow and as the competition venue was huge, the fencers did not pass through automatically. This may have partly affected the figures.

### PARTICIPATION

Participating countries - 54

However, there were 13 countries that had still never taken part in the program.

Total number of participants - 389

Coaches accounted for 10% of the total (7.7% in 2017)

The fencers who took part in the quiz enjoyed it and showed a lot of interest. They were often in groups or with a friend. Coaches were still thin on the ground - 2018 - 39; 2017 - 43; 2016 - 36.

### REWARDS

The free USB keys were once again highly appreciated, as was the possibility of winning the draw for the cash prizes offered by the FIE. We began with only 2 x 50 euros, but after the 3rd day we decided to change to 4 x 25 euros.

The 23 winners (one prize was shared) were extremely grateful.

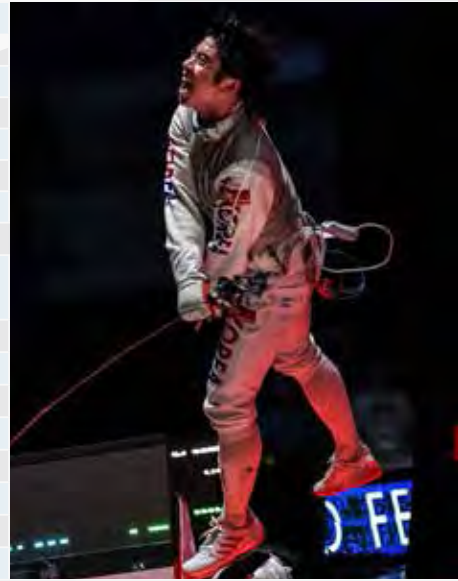
All those who obtained a score of 9 or 10/10 in the quiz also won a small chocolate Easter egg - it was just symbolic but was a great success.

The wall of signatures was also very popular.



| Summary of participation |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Countries                | 54  |
| Participants             | 389 |
| No of fencers            | 326 |
| No of coaches            | 39  |
| Volunteers               | 10  |
| Officials                | 19  |

| FIE Antidoping quiz 2018           |                     |    |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----|
| The 22 winners of the "Lucky Draw" |                     |    |
| <b>2 april :</b>                   | ALG                 | 50 |
| <b>3 april :</b>                   | FRA COL ARG         | 50 |
| <b>4 april :</b>                   | HON TUR             | 50 |
| <b>5 april :</b>                   | LAT GRE SIN POL     | 25 |
| <b>6 april :</b>                   | IND GER MAS BRA     | 25 |
| <b>7 april :</b>                   | EGY POR ESP         | 25 |
| <b>8 april :</b>                   | MDA HUN BRA GBR DEN | 25 |
| <b>TOTAL : 22 prizes</b>           |                     |    |



## 1.4 FAIR PLAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Over the first 9 days of April, the Fair Play Council had a stand near the "Clean Sport", "Safe Sport" and "Donate your fencing gear" stands.

The stands were located in the main hall and were easily accessible for the participants and the public.

A total of 438 athletes from 57 countries visited the stand. As 105 countries were taking part, clearly more effort needs to be made with promotional work. We noticed that the cadets were more interested than the juniors.

A much higher number of athletes benefited from the opportunity to have their photo taken next to the banner for the first winner of the Fair Play Trophy, Jiri Beran.

A letter jointly signed by the President of the Coaches Council and the Fair Play Council has been finalized, asking all the officials to provide a good example of the correct behavior to adopt when it comes to accepting referees' decisions.

Forms were distributed to the referees, to fill out should they notice an exceptional act of fair play, worthy of mention.

## 1.5 SAFE SPORT

An educational stand was set up in Wuxi from 19th to 26th July.

The stand was equipped with a Wi-Fi connection and a laptop to display the educational resources approved by the IOC on the subject.

This action was welcomed by the IOC Safeguarding Officers and planned in accordance with their recommendations.

### Tools Used

Three tools were available:

- The IOC page entitled "Harassment and Abuse in Sport"

<https://www.olympic.org/sha>

This page allows access to 9 interactive video clips telling fictional stories. They aim to provide a clear definition of the various cases of harassment and to help with recognizing them.

- Training to "Protect athletes against the Harassment and Abuse in Sport"

E-learning portal for the athletes:

<https://onlinecourse.olympic.org/course/baseview.php?id=39>

This training lasts for 45 minutes, divided into 4 modules.

- Integrity and Conformity Hotline:

<https://secure.registration.olympic.org/en/issue-reporter/report?type=harassment>

### Management

The stand was located near the “Donate your fencing gear” collection point and the commercial aisle for all the suppliers, so that the athletes could find it easily.

The stand was open not only to athletes but also to coaches, national officials and volunteers.

People were invited to give 10 minutes of their time to watch the IOC-approved video. They watched it alone or in small groups.

At the end of the video, a USB key with a one-page document listing useful links provided by the IOC Safeguarding Officer was given to participants, so that they could easily retrieve the information if necessary.

## 1.6 INTERNET SITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, MAGAZINES

### 1.6.1 FIE MEDIA REPORT 2018

During 2018, the FIE developed its digital communication platforms and significantly increased its on-line audience both on TV channels and on social media and streaming platforms.

The FIE has developed several promotional campaigns covering major fencing events, from Grands Prix to the World Championships, as well as world fencing day and development programs prepared with the athletes, addressing a variety of content reflecting the functions of each online platform.

What is more, ESCRIME XXI, the FIE’s digital review telling fans our news, has been updated to reach a wider public via the mobile version. The Grand Prix fencing Series, whose brand identity has been updated, has been broadcast on 54 channels worldwide.

### 1.6.2 SOCIAL MEDIA

The FIE media team developed a dynamic social media strategy during 2018, via all its digital platforms. With the development of Instagram being the highlight of the year, the FIE continues to manage five social media platforms every day, i.e. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google+ and YouTube.

The on-line content of the Escrime channel on YouTube obtained 17.8 million hits, compared with 14.5 million in 2017. The number of YouTube subscribers also increased by 16% reaching 51,650 subscriptions, against 43,300 in 2017. During 2018, with the World Championships in Wuxi, the fencing Grands Prix and the World Cups organized all over the world plus weekly videos, the FIE achieved a 6.3% average increase in followers on Facebook, 17% on Twitter and 62% on Instagram. The commitment and interaction between athletes and the public on social media have been significant. Athletes and fencing events organizers have used the FIE platforms as a showcase during World Cups and Grands Prix and have shared their personal viewpoints with the public online.

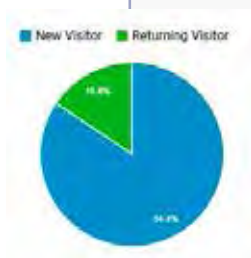
### 1.6.3 DIGITAL MAGAZINE - ESCRIME XXI

In 2012, ESCRIME XXI became the first interactive digital magazine published in five languages amongst the international federations. In 2018, with three languages, the digital magazine was printed 302 852 times. This significant increase can be explained by the diversity of its content, with fencing stories from all over the world, and the effective cross-disciplinary communication on social media and the national federation platforms. According to our measurement indicators, the magazine aroused most interest in the USA, Italy, the United Kingdom, Spain and Russia. The magazine reaches a wide population all over the world, increasing the awareness of fencing by broadcasting a positive image of our sport.

### 1.6.4 THE FIE SITE FIE.ORG

In 2018, the website fie.org was viewed 10,151,801 times, with 842,493 new users and 2,145,359 sessions in total. Visitors mainly used the English version of the site fie.org (32.90%).

Demographic data showed that 30.67 % of visitors were aged 25 to 34, and 20.60 % from 18 to 24. 63.52% of visitors were men and 36.48% were women.



## 1.6.5 TV FACTS AND FIGURES 2018

### FENCING GRANDS PRIX

In total, 9 Grands Prix were broadcast by EUROSPOORT (FR), NBC (USA), CCTV (CHINA), MATCH TV (RUS), RAI (ITA), MTVA (HUN), EER (EST); OLYMPIC CHANNEL. Facebook.com/FIE and the YouTube fencing channel also contributed to broadcasts using media streaming.

Cumulative audience: from 28th November to 30th May, events generated a cumulative audience of 10.42 million people, with China being the market in first place with 2.15 million. High audience levels were also recorded on the free chain KBS South Korea. The valuable news coverage in programs such as KBS News reached a cumulative audience of 2.09 million.

### WORLD FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN WUXI 2018

The World Championships were broadcast on television in China, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Russia, South Korea, Spain, France and Switzerland.

Russia represents the biggest market in terms of TV coverage with the largest share of broadcasting time. The Russian channels Match Arena and Match Planeta broadcast 116 hours of the competition. In addition, chains such as Canale 5 (Italy - several news broadcasts won over a cumulative viewing audience of 19.69 million), France 2 & 3 (France) and KBS South Korea were significant driving forces in terms of volume.

Broadcasting time: from 19th to 27th July, the World Fencing Championships 2018 generated a cumulative TV audience of 250.11 million viewers, including 169.29 million in China, the host country and principal market. Live broadcasts and the broadcasting of highlights on CCTV5 have occupied a lead role since they made a 67 % contribution to the total world audience.

Multimedia coverage of the World Fencing Championships in Wuxi was very satisfactory. 77 channels in 49 countries worldwide broadcast information about the World Championships.

## 1.6.6 FIE SWORDPLAY

The FIE Swordplay game was launched in July 2016. This is a worldwide first for mobile telephone games, incorporating the real rules and techniques of fencing with fabulous 3D graphics, phenomenal animation, and ultra-realistic laws of physics, officially supported by the FIE. The countries where it is most popular with the majority of downloads are China, Russia, Brazil and the United States.

## 1.7 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FIE

THE FIE PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

|     |                               |   |                                      |
|-----|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1.  | <b>IOC</b>                    | 132th Session of the IOC  | PyeongChang (KOR), 6th-7th February. |
| 2.  | <b>IOC</b>                    | XXIII Winter Olympic Games, Opening Ceremony  | PyeongChang (KOR), 9th February.     |
| 3.  | <b>AISTS</b>                  | Risk Management Conference on cyber security at international sports governing bodies, organized by AISTS, Marsh, Kessler and XL Catlin | Lausanne, 14th March.                |
| 4.  | <b>WADA</b>                   | WADA Symposium, Shaping the future of clean sport   | Lausanne, 21st-23rd March.           |
| 5.  | <b>IOC / ASOIF</b>            | 3rd IF Gender Equality in Leadership Forum (IOC and ASOIF): Lausanne (SUI), 27th-28th March   |                                      |
| 6.  | <b>SportAccord Convention</b> |   | Bangkok (Thai), 15th-20th April.     |
| 7.  | <b>ASOIF</b>                  | General Assembly  | Bangkok (THA), 17th April.           |
| 8.  | <b>SportAccord</b>            | General Assembly  | Bangkok (THA), 18th April.           |
| 9.  | <b>ASOIF/ IOC</b>             | Joint Meeting   | Bangkok (THA), 18th April.           |
| 10. | <b>GAISF</b>                  | General Assembly  | Bangkok (THA), 20th April.           |
| 11. | <b>TOGOC</b>                  | FIE - Tokyo 2020 meeting  | Tokyo (JPN), 23rd-27th April.        |
| 12. | <b>IOC</b>                    | IOC ORIS project, Oris Fencing Meeting  | Montreux (SUI), 2nd-4th May.         |
| 13. | <b>IOC</b>                    | Olympic Channel Workshop  | Madrid (ESP), 15th May.              |
| 14. | <b>ASOIF</b>                  | ASDEG Forum, UCI HQ   | Aigle (SUI), 17th-18th May.          |
| 15. | <b>ICMG</b>                   | Mediterranean Games   | Tarragona (ESP), 23rd-26th June.     |



|     |                                     |   |                                       |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 16. | <b>IOC</b>                          | ACP (Athlete Career Program) in Cooperation with Adelice Group Educator | Rome, (ITA), 21st-24th June.          |
| 17. | <b>OCA</b>                          | Opening Ceremony of the Asian Games                                     | Jakarta Palembang (INA), 18th August. |
| 18. | <b>OCA</b>                          | General Assembly  | Jakarta Palembang (INA), 19th August. |
| 19. | <b>IOC</b>                          | Buenos Aires, YOG IF operational meeting                                | Lausanne (SUI), 21st August.          |
| 20. | <b>TOGOC</b>                        | FIE - Tokyo 2020 meeting  | Tokyo (JPN), 23rd-27th September.     |
| 21. | <b>IOC</b>                          | 133th IOC Session   | Buenos Aires (ARG), 3rd-5th October.  |
| 22. | <b>IOC</b>                          | Olympism in Action Forum  | Buenos Aires (ARG), 5th-6th October.  |
| 23. | <b>IOC</b>                          | Opening ceremony, Youth Olympic Games                                   | Buenos Aires (ARG), 6th October.      |
| 24. | <b>Lausanne the Olympic capital</b> | Annual meeting of international federations and sports organizations    | Lausanne (SUI), 5th November.         |
| 25. | <b>GAISF</b>                        | IF Forum  | Lausanne (SUI), 6th-7th November.     |
| 26. | <b>IOC</b>                          | Implementation of the new standard - FIE-IOC-Paris 2024 meeting         | Lausanne (SUI), 7th November.         |
| 27. | <b>ANOC</b>                         | XXIII General Assembly  | Tokyo (JPN), 28th-29th November.      |
| 28. | <b>IOC</b>                          | International Federations Medical Commission Chairpersons Meeting       | Lausanne (SUI), 7th-8th December.     |

## SEMINARS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATIONS, ORGANIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF SPORT:

- Good financial governance: what does this mean for IFs? Lausanne (SUI), 12th June.
- Clean Sport, Lausanne (SUI), 3rd July.
- Working together with International Organizations: What, Why and How? Lausanne (SUI), 11th September.
- How can IFs improve working alongside host cities, Lausanne (SUI), 31st October.

## 1.8 HALL OF FAME

The following were inducted into the Hall of Fame 2017 by the FIE Executive Committee:

### Athletes Category:

1. Pavel Kolobkov (RUS)
2. Philippe Omnès (FRA)
3. Junghwan Kim (KOR)
4. Equally placed: Yujie Sun (CHN) and Ines Boubakri (TUN).

### Fencing Family Category:

Alexander Mikhailov (RUS)

## 1.9 WORLD FENCING DAY

The second-annual World Fencing Day, Sept. 8 2018, took place worldwide bringing the fun, thrill, and experience of the sport of fencing to people of all ages, skills and athletic abilities. With International Fencing Federation (FIE) member organizations alongside athletes and coaches, fencing is actively reaching communities and individuals everywhere.

The FIE provided World Fencing Day branding guidelines to its 153 member federations to enable marketing and promotion with posters, diplomas, t-shirts, Web sites and social media—the logo was even flown on kites flying above Kabul, Afghanistan!

On World Fencing Day, Olympic and World Championship athletes, local fencing clubs, national fencing federations, and fencing masters and coaches all join to demonstrate fencing in their regions. More than 6500 social media tags about World Fencing Day were published on the social media.

On World Fencing Day, federations from every corner of the planet conducted a variety of activities, and federation, clubs, athletes, individuals, fans who love fencing, and manufacturers joined in the festivities. Some of the countries

participating included: Afghanistan, Belgium, China, Spain, USA, Russia, Uzbekistan, Puerto Rico, Cyprus, New Zealand, France, Italy, Egypt, Chile, Costa Rica, India, Iran, Algeria, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, Japan, Greece, Germany, Korea, Hungary, South Africa, Tunisia, Turkey, Lithuania, Singapore, Venezuela, Argentina, Poland, Belarus, Ukraine, Ivory Coast, Canada, Guatemala and Slovenia.

## 1.10 FAIR-PLAY TROPHY 2018

The Fair-Play Trophy 2018 was awarded to Mr Christian Bauer (FRA), Mr Marco Fichera (ITA), and Mrs Katharine Holmes (USA), on the proposal of the FIE Fair-Play Council.

## 1.11 AFFILIATION

The Congress 2018 approved the affiliation of American Samoa (ASA).

## 1.12 105 YEARS OF THE FIE

The FIE was founded on 29 November 1913 in Paris (FRA) by the representatives of nine nations: the United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany, Italy, France, Hungary, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic and Norway. In 2013, the FIE had celebrated its centenary in Paris.

In 2018, still in Paris, the FIE held its 97th Congress at the Pavillon d'Armenonville and the Congress dinner was celebrated during a cruise on the Seine.

A gala dinner held at the Grand Palais on the occasion of the 105 brought together 700 guests and personalities from across the world.



## 2. ASSISTANCE OF THE FIE IN SPORT DEVELOPMENT

### 2.1. TRAINING CAMPS FOR ATHLETES

Two training camps were organized in 2018 on the occasion of the Junior and Cadet World Championships in Verona (ITA) and the Senior World Championships in Wuxi (CHN). The FIE paid all the expenses associated with these camps (air tickets, local transport, hotel, meals, experts, entry fees).

After these camps the FIE continued to pay the athletes' expenses until the end of the individual competitions in the World Championships.

These camps were organized for the following purposes:

- to encourage and facilitate the participation of all the national federations in the World Championships.
- to offer a week of intensive preparation to fencers who sometimes do not have sufficient training partners to allow them to aim for a top international level.
- to introduce these young talents to the structure and entire content of a modern training session.
- to allow them to benefit from advice from highly experienced maitres d'armes, and acquire the determination to put this advice into practice.
- to offer them contact with the global fencing elite under the best possible conditions. encouraging them to redouble their efforts and inspiring them to serve as examples once they return to their training halls.

#### VERONA

##### Dates:

Epee: 26th March-2nd April 2018

Sabre: 29th March-5th April 2018

Foil: 1st-8th April 2018

##### Athletes selected:

| Country | Last name                    | First name                     | Weapon |
|---------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| ALG     | Mairi                        | Anis                           | Sabre  |
| ARM     | Ovikyan                      | Eduard                         | Epee   |
| BLR     | Kurylovich                   | Uladzislau                     | Foil   |
| BEL     | Beken                        | Solane                         | Epee   |
| BOL     | Manrique Herrera             | Miguel Alejandro               | Sabre  |
| BRA     | Giordano                     | Giorgia                        | Epee   |
| BUL     | Stanimirova                  | Elitsa                         | Sabre  |
| CMR     | Amoka Nguine                 | Josie Laure                    | Sabre  |
| COL     | Illera San Emeterio          | Nicolas                        | Sabre  |
| CRO     | Blazic                       | Dorja                          | Foil   |
| DEN     | Christensen                  | Tabita                         | Epee   |
| EGY     | Elarb                        | Mazen Amr Ali Mohamed Abdelnor | Sabre  |
| GRE     | Avramidis                    | Theodoros                      | Epee   |
| GRE     | Kalouta                      | Kalliopi                       | Sabre  |
| HON     | Chinchilla Padilla           | Javier Andres                  | Sabre  |
| IRI     | Rezaei Tadi                  | Mohammad                       | Epee   |
| IRQ     | Saleem                       | Ghaith                         | Foil   |
| ISL     | Nikolaysson Mateev           | Andri                          | Sabre  |
| KAZ     | Nabiyev                      | Zhanat                         | Sabre  |
| LAT     | Solodkiha                    | Jekaterina                     | Foil   |
| LBN     | Daou                         | Georgio                        | Foil   |
| LUX     | Ramazzotti                   | Francesco                      | Epee   |
| MDA     | Barbinta                     | Mihail                         | Foil   |
| POR     | Da Silva Gomes Lucena Caride | Marta                          | Foil   |
| PUR     | Lopez Soto                   | Sabrina                        | Epee   |
| PUR     | Rosario Correa               | Emanuel                        | Sabre  |
| PUR     | Colon Lopez                  | Cesar Luis                     | Foil   |
| SRB     | Ruski                        | Mateja                         | Foil   |



|     |                     |            |       |
|-----|---------------------|------------|-------|
| SLO | Krajnc              | Peter      | Sabre |
| RSA | Tychler             | Pavel      | Epee  |
| SWE | Wramner             | Natalie    | Epee  |
| UKR | Budenko             | Oleksandra | Foil  |
| UZB | Ilyosova            | Umida      | Foil  |
| VEN | Caballero Fernandez | Luis David | Epee  |

#### Coaches:

|     |                   |         |       |
|-----|-------------------|---------|-------|
| ITA | Marzocca          | Gioia   | Sabre |
| SRB | Rodic-Stamenkovic | Smiljka | Epee  |
| ITA | Barrera           | Stefano | Foil  |

#### Figures:

##### 34 athletes and 31 countries:

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 21 boys and 13 girls | 4 from Africa       |
| 11 epeists           | 5 from Asia-Oceania |
| 11 foilists          | 17 from Europe      |
| 12 sabre fencers     | 8 from the Americas |

## WUXI

**Dates:** 13th-24th July 2018

#### Athletes selected:

| Country | Last name        | First name          | Weapon |
|---------|------------------|---------------------|--------|
| BRN     | Alamiri          | Ali                 | Foil   |
| BUL     | Burnev           | Lyuboslav Rumenov   | Sabre  |
| CAM     | Yi               | Liza                | Sabre  |
| CHI     | Bahamonde Jara   | Manuel              | Sabre  |
| CRO     | Gojak            | Antonio             | Foil   |
| EGY     | Elsharkawy       | Yara                | Foil   |
| ESA     | Carballo Barrera | Ivania Carolina     | Foil   |
| GRE     | Gkountoura       | Theodora            | Sabre  |
| GUA     | Morales Morales  | Gerber Estuardo     | Epee   |
| HKG     | Ng               | Lok Wang Lawrence   | Foil   |
| CIV     | Keryhuel         | Jérémy Fafa         | Foil   |
| LAT     | Kuceba           | Vitalijs            | Foil   |
| LTU     | Azukaite         | Vikte               | Epee   |
| MRI     | Gunput           | Satya               | Epee   |
| PAR     | Viveros Mendoza  | Gabriela Montserrat | Epee   |
| PUR     | Maisonet Guzman  | Hector Emmanuel     | Epee   |
| SEN     | Sow              | Assiatou            | Sabre  |
| TUN     | Smandi           | Hichem              | Sabre  |

#### Coaches:

|     |         |         |       |
|-----|---------|---------|-------|
| USA | Stepien | Marek   | Epee  |
| ROM | Kuki    | Petru   | Foil  |
| RSA | Tyshler | Gennady | Sabre |

#### Figures:

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 11 men and 7 women | 5 athletes from the Americas |
| 5 epeists          | 5 athletes from Africa       |
| 7 foilists         | 3 athletes from Asia-Oceania |
| 6 sabre fencers    | 5 athletes from Europe       |

## 2.2 OCEANIA FENCING MASTER ACADEMY (OFMA)

### OFMA COACHING COURSES

A number of coaching development courses and seminars were organised & held in Oceania this year under the auspices of OFMA. A number of designated courses were held in Australia, and a Beginner (Level 0) Coaching Course was conducted in American Samoa in February with 4 participants. Ongoing development of coaches was

facilitated in American Samoa, Guam and Samoa.

During 2018 Fencing New Zealand hosted an Olympic Solidarity Technical Course for Coaches, which was overseen by OFC Regional Development Officer Leon Thomas. This activity comprised two courses (Epee in April/May and Foil in October) involving seventeen coaches, twenty-nine athletes and four local established experts who assisted with the delivery of the training. The standard of student coaches was high and provided significant benefit to the training and development of coaches in New Zealand.

## COACHING PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Both Australia and New Zealand are continuing to review and update their coach accreditation systems to align with OFMA standards, with input from the Oceania Fencing Confederation. Australia refined its system for coach reaccreditation and continuing professional development, while New Zealand continued to develop its overall coaching framework to assist with the development and accreditation of coaches. The other member countries of the Confederation continue coach education under the direct supervision of the OFC Regional Development Officer.

## OFMA COACH ASSESSMENTS AND COACH ACCREDITATIONS

During 2018 several assessments for coaches at Level 2 and Level 3 were conducted on the basis of recognition of prior learning as well as practical assessments of candidates involved in coach training courses.

## TOTAL NUMBER OF COACHES CURRENTLY HOLDING ACCREDITATION WITH OFMA.

The total number of accredited coaches in Oceania for 2018 was 280, as indicated in the table below. This number has decreased slightly from 2017 due to changes to the accreditation process in Australia (which has by far the largest number of coaches) which means that some coaches previously listed are no longer included. However, there has been a significant increase in the number of coaches from other countries, especially from New Zealand and American Samoa.

|                         | <b>Epee</b> | <b>Foil</b> | <b>Sabre</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Level 1 (Group)/Trainee | 23          | 40          | 9            | 72           |
| Level 1                 | 39          | 87          | 13           | 139          |
| Level 2                 | 10          | 12          | 8            | 30           |
| Level 3                 | 13          | 14          | 12           | 39           |

## 2.3 TRAINING ACADEMY FOR COACHES IN BUDAPEST

The strategic aim of the FIE is to open educational centers for coaches.

In accordance with this aim, in 2016 the decision was taken to open a Training Academy for coaches in Budapest, Hungary.

The Academy received the support of the local authorities from the 13th administrative district of Budapest from whom we rent suitable premises for the FIE Academy. The premises for student accommodation and catering, as well as the fencing hall, are on the same site. The financial conditions are advantageous.

The FIE also benefits from the support of the Université Hongroise d'Éducation Physique (Hungarian University for Physical Education) which joined the program and provided theory lessons on psychology, physiology, teaching and coaching methodology. As part of this agreement, the University acknowledges our training and awards internationally-recognized Level 3 diplomas to those Academy students who pass the final exam.

In 2018, one 4-month training camp was organized.

It took place from 1st February to 30th May 2018 and was attended by 22 selected students (10 from Europe, 8 from Asia and 4 from the Americas).

The schedule of the training sessions was as follows: from Monday to Friday, 6 hours per day, for 16 weeks. In total: 480 classes.

At the end of the program, the University asked them to take a final examination.

The experts selected to provide the training are renowned fencing coaches, jointly selected with the University and approved by the Hungarian Fencing Federation:

Epee: Maître Bela KOPETKA

Sabre: Maître Ioan POP

Foil: Maître Zoltan BERNAT

- According to 22 feedback forms received out of 22, all the FIE Academy students were former fencers (100%).
- 73% of the participants had coaching experience before registering with the Academy.

## CURRENT PROFESSIONS:

- 82% of the students are active coaches: 41% full time and 41% part time.
- Distribution in terms of working environment is currently as follows: 68% work at a fencing club, 59% (also) work in a university, a school or in another educational establishment, 32% are employed by their national Federation.
- Levels of fencer trained: 14% work with international standard fencers, 45% work with national level fencers, 54% work with beginners and children.

### • Participants in 2018:

| Federation | Weapon | Last name                                   |
|------------|--------|---|
| MAS        | Foil   | Liew Kok Wah                                |
| KGZ        | Epee   | Zulunov Ularbek                             |
| CHN        | Epee   | Zhou Yu                                     |
| TJK        | Epee   | Zardieva Manizha                            |
| IND        | Sabre  | Langoljam Surjit                            |
| UAE        | Epee   | Aljaberi Saif                               |
| CAM        | Foil   | Chim Theara                                 |
| THA        | Sabre  | Chantana Natpapong                          |
| GBR        | Sabre  | Higham Lucy Katherine                       |
| GEO        | Sabre  | Ramishvili Giorgi                           |
| MDA        | Sabre  | Zaporjenco Nicolae                          |
| SWE        | Epee   | Norman Patrik                               |
| FYROM      | Sabre  | Anastasov Aleksandar                        |
| ITA        | Sabre  | Moca Linda                                  |
| SRB        | Foil   | Koliesov Stepan                             |
| UKR        | Foil   | Rapynets Alina                              |
| LAT        | Foil   | Daugste-Sprogis Janis                       |
| TUR        | Epee   | Anil Murtaza Berkan                         |
| USA        | Sabre  | Feldman Jill                                |
| BRA        | Epee   | Evangelisti Moreira da Silva Carla Cristina |
| URU        | Epee   | Curbelo Estrella                            |
| COL        | Sabre  | Anzola Zamudio Jose Alejandro               |

Total number of participants: 22

Total number of countries: 22

## 2.4 TRAINING ACADEMY FOR COACHES IN AFRICA

Following the decision of the Executive Committee, the following cities have been selected for FIE coaching academies in Africa:

- Johannesburg (RSA), for English-speaking students
- Algiers (ALG), for French-speaking students

### 2.4.1 JOHANNESBURG

Course duration: 1st February–30th November 2018.

#### List of participants:

| Federation | Last name      | First name                  |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| GHA        | Alhassan Samba | Abubakari                   |
| NGR        | Bello          | Sulaimon Kolawole           |
| SLE        | Tarawallie     | Marie Deborah               |
| RSA        | Penkler        | Michaela Ann                |
| EGY        | Gindyia        | Mahmoud Tarek Mhmoud Khalil |
| RSA        | Athi           | Vuntu                       |

**The courses were held in all three weapons.**

### The Academy of Fencing program for coaches was developed by:

- Dr Oleg Movshovich, Coach emeritus of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Educational Sciences, Professor of the Department of Theory and Methodology Combat Sports at the State University of Physical Education in Moscow.
- Dr Gennady Tyshler, Coach emeritus of Ukraine, Coach emeritus of the USSR, Doctor of Educational Sciences, President of the FIE Coaches Council.

### Program managers:

- Dr Gennady Tyshler, in all three weapons;
- Dr Misha Galukhin, in all three weapons.

## 2.4.2 ALGIERS

Course duration: 3rd February – 15th December 2018.

### List of participants:

| Federation | Last name         | First name                |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| MAD        | Ramanandraivonona | Elinjara Luc              |
| LBA        | Et.Tajour         | Serajeddin Mohamed Ataher |
| GUI        | Sylla             | N'famara                  |
| BEN        | Ourou             | Madou Sabi Souba          |
| CIV        | Kouadio           | Taya Joel Henri           |
| CMR        | Ngono             | Fouda Gerard              |
| MLI        | Traore            | Ibrahim Idrissa           |
| ALG        | Soudani           | Chahira                   |
| MLI        | Dembele           | Raphael                   |
| BEN        | Goudjo            | Comi, Owains              |
| TUN        | Torkhani          | Zoheir                    |
| ALG        | Tair              | Zakaria Ameur             |
| ALG        | Bennour           | Farid                     |

### Program Managers:

- Maître Codreanu: responsible for foil coaching.
- Maître Salesse: responsible for epee coaching.
- Maître Bidart: responsible for sabre coaching.

## 2.5 TRAINING COURSE FOR COACHES IN THE AMERICAS

| Date               | Venue              | Expert          | Expert         | Number of participants |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 22.04 – 6.05.2018  | San Salvador (ESA) | Gennady Tyshler | José Benavides | 31                     |
| 21.10 – 03.11.2018 | San Salvador (ESA) | Petru Kuki      | José Benavides | 34                     |

## 2.6 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY COURSES

### OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COACHES

| Countries | Beneficiary:     | Dates            | Institution            |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| CAM       | Ang SOK          | 08.2018-05.2019  | ICECP Colorado Springs |
| CRO       | Roko MANDIC      | 08.2018-05.2019  | ICECP Colorado Springs |
| TOG       | Katema M. LAMEGA | 06.04-04.06.2018 | CISÉL Lausanne         |

## TECHNICAL COURSES FOR COACHES

| Countries | Weapon     | Expert                       | Dates   |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------|---|
| LAT       | Foil       | Sergey Andrievskiy (RUS)     | 02.12-10.12.2018                                      |
| NEP       | Sabre      | Cyril Tahon (FRA)            | 17.05-23.05.2018                                      |
| NZL       | Epee, Foil | Leon Thomas (AUS)            | 27.04-29.04, 07.05-09.05, 5.10-7.10, 12.10-14.10.2018 |
| TOG       | Epee, Foil | Mohamed Hassene Zouari (TUN) | 17.10-26.10.2018                                      |
| UGA       | Foil       | Leandro Giurdanella (ITA)    | 12-25.02.2018   |

## DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL SPORTING STRUCTURES (DNSS)

| Countries | Weapon            | Expert              | Dates                 |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| BUR       | Epee, Foil, sabre | Hugues Leseur (FRA) | 23.08.2018-28.02.2019 |

## 2.7 ACP

Prior to the start of the 2018 Wuxi (China) Fencing World Championships this month, an IOC Athlete Career Program (ACP) was held for 16 fencers and two coaches taking part in an official FIE training camp. Educators at the camp included two-time Olympian Maria Ntanou (GRE) and IOC lead educator Renkai Yip (SIN).

The one-day workshop covered modules such as how to manage a dual career and work on it in advance; networking skills for developing careers; behavioral attributes of career development; creating a career game plan; turning the dream of career results into reality; and how to use social media as part of athlete career development.

Athletes expressed great interest in the program and found it very engaging for building their long-term vocational interests and future. Feedback from the program educators were they perceived fencers already have a remarkably solid foundation balancing sport and education as most were already involved in combining work or studies with their sport.

## 2.8 DONATE YOUR FENCING GEAR

The «Donate your fencing gear!» program, launched in 2017 was reconducted in 2018, at the occasion of the 105th anniversary of the FIE, the programme will be continued, with a special focus on new and developing federations.

The program had been promoted on the social networks and the official FIE site, as well as through communications ad hoc to the Athletes Commission, Coaches Council and Fencing Manufacturers.

Second-hand equipment was collected in the course of two FIE events:

- Junior and Cadet World Championships, Verona (ITA)
- Senior World Championships, Wuxi (CHN)



### DONORS:

- In Verona, 29 athletes and 2 manufacturers gave a total of 500 pieces of equipment, distributed among 8 countries;
- In Wuxi, 39 athletes donated a total of 183 pieces of equipment, distributed among 8 countries.

All the donors received a certificate of participation and an "I donated my fencing gear" bracelet. In addition, an ad hoc album was created on the FIE Facebook page, with photographs of the donors.

The equipment was distributed to 8 countries which submitted 7 fencing solidarity and development projects:

- Benin
- Morocco
- Philippines
- Samoa and American Samoa
- Ecuador
- Mexico
- Paraguay

At each event, a SEMI delegate was responsible for checking the donated equipment to ensure that the items are safe to use.

Were appointed the following SEMI Delegates:

Verona: Gamil Elzeftawi (EGY)

Wuxi: Gudjon Ingi Gestsson (ISL)

## MEDIA COVERAGE

The stand attracted the attention of the Chinese press that devoted an article to the project.

The same article was published on two different websites in English:

- Wuxi China
- Jangsu Now

An article on the project was published on the Olympic News (n.1255, 3rd of September 2018) in the section «International Federations».

## 2.9 EQUIPMENT AID

Aim of the Sports Department: to assist the National Federations to develop and promote fencing.

The criteria used to perform the analysis and allocate the equipment were as follows:

- Participation in FIE competitions or other competitions;
- Federations in need of equipment for organizing important competitions (Olympic Games, World Championships, Grand Prix, World Cup, Continental Championships, Regional Games, Universiades),
- Special cases.

The budget for 2018 was CHF 600,000. The FIE received requests from 98 national federations.

After analysis, the FIE awarded equipment to 98 federations: 25 in Europe, 22 in Asia, 22 in the Americas, 25 in Africa and 4 in Oceania. The federations received equipment worth CHF 5000 or CHF 7000.

This program allows the FIE to work actively for the national federations.

## 2.10 PRIZE FOR THE WINNERS OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks to a private initiative of the FIE President begun in 2009, prizes are awarded to the athletes who win the World Championships. In 2018 the international charity Foundation “For the future of fencing” awarded prizes to the winners and medalists in the competitions listed below, organized under the auspices of the FIE.

### J&C WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018, VERONA (ITA) – USD 104,400.00

| Event                       | Ranking | Prize amount | Number of prizes | TOTAL          | Cost for each individual prize per athlete |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Individual (J)<br>1 athlete | 1       | 1 500        | 6                | 9 000          | 1 500                                      |
|                             | 2       | 1 000        | 6                | 6 000          | 1 000                                      |
|                             | 3       | 700          | 12               | 8 400          | 700  |
|                             |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>23 400</b>  |  |
| Teams (J)<br>4 athletes     | 1       | 5 000        | 6                | 30 000         | 1 250                                      |
|                             | 2       | 3 400        | 6                | 20 400         | 850  |
|                             | 3       | 2 000        | 6                | 12 000         | 500  |
|                             |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>62 400</b>  |  |
| Individual (C)<br>1 athlete | 1       | 1 250        | 6                | 7 500          | 1 250                                      |
|                             | 2       | 850          | 6                | 5 100          | 850  |
|                             | 3       | 500          | 12               | 6 000          | 500  |
|                             |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>18 600</b>  |  |
|                             |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>104 400</b> |  |



SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018, WUXI (CHN)  
USD 990,000.00

| Event                   | Ranking | Prize amount | Number of prizes | TOTAL          | Cost for each individual prize per athlete |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Individual<br>1 athlete | 1       | 25 000       | 6                | 150 000        | 25 000                                     |
|                         | 2       | 20 000       | 6                | 120 000        | 20 000                                     |
|                         | 3       | 15 000       | 12               | 180 000        | 15 000                                     |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>450 000</b> |  |
| Teams<br>4 athletes     | 1       | 36 000       | 6                | 216 000        | 9 000                                      |
|                         | 2       | 30 000       | 6                | 180 000        | 7 500                                      |
|                         | 3       | 24 000       | 6                | 144 000        | 6 000                                      |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>540 000</b> |  |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>990 000</b> |  |

SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018, NOVI SAD (SRB)  
USD 114,000.00

| Event                   | Ranking | Prize amount | Number of prizes | TOTAL          | Cost for each individual prize per athlete |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Individual<br>1 athlete | 1       | 3 000        | 6                | 18 000         | 3 000                                      |
|                         | 2       | 2 000        | 6                | 12 000         | 2 000                                      |
|                         | 3       | 1 000        | 12               | 12 000         | 1 000                                      |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>42 000</b>  |  |
| Teams<br>4 athletes     | 1       | 6 000        | 6                | 36 000         | 1 500                                      |
|                         | 2       | 4 000        | 6                | 24 000         | 1 000                                      |
|                         | 3       | 2 000        | 6                | 12 000         | 500  |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>72 000</b>  |  |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>114 000</b> |  |

ST. PETERSBURG FOIL" WORLD CUP 2018, ST. PETERSBURG (RUS)  
USD 26,000.00

| Event                   | Ranking | Prize amount | Number of prizes | TOTAL         | Cost for each individual prize per athlete |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Individual<br>1 athlete | 1       | 6 000        | 1                | 6 000         | 6 000                                      |
|                         | 2       | 4 000        | 1                | 4 000         | 4 000                                      |
|                         | 3       | 1 500        | 2                | 3 000         | 1 500                                      |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>13 000</b> |  |
| Teams<br>4 athletes     | 1       | 6 000        | 1                | 6 000         | 1 500                                      |
|                         | 2       | 4 000        | 1                | 4 000         | 1 000                                      |
|                         | 3       | 3 000        | 1                | 3 000         | 750  |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>13 000</b> |  |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>26 000</b> |  |

MOSCOW SABRE GRAND PRIX 2018, MOSCOW (RUS)  
USD 26,000.00

| Event                   | Ranking | Prize amount | Number of prizes | TOTAL         | Cost for each individual prize per athlete |
|-------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--|
| Individual<br>1 athlete | 1       | 6 000        | 2                | 12 000        | 6 000                                      |
|                         | 2       | 4 000        | 2                | 8 000         | 4 000                                      |
|                         | 3       | 1 500        | 4                | 6 000         | 1 500                                      |
|                         |         |              | <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>26 000</b> |  |

**TOTAL: USD 1,260,400.00**

In addition, the Foundation gave the Oceanic Fencing Confederation a donation of USD 40,000.00.

## **2.11 ASSISTANCE WITH ATHLETES' PARTICIPATION PROGRAM**

Since 2009, the FIE has implemented a special aid program for NF athletes participating in senior regional championships and the World Championship (juniors and seniors).

For each national federation taking part, all the confederations received a subsidy intended to cover expenses (plane ticket and hotel) for an athlete entering for:

- the World Championships- juniors and cadets 2018
- the Continental Championships - seniors 2018
- the World Championships - seniors 2018

## **2.12 ASSISTANCE WITH PRESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION**

As a result of the subsidies program (plane ticket, hotel and meals) for all Presidents of Federations, they were able to contribute to the work carried out by the FIE Congress 2018, which is very important for the global development of fencing. 135 national federations participated in the FIE Congress in Paris.

## **2.13 ASSISTANCE FOR CONFEDERATIONS**

All confederations received an annual subsidy for their administrative expenses.

The confederations employing a sport director received an additional subsidy to pay this director's salary.

## **2.14 ASSISTANCE FOR COMPETITION ORGANIZERS**

Each national federation organizing an FIE competition (senior World Cup, Grand Prix) and submitting an application, received a subsidy of CHF 3000 to cover the cost of video refereeing.

Grands Prix organizers received a subsidy of CHF 20,000 from the FIE to cover organization and promotion.

The FIE subsidized the cost of the wireless system for the Grands Prix events.

The organizers of junior and senior Zonal Championships, on all continents, received a subsidy of CHF 10,000.

## **2.15 VETERANS FENCING SUPPORT ENDOWMENT**

Veterans Fencing Support Endowment (hereinafter – "VSE"), was founded by the decision of the Founder of the International Charity Fund "For the Future of Fencing", Mr. A. B. Usmanov, (hereinafter – "ICF") and established by ICF decision N° 1 dated October 08, 2012, Certificate of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation on State Registration of November 12, 2012.

At the expense of donations of ICF, the Target Capital (hereinafter – "TC") of the VSE was formed in the amount of USD 10,000,000 and was transferred to the Managing Company "VTB Capital" for Trust Management. The Income from Trust Management of the VSE TC is directed by the VSE to provide social support (assistance) to veterans of world fencing.

During 2018, the assets of the VSE under the Managing Company brought a stable income sufficient to provide financial assistance to all veterans of fencing who applied to the VSE.

During 2018, VSE withdrew USD 176,451 from the Trust Management of the Management Company in favor of veterans of world fencing.

During this period, the VSE TC was spent on providing targeted financial assistance to veterans of world fencing who applied to VSE with the relevant applications directly or through National Federations – USD 139,731.

The balance of funds withdrawn from the Trust Management in favor of assistance to veterans of world fencing on December 25, 2018 was USD 36,720 and will be used in 2019 for further applications.

The amount of VSE assets under the Trust Management of the Management Company on December 25, 2018 corresponds to the amount of initially formed assets and equals to USD 10,100,000.

The total yield of the VSE portfolios is 10.53% per annum.



All requests (24 in total) for direct support for fencing veterans all over the world which were received by the VSE in 2018 were accepted and the requested assistance was provided.

Veterans from Puerto Rico, Bulgaria, Belarus, FYROM, Germany, Aruba, Moldova, Austria, El Salvador, Honduras, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine, South Africa, Romania requested assistance either directly or via their national federation. In total they received: 139 731.00 USD.



## 3. SPORTING ACTIVITIES

### 3.1 WINNERS OF OFFICIAL RANKINGS

#### OFFICIAL RANKINGS - SENIORS 2017-2018

| Women's Epee |                    |     |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1            | NAVARRIA Mara      | ITA |
| 2            | POPESCU Ana Maria  | ROU |
| 3            | SZASZ-KOVACS Emese | HUN |
| 4            | KRYVYTSKA Olena    | UKR |
| 5            | SUN Yiwen          | CHN |
| 6            | KANG Young Mi      | KOR |
| 7            | CHOI Injeong       | KOR |
| 8            | LEHIS Katrina      | EST |

| Men's Epee |                      |     |
|------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1          | BOREL Yannick        | FRA |
| 2          | NIKISHIN Bogdan      | UKR |
| 3          | PARK Sangyoung       | KOR |
| 4          | LIMARDO GASCON Ruben | VEN |
| 5          | JUNG Jinsun          | KOR |
| 6          | HEINZER Max          | SUI |
| 7          | NOVOJLOV Nikolai     | EST |
| 8          | ALEXANIN Dmitriy     | KAZ |

| Women's Foil |                  |     |
|--------------|------------------|-----|
| 1            | DERIGLAZOVA Inna | RUS |
| 2            | VOLPI Alice      | ITA |
| 3            | KIEFER Lee       | USA |
| 4            | BOUBAKRI Ines    | TUN |
| 5            | ERRIGO Arianna   | ITA |
| 6            | THIBUS Ysaora    | FRA |
| 7            | HARVEY Eleanor   | CAN |
| 8            | EBERT Leonie     | GER |

| Men's Foil |                     |     |
|------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1          | FOCONI Alessio      | ITA |
| 2          | KRUSE Richard       | GBR |
| 3          | IMBODEN Race        | USA |
| 4          | CASSARA Andrea      | ITA |
| 5          | CHEREMISINOV Alexey | RUS |
| 6          | SAFIN Timur         | RUS |
| 7          | GAROZZO Daniele     | ITA |
| 8          | MASSIALAS Alexander | USA |

| Women's Sabre |                  |     |
|---------------|------------------|-----|
| 1             | KHARLAN Olga     | UKR |
| 2             | VELIKAYA Sofia   | RUS |
| 3             | MARTON Anna      | HUN |
| 4             | BERDER Cecilia   | FRA |
| 5             | PASCU Bianca     | ROU |
| 6             | EGORIAN Yana     | RUS |
| 7             | KIM Jiyeon       | KOR |
| 8             | POZDNIKOVA Sofia | RUS |

| Men's Sabre |                 |     |
|-------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1           | DERSHWITZ Eli   | USA |
| 2           | GU Bongil       | KOR |
| 3           | KIM Junghwan    | KOR |
| 4           | SZILAGYI Aron   | HUN |
| 5           | OH Sanguk       | KOR |
| 6           | IBRAGIMOV Kamil | RUS |
| 7           | CURATOLI Luca   | ITA |
| 8           | SZATMARI Andras | HUN |

#### OFFICIAL RANKINGS - SENIOR TEAMS 2017-2018

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 USA        | 1 KOR      | 1 ITA        | 1 USA      | 1 FRA         | 1 KOR       |
| 2 KOR        | 2 RUS      | 2 RUS        | 2 ITA      | 2 RUS         | 2 ITA       |
| 3 RUS        | 3 FRA      | 3 USA        | 3 KOR      | 3 ITA         | 3 HUN       |
| 4 FRA        | 4 SUI      | 4 FRA        | 4 RUS      | 4 KOR         | 4 GER       |
| 5 CHN        | 5 ITA      | 5 KOR        | 5 FRA      | 5 USA         | 5 IRI       |
| 6 ITA        | 6 HUN      | 6 CAN        | 6 JPN      | 6 CHN         | 6 RUS       |
| 7 POL        | 7 USA      | 7 JPN        | 7 POL      | 7 UKR         | 7 USA       |
| 8 EST        | 8 CHN      | 8 GER        | 8 HKG      | 8 HUN         | 8 FRA       |



## OFFICIAL RANKINGS - JUNIORS 2017-2018

| Women's Epee |                     |     |
|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1            | ISOLA Federica      | ITA |
| 2            | SOLDATOVA Anastasia | RUS |
| 3            | BOZZA Alessandra    | ITA |
| 4            | HECHT Dar           | ISR |
| 5            | NAGY Kinga          | HUN |
| 6            | PREDESCU Alexandra  | ROU |
| 7            | CAGNIN Beatrice     | ITA |
| 8            | KESAEVA Marina      | RUS |

| Men's Epee |                   |     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1          | JURKA Jakub       | CZE |
| 2          | DI VEROLI Davide  | ITA |
| 3          | MIDELTON Luidgi   | FRA |
| 4          | LOYOLA Neisser    | BEL |
| 5          | KOCH Mate Tamas   | HUN |
| 6          | CAMARGO Alexandre | BRA |
| 7          | NGUEFACK Lilian   | FRA |
| 8          | ANDRASFI Tibor    | HUN |

| Women's Foil |                   |     |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1            | FAVARETTO Martina | ITA |
| 2            | UENO Yuka         | JPN |
| 3            | BERTHIER Amita    | SGP |
| 4            | ROSSINI Serena    | ITA |
| 5            | LACHERAY Eva      | FRA |
| 6            | DEVORE Delphine   | USA |
| 7            | EBERT Leonie      | GER |
| 8            | RICCI Marta       | ITA |

| Men's Foil |                   |     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1          | MARINI Tommaso    | ITA |
| 2          | BORODACHEV Kirill | RUS |
| 3          | ITKIN Nick        | USA |
| 4          | NAGANO Yudai      | JPN |
| 5          | SEMENYUK Grigoriy | RUS |
| 6          | ROGER Wallerand   | FRA |
| 7          | EDIRI Alexandre   | FRA |
| 8          | LOISEL Pierre     | FRA |

| Women's Sabre |                    |     |
|---------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1             | PUSZTAI Liza       | HUN |
| 2             | NIKITINA Olga      | RUS |
| 3             | BOTELLO Natalia    | MEX |
| 4             | MIKHAILOVA Alina   | RUS |
| 5             | PODPASKOVA Evgenia | RUS |
| 6             | LUCARINI Lucia     | ITA |
| 7             | EIFLER Larissa     | GER |
| 8             | GETTE Lisa         | GER |

| Men's Sabre |                     |     |
|-------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1           | LOKHANOV Konstantin | RUS |
| 2           | NERI Matteo         | ITA |
| 3           | KOSTENKO Anatoliy   | RUS |
| 4           | BONAH Raoul         | GER |
| 5           | PIANFETTI Maxime    | FRA |
| 6           | PATRICE Sebastien   | FRA |
| 7           | DODDO Andrew        | USA |
| 8           | KINDLER Frederic    | GER |

## OFFICIAL RANKINGS - JUNIOR TEAMS 2017-2018

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 ITA        | 1 HUN      | 1 USA        | 1 FRA      | 1 RUS         | 1 ITA       |
| 2 RUS        | 2 ITA      | 2 JPN        | 2 RUS      | 2 USA         | 2 RUS       |
| 3 USA        | 3 FRA      | 3 HUN        | 3 USA      | 3 ITA         | 3 USA       |
| 4 FRA        | 4 POL      | 4 ITA        | 4 JPN      | 4 GER         | 4 GER       |
| 5 ROU        | 5 RUS      | 5 FRA        | 5 ITA      | 5 MEX         | 5 BLR       |
| 6 UKR        | 6 JPN      | 6 RUS        | 6 BEL      | 6 HUN         | 6 JPN       |
| 7 HUN        | 7 USA      | 7 GER        | 7 POL      | 7 JPN         | 7 POL       |
| 8 POL        | 8 GER      | 8 POL        | 8 NED      | 8 KOR         | 8 FRA       |





## 3.2 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS/CADETS 2018

The World Championships took place in **Verona (ITA)** from the **1st to the 9th April 2018**.  
The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

|              |              |     |                                       |
|--------------|--------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Evgeny       | Tsukhlo      | RUS | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Maria Leonor | Estampador   | PHI | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Atilio       | Tass         | USA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Serge        | Plasterie    | FRA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Ziad         | Feriani      | TUN | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Andras       | Szetey       | HUN | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Alessandro   | Cecchinato   | ITA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Hilary       | Philbin      | GBR | Head of protocol                      |
| Catherine    | Defoligny    | FRA | Medical Commission Delegate           |
| Jenö         | Kamuti       | HUN | Medical Commission Delegate           |
| Jeremy       | Summers      | USA | Medical Commission Delegate           |
| Mohamed      | El Motawakel | EGY | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Chang Gon    | Kim          | KOR | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Iana         | Dakova       | USA | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Irina        | Knysch       | RSA | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Katsumi      | Yamaguchi    | JPN | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Marco        | Pistacchi    | ITA | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Janet        | Huggins      | GBR | SEMI Commission Delegate              |
| Ted          | Li           | USA | SEMI Commission Delegate              |
| Gudjon       | Gestsson     | ISL | SEMI Commission Delegate              |

### REFEREES:

|             |              |     |             |                  |     |
|-------------|--------------|-----|-------------|------------------|-----|
| Miklos      | Kosa         | HUN | Benjamin    | Denzer           | GER |
| Ken-Ichi    | Sasada       | TUN | Fikrat      | Valiyev          | AZE |
| Sherif      | Aly          | EGY | Andrzej     | Witkowski        | POL |
| Andreea     | Doana        | ROU | Vilem       | Madr             | CZE |
| Ignacio     | Casares      | ESP | Laura       | Decker           | USA |
| Iana        | Rouzavina    | RUS | Iheb        | Ben Chaabene     | TUN |
| Pascal      | Cantin       | CAN | David       | Sakhvadze        | GEO |
| Juan        | Liendo       | VEN | Gerald      | Cheng Chi Hung   | HKG |
| Mihail      | Paghiev      | MDA | Eugene      | Chua             | SIN |
| Efstathios  | Gerossideris | GRE | Nunta       | Chantasuvannasin | THA |
| Ambre       | Civiero      | SUI | Andrei      | Kovrijnykh       | RSA |
| Miguel      | Machado      | POR | Cansu       | Tor              | TUR |
| Aida        | Khasanova    | UZB | Vasil       | Milenchev        | BUL |
| Yevgeniy    | Dyaokokin    | KAZ | Maria Luisa | Parrilla         | PUR |
| Nabil       | Riad         | MAR | Khadidja    | Zerabib          | ALG |
| Min         | Qiao         | CHN | Gaspere     | Armata           | ITA |
| Vadym       | Guttsait     | UKR | Emanuele    | Bucca            | ITA |
| Luis        | Moreno       | CHI | Vincenzo    | Costanzo         | ITA |
| Alexandra   | Echeverria   | MEX | Luigi       | Martilotti       | ITA |
| Jong Hwan   | Ko           | KOR | Martina     | Pascucci         | ITA |
| Le Ba Quang | Nguyen       | VIE | Simona      | Pierucci         | ITA |
| Adriana     | Attar Cohen  | ARG | Giuliano    | Ranza            | ITA |
| Anne-Laure  | Berthier     | FRA | Jacopo      | Rubini           | ITA |
|             |              |     | Isacco      | Scomparin        | ITA |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – CADETS

| Women's Epee |                      |     |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1            | HSIEH Kaylin Sin Yan | HKG |
| 2            | VERMEULE Emily       | USA |
| 3            | LIM Taehee           | KOR |
| 3            | MURIDOVA Tamila      | KAZ |
| 5            | WASIAK Axelle        | BEL |
| 6            | BEKMURZOVA Iana      | RUS |
| 7            | DEKANY Kinga         | HUN |
| 8            | KIM Subeen           | KOR |

| Men's Epee |                  |     |
|------------|------------------|-----|
| 1          | DI VEROLI Davide | ITA |
| 2          | ARMALEO Filippo  | ITA |
| 3          | ASAMI Seiya      | JPN |
| 3          | GRECO Simone     | ITA |
| 5          | TOLASOV Artur    | RUS |
| 6          | BIRO Alexander   | AUT |
| 7          | HERBST Isaac     | USA |
| 8          | BOUDUNOV Khasan  | KGZ |

| Women's Foil |                   |     |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1            | UENO Yuka         | JPN |
| 2            | TIEU May          | USA |
| 3            | DEVORE Delphine   | USA |
| 3            | FAVARETTO Martina | ITA |
| 5            | TOSA Yukino       | JPN |
| 6            | KO Christelle Joy | HKG |
| 7            | CANDESCU Rebeca   | ROU |
| 8            | SCRUGGS Lauren    | USA |

| Men's Foil |                   |     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1          | BRAVO Kenji       | USA |
| 2          | OLIVARES Marcello | USA |
| 3          | BEM Maciej        | POL |
| 3          | CERVANTES Diego   | MEX |
| 5          | MACCHI Filippo    | ITA |
| 6          | XU Jie            | CHN |
| 7          | SPICHIGER Armand  | FRA |
| 8          | CHAN Pak Hei      | HKG |

| Women's Sabre |                    |     |
|---------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1             | PUSZTAI Liza       | HUN |
| 2             | BOTELLO Natalia    | MEX |
| 3             | ANGLADE Alexis     | USA |
| 3             | KLYUCHNIKOVA Alina | RUS |
| 5             | ILIEVA Yoana       | BUL |
| 6             | TARICCO Benedetta  | ITA |
| 7             | NAGY Valentina     | HUN |
| 8             | MA Ho Chee         | HKG |

| Men's Sabre |                   |     |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1           | PASTIN Andrei     | ROU |
| 2           | VIDOVSZKY Robert  | USA |
| 3           | RABB Krisztian    | HUN |
| 3           | SANTAMARIA Alonso | ESP |
| 5           | SKEETE Kamar      | USA |
| 6           | JARRY Samuel      | FRA |
| 7           | AILINCA Rares     | ROU |
| 8           | HEATHCOCK Antonio | GER |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| RUS | 5    | 1      | 2      | 8     |
| ITA | 2    | 3      | 4      | 9     |
| USA | 2    | 1      | 4      | 7     |
| FRA | 1    | 3      | 2      | 6     |
| HUN | 1    | 0      | 4      | 5     |
| JPN | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| SGP | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| MEX | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| ROU | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| POL | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| GER | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |



## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS – JUNIORS

| Women's Epee |                     |     |
|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1            | SOLDATOVA Anastasia | RUS |
| 2            | FALINSKA Julia      | POL |
| 3            | BORSODY Emma        | HUN |
| 3            | NAGY Kinga          | HUN |
| 5            | BENEA Bianca        | ROU |
| 6            | SHI Yuexin          | CHN |
| 7            | SCHLIER Zsuzsa      | ROU |
| 8            | HECHT Dar           | ISR |

| Men's Epee |                      |     |
|------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1          | MIDELTON Luidgi      | FRA |
| 2          | DI VEROLI Davide     | ITA |
| 3          | KOCH Mate Tamas      | HUN |
| 3          | NGUEFACK Lilian      | FRA |
| 5          | LIMAREV Ivan         | RUS |
| 6          | SERTAY Yerlik        | KAZ |
| 7          | LOYOLA Neisser       | BEL |
| 8          | LUBIENIECKI Wojciech | POL |

| Women's Foil |                   |     |
|--------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1            | UENO Yuka         | JPN |
| 2            | FAVARETTO Martina | ITA |
| 3            | LACHERAY Eva      | FRA |
| 3            | SCRUGGS Lauren    | USA |
| 5            | BINDER Sylvie     | USA |
| 6            | RICCI Marta       | ITA |
| 7            | CAULFIELD Jane    | CAN |
| 8            | SHI Yue           | CHN |

| Men's Foil |                   |     |
|------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1          | ITKIN Nick        | USA |
| 2          | MARINI Tommaso    | ITA |
| 3          | KUMBLA Sidarth    | USA |
| 3          | SEMENYUK Grigoriy | RUS |
| 5          | LOISEL Pierre     | FRA |
| 6          | BORODACHEV Kirill | RUS |
| 7          | UENO Yuto         | JPN |
| 8          | SUZUMURA Kenta    | JPN |

| Women's Sabre |                   |     |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1             | NIKITINA Olga     | RUS |
| 2             | BOTELLO Natalia   | MEX |
| 3             | LUCARINI Lucia    | ITA |
| 3             | PUSZTAI Liza      | HUN |
| 5             | FOX-GITOMER Chloe | USA |
| 6             | EMURA Misaki      | JPN |
| 7             | MA Yingjia        | CHN |
| 8             | EIFLER Larissa    | GER |

| Men's Sabre |                     |     |
|-------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1           | LOKHANOV Konstantin | RUS |
| 2           | PATRICE Sebastien   | FRA |
| 3           | BONAH Raoul         | GER |
| 3           | NERI Matteo         | ITA |
| 5           | STEPANOV Mark       | RUS |
| 6           | PARK Sangwon        | KOR |
| 7           | BRAVO Inaki         | ESP |
| 8           | SARKISSYAN Artyom   | KAZ |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS – JUNIORS

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 ITA        | 1 HUN      | 1 USA        | 1 RUS      | 1 RUS         | 1 ITA       |
| 2 ROU        | 2 FRA      | 2 SGP        | 2 FRA      | 2 USA         | 2 RUS       |
| 3 RUS        | 3 ITA      | 3 GER        | 3 USA      | 3 ITA         | 3 USA       |
| 4 UKR        | 4 ISR      | 4 ITA        | 4 JPN      | 4 KOR         | 4 GBR       |
| 5 SUI        | 5 JPN      | 5 JPN        | 5 ITA      | 5 JPN         | 5 BLR       |
| 6 FRA        | 6 KOR      | 6 HUN        | 6 BEL      | 6 CHN         | 6 FRA       |
| 7 USA        | 7 CZE      | 7 RUS        | 7 GER      | 7 BUL         | 7 GER       |
| 8 POL        | 8 CHN      | 8 FRA        | 8 GBR      | 8 GER         | 8 POL       |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| USA | 1    | 4      | 2      | 7     |
| ITA | 1    | 1      | 2      | 4     |
| JPN | 1    | 0      | 1      | 2     |
| HUN | 1    | 0      | 1      | 2     |
| HKG | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| ROU | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| MEX | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| ESP | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| KOR | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| POL | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| RUS | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| KAZ | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |



## NATIONS GRAND PRIX

The Junior Nations Grand Prix was awarded to **Italy**.

## PARTICIPATION

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Number of fencers   | 1445 |
| Number of countries | 103  |

| Weapons       | Cadets | Juniors | Teams |
|---------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 125    | 169     | 34    |
| Men's Epee    | 151    | 200     | 42    |
| Women's Foil  | 114    | 141     | 26    |
| Men's Foil    | 139    | 188     | 38    |
| Women's Sabre | 104    | 126     | 28    |
| Men's Sabre   | 122    | 158     | 38    |

### 3.3 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS -SENIORS 2018

The World Championships took place from **19th to 27th July 2018 in Wuxi (CHN)**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

|           |                     |     |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Evgeny    | Tsoukhlo            | RUS | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Rong Loo  | Zhao                | SIN | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Dieter    | Lammer              | GER | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Nikolay   | Mateev              | ISL | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Veselko   | Dumitrov            | SRB | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Pierre    | Thullberg           | SWE | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Han       | Ting                | CHN | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Arno      | Périllier Schneider | BRA | Head of protocol                      |
| Maha      | Mourad              | EGY | Medical Commission Delegate           |
| Lisa      | Huzel               | CAN | Medical Commission Delegate           |
| Wilfried  | Wolfgarten          | GER | Medical Commission Delegate           |
| Mohamed   | El Motawakel        | EGY | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Marco     | Pistacchi           | ITA | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Claus     | Janka               | GER | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Olga      | Cojocari            | MDA | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Chang Gon | Kim                 | KOR | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Salah     | Ferjani             | TUN | Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Sarkis    | Assadourian         | IRI | SEMI Commission Delegate              |
| Semen     | Rikhtman            | RUS | SEMI Commission Delegate              |
| Atsushi   | Harinishi           | JPN | SEMI Commission Delegate              |

#### REFEREES:

|                  |             |     |               |             |     |
|------------------|-------------|-----|---------------|-------------|-----|
| Vasil            | Milenchev   | BUL | Alaa A.       | Falah       | IRQ |
| Luigi            | Martilotti  | ITA | Sangwon       | Suh         | KOR |
| Marius           | Florea      | ROU | Kam Kau       | Wong        | HKG |
| Vladislav        | Shamis      | RUS | Hao Chih      | Huang       | TPE |
| Miklos           | Kosa        | HUN | Ken Ichi      | Sasada      | JPN |
| Fikrat           | Valiyev     | AZE | Juan          | Liendo      | VEN |
| Andreas          | Douvis      | GRE | Alexey        | Kuznetsov   | CAN |
| Vanesa           | Chichon     | ESP | Regis         | Trois       | BRA |
| Vilem            | Madr        | CZE | Juan Carlos   | Rios Rivera | MEX |
| Pascal           | Mage        | FRA | Kelly         | Koehler     | USA |
| Isacco           | Scomparin   | ITA | Amgad         | Badawi      | PUR |
| Natalia          | Zhuravleva  | RUS | Medhat        | El Bakry    | EGY |
| Mihail           | Paghiev     | MDA | Andrey        | Kovrijnykh  | RSA |
| Andrzej          | Witkowski   | POL | Papa Khassoum | Toure       | SEN |
| Ayoub            | Ferjani     | TUN | Eugene        | Chua        | SIN |
| Florin Sebastian | Gheorghe    | ROU | Qiao          | Min         | CHN |
| Ambre            | Civiero     | SUI | Ren           | Manhe       | CHN |
| Tim              | Bardenhagen | GER | Liu           | Yuntao      | CHN |
| Vadim            | Guttsait    | UKR | Chu           | Shisheng    | CHN |
| Reza             | Peykarara   | IRI | Wang          | Bo          | CHN |
| Yevgeniy         | Dyaokokin   | KAZ | Zhen          | Yang        | CHN |
| Le Ba Quang      | Nguyen      | VIE | Na            | Li          | CHN |
| Miguel           | Machado     | POR | Lina          | Xu          | CHN |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                    |     |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1            | NAVARRIA Mara      | ITA |
| 2            | POPESCU Ana Maria  | ROU |
| 3            | HURLEY Courtney    | USA |
| 3            | STAEHLI Laura      | SUI |
| 5            | KRYVYTSKA Olena    | RUS |
| 6            | SZASZ-KOVACS Emese | HUN |
| 7            | LEHIS Katrina      | EST |
| 8            | VITALIS Coralis    | FRA |

| Men's Epee |                      |     |
|------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1          | BOREL Yannick        | FRA |
| 2          | LIMARDO GASCON Ruben | VEN |
| 3          | NIKISHIN Bogdan      | UKR |
| 3          | SVICHKAR Roman       | UKR |
| 5          | PARK Sangyoung       | KOR |
| 6          | ALEXANIN Dmitriy     | KAZ |
| 7          | STEFFEN Benjamin     | SUI |
| 8          | MCDOWALD Curtis      | USA |

| Women's Foil |                  |     |
|--------------|------------------|-----|
| 1            | VOLPI Alice      | ITA |
| 2            | THIBUS Ysaora    | FRA |
| 3            | BOUBAKRI Ines    | TUN |
| 3            | ERRIGO Arianna   | ITA |
| 5            | DERIGLAZOVA Inna | RUS |
| 6            | KIEFER Lee       | USA |
| 7            | MANCINI Camilla  | ITA |
| 8            | PRESCOD Nzingha  | USA |

| Men's Foil |                    |     |
|------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1          | FOCONI Alessio     | ITA |
| 2          | KRUSE Richard      | GBR |
| 3          | HEO Jun            | KOR |
| 3          | LLAVADOR Carlos    | ESP |
| 5          | GAROZZO Daniele    | ITA |
| 6          | AVOLA Giorgio      | ITA |
| 7          | LEFORT Enzo        | FRA |
| 8          | DAVIS James-Andrew | GBR |

| Women's Sabre |                      |     |
|---------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1             | POZDNIAKOVA Sofia    | RUS |
| 2             | VELIKAYA Sofya       | RUS |
| 3             | EGORIAN Yana         | RUS |
| 3             | STONE Anne-Elizabeth | USA |
| 5             | BERDER Cecilia       | FRA |
| 6             | QIAN Jiarui          | CHN |
| 7             | SHAO Yaqi            | CHN |
| 8             | GKOUNTOURA Theodora  | GRE |

| Men's Sabre |                 |     |
|-------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1           | KIM Junghwan    | KOR |
| 2           | DERSHWITZ Eli   | USA |
| 3           | IBRAGIMOV Kamil | RUS |
| 3           | KIM Junho       | KOR |
| 5           | GU Bongil       | KOR |
| 6           | SZATMARI Andras | HUN |
| 7           | SZILAGYI Aron   | HUN |
| 8           | FERJANI Fares   | TUN |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 USA        | 1 SUI      | 1 USA        | 1 ITA      | 1 FRA         | 1 KOR       |
| 2 KOR        | 2 KOR      | 2 ITA        | 2 USA      | 2 RUS         | 2 ITA       |
| 3 CHN        | 3 RUS      | 3 FRA        | 3 RUS      | 3 KOR         | 3 HUN       |
| 4 RUS        | 4 FRA      | 4 KOR        | 4 KOR      | 4 ITA         | 4 GEO       |
| 5 FRA        | 5 HUN      | 5 JPN        | 5 FRA      | 5 USA         | 5 GER       |
| 6 EST        | 6 ITA      | 6 CAN        | 6 POL      | 6 UKR         | 6 IRI       |
| 7 POL        | 7 CHN      | 7 GER        | 7 JPN      | 7 HUN         | 7 RUS       |
| 8 GER        | 8 USA      | 8 RUS        | 8 CHN      | 8 CHN         | 8 FRA       |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| ITA | 4    | 2      | 1      | 7     |
| RUS | 1    | 2      | 4      | 7     |
| KOR | 2    | 2      | 3      | 7     |
| USA | 2    | 2      | 2      | 6     |
| FRA | 2    | 1      | 1      | 4     |
| SUI | 1    | 0      | 1      | 2     |
| UKR | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |
| TUN | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| ESP | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| CHN | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| HUN | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| ROU | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| GBR | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| VEN | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |





## PARTICIPATION

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Number of fencers   | 742 |
| Number of countries | 101 |

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 116         | 24    |
| Men's Epee    | 170         | 26    |
| Women's Foil  | 106         | 21    |
| Men's Foil    | 135         | 26    |
| Women's Sabre | 100         | 19    |
| Men's Sabre   | 115         | 25    |

## NATIONS GRAND PRIX

The seniors' Nations Grand Prix was awarded to **Italy**.

## 3.4 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - VETERANS 2018

The veterans World Championships took place in **Livorno (ITA) from 8th to 14th October, 2018**.

The officials appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

|              |             |     |   |
|--------------|-------------|-----|---|
| Henri        | Jansen      | BEL | President of the Directoire Technique   |
| Benoit       | Pincemaille | FRA | Member of the Directoire Technique      |
| Giuseppe     | Bucca       | ITA | Member of the Directoire Technique      |
| Sanjin       | Kovacic     | CRO | Member of the Directoire Technique      |
| Giandomenico | Varallo     | ITA | SEMI Commission Delegate                |
| Maha         | Mourad      | EGY | Medical Commission Delegate             |
| Olga         | Cojocari    | MDA | Delegate of the Refereeing Commission   |
| Celso        | Dayrit      | PHI | FIE President's official representative |

### REFEREES:

|            |              |     |          |            |     |
|------------|--------------|-----|----------|------------|-----|
| Iheb       | Ben Chaabene | TUN | Aida     | Khasanova  | UZB |
| Sherif     | Aly          | EGY | Luigi    | Martilotti | ITA |
| Lazarina   | Petkova      | BUL | Beatrice | Di Quinzio | ITA |
| Rail       | Nagimov      | RUS | Simona   | Pierucci   | ITA |
| Michael    | Ivankovic    | CAN | Giuliano | Ranza      | ITA |
| Javier     | Lorenzo      | ESP | Jacopo   | Rubini     | ITA |
| Ken-Ichi   | Sasada       | JPN | Vincenzo | Costanzo   | ITA |
| Cansu      | Tor          | TUR | Gaspare  | Armata     | ITA |
| Thibault   | Oosterbosch  | BEL | Isacco   | Scomparin  | ITA |
| Yevgeniy   | Dyakokin     | KAZ | Lionel   | Humbert    | FRA |
| Efstathios | Gerossideris | GRE | Gregory  | Gross      | ISR |
| Artach     | Madoyan      | ARM | Ana      | Kovrlija   | SRB |
| Benjamin   | Denzer       | GER | Eyyad    | Maghayreh  | JOR |
| Falah      | Alaa         | IRQ | Ambre    | Civiero    | SUI |
| Sergei     | Gritsaev     | USA | Miklos   | Kosa       | HUN |
| Mads       | Hejrskov     | DEN |          |            |     |

## EVENTS RESULTS

### Women's Epee 50 +

|   |                          |     |
|---|--------------------------|-----|
| 1 | ALBERTSON Pia            | SWE |
| 2 | DUCHNOWSKI Claire        | FRA |
| 3 | VAN DER VEEN Ynet        | NED |
| 3 | BOROWA Ewa               | ITA |
| 5 | HESKETT Ingrid           | GBR |
| 6 | JEAN-CHARLES Marie Odile | FRA |
| 7 | GYURKAN Judit            | HUN |
| 8 | TANZMEISTER Dorothea     | AUT |

### Men's Epee 50 +

|   |                        |     |
|---|------------------------|-----|
| 1 | CALAMBE Thierry        | FRA |
| 2 | BELOUSOV Evgeny        | RUS |
| 3 | QUANZ Guido            | GER |
| 3 | LARSSON Richard        | SWE |
| 5 | FERRO Cosimo           | ITA |
| 6 | BRUDY-ZIPPELIUS Thomas | GER |
| 7 | O'LOUGHLIN Christopher | USA |
| 8 | DI BELLA Alessandro    | ITA |

### Women's Foil 50 +

|   |                      |     |
|---|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | REESE Stefanie       | GER |
| 2 | SHAGINYAN Anait      | RUS |
| 3 | CANEVELLI Roberta    | ITA |
| 3 | TANZMEISTER Dorothea | AUT |
| 5 | CARTER Jane          | USA |
| 6 | WELTZIEN Silke       | GER |
| 7 | BOTELHO Lynn         | USA |
| 8 | JENSEN Lene          | DEN |

### Men's Foil 50 +

|   |                          |     |
|---|--------------------------|-----|
| 1 | CHRISTEN Roman           | GER |
| 2 | ABIDOGUN Kola            | GBR |
| 3 | TARASOV Igor             | RUS |
| 3 | DEBRAND Francois         | FRA |
| 5 | VILLADONIGA Jesus Manuel | ESP |
| 6 | DOUSSE Christian         | SUI |
| 7 | BEL Laurent              | FRA |
| 8 | KONDOH Masayoshi         | JPN |

### Women's Sabre 50 +

|   |                      |     |
|---|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | TANZMEISTER Dorothea | AUT |
| 2 | JANSHEN Friederike   | GER |
| 3 | PADURA M.Jose        | ESP |
| 3 | LO MUZIO Gabriella   | ITA |
| 5 | JORDAN Harriet       | AUS |
| 6 | VAGT Mary Lauren     | USA |
| 7 | DE RIOJA Angela      | ESP |
| 8 | NAREY Michele        | GBR |

### Men's Sabre 50 +

|   |                   |     |
|---|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | CARLUCCI Filippo  | ITA |
| 2 | NICASTRO Carlo    | ITA |
| 3 | WRASE Hartmut     | GER |
| 3 | MIRONOVAS Mikhail | USA |
| 5 | KASSIMOV Farhad   | AZE |
| 6 | KOPYLOV Dmitri    | USA |
| 7 | ALIAKSEYENKA Yury | BLR |
| 8 | LAPSHIN Sergey    | RUS |

### Women's Epee 60 +

|   |                  |     |
|---|------------------|-----|
| 1 | KOCAB Elizabeth  | USA |
| 2 | LUAN Jujie       | CAN |
| 3 | ALBINI Adriana   | ITA |
| 3 | BALOT Agota      | AUT |
| 5 | KIRCHEIS Astrid  | GER |
| 6 | CHERNOVA Ludmila | RUS |
| 7 | VON MURALT Doris | SUI |
| 8 | LIEFERT Denise   | SUI |

### Men's Epee 60 +

|   |                     |     |
|---|---------------------|-----|
| 1 | FISCHER Volker      | GER |
| 2 | DRAGONETTI Walter   | USA |
| 3 | ROMANELLI Carlo     | ITA |
| 3 | RINGEISSEN Francois | FRA |
| 5 | DI MATTEO Roberto   | ITA |
| 6 | BARVESTAD Peter     | SWE |
| 7 | IMREH Laszlo        | HUN |
| 8 | VAN ERVEN Spencer   | NED |

### Women's Foil 60 +

|   |                   |     |
|---|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | LUAN Jujie        | CAN |
| 2 | CHERNOVA Ludmila  | RUS |
| 3 | ANDERSON Sheila   | GBR |
| 3 | KIRCHEIS Astrid   | GER |
| 5 | AMARI Kaoru       | JPN |
| 6 | CIRILLO Gianna    | ITA |
| 7 | CHIKUBU Yoshiko   | JPN |
| 8 | BALLARD Annabelle | AUS |

### Men's Foil 60 +

|   |                   |     |
|---|-------------------|-----|
| 1 | SHVARTS Yury      | RUS |
| 2 | UMEZAWA Kenichi   | JPN |
| 3 | GALVAN Maurizio   | ITA |
| 3 | BLASCHKA Robert   | AUT |
| 5 | WEDGE Paul        | GBR |
| 6 | AGRONOVITCH Boris | ISR |
| 7 | LUY Dominique     | SUI |
| 8 | LECUYER Francois  | FRA |

### Women's Sabre 60 +

|   |                  |     |
|---|------------------|-----|
| 1 | EYRE Jane        | USA |
| 2 | TURNER Delia     | USA |
| 3 | HUTCHISON Jane S | GBR |
| 3 | CHIKUBU Yoshiko  | JPN |
| 5 | JANSEN Karin     | GER |
| 6 | BANDIERI Claudia | ITA |
| 7 | DUNN Linda       | USA |
| 8 | LUAN Jujie       | CAN |

### Men's Sabre 60 +

|   |                           |     |
|---|---------------------------|-----|
| 1 | KAS Geza                  | FRA |
| 2 | YUNG Wang Yip             | HKG |
| 3 | ANTINORO Enrico           | ITA |
| 3 | RUNYAN Joshua             | USA |
| 5 | STREB Joseph              | USA |
| 6 | BADGER Carlton            | USA |
| 7 | TAILLANDIER Jean Francois | FRA |
| 8 | SAYGIN Alexander          | RUS |

| Women's Epee 70+ |                               |     |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1                | SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa Tuulikki | FIN |
| 2                | DEMAILLE Marie Chantal        | FRA |
| 3                | LEPELTIER Marie-Joséphé       | FRA |
| 3                | UFF Susan                     | GBR |
| 5                | SCHIFFMANN Ute                | GER |
| 6                | MARTIN Brigitte               | FRA |
| 7                | LINDEMAN Irma                 | FIN |
| 8                | VERSEGI Maria                 | HUN |

| Women's Foil 70 + |                               |     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1                 | DEMAILLE Marie Chantal        | FRA |
| 2                 | WILLARD Antoinette            | FRA |
| 3                 | STEVENS Joanne                | USA |
| 3                 | SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa Tuulikki | FIN |
| 5                 | GARDINI Iris                  | ITA |
| 6                 | NOWELL Linda                  | USA |
| 7                 | MYERS Margaret                | GBR |
| 8                 | STEWART Susan                 | CAN |

| Women's Sabre 70 + |                        |     |
|--------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1                  | DEMAILLE Marie Chantal | FRA |
| 2                  | BROWN Silvia           | GBR |
| 3                  | GARDINI Iris           | ITA |
| 3                  | MANNINO Anna           | USA |
| 5                  | FRITH Vivien Ena       | GBR |
| 6                  | MARTIN Brigitte        | FRA |
| 7                  | GREUNKE Brigitte       | GER |
| 8                  | TACHIBANA Yoshiko      | JPN |

| Men's Epee 70 + |                      |     |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1               | SCHOELSS Michael     | GER |
| 2               | PASMANS Leopold      | BEL |
| 3               | HECKE Dieter         | GER |
| 3               | RAMERO Richard       | FRA |
| 5               | DAVENPORT Robin      | GBR |
| 6               | LENOIR Jean Luc      | FRA |
| 7               | KASATOV Alexander    | RUS |
| 8               | ANASTASOV Aleksandar | MKD |

| Men's Foil 70 + |                         |     |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 1               | IDE Eiichi              | JPN |
| 2               | PAUL Graham             | GBR |
| 3               | PATTERSON Jan           | USA |
| 3               | NARITA Masashi          | JPN |
| 5               | CAUSTON Brian           | GBR |
| 6               | KAWAGUCHI Daizo         | JPN |
| 7               | LIPTAK Gyorgy           | HUN |
| 8               | SZENTKIRALYI DR. Istvan | HUN |

| Men's Sabre 70 + |                  |     |
|------------------|------------------|-----|
| 1                | CARMINA Riccardo | ITA |
| 2                | PRECHTL Hanns    | GER |
| 3                | HELFRICHT Helmut | GER |
| 3                | YAMADA Koh       | JPN |
| 5                | FILIPPI Fabrizio | ITA |
| 6                | SUDRAN Gary      | AUS |
| 7                | SBARBARO Philip  | USA |
| 8                | PREGOWSKI Jerzy  | POL |

## RESULTS OF VETERANS TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 FIN        | 1 USA      | 1 GBR        | 1 GBR      | 1 ITA         | 1 ITA       |
| 2 USA        | 2 SWE      | 2 RUS        | 2 RUS      | 2 GBR         | 2 FRA       |
| 3 ITA        | 3 GER      | 3 FRA        | 3 JPN      | 3 USA         | 3 GER       |
| 4 GER        | 4 ITA      | 4 AUS        | 4 USA      | 4 GER         | 4 RUS       |
| 5 HUN        | 5 GBR      | 5 ITA        | 5 ITA      | 5 JPN         | 5 USA       |
| 6 FRA        | 6 FRA      | 6 USA        | 6 FRA      | 6 FRA         | 6 GBR       |
| 7 AUS        | 7 HUN      | 7 CAN        | 7 HUN      | 7 AUS         | 7 JPN       |
| 8 AUT        | 8 RUS      | 8 GER        | 8 GER      |               | 8 HUN       |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| ITA | 4    | 1      | 9      | 14    |
| FRA | 4    | 4      | 5      | 13    |
| GER | 4    | 2      | 7      | 13    |
| USA | 3    | 3      | 6      | 12    |
| GBR | 2    | 4      | 3      | 9     |
| RUS | 1    | 5      | 1      | 7     |
| JPN | 1    | 1      | 4      | 6     |
| AUT | 1    | 0      | 3      | 4     |
| FIN | 2    | 0      | 1      | 3     |
| SWE | 1    | 1      | 1      | 3     |
| CAN | 1    | 1      | 0      | 2     |
| HKG | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| BEL | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| NED | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| ESP | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |



## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 840

Number of countries: 58

|        |    |        |    |
|--------|----|--------|----|
| WE 50+ | 65 | ME 50+ | 97 |
| WF 50+ | 48 | MF 50+ | 69 |
| WS 50+ | 36 | MS 50+ | 71 |
| WE 60+ | 40 | ME 60+ | 75 |
| WF 60+ | 35 | MF 60+ | 48 |
| WS 60+ | 32 | MS 60+ | 47 |
| WE 70+ | 28 | ME 70+ | 62 |
| WF 70+ | 29 | MF 70+ | 38 |
| WS 70+ | 20 | MS 70+ | 38 |

## 3.5 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 3.5.1 EUROPE

#### 3.5.1.1 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Sochi (RUS) from 2nd to 11th March 2018**.

The officials and referees who were appointed were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS :

|           |            |     |   |
|-----------|------------|-----|---|
| Andras    | Szetey     | HUN | President of the Directoire Technique     |
| Vlara     | Nikolova   | BUL | Member of the Directoire Technique        |
| Alexandre | Rumpli     | FRA | Member of the Directoire Technique        |
| Diana     | Tolasova   | RUS | Member of the Directoire Technique        |
| Matthias  | Henkelmann | GER | Delegate of the EFC Refereeing Commission |
| Vasil     | Milenchev  | BUL | Delegate of the EFC Refereeing Commission |
| Salah     | Ferjani    | TUN | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Hehn      | Jürgen     | GER | Delegate of the EFC Medical Commission    |
| Peter     | Huggins    | GBR | Delegate of the EFC SEMI Commission       |

#### REFEREES :

|          |            |     |             |            |     |
|----------|------------|-----|-------------|------------|-----|
| Fikrat   | Valiyev    | AZE | Pascal      | Mage       | FRA |
| Andrei   | Kuryshka   | BLR | Denis       | Ostrovski  | EST |
| Roman    | Bereuter   | AUT | Peter       | Grönholm   | FIN |
| Artash   | Madoyan    | ARM | Ana         | Kovrlija   | SRB |
| Andrii   | Bakum      | UKR | Marius      | Florea     | ROU |
| Jan      | Srna       | CZE | Marcus      | Schulz     | GER |
| Leon     | Amez-Droz  | SUI | Miguel      | Machado    | POR |
| Gregory  | Gross      | ISR | Pavol       | Celler     | SVK |
| Andreas  | Douvis     | GRE | Abdussamet  | Arslan     | TUR |
| Lazarina | Petkova    | BUL | Rail        | Nagimov    | RUS |
| Marco    | Michelotto | ITA | Valerian    | Feoktistov | RUS |
| Miklos   | Kosa       | HUN | Margarita   | Zhukova    | RUS |
| Pablo    | Acevedo    | ESP | Natalia     | Zhuravleva | RUS |
| Kevin    | De Wit     | BEL | Yana        | Ruzavina   | RUS |
| Mirna    | Borosak    | CRO | Ilya        | Burnatsev  | RUS |
| Zaza     | Mchedlidze | GEO | Maksim      | Rogushin   | RUS |
| Tomasz   | Goral      | SWE | Viatcheslav | Egorov     | RUS |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                    |     |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1            | ISOLA Federica     | ITA |
| 2            | PREDESCU Alexandra | ROU |
| 3            | MARTENSSON Elvira  | SWE |
| 3            | BAYRAM Aliya       | FRA |
| 5            | NAGY Kinga         | HUN |
| 6            | HECHT Dar          | ISR |
| 7            | KESAEVA Marina     | RUS |
| 8            | CAGNIN Beatrice    | ITA |

| Men's Epee |                  |     |
|------------|------------------|-----|
| 1          | DI VEROLI Davide | ITA |
| 2          | NAGY David       | HUN |
| 3          | BIRO Alexander   | AUT |
| 3          | PHILIPPE Arthur  | FRA |
| 5          | PAOLINI Giacomo  | ITA |
| 6          | LOYOLA Neisser   | BEL |
| 7          | ESKOV Ruslan     | EST |
| 8          | CUOMO Valerio    | ITA |

| Women's Foil |                       |     |
|--------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 1            | FAVARETTO Martina     | ITA |
| 2            | EBERT Leonie          | GER |
| 3            | MARTYANOVA Marta      | RUS |
| 3            | YUSOVA Victoria       | RUS |
| 5            | LACHERAY Eva          | FRA |
| 6            | SUNDUCHKOVA Alexandra | RUS |
| 7            | HAJAS Nora            | HUN |
| 8            | MATYSIAK Katarzyna    | POL |

| Men's Foil |                          |     |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1          | BORODACHEV Kirill        | RUS |
| 2          | FILIPPI Davide           | ITA |
| 3          | ROGER Wallerand          | FRA |
| 3          | GIACON Daniel            | NED |
| 5          | RESEGOTTI Matteo Claudio | ITA |
| 6          | VELLUTI FRANZI Pietro    | ITA |
| 7          | SEMENYUK Grigoriy        | RUS |
| 8          | BORODACHEV Anton         | RUS |

| Women's Sabre |                  |     |
|---------------|------------------|-----|
| 1             | MIKHAILOVA Alina | RUS |
| 2             | PUSZTAI Liza     | HUN |
| 3             | GETTE Lisa       | GER |
| 3             | CAKIR Aylin      | TUR |
| 5             | QUEROLI Caroline | FRA |
| 6             | EIFLER Larissa   | GER |
| 7             | NOUTCHA Sarah    | FRA |
| 8             | MAXWELL Caitlin  | GBR |

| Men's Sabre |                      |     |
|-------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1           | PIANFETTI Maxime     | FRA |
| 2           | PATRICE Sebastien    | FRA |
| 3           | LOKHANOV Konstantin  | RUS |
| 3           | ARPINO Alberto       | ITA |
| 5           | POZDNYAKOV Vladislav | RUS |
| 6           | KINDLER Frederic     | GER |
| 7           | NERI Matteo          | ITA |
| 8           | DRAGOMIR George      | ROU |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 ITA        | 1 HUN      | 1 GER        | 1 RUS      | 1 RUS         | 1 FRA       |
| 2 RUS        | 2 ITA      | 2 ITA        | 2 POL      | 2 ITA         | 2 RUS       |
| 3 FRA        | 3 FRA      | 3 HUN        | 3 ITA      | 3 HUN         | 3 GER       |
| 4 CZE        | 4 POL      | 4 POL        | 4 GER      | 4 GER         | 4 BLR       |
| 5 HUN        | 5 RUS      | 5 FRA        | 5 FRA      | 5 FRA         | 5 ITA       |
| 6 ROU        | 6 CZE      | 6 RUS        | 6 NED      | 6 ROU         | 6 UKR       |
| 7 ISR        | 7 ROU      | 7 ROU        | 7 HUN      | 7 GBR         | 7 ROU       |
| 8 UKR        | 8 SUI      | 8 UKR        | 8 BEL      | 8 POL         | 8 POL       |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| ITA | 4    | 4      | 2      | 10    |
| RUS | 4    | 2      | 3      | 9     |
| FRA | 2    | 1      | 5      | 8     |
| HUN | 1    | 2      | 2      | 5     |
| GER | 1    | 1      | 2      | 4     |
| POL | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| ROU | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| AUT | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| SWE | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| NED | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| TUR | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |



## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 429

Number of countries: 38

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 89          | 20    |
| Men's Epee    | 91          | 17    |
| Women's Foil  | 57          | 12    |
| Men's Foil    | 76          | 14    |
| Women's Sabre | 53          | 13    |
| Men's Sabre   | 63          | 15    |

### 3.5.1.2 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Novi Sad (SRB) from 16th to 21st June 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS :

|                |            |     |                                       |
|----------------|------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Nikolay Ivanov | Mateev     | ISL | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Dieter         | Lammer     | GER | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Nikola         | Rackovic   | SRB | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Salah          | Ferjani    | TUN | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Vladislav      | Shamis     | RUS | EFC Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Alessandro     | Pagliaccia | ITA | EFC Medical Commission Delegate       |
| Piet           | Wauters    | BEL | EFC SEMI Commission Delegate          |

#### REFEREES :

|              |              |     |           |            |     |
|--------------|--------------|-----|-----------|------------|-----|
| Artach       | Madoyan      | ARM | Michael   | Ivankovic  | CAN |
| Christophe   | Limbardet    | FRA | Pavol     | Celler     | SVK |
| Andreas      | Douvis       | GRE | Mirna     | Borosak    | CRO |
| Gregory      | Gross        | ISR | Ambre     | Civiero    | SUI |
| Marius       | Florea       | ROU | Peter     | Brigola    | AUT |
| Jeffrey      | Delattre     | BEL | Rail      | Nagimov    | RUS |
| Mads - Vetli | Hejrskov     | DEN | Gaspere   | Armata     | ITA |
| Denis        | Ostrovski    | EST | Xingqi    | Wang       | CHN |
| Miklos       | Kosa         | HUN | Danijela  | Ilic       | SRB |
| Andras       | Borsodi      | NOR | Miljan    | Kovacevic  | SRB |
| Piotr        | Kielpikowski | POL | Sherif    | Aly        | EGY |
| Ilgin        | Gucluer      | TUR | Mindaugas | Palcinkas  | LTU |
| Ana          | Kovrlija     | SRB | Adrian    | Speakman   | GBR |
| Robert       | Lange        | GER | Andrii    | Bakum      | UKR |
| Guillermo    | Vallejo      | ESP | Andrei    | Gubanov    | BLR |
| Peter        | Groenholm    | FIN | Andrey    | Kovrijnykh | RSA |
| Fikrat       | Valiyev      | AZE | Zaza      | Mchedlidze | GEO |

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                      |     | Men's Epee |                    |     |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1            | LEHIS Katrina        | EST | 1          | BOREL Yannick      | FRA |
| 2            | KUUSK Kristina       | EST | 2          | NOVOSJOLOV Nikolai | EST |
| 3            | BELJAJEVA Julia      | EST | 3          | NIKISHIN Bogdan    | UKR |
| 3            | KOLOBOVA Violetta    | RUS | 3          | SCHMIDT Richard    | GER |
| 5            | KRYVYTSKA Olena      | UKR | 5          | CIMINI Gabriele    | ITA |
| 6            | POPESCU Ana Maria    | ROU | 6          | VUORINEN Niko      | FIN |
| 7            | NELIP Ewa            | POL | 7          | BELLMANN Lukas     | GER |
| 8            | KNAPIK-MIAZGA Renata | POL | 8          | JORGENSEN Patrick  | DEN |



| Women's Foil |                    |     |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1            | DERIGLAZOVA Inna   | RUS |
| 2            | ERRIGO Arianna     | ITA |
| 3            | SYNORADZKA Martyna | POL |
| 3            | VOLPI Alice        | ITA |
| 5            | SAUER Anne         | GER |
| 6            | MARTYANOVA Marta   | RUS |
| 7            | KREISS Fanny       | HUN |
| 8            | GUYART Astrid      | FRA |

| Men's Foil |                      |     |
|------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1          | CHEREMISINOV Alexey  | RUS |
| 2          | GAROZZO Daniele      | ITA |
| 3          | CHOUENITCH Alexander | CZE |
| 3          | AVOLA Giorgio        | ITA |
| 5          | ZHEREBCHENKO Dmitry  | RUS |
| 6          | CASSARA Andrea       | ITA |
| 7          | PAUTY Maxime         | FRA |
| 8          | CADOT Jeremy         | FRA |

| Women's Sabre |                     |     |
|---------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1             | VELIKAYA Sofya      | RUS |
| 2             | BERDER Cecilia      | FRA |
| 3             | PUDA Marta          | POL |
| 3             | SHEVELEVA Svetlana  | RUS |
| 5             | NAVARRO Araceli     | ESP |
| 6             | PASCU Bianca        | ROU |
| 7             | GKOUNTOURA Theodora | GRE |
| 8             | KOMASHCHUK Alina    | UKR |

| Men's Sabre |                   |     |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1           | HARTUNG Max       | GER |
| 2           | IBRAGIMOV Kamil   | RUS |
| 3           | BAZADZE Sandro    | GEO |
| 3           | DANILENKO Dmitriy | RUS |
| 5           | SZILAGYI Aron     | HUN |
| 6           | SEITZ Tom         | FRA |
| 7           | STATSENKO Oleksiy | UKR |
| 8           | CURATOLI Luca     | ITA |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | FRA | 1          | RUS | 1            | ITA | 1          | RUS | 1             | RUS | 1           | HUN |
| 2            | POL | 2          | FRA | 2            | RUS | 2          | ITA | 2             | UKR | 2           | ITA |
| 3            | EST | 3          | ITA | 3            | FRA | 3          | POL | 3             | FRA | 3           | GER |
| 4            | UKR | 4          | SUI | 4            | GER | 4          | FRA | 4             | ITA | 4           | ROU |
| 5            | ITA | 5          | UKR | 5            | POL | 5          | GER | 5             | ESP | 5           | RUS |
| 6            | RUS | 6          | EST | 6            | HUN | 6          | UKR | 6             | POL | 6           | FRA |
| 7            | GER | 7          | HUN | 7            | UKR | 7          | GBR | 7             | HUN | 7           | UKR |
| 8            | ROU | 8          | ISR | 8            | ESP | 8          | BLR | 8             | GER | 8           | GEO |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| RUS | 6    | 2      | 3      | 11    |
| FRA | 2    | 2      | 2      | 6     |
| ITA | 1    | 4      | 3      | 8     |
| EST | 1    | 2      | 2      | 5     |
| POL | 0    | 1      | 3      | 4     |
| GER | 1    | 0      | 2      | 3     |
| UKR | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| HUN | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| CZE | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| GEO | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 446  
 Number of countries: 39

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 84          | 17    |
| Men's Epee    | 104         | 20    |
| Women's Foil  | 61          | 12    |
| Men's Foil    | 79          | 14    |
| Women's Sabre | 58          | 13    |
| Men's Sabre   | 60          | 12    |

## 3.5.2 ASIA – OCEANIA

### 3.5.2.1. ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Dubai (UAE) from 28th February to 4th March 2018.**

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows

#### OFFICIALS:

|          |             |     |  |
|----------|-------------|-----|--|
| Abbas    | Faryabi     | IRI | President of the Directoire Technique  |
| Yuki     | Mori        | JPN | Member of the Directoire Technique     |
| Hamad    | Al Mansoori | UAE | Member of the Directoire Technique     |
| Mohammed | El Motawkel | EGY | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate     |
| Eyad     | Maghayreh   | JOR | FCA Refereeing Commission Delegate     |
| Waseem   | Hammad      | JOR | Delegate of the SEMI-FCA Commission    |
| Abbed    | Hazem       | KSA | Delegate of the FCA Medical Commission |

#### REFEREES:

|                |           |     |             |           |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|-------------|-----------|-----|
| Peter          | Creese    | AUS | Wonsakun    | Junsangee | THA |
| Zhen           | Yang      | CHN | Hao Chih    | Huang     | TPE |
| Ken Ichi       | Sasada    | JPN | Le Ba Quang | Nguyen    | VIE |
| Ali            | Shedadeh  | JOR | Aida        | Khasanova | UZB |
| Yevgeniy       | Dyaokokin | KAZ | Abdullah    | Alhammadi | UAE |
| Sik            | Choi Jong | KOR | Ali         | Alhammadi | UAE |
| Adnan Abdullah | Al Salmo  | KSA | Mohammad    | Alqattan  | UAE |
| Ali Reza       | Vesaali   | IRI | Seraj       | Alali     | BAH |
| Alaa           | Falah     | IRQ | Guillermo   | Vallejo   | ESP |
| Michelle       | Reyes     | PHI | Ayoub       | Ferjani   | TUN |
| Gayan          | Bandara   | SRI |             |           |     |

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

##### Women's Epee

|   |                            |     |
|---|----------------------------|-----|
| 1 | YU Sihan                   | CHN |
| 2 | KO Yein                    | KOR |
| 3 | HSIEH Kaylin Sin Yan       | HKG |
| 3 | KIM Chearin                | KOR |
| 5 | CHOI Garam                 | KOR |
| 6 | MURIDOVA Tamila            | KAZ |
| 7 | PATTEN Emily               | AUS |
| 8 | ABDUL RAHMAN Kiria Tikanah | SGP |

##### Men's Epee

|   |                      |     |
|---|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | KIM Myeongki         | KOR |
| 2 | JIN Minwook          | KOR |
| 3 | KOMATA Akira         | JPN |
| 3 | MURAYAMA Kentaro     | JPN |
| 5 | ALIMOV Fayzulla      | UZB |
| 6 | TAJIRI Kodai         | JPN |
| 7 | BAUDUNOV Khasan      | KGZ |
| 8 | CHIEN Kei Hsu Albert | HKG |

##### Women's Foil

|   |                          |     |
|---|--------------------------|-----|
| 1 | UENO Yuka                | JPN |
| 2 | TSUJI Sumire             | JPN |
| 3 | BERTHIER Amita           | SGP |
| 3 | AZUMA Rio                | JPN |
| 5 | AZUMA Sera               | JPN |
| 6 | WONG Nicole Mae Hui Shan | SGP |
| 7 | CHOI Minseo              | KOR |
| 8 | WONG Maxine Jie Xin      | SGP |

##### Men's Foil

|   |                      |     |
|---|----------------------|-----|
| 1 | NAGANO Yudai         | JPN |
| 2 | FUJIKURA Rui         | JPN |
| 3 | NG Lok Wang Lawrence | HKG |
| 3 | TAN Darren Jun Hao   | SGP |
| 5 | CHEN Chih Chieh      | TPE |
| 6 | CHAN Kevin Jerrold   | SGP |
| 7 | ALHARBI Abdullah     | FIE |
| 8 | YOONG Hans Wei Shen  | MAS |

##### Women's Sabre

|   |                     |     |
|---|---------------------|-----|
| 1 | JO Yewon            | KOR |
| 2 | LAU Ywen            | SGP |
| 3 | LEE Jolie Kar Yi    | SGP |
| 3 | HONG Haeun          | KOR |
| 5 | WAKITA Jumi         | JPN |
| 6 | MAN Ngai See Moriah | HKG |
| 7 | CHAN Yin Fei        | HKG |
| 8 | LEE Seungmi         | KOR |

##### Men's Sabre

|   |                       |     |
|---|-----------------------|-----|
| 1 | SONG Eungyun          | KOR |
| 2 | LEE Chak Fung Terence | HKG |
| 3 | HOSHINO Kento         | JPN |
| 3 | SATTARKHAN Nazarbay   | KAZ |
| 5 | WATANABE Yuto         | JPN |
| 6 | ALSHAMLAN Yousef      | FIE |
| 6 | ALMUTAIRI Adel        | KSA |
| 8 | SHIMIZU Takafumi      | JPN |



## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | HKG | 1          | KOR | 1            | JPN | 1          | JPN | 1             | KOR | 1           | KOR |
| 2            | KOR | 2          | JPN | 2            | SGP | 2          | SGP | 2             | HKG | 2           | FIE |
| 3            | JPN | 3          | KAZ | 3            | KOR | 3          | HKG | 3             | JPN | 3           | JPN |
| 4            | SGP | 4          | AUS | 4            | PHI | 4          | KOR | 4             | KAZ | 4           | KAZ |
| 5            | AUS | 5          | UZB | 5            | HKG | 5          | TPE | 5             | SGP | 5           | UZB |
| 6            | KAZ | 6          | KGZ | 6            | TPE | 6          | IND | 6             | IND | 6           | IRQ |
| 7            | IND | 7          | IND | 7            | KAZ | 7          | UZB | 7             | THA | 7           | THA |
| 8            | TPE | 8          | SGP | 8            | IND | 8          | KSA | 8             | UZB | 8           | AUS |

## MEDALS TABLE

|           | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| KOR       | 6    | 4      | 4      | 14    |
| HKG       | 3    | 1      | 2      | 6     |
| JPN       | 2    | 3      | 6      | 11    |
| KGZ       | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| SGP       | 0    | 1      | 4      | 5     |
| UZB       | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| CHN       | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| KAZ       | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| TPE       | 0    | 0      | 3      | 3     |
| FIE (KUW) | 0    | 0      | 3      | 3     |
| AUS       | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |



## PARTICIPATION

Number of juniors fencers 362  
 Number of countries: 30

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 60          | 13    |
| Men's Epee    | 68          | 16    |
| Women's Foil  | 59          | 15    |
| Men's Foil    | 72          | 17    |
| Women's Sabre | 40          | 10    |
| Men's Sabre   | 63          | 16    |

### 3.5.2.2. ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Bangkok (THA) from 17th to 22nd June 2018**.  
 The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

|         |           |     |   |
|---------|-----------|-----|---|
| Sompon  | Sridosai  | THA | President of the Directoire Technique     |
| Gordon  | Christie  | AUS | Member of the Directoire Technique        |
| Claus   | Janka     | GER | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate        |
| Eyyad   | Maghayreh | JOR | Delegate of the FCA Refereeing Commission |
| Somapee | Jakravudh | THA | Delegate of the SEMI-FCA Commission       |
| Ivy     | Lim       | SGP | Delegate of the FCA Medical Commission    |

## REFEREES:

|               |                  |     |               |                  |     |
|---------------|------------------|-----|---------------|------------------|-----|
| Issa          | Alaa L.          | IRQ | Jornnawat     | Limperasert      | THA |
| Nunta         | Chantasuvannasin | THA | Eyyad         | Maghayreh        | JOR |
| Chia Chun     | Chin             | TPE | Vasil         | Milenchev        | BUL |
| Stephen       | Darragh          | AUS | Santi         | Patanaweerangkul | THA |
| Hwa Jung      | Doo              | KOR | Anh Tuan      | Pham             | VIE |
| Richard       | Fuenzalida       | PHI | Nuanchan      | Phimkaeo         | THA |
| Dmitriy       | Gryaznov         | KAZ | Sahapan       | Phultawee        | THA |
| Parinya       | Horpechakit      | THA | Min           | Qiao             | CHN |
| Wongsakun     | Junsangsee       | THA | Mojtaba       | Sarshogh         | IRI |
| Oleg          | Khorvat          | SGP | Isacco        | Scomparin        | ITA |
| Wiradech      | Kothny           | THA | Andi          | Sukmawan         | INA |
| Chi Ming Andy | Lam              | HKG | Yasuaki       | Tabata           | JPN |
| Ahmad Abdalla | Talapha          | JOR | Daniel        | Vazquez          | ESP |
| Kittikhun     | Tratwong         | THA | Qasim Abdulla | Yahya            | QAT |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                      |     |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1            | KONG Man Wai Vivian  | HKG |
| 2            | KANG Young Mi        | KOR |
| 3            | HSIEH Kaylin Sin Yan | HKG |
| 3            | LEE Hyein            | KOR |
| 5            | SHIN A Lam           | KOR |
| 6            | SHIMOOKAWA Ayaka     | JPN |
| 7            | ZHU Mingye           | CHN |
| 8            | LIN Yik Hei Coco     | HKG |

| Men's Epee |                  |     |
|------------|------------------|-----|
| 1          | JUNG Jinsun      | KOR |
| 2          | ALEXANIN Dmitriy | KAZ |
| 3          | KANO Koki        | JPN |
| 3          | FONG Hoi Sun     | HKG |
| 5          | NG Ho Tin        | HKG |
| 6          | KWEON Youngjun   | KOR |
| 7          | UYAMA Satoru     | JPN |
| 8          | SOKOLOV Oleg     | UZB |

| Women's Foil |                |     |
|--------------|----------------|-----|
| 1            | KIKUCHI Komaki | JPN |
| 2            | JEON Hee Sook  | KOR |
| 3            | FU Yiting      | CHN |
| 3            | NAM Hyunhee    | KOR |
| 5            | HONG Hyo Jin   | KOR |
| 6            | MIYAWAKI Karin | JPN |
| 7            | SHI Yue        | CHN |
| 8            | CHEN Qingyuan  | CHN |

| Men's Foil |                      |     |
|------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1          | CHEUNG Siu Lun       | HKG |
| 2          | HEO Jun              | KOR |
| 3          | HA Taegyuu           | KOR |
| 3          | HUANG Mengkai        | CHN |
| 5          | SAITO Toshiya        | JPN |
| 6          | CHEUNG Ka Long       | HKG |
| 7          | CHOI Nicholas Edward | HKG |
| 8          | SON Young Ki         | KOR |

| Women's Sabre |                   |     |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1             | KIM Jiyeon        | KOR |
| 2             | QIAN Jiarui       | CHN |
| 3             | CHOI Sooyeon      | KOR |
| 3             | LAM Hin Wai       | HKG |
| 5             | FUKUSHIMA Shihomi | JPN |
| 6             | YANG Hengyu       | CHN |
| 7             | TAMURA Norika     | JPN |
| 8             | SAZANJIAN Najmeh  | IRI |

| Men's Sabre |                    |     |
|-------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1           | GU Bongil          | KOR |
| 2           | KIM Junghwan       | KOR |
| 3           | PAKDAMAN Ali       | IRI |
| 3           | KIM Junho          | KOR |
| 5           | SHIMAMURA Tomohiro | JPN |
| 6           | TOKUNAN Kenta      | JPN |
| 7           | HO Sze Long Aaron  | HKG |
| 8           | WANG Shi           | CHN |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | CHN | 1          | CHN | 1            | KOR | 1          | KOR | 1             | CHN | 1           | CHN |
| 2            | HKG | 2          | KAZ | 2            | JPN | 2          | HKG | 2             | KOR | 2           | IRI |
| 3            | KOR | 3          | UZB | 3            | CHN | 3          | JPN | 3             | KAZ | 3           | KOR |
| 4            | JPN | 4          | KOR | 4            | HKG | 4          | AUS | 4             | HKG | 4           | JPN |
| 5            | KAZ | 5          | JPN | 5            | SGP | 5          | CHN | 5             | JPN | 5           | HKG |
| 6            | SGP | 6          | HKG | 6            | TPE | 6          | SGP | 6             | IRI | 6           | KAZ |
| 7            | IND | 7          | IRI | 7            | PHI | 7          | TPE | 7             | SGP | 7           | VIE |
| 8            | IRI | 8          | TPE | 8            | VIE | 8          | THA | 8             | THA | 8           | SGP |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| KOR | 5    | 5      | 7      | 17    |
| CHN | 4    | 1      | 3      | 8     |
| HKG | 2    | 2      | 3      | 7     |
| JPN | 1    | 1      | 2      | 4     |
| KAZ | 0    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
| IRI | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| UZB | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 409  
Number of countries: 32

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 65          | 15    |
| Men's Epee    | 84          | 19    |
| Women's Foil  | 64          | 16    |
| Men's Foil    | 73          | 18    |
| Women's Sabre | 56          | 13    |
| Men's Sabre   | 67          | 18    |

## 3.5.3. AMERICA

### 3.5.3.1. PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2018

These championships were held in **San José (CRC) from 3rd to 10th March 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

|                     |     |                                       |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Manuel Belmonte     | CAN | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Penelope Karaindros | COL | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Alberto Cruz        | CRC | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Irina Knysch        | RSA | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Sarkis Assadourian  | IRI | SEMI-FIE Commission Delegate          |

#### REFEREES:

|                                 |     |                                   |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|
| Juan Pablo Barbosa              | ARG | Dirley Janineth Yepes Molina      | CRC |
| Martin Exequiel Lora Grunwaldt  | ARG | Walfrido V. Mola Fuentes          | CUB |
| Alejandro Jose Macri            | ARG | Marcos Geovanni Moran Flores      | ESA |
| Abel Francisco Melian Fernandez | BRA | David Isaac Barrios               | GUA |
| Alexey Kuznetsov                | CAN | Mihail Paghiev                    | MDA |
| Felipe Ignacio Goler Castillo   | CHI | Jacobo Morales                    | MEX |
| Miguel Angel Grandon Fica       | CHI | Juan Carlos Rios Rivera           | MEX |
| Pilar Adriana Arenas Gomez      | COL | Carlos Guillermo Hernandez Alston | NCA |
| Angela Cristina Orjuela Mendoza | COL | Amgad Badawi                      | PUR |
| Jose Miguel Hernandez           | PUR | Cara Taggersell                   | USA |
| Andreea Doana                   | ROU | Daniel Chacon                     | VEN |
| Adam Brewer                     | USA | Vladimir Ernesto Prieto Cordova   | VEN |
| Konstantin Gritsaev             | USA | Joslin Rodriguez                  | VEN |
| Luis Alberto Salazar Rojas      | VEN |                                   |     |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                         |     |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 1            | GUO Zi Shan             | CAN |
| 2            | DYNER VILLA Karina      | CRC |
| 3            | LEONARD Ariane          | CAN |
| 3            | GAVILAN SANCHEZ Yania   | CUB |
| 5            | NIXON Caroline          | USA |
| 6            | FERNANDEZ Analia        | CHI |
| 7            | VIVEROS Montserrat      | PAR |
| 8            | TOVAR KARAINDROS Oriana | COL |

| Men's Epee |  |     |
|------------|--|-----|
| 1          | CAMARGO Alexandre                      | BRA |
| 2          | PISKOVATSKOV Jonathan                  | USA |
| 3          | GARCIA Eduardo                         | PER |
| 3          | LOMBARDO Theodore                      | USA |
| 5          | DIAZ Jorge                             | MEX |
| 6          | LAZAROTO Fabrizio                      | BRA |
| 7          | SUAREZ SANTIUSTE Yordano De La Caridad | CUB |
| 8          | SANCHEZ Aldo                           | MEX |

| Women's Foil |                           |     |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1            | DEVORE Delphine           | USA |
| 2            | INOSTROZA Arantza         | CHI |
| 3            | ACURERO GONZALEZ Anabella | VEN |
| 3            | SCRUGGS Lauren            | USA |
| 5            | TIEU May                  | USA |
| 6            | MINARIK Natalie           | USA |
| 7            | LIU Cynthia               | CAN |
| 8            | MOINDROT-ZILLIOX Naomi    | CAN |

| Men's Foil |                          |     |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1          | BRAVO Kenji              | USA |
| 2          | COLON LOPEZ Cesar        | PUR |
| 3          | ALARCON Gustavo          | CHI |
| 3          | BROSZUS Blake            | CAN |
| 5          | SERVELLO Augusto Antonio | ARG |
| 6          | KUNZ MALAGAMBA Bernard   | MEX |
| 7          | TIRADO Sebastian A.      | PUR |
| 8          | LIU Patrick              | CAN |

| Women's Sabre |                        |     |
|---------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1             | BOTELLO Natalia        | MEX |
| 2             | VALDEZ ANDRADE Abigail | MEX |
| 3             | PEKELMAN Luana         | BRA |
| 3             | GONZALEZ Diana         | MEX |
| 5             | FOX-GITOMER Chloe      | USA |
| 6             | JOHNSON Edith          | USA |
| 6             | LOPEZ GUARIN Laura     | COL |
| 8             | LAMARRE Veronique      | CAN |

| Men's Sabre |                    |     |
|-------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1           | DODDO Andrew       | USA |
| 2           | WALKER Christopher | USA |
| 3           | SARON Mitchell     | USA |
| 3           | ROMO Brandon       | MEX |
| 5           | TROCHEZ Pablo      | COL |
| 6           | BERGAMO Enzo       | BRA |
| 7           | CHIARA Angelo      | CAN |
| 8           | SANTANA Hudson     | PUR |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | USA | 1          | USA | 1            | USA | 1          | USA | 1             | MEX | 1           | USA |
| 2            | COL | 2          | BRA | 2            | CAN | 2          | ARG | 2             | USA | 2           | CAN |
| 3            | MEX | 3          | MEX | 3            | MEX | 3          | CHI | 3             | CAN | 3           | MEX |
| 4            | BRA | 4          | CHI | 4            | CHI | 4          | CAN | 4             | CHI | 4           | CHI |
| 5            | ARG | 5          | ARG | 5            | BRA | 5          | MEX | 5             | ARG | 5           | BRA |
| 6            | CAN | 6          | COL | 6            | COL | 6          | COL | 6             | COL | 6           | ARG |
| 7            | CHI | 7          | CRC | 7            | CRC | 7          | PUR |               |     | 7           | COL |
| 8            | PUR |            |     |              |     | 8          | BRA |               |     | 8           | PUR |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| USA | 10   | 6      | 7      | 23    |
| MEX | 4    | 1      | 7      | 12    |
| CAN | 2    | 3      | 6      | 11    |
| BRA | 1    | 3      | 1      | 5     |
| ARG | 1    | 1      | 0      | 2     |
| CHI | 0    | 1      | 5      | 6     |
| CRC | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| PUR | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| COL | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| VEN | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |



## PARTICIPATION

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Number of fencers:   | 357 |
| Number of countries: | 20  |

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 47          | 10    |
| Men's Epee    | 47          | 7     |
| Women's Foil  | 35          | 7     |
| Men's Foil    | 46          | 9     |
| Women's Sabre | 36          | 6     |
| Men's Sabre   | 41          | 8     |

### 3.5.3.2. PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Havana (CUB) from 15th to 20th June 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS:

|             |           |     |                                       |
|-------------|-----------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Jose        | Benavides | VEN | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Melissa     | Alvarenga | ESA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Irina       | Knysch    | RSA | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Maria Eberl | Lopez     | CHI | SEMI-FIE Commission Delegate          |
| Lisa        | Huzel     | CAN | FIE Medical Commission Delegate       |

#### REFEREES:

|           |            |     |            |           |     |
|-----------|------------|-----|------------|-----------|-----|
| Alejandro | Macri      | ARG | Yexy       | Salazar   | CUB |
| Lucio     | Bertaso    | BRA | Jorge      | L. León   | CUB |
| Alexey    | Kuznetsov  | CAN | Marcos     | Morán     | ESA |
| Daniel    | Chacón     | CHI | David      | Barrios   | GUA |
| Felipe    | Goler      | CHI | Mihail     | Paghiev   | MDA |
| Pilar     | Arenas     | COL | Angel      | Díaz      | MEX |
| Giovanny  | Ramírez    | COL | Juan       | Rios      | MEX |
| Jose      | L. Abadia  | CUB | Bruno      | Girón     | PER |
| Luis      | O. Díaz    | CUB | Andrzej    | Witkowski | POL |
| René      | Montejo    | CUB | Luisa      | Parrilla  | PUR |
| Lázaro    | E. Rumayor | CUB | Andrew     | Foster    | USA |
| Walfrido  | Mola       | CUB | Konstantin | Gritsaev  | USA |
| Ana       | Faez       | CUB | Carlos     | Bravo     | VEN |
| Osmar     | Balón      | CUB | Darwin     | Cordero   | VEN |

#### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                           |     |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1            | HURLEY Kelley             | USA |
| 2            | DI TELLA Isabel           | ARG |
| 3            | GUO Zi Shan               | CAN |
| 3            | RODRIGUEZ QUESADA Yamilka | CUB |
| 5            | MOELLHAUSEN Nathalie      | BRA |
| 6            | HOPPE MONTANARO Malinka   | CAN |
| 7            | MARTINEZ Maria            | VEN |
| 8            | MEDINA Elizabeth          | MEX |

| Women's Foil |                                 |     |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1            | KIEFER Lee                      | USA |
| 2            | RYAN Kelleigh                   | CAN |
| 3            | ROSS Nicole                     | USA |
| 3            | PRESCOD Nzingha                 | USA |
| 5            | HARVEY Eleanor                  | CAN |
| 6            | GOLDIE Alanna                   | CAN |
| 7            | VAN ERVEN GARCIA Saskia Loretta | COL |
| 8            | LU Margaret                     | USA |

| Men's Epee |                              |     |
|------------|------------------------------|-----|
| 1          | LUGONES RUGGERI Jesus Andres | ARG |
| 2          | LIMARDO GASCON Ruben         | VEN |
| 3          | MCDOWALD Curtis              | USA |
| 3          | HOYLE Jacob                  | USA |
| 5          | LIMARDO Francisco            | VEN |
| 6          | PRYOR Jason                  | USA |
| 7          | RODRIGUEZ John Edison        | COL |
| 8          | REYTOR VENET Yunior          | CUB |

| Men's Foil |                        |     |
|------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1          | IMBODEN Race           | USA |
| 2          | VAN HAASTER Maximilien | CAN |
| 3          | MASSIALAS Alexander    | USA |
| 3          | MEINHARDT Gerek        | USA |
| 5          | SCONZO Daniel          | COL |
| 6          | SHIMBO Heitor          | BRA |
| 7          | MARQUES Henrique       | BRA |
| 8          | ALARCON Gustavo        | CHI |

| Women's Sabre |                                 |     |
|---------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| 1             | WOZNIAK Dagmara                 | USA |
| 2             | STONE Anne-Elizabeth            | USA |
| 3             | PEREZ MAURICE Maria Belen       | ARG |
| 3             | FOX-GITOMER Chloe               | USA |
| 5             | AKSAMIT Monica                  | USA |
| 6             | PASTRAN Milagros                | VEN |
| 7             | BOTELLO Natalia                 | MEX |
| 8             | BENITEZ ROMERO Alejandra Jhonay | VEN |

| Men's Sabre |                   |     |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1           | DERSHWITZ Eli     | USA |
| 2           | GORDON Shaul      | CAN |
| 3           | MACKIEWICZ Andrew | USA |
| 3           | HOMER Daryl       | USA |
| 5           | ROMERO Eliecer    | VEN |
| 5           | NATANZON Benjamin | USA |
| 7           | AYALA Julian      | MEX |
| 8           | ALVAREZ Ricardo   | CHI |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | USA | 1          | USA | 1            | USA | 1          | USA | 1             | USA | 1           | USA |
| 2            | CAN | 2          | VEN | 2            | CAN | 2          | BRA | 2             | MEX | 2           | CAN |
| 3            | CUB | 3          | ARG | 3            | BRA | 3          | CAN | 3             | VEN | 3           | ARG |
| 4            | BRA | 4          | BRA | 4            | ARG | 4          | PUR | 4             | CAN | 4           | VEN |
| 5            | ARG | 5          | CUB | 5            | MEX | 5          | ARG | 5             | ARG | 5           | COL |
| 6            | VEN | 6          | MEX | 6            | CUB | 6          | MEX | 6             | COL | 6           | CUB |
| 7            | MEX | 7          | CAN | 7            | COL | 7          | COL | 7             | DOM | 7           | BRA |
| 8            | CRC | 8          | COL | 8            | CHI | 8          | CHI | 8             | BRA | 8           | PUR |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| USA | 11   | 1      | 9      | 21    |
| ARG | 1    | 1      | 3      | 5     |
| CAN | 0    | 6      | 2      | 8     |
| VEN | 0    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
| BRA | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| MEX | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| CUB | 0    | 0      | 2      | 2     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 329  
 Number of countries: 26

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 54          | 13    |
| Men's Epee    | 62          | 15    |
| Women's Foil  | 51          | 12    |
| Men's Foil    | 57          | 15    |
| Women's Sabre | 50          | 13    |
| Men's Sabre   | 55          | 14    |





## 3.5.4. AFRICA

### 3.5.4.1. AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - JUNIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Lagos (NGR)** from **1st to 5th March 2018**.

The **officials and referees** appointed by the FIE were as follows

|                       |           |     |                                       |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Hassene               | Zouari    | TUN | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Katsumi               | Yamaguchi | JPN | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Medhat                | El Bakry  | EGY | CAE Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Boukola               | Bojuwoye  | NGR | Doctor                                |
| Jeffrey               | Delattre  | BEL | Referee                               |
| Alexander             | Schiffers | GER | Referee                               |
| Mohamed Ali           | B'chir    | TUN | Referee                               |
| Ouassila              | Yemmi     | ALG | Referee                               |
| Mouhamadou Moustapha  | Sall      | SEN | Referee                               |
| Khadidja              | Zerabib   | ALG | Referee                               |
| Amr                   | Khaled    | EGY | Referee                               |
| Djedjh Christian Noel | Beugre    | CIV | Referee                               |
| Louise                | Lombard   | RSA | Referee                               |

### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                 |     |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1            | HUZAYEN Lma     | EGY |
| 2            | ZBOUDJ Yousra   | ALG |
| 3            | FOSU Yasmine    | GHA |
| 3            | GABER Shirwit   | EGY |
| 5            | GHRIB Nesrine   | TUN |
| 6            | LAGGOUNE Hanane | ALG |
| 7            | DE JAGER Mone   | RSA |
| 8            | BESTER Natania  | RSA |

| Men's Epee |                       |     |
|------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 1          | ELSAYED Ahmed         | EGY |
| 2          | ELSAYED Mohamed       | EGY |
| 3          | MOWAFY Mohab          | EGY |
| 3          | BESTER Christiaan     | RSA |
| 5          | BEUGRE Bedi Paul Alex | CIV |
| 6          | ALI-MOUSSA Jibril     | ALG |
| 7          | RAMADAN Ibrahim       | EGY |
| 8          | SANER Harry           | RSA |

| Women's Foil |                      |     |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1            | ELSHARKAWY Yara      | EGY |
| 2            | MOHAMED Noura        | EGY |
| 3            | MEBARKI Meriem       | ALG |
| 3            | HANY Noha            | EGY |
| 5            | ZBOUDJ Sonia         | ALG |
| 6            | GUEMMAR Chaima Nihal | ALG |
| 7            | TANTAST Yasmine      | ALG |
| 8            | VAN MANEN Anokha     | RSA |

| Men's Foil |                            |     |
|------------|----------------------------|-----|
| 1          | HAMZA Mohamed              | EGY |
| 2          | VALETTI Luca               | RSA |
| 3          | SANAA Youssef              | EGY |
| 3          | MADY Yahia                 | EGY |
| 5          | SANER Harry                | RSA |
| 6          | WAGNER Edwin               | RSA |
| 7          | EGBESEMIRONE Oritsematosan | NGR |
| 8          | BEUGRE Bedi Paul Alex      | CIV |

| Women's Sabre |                           |     |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1             | BENADOUDA Chaima          | ALG |
| 2             | ALI Yassmin               | EGY |
| 3             | KOUTOGLO Abila Françoise  | TOG |
| 3             | DAGHFOUS Yasmine          | TUN |
| 5             | BENCHEKOR Naila           | ALG |
| 6             | DEMBELE Alima             | MLI |
| 7             | MOHAMED BELKEBIR Kaouther | ALG |
| 8             | AMOKA NGUINE Josie. Laure | CMR |

| Men's Sabre |                      |     |
|-------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1           | FERJANI Ahmed        | TUN |
| 2           | MAIRI Anis           | ALG |
| 3           | ELARABY Mazen        | EGY |
| 3           | SAMAKE Mahamadou     | MLI |
| 5           | BOUNABI Akram        | ALG |
| 6           | GAYE Babacar Diop    | SEN |
| 7           | IZEM Adem Abdelhacib | ALG |
| 8           | KEITA Babacar Sadih  | SEN |

### RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | EGY | 1          | EGY | 1            | EGY | 1          | EGY | 1             | ALG | 1           | ALG |
| 2            | ALG | 2          | RSA | 2            | RSA | 2          | RSA | 2             | TOG | 2           | MLI |
| 3            | RSA | 3          | CIV | 3            | CIV | 3          | CIV | 3             | NGR | 3           | SEN |
| 4            | CIV | 4          | GHA | 4            | TOG | 4          | GHA |               |     | 4           | TOG |
| 5            | GHA |            |     | 5            | ALG |            |     |               |     |             |     |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| EGY | 8    | 3      | 6      | 17    |
| ALG | 3    | 3      | 1      | 7     |
| RSA | 0    | 4      | 2      | 6     |
| CIV | 0    | 0      | 3      | 3     |
| TOG | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| MLI | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| TUN | 1    | 0      | 1      | 2     |
| SEN | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| NGR | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| GHA | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 100  
Number of countries: 13

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 18          | 5     |
| Men's Epee    | 22          | 4     |
| Women's Foil  | 18          | 5     |
| Men's Foil    | 17          | 4     |
| Women's Sabre | 9           | 3     |
| Men's Sabre   | 16          | 4     |

### 3.5.4.2. AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS - SENIORS 2018

These championships were held in **Tunis (TUN) from 5th to 9th June 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

#### OFFICIALS :

|            |          |     |                                       |
|------------|----------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Hassene    | Zouari   | TUN | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Olga       | Cojocari | MDA | FIE Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Jamel      | Ferjani  | TUN | CAE Medical Commission Delegate       |
| Hadi Islam | Bilel    | ALG | SEMI-CAE Commission Delegate          |

#### REFEREES :

|               |              |     |           |                         |     |
|---------------|--------------|-----|-----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Andreas       | Douvis       | GRE | Amine     | Akkari                  | TUN |
| Zakaria Ameur | Tair         | ALG | Moustapha | Sall Mouhamadou         | SEN |
| Mohamed Ali   | B'chir       | TUN | Anis      | Hammami                 | TUN |
| Ouassila      | Yemmi        | ALG | Natalia   | Zhuravleva              | RUS |
| Samir         | Hajji        | TUN | Noel      | Beugre Djedjh Christian | CIV |
| Vilem         | Madr         | CZE | Ehab      | Abushkewa               | LBA |
| Iheb          | Ben Chaabene | TUN | Mannad    | Ghazy                   | EGY |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                     |     |
|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1            | MEDANY Aya          | EGY |
| 2            | EHAB Nardin         | EGY |
| 3            | BOUBAKRI Ines       | TUN |
| 3            | SAKOA Gbahi Gwladys | CIV |
| 5            | MAHDY Ayah          | EGY |
| 6            | GABER Salwa         | EGY |
| 7            | MANSOURI Maya       | TUN |
| 8            | GHRIB Nesrine       | TUN |

| Men's Epee |                          |     |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1          | ELKORD Houssam           | MAR |
| 2          | ELSOKKARY Ahmad          | EGY |
| 3          | BOUZAIID Alexandre       | SEN |
| 3          | ELSAYED Ahmed            | EGY |
| 5          | MOHSEN Mahmoud           | EGY |
| 6          | ADEL Abdelrahman         | EGY |
| 7          | DIABATE Keletigui Julien | MLI |
| 8          | ZAYER Wajdi              | TUN |



| Women's Foil |                 |     |
|--------------|-----------------|-----|
| 1            | BOUBAKRI Ines   | TUN |
| 2            | ELSHARKAWY Yara | EGY |
| 3            | HANY Noha       | EGY |
| 3            | MOHAMED Noura   | EGY |
| 5            | MEBARKI Meriem  | ALG |
| 6            | JABRI Haifa     | TUN |
| 7            | SETHOM Fatma    | TUN |
| 8            | ZEBOUDJ Sonia   | ALG |

| Men's Foil |                        |     |
|------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1          | ABOUELKASSEM Alaaeldin | EGY |
| 2          | FERJANI Mohamed Ayoub  | TUN |
| 3          | ESSAM Mohamed          | EGY |
| 3          | SINTES Hamid           | ALG |
| 5          | METOUI Mohamed Aziz    | TUN |
| 6          | SAMANDI Mohamed        | TUN |
| 7          | HAMZA Mohamed          | EGY |
| 8          | HEROUI Salim           | ALG |

| Women's Sabre |                    |     |
|---------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1             | BESBES Azza        | TUN |
| 2             | HAFEZ Nada         | EGY |
| 3             | BOUNGAB Abik       | ALG |
| 3             | MOHAMED Lina       | EGY |
| 5             | BEN CHAABANE Amira | TUN |
| 6             | OLAODE Blessing    | NGR |
| 7             | MONTASER Nour      | EGY |
| 8             | GHRAIRI Yosra      | TUN |

| Men's Sabre |                |     |
|-------------|----------------|-----|
| 1           | FERJANI Fares  | TUN |
| 2           | AMER Mohamed   | EGY |
| 3           | SAMER Mohab    | EGY |
| 3           | SMANDI Hichem  | TUN |
| 5           | AMR Ahmed      | EGY |
| 6           | FERJANI Ahmed  | TUN |
| 7           | KONTE Ibrahima | SEN |
| 8           | AYMAN Mostafa  | EGY |

## RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee |     | Men's Epee |     | Women's Foil |     | Men's Foil |     | Women's Sabre |     | Men's Sabre |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|--------------|-----|------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------------|-----|
| 1            | EGY | 1          | EGY | 1            | TUN | 1          | EGY | 1             | TUN | 1           | EGY |
| 2            | TUN | 2          | SEN | 2            | ALG | 2          | TUN | 2             | EGY | 2           | TUN |
| 3            | ALG | 3          | ALG | 3            | EGY | 3          | ALG | 3             | ALG | 3           | ALG |
| 4            | RSA | 4          | LBA |              |     | 4          | CIV | 4             | SEN | 4           | SEN |
| 5            | SEN | 5          | TUN |              |     |            |     |               |     | 5           | MLI |
|              |     | 6          | CIV |              |     |            |     |               |     |             |     |

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## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| EGY | 6    | 6      | 7      | 19    |
| TUN | 5    | 4      | 2      | 11    |
| ALG | 0    | 1      | 7      | 8     |
| SEN | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| MAR | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| CIV | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 122  
 Number of countries: 19

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 21          | 5     |
| Men's Epee    | 31          | 6     |
| Women's Foil  | 12          | 3     |
| Men's Foil    | 18          | 4     |
| Women's Sabre | 16          | 4     |
| Men's Sabre   | 21          | 5     |



## 3.6 MEDITERRANEAN GAMES 2018

The Mediterranean Games were held in **Tarragona (ESP)** from **24th to 25th June 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS :

|              |                |     |   |
|--------------|----------------|-----|---|
| Pierre       | Thullberg      | SWE | President of the Directoire Technique - |
| Aristea      | Polychroniadou | GRE | Member of the Directoire Technique      |
| José Luis    | Alvarez Gil    | ESP | Member of the Directoire Technique      |
| Olga         | Cojocari       | MDA | Member of the Refereeing Commission     |
| Giandomenico | Varallo        | ITA | Member of the SEMI Commission           |

### REFEREES :

|            |                 |     |           |            |     |
|------------|-----------------|-----|-----------|------------|-----|
| Ehab       | Abushkewa       | LBA | Maria     | Steinberg  | ESP |
| Efstathios | Gerossideris    | GRE | Islam     | Emad       | EGY |
| Vilem      | Madr            | CZE | Alberto   | Pascual    | ESP |
| Andre      | Piatko          | FRA | Marcus    | Schulz     | GER |
| Giuliano   | Ranza           | ITA | Andrés    | Hernandez  | ESP |
| Pablo      | Rejas del Campo | ESP | Jose Luis | Ochotorena | ESP |

### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |  |     |
|--------------|--|-----|
| 1            | MARZANI Roberta                          | ITA |
| 2            | JACQUES A. C. Josephine                  | FRA |
| 3            | FOIETTA Nicol                            | ITA |
| 3            | REMBI Lauren                             | FRA |
| 5            | SIDIROPOULOU-CHRISTODOULOU Niki-Katerina | GRE |
| 6            | KISKAPUSI Dora                           | ESP |
| 7            | CISNEROS Alejandra                       | ESP |
| 8            | MAVRIKIOU Irina                          | CYP |

| Men's Epee |                  |     |
|------------|------------------|-----|
| 1          | PEREIRA Yulen    | ESP |
| 2          | CANNONE Romain   | FRA |
| 3          | ELKORD Houssam   | MAR |
| 3          | GALLY Aymerick   | FRA |
| 5          | CANDEIAS Ricardo | POR |
| 6          | ROD Max          | POR |
| 7          | ELSOKKARY Ahmad  | EGY |
| 8          | PIZZO Paolo      | ITA |

| Women's Foil |                                     |     |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-----|
| 1            | BOUBAKRI Ines                       | TUN |
| 2            | DE COSTANZO Valentina               | ITA |
| 3            | MIENVILLE Julie                     | FRA |
| 3            | MPAH-NJANGA Jeromine                | FRA |
| 5            | MARINO Maria                        | ESP |
| 6            | KARAMETE Irem                       | TUR |
| 7            | CIPRESSA Erica                      | ITA |
| 8            | KONTOCHRISTOPOULOU Aikaterini-Maria | GRE |

| Women's Sabre |                        |     |
|---------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1             | BESBES Azza            | TUN |
| 2             | CIARAGLIA Sofia        | ITA |
| 3             | GEORGIADOU Despina     | GRE |
| 3             | MARTIN-PORTUGUES Lucia | ESP |
| 5             | MORMILE Chiara         | ITA |
| 6             | GKOUNTOURA Theodora    | GRE |
| 7             | RIFKISS Margaux        | FRA |
| 8             | NAVARRO Araceli        | ESP |

### MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| TUN | 2    | 0      | 0      | 2     |
| ITA | 1    | 2      | 1      | 4     |
| ESP | 1    | 0      | 1      | 2     |
| FRA | 0    | 2      | 4      | 6     |
| GRE | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| MAR | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |

### PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 53

Number of countries: 16

| Weapons       | Individuals |
|---------------|-------------|
| Women's Epee  | 13          |
| Men's Epee    | 15          |
| Women's Foil  | 14          |
| Women's Sabre | 11          |

## 3.7 AFRICAN YOUTH GAMES 2018

The African Youth Games were held in **Algiers (ALG)** from **18th to 28th July 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

|         |             |     |  |
|---------|-------------|-----|--|
| Hassene | Zouari      | TUN | President of the Directoire Technique    |
| Ahmed   | Gana        | ALG | Member of the Directoire Technique - CAE |
| Hadi    | Bilel Islam | ALG | Member of the Directoire Technique - CAE |

### REFEREES:

|          |            |     |        |           |     |
|----------|------------|-----|--------|-----------|-----|
| Ouassila | Yemmi      | ALG | Anis   | Hammami   | TUN |
| Khadidja | Zerabib    | ALG | Nassim | Derragui  | ALG |
| Benjamin | Denzer     | GER | Ehab   | Abushkewa | LBA |
| Georges  | Tsouroutas | GRE |        |           |     |

### RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                     |     |
|--------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1            | MALEK Leia Racha    | ALG |
| 2            | NASR Ahd            | EGY |
| 3            | ZEBOUDJ Yousra      | ALG |
| 3            | GHEHAM Maroua       | ALG |
| 5            | SINA Aïssatou Marie | SEN |
| 6            | COULIBALY Diakassan | MLI |
| 7            | DOUMBIA Minata      | MLI |
| 8            | ANADI Pre Charlene  | TOG |

| Men's Epee |                      |     |
|------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1          | SALEH Mohamed        | EGY |
| 2          | KRAIRA Mohamed Chrif | ALG |
| 3          | MEJRI Rayen          | TUN |
| 3          | SAYARI Tarak         | TUN |
| 5          | ABUBAKER Algadi      | LBA |
| 6          | ABUJATILLAH Anas     | LBA |
| 7          | AL GHADI Abdulmalek  | LBA |
| 8          | DELLALI Souhil       | ALG |

| Women's Foil |                      |     |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1            | ZEBOUDJ Sonia        | ALG |
| 2            | SEDKY Mariam         | EGY |
| 3            | MEBARKI Mariem       | ALG |
| 3            | GUEMMAR Chaima Nihal | ALG |
| 5            | HELLARA Ferdaous     | TUN |
| 6            | BOUJEMAA Sara        | TUN |
| 7            | SENYO Grace          | TOG |
| 8            | CISSE Assifa         | MLI |

| Men's Foil |                         |     |
|------------|-------------------------|-----|
| 1          | MADY Yahia              | EGY |
| 2          | ALBERT Virgil           | ALG |
| 3          | FENNICHE Mohamed Rayane | TUN |
| 3          | FELLAH Dani-Adam        | ALG |
| 5          | HEROUI Wassim           | ALG |
| 6          | RHIM Farouk             | TUN |
| 7          | HAMMEMI Sofiene         | TUN |
| 8          | SYLLA Mohamed           | GUI |

| Women's Sabre |                           |     |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1             | BENADOUDA Chaima          | ALG |
| 2             | MOHAMED BELKEBIR Kaouther | ALG |
| 3             | KOFFI Adjoua Naomie       | CIV |
| 3             | BENCHEKOR Naila           | ALG |
| 5             | DOUMBIA Aminata           | MLI |
| 6             | MOHAMED Jana              | EGY |
| 7             | DEMBELE Aichata           | MLI |
| 8             | BEN AZIZI Nadia           | TUN |

| Men's Sabre |                       |     |
|-------------|-----------------------|-----|
| 1           | MOATAZ Adham          | EGY |
| 2           | HMISSI Amenallah      | TUN |
| 3           | BOUNACEUR Belsem      | ALG |
| 3           | DEKKAR Nizar          | ALG |
| 5           | BILE Mdraman Guy Ange | CIV |
| 6           | FERJANI Rayen         | TUN |
| 7           | BEN AMAR Islam        | TUN |
| 8           | GOA Nemlin Moise      | CIV |

### RESULTS OF TEAM EVENTS

| Women's Epee | Men's Epee | Women's Foil | Men's Foil | Women's Sabre | Men's Sabre |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1 ALG        | 1 EGY      | 1 ALG        | 1 EGY      | 1 ALG         | 1 EGY       |
| 2 EGY        | 2 LBA      | 2 EGY        | 2 ALG      | 2 TUN         | 2 TUN       |
| 3 TOG        | 3 TUN      | 3 TOG        | 3 TUN      | 3 EGY         | 3 ALG       |
| 3 SEN        | 3 ALG      | 3 TUN        |            | 4 MLI         |             |
|              | 5 COD      |              |            |               |             |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| ALG | 6    | 4      | 10     | 20    |
| EGY | 6    | 4      | 1      | 11    |
| TUN |      | 3      | 6      | 9     |
| TOG |      |        | 2      | 2     |
| LBA |      | 1      |        | 1     |
| MLI |      |        | 1      | 1     |
| CIV |      |        | 1      | 1     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 62

Number of countries: 15

| Weapons       | Individuals | Teams |
|---------------|-------------|-------|
| Women's Epee  | 8           | 4     |
| Men's Epee    | 14          | 5     |
| Women's Foil  | 9           | 4     |
| Men's Foil    | 8           | 3     |
| Women's Sabre | 13          | 4     |
| Men's Sabre   | 10          | 3     |

## 3.8 ASIAN GAMES 2018

The Asian Games were held in **Jakarta - Palembang (INA)** from **18th August to 2nd September 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

|           |            |     |                                       |
|-----------|------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Abbas     | Faryabi    | IRI | President of the Directoire technique |
| Marilee   | Estampador | PHI | FCA Technical Delegate                |
| Zhao Rong | Loo        | SGP | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Harry     | Jost       | INA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Eyyad     | Maghayreh  | JOR | FCA Refereeing Commission Delegate    |
| Davood    | Shafaat    | IRI | FIE Medical Commission Delegate       |
| Norihito  | Ando       | JPN | Delegate of the SEMI-FCA Commission   |
| Aida      | Khasanova  | UZB | Head of protocol                      |

### REFEREES:

|                 |                  |     |                |           |     |
|-----------------|------------------|-----|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Anas            | Alkayeed         | JOR | Alaa           | Falah     | IRQ |
| Hassen Matok    | Alquarishi       | KSA | Ernest Wee Kun | Chua      | SIN |
| Mohammad Hassan | Sedighi          | IRI | Deepak Singh   | Patial    | IND |
| Jong Sik        | Choi             | KOR | Le Ba Quang    | Nguyen    | VIE |
| Yefei           | Jiang            | CHN | Edi            | Suwarto   | INA |
| Ken-Ichi        | Sasada           | JPN | Indri          | Indriawan | INA |
| Vincent         | Tsui Man Sum     | HKG | Andi           | Sukmawan  | INA |
| Hao Chih        | Huang            | TPE | Medhat         | El Bakry  | EGY |
| Nunta           | Chantasuvannasin | THA | Marius         | Florea    | ROM |
| Yevgeniy        | Dyaokokin        | KAZ | Iana           | Ruzavina  | RUS |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

### Women's Epee

|   |                     |     |
|---|---------------------|-----|
| 1 | KNAG Youngni        | KOR |
| 2 | SUN Yiwen           | CHN |
| 3 | KONG Man Wai Vivian | HKG |
| 3 | CHOI Injeong        | KOR |

### Men's Epee

|   |                  |     |
|---|------------------|-----|
| 1 | ALEXANIN Dimitry | KAZ |
| 2 | PARK Sangyoung   | CHN |
| 3 | KANO Koki        | JPN |
| 3 | JUNG Jinsun      | KOR |

### Women's Foil

|   |               |     |
|---|---------------|-----|
| 1 | JEON Hee Sook | KOR |
| 2 | FU Yiting     | CHN |
| 3 | AZUMA Sera    | JPN |
| 3 | LIU Yan Wai   | HKG |

### Men's Foil

|   |                |     |
|---|----------------|-----|
| 1 | HUANG Mengkai  | CHN |
| 2 | CHOI N. Edward | HKG |
| 3 | SON Young      | KOR |
| 3 | CHEUNG Ka Long | HKG |

### Women's Sabre

|   |               |     |
|---|---------------|-----|
| 1 | QIAN Jiarui   | CHN |
| 2 | SHAO Yaqi     | CHN |
| 3 | KIM Jiyeon    | KOR |
| 3 | TAMURA Norika | JPN |

### Men's Sabre

|   |                 |     |
|---|-----------------|-----|
| 1 | GU Bongil       | KOR |
| 2 | OH Sanguk       | KOR |
| 3 | E. PAKDAMAN Ali | IRI |
| 3 | LOW Ho Tin      | HKG |

## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| KOR | 6    | 3      | 6      | 15    |
| CHN | 3    | 6      | 2      | 11    |
| JPN | 2    | 0      | 6      | 8     |
| KAZ | 1    | 0      | 2      | 3     |
| HKG | 0    | 2      | 6      | 8     |
| IRI | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 160

Number of countries: 24

| Weapons       | Individuals |
|---------------|-------------|
| Women's Epee  | 30          |
| Men's Epee    | 32          |
| Women's Foil  | 25          |
| Men's Foil    | 29          |
| Women's Sabre | 22          |
| Men's Sabre   | 22          |

## 3.9 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES 2018

The Youth Olympic Games were held in **Buenos Aires (ARG)** from **07th to 10th October 2018**.

The officials and referees appointed by the FIE were as follows:

### OFFICIALS:

|               |              |     |                                       |
|---------------|--------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| Arno          | Schneider    | BRA | Event delegate                        |
| Pierre        | Thullberg    | SWE | President of the Directoire Technique |
| Atilio        | Tass         | USA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Sonia         | Mcgregor     | RSA | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Victor Sergio | Groupierre   | ARG | Member of the Directoire Technique    |
| Mohamed       | El Motawakel | EGY | Member of the Refereeing Commission   |
| Claus         | Janka        | GER | Member of the Refereeing Commission   |
| Irina         | Knysch       | RSA | Member of the Refereeing Commission   |
| Salah         | Ferjani      | TUN | Member of the Refereeing Commission   |
| Gamil         | Elzeftawi    | EGY | Member of the SEMI Commission         |
| Antonio       | Fiore        | ITA | President of the Medical Commission   |

### REFEREES:

|                  |             |     |                |             |     |
|------------------|-------------|-----|----------------|-------------|-----|
| Mihail           | Paghiev     | MDA | Andrei         | Kovrijnykh  | RSA |
| Juan Carlos      | Rios Rivera | MEX | Juan           | Liendo      | VEN |
| Emanuele         | Bucca       | ITA | Natalia        | Zhuravleva  | RUS |
| Medhat           | El Bakry    | EGY | Kelly          | Koehler     | USA |
| Vasil            | Milenchev   | BUL | Adriana Nayla  | Attar Cohen | ARG |
| Fikrat           | Valiyev     | AZE | Sergio Ricardo | Turiace     | ARG |
| Florin Sebastian | Gheorghie   | ROU | Alejandro José | Macri       | ARG |
| Andreas          | Douvis      | GRE | Juan Pablo     | Barbosa     | ARG |

### QUALIFIED ATHLETES

| Epee feminine<br>Women's epee<br>Espada femenina                             | Epee masculine<br>Men's Epee<br>Espada masculina | Fleuret feminine<br>Women's foil<br>Florete femenina | Fleuret masculine<br>Men's foil<br>Florete masculina | Sabre feminine<br>Women's sabre<br>Sable femenina | Sabre masculine<br>Men's sabre<br>Sable masculina |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| HSIEH Kaylin Sin Yan (1) <b>HKG</b>  | DI VEROLI Davide (1) <b>ITA</b>                  | UENO Yuka (1) <b>JPN</b>                             | BRAVO Kenji (1) <b>USA</b>                           | PUSZTAI Liza (1) <b>HUN</b>                       | PASTIN Andrei (1) <b>ROU</b>                      |
| VERWEULE Emily (2) <b>USA</b>  | ASAMI Seiya (3) <b>JPN</b>                       | TIEU May (2) <b>USA</b>                              | BEM Maciej (3) <b>POL</b>                            | BOTELLO Natalia (2) <b>MEX</b>                    | VIDOVSKY Robert (2) <b>USA</b>                    |
| LIM Taehae (3) <b>KOR</b>  | TOLASOV Artur (5) <b>RUS</b>                     | FAVARETTO Martina (3) <b>ITA</b>                     | CERVANTES Diego(3) <b>MEX</b>                        | ANGLADE Alexis (3) <b>USA</b>                     | RABB Krisztian (3) <b>HUN</b>                     |
| MURIDOVA Tamila (3) <b>KAZ</b>   | BIRO Alexander (6) <b>AUT</b>                    | KO Christelle Joy (6) <b>HKG</b>                     | MACCHI Filippo (5) <b>ITA</b>                        | KLYUCHNIKOVA Alina (3) <b>RUS</b>                 | SANTAMARIA Alonso (3) <b>ESP</b>                  |
| WASIAK Axelie (5) <b>BEL</b>   | HERBST Isaac (7) <b>USA</b>                      | CANDESCU Rebeca (7) <b>ROU</b>                       | SPICHIGER Armand (7) <b>FRA</b>                      | ILEVA Yoana (5) <b>BUL</b>                        | JARRY Samuel (6) <b>FRA</b>                       |
| BEKMURZOVA Iana (6) <b>RUS</b>   | BOUDUNOV Khasan (8) <b>KGZ</b>                   | LAWSKA Magdalena (9) <b>POL</b>                      | CHAN Pak Hei (8) <b>HKG</b>                          | MA Ho Chee (8) <b>HKG</b>                         | HYUN Jun (11) <b>KOR</b>                          |
| DEKANY Kings (7) <b>HUN</b>  | VELTRUP Paul (9) <b>GER</b>                      | ZSOLDOSI Karolina (10) <b>HUN</b>                    | WINTERBERG-POULSEN Jonas (10) <b>DEN</b>             | LIN Kesi (12) <b>CHN</b>                          | SANTANA Hudson (13) <b>PUR</b>                    |
| CHORNYI Kateryna (14) <b>UKR</b>   | LI Zhiwei (12) <b>CHN</b>                        | AGURERO GONZALEZ Anabella (12) <b>VEN</b>            | LIM Matthew James Quan Rong (19) <b>SGP</b>          | ERBIL Nisanur (13) <b>TUR</b>                     | KATO Hibiki (17) <b>JPN</b>                       |
| LEONARD Ariane (20) <b>CAN</b>   | ELSAYED Mohamed (16) <b>EGY</b>                  | FU Yingying (15) <b>CHN</b>                          | MAROUF Loay (40) <b>EGY</b>                          | LEE Juwon (18) <b>KOR</b>                         | ELARABY Mazen (19) <b>EGY</b>                     |
| ZEBOUJ Youssra (34) <b>ALG</b>   | HSIEH JAROV Seraphim (33) <b>CAN</b>             | HANY Noha (51) <b>EGY</b>                            | TAN Lawrence Everett (42) <b>PHI</b>                 | BENADOUA Chaima (42) <b>ALG</b>                   | SHAKER Amrithossain (34) <b>IRI</b>               |
| <b>Additional quota</b>  |  |  |  |   |   |
| AMER Meiam (35) <b>EGY</b>   |  | CAULFIELD Jane (14) <b>CAN</b>                       | CHEN Yi-Tung (13) <b>TPE</b>                         |   | HEATHCOCK Antonio (8) <b>GER</b>                  |
|  |  | SALMAS Giorgia (42) <b>AUS</b>                       | CICCARELLI Robert (48) <b>AUS</b>                    |   |   |
| <b>Universality Places</b>   |  |  |  |   |   |
| DYNER VILLA Karina <b>CRC</b>  |  | SENYO Grace <b>TOG</b>                               |  |   | MAHBAS Mahdi Raheem <b>IRQ</b>                    |
| ABOU JAOUDE Marie-Joe <b>LBN</b>   |  |  |  |   | ALBAHRANI Ali Saeed <b>KSA</b>                    |
|  |  |  |  |   | COLY Moustapha <b>SEN</b>                         |
| <b>Host country places</b>   |  |  |  |   |   |
| BIELISOVA Veronika (10) <b>CZE</b>   | PEREZ CONTRERAS Ignacio <b>ARG</b>               | THEPAUT Venissia (11) <b>FRA</b>                     | CHARREU Antonio (12) <b>POR</b>                      | CORTEYN Jolien (10) <b>BEL</b>                    | RIOS Matias <b>ARG</b>                            |
| <b>Europe</b>  | <b>Asia</b>                                      | <b>Oceania</b>                                       |  |   |   |
| <b>America</b>   | <b>Africa</b>                                    | <b>Universality places</b>                           |  |   |   |
| REALLOCATION AFTER QUOTA PLACE NOT ACCEPTED; HOST COUNTRY PLACE NOT ACCEPTED |  |  |  |   |   |

## RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Women's Epee |                      |     |
|--------------|----------------------|-----|
| 1            | CHORNIY Kateryna     | UKR |
| 2            | HSIEH Kaylin Sin Yan | HKG |
| 3            | BIELESZOVA Veronika  | CZE |
| 4            | WASIAK Axelle        | BEL |
| 5            | VERMEULE Emily       | USA |
| 6            | LEONARD Ariane       | CAN |
| 7            | DEKANY Kinga         | HUN |
| 8            | LIM Taehee           | KOR |

| Men's Epee |                  |     |
|------------|------------------|-----|
| 1          | DI VEROLI Davide | ITA |
| 2          | VELTRUP Paul     | GER |
| 3          | BAUDUNOV Khasan  | KGZ |
| 4          | ELSAVED Mohamed  | EGY |
| 5          | BIRO Alexander   | AUT |
| 6          | ASAMI Seiya      | JPN |
| 7          | TOLASOV Artur    | RUS |
| 8          | HERBST Isaac     | USA |

| Women's Foil |                           |     |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1            | UENO Yuka                 | JPN |
| 2            | FAVARETTO Martina         | ITA |
| 3            | TIEU May                  | USA |
| 4            | ACURERO GONZALEZ Anabella | VEN |
| 5            | CAULFIELD Jane            | CAN |
| 6            | FU Yingying               | CHN |
| 7            | KO Christelle Joy         | HKG |
| 8            | HANY Noha                 | EGY |

| Men's Foil |                          |     |
|------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1          | SPICHIGER Armand         | FRA |
| 2          | BRAVO Kenji              | USA |
| 3          | WINTERBERG-POULSEN Jonas | DEN |
| 4          | BEM Maciej               | POL |
| 5          | CERVANTES Diego          | MEX |
| 6          | CHEN Yi-Tung             | TPE |
| 7          | MACCHI Filippo           | ITA |
| 8          | CHAN Pak Hei             | HKG |

| Women's Sabre |                           |     |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----|
| 1             | PUSZTAI Liza              | HUN |
| 2             | BOTELLO CERVANTES Natalia | MEX |
| 3             | LEE Jueun                 | KOR |
| 4             | CORTEYN Jolien BEL        | BEL |
| 5             | ILIEVA Yoana              | BUL |
| 6             | LIN Kesi                  | CHN |
| 7             | ANGLADE Alexis            | USA |
| 8             | KLIUCHNIKOVA Alina        | RUS |

| Men's Sabre |                   |     |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| 1           | RABB Krisztian    | HUN |
| 2           | HYUN Jun          | KOR |
| 3           | ELARABY Mazen     | EGY |
| 4           | VIDOVSZKY Robert  | USA |
| 5           | JARRY Samuel      | FRA |
| 6           | SANTAMARIA Alonso | ESP |
| 7           | HEATHCOCK Antonio | GER |
| 8           | KATO Hibiki       | JPN |

## RESULTS OF MIXED EVENTS

| Ranking | Team           |
|---------|----------------|
| 1       | EUROPE 1       |
| 2       | ASIA-OCEANIA 1 |
| 3       | AMERICA 1      |
| 4       | EUROPE 3       |
| 5       | ASIA-OCEANIA 2 |
| 6       | EUROPE 2       |
| 7       | AMERICA 2      |
| 8       | AFRICA         |



## MEDALS TABLE

|     | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
|-----|------|--------|--------|-------|
| HUN | 2    | 0      | 0      | 2     |
| ITA | 1    | 1      | 0      | 2     |
| JPN | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| UKR | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| FRA | 1    | 0      | 0      | 1     |
| USA | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| GER | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| MEX | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| HKG | 0    | 1      | 0      | 1     |
| KOR | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| KGZ | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| DEN | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| EGY | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |
| CZE | 0    | 0      | 1      | 1     |

## PARTICIPATION

Number of fencers: 78

Number of countries: 41

| Weapons       | Individuals |
|---------------|-------------|
| Women's Epee  | 14          |
| Men's Epee    | 11          |
| Women's Foil  | 14          |
| Men's Foil    | 13          |
| Women's Sabre | 11          |
| Men's Sabre   | 15          |





**Auditor's report on the limited audit**

with annual accounts as at 31 December 2018 of the

**Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime (International Fencing Federation),  
Lausanne**





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To the Congress of the members of the

**Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime (International Fencing Federation), Lausanne**

Lausanne, 30 April 2019

**Auditor's report on the limited audit**

In our capacity as auditors, we have audited the annual accounts (balance sheet, profit and loss account and annex) of the Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime (International Fencing Federation) for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Responsibility for the preparation of the annual accounts falls to the management, while our task consists of auditing those accounts. We declare that we meet the legal requirements for approval and independence.

Our audit was performed according to the Swiss standard for limited audits. This standard requires the audit to be planned and performed in such a way that significant irregularities in the annual accounts can be detected. A limited audit mainly encompasses examinations, analytical auditing operations as well as appropriate detailed audits of documents available in the audited company. However, verifications of operating cash flows and the internal control system, as well as hearings and other audit operations intended to detect fraud or other violations of the law, do not form part of this audit.

During our audit, we did not discover any element that might lead us to conclude that the annual accounts are not in accordance with the law (Arts. 957 et seq. of the Code of Obligations) and the Statutes.

Ernst & Young SA

Serge Clément  
Approved auditor  
(Chief Auditor)

Pascal Tréhan  
Approved auditor

**Annex**

- ▶ Annual accounts (balance sheet, income statement and annex)

## FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

June 9, 2019

Dear President,  
Ladies and Gentlemen and Honorary Members,  
Ladies and Gentlemen and Presidents of Federations,  
Ladies and Gentlemen and Congress participants,

I am pleased to submit for your approval the balance sheet and income statement for the financial year 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December), together with the budget for 2020 (1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December).

### 1. INCOME STATEMENT

#### SUMMARY

The income and expenditure accounts for the financial period submitted for your approval indicate an excess of revenues over expenses amounting to CHF 2 775 027.

I would like to express once again my appreciation to the President of our Federation for his generous donations of CHF 5 000 000 and CHF 11 335 000 for the 105th anniversary of the FIE, which allowed us to implement our programmes without any budget overrun.

#### EXPENSES

**Total administrative charges: CHF 2 904 529**      4.29% below budget

Of which:

- 1) Payroll expenses: **CHF 1 368 148**; 2.27% below budget.
- 2) Administration expenses: **CHF 451 464**; 4.95% below budget.

The main categories are:

- |                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Office rental               | CHF 119 644 |
| Fees                        | CHF 84 608  |
| Translation services        | CHF 95 708  |
| IT                          | CHF 34 986  |
| Miscellaneous insurances    | CHF 49 036  |
| Post and telecommunications | CHF 30 918  |
- 3) Organization of the FIE Congress in Paris – **CHF 286 078**; 4.64% below budget.
  - 4) Bureau and Executive Committee (meetings) - **CHF 296 468**; 1.17% below budget.
  - 5) Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel (CHM) –  
**CHF 98 490**; 1.51% below budget.

The categories are:

|   |     |        |
|---|-----|--------|
| Executive Committee expenses for travel | CHF | 59 250 |
| Per diem for the Executive Committee    | CHF | 9 035  |
| Employees' expenses for travel          | CHF | 30 205 |

6) Commissions and Councils - **CHF 254 972**; 1.98 % above budget.

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Refereeing        | One meeting |
| Legal             | One meeting |
| SEMI              | One meeting |
| Medical           | One meeting |
| PCM               | One meeting |
| Rules             | One meeting |
| Veterans          | One meeting |
| Woman and Fencing | One meeting |
| Coaches:          | One meeting |
| Athletes          | One meeting |
| Fair-play         | One meeting |

7) SPORT ACCORD anti-doping management services, out-of-competition testing and promoting anti-doping- **CHF 143 216**; 4.52% below budget.

8) Amortisation - **CHF 5 692**; 90.51% below budget.

**Total financial charges:** **CHF 34 546** 72.73% below budget.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 1) Financial expenses - bank charges   | <b>CHF 19 752</b> , 97.52% above budget. |
| 2) Provisions/losses -   | <b>CHF 14 794</b> 47.94% above budget    |
| 3) Provision for overtime and holidays not taken as well as income 2017 social charges | <b>CHF 192 522</b>                       |

**Total charges for Sport department:** **CHF 2 919 668** 16.78% below budget.

- 1) Subsidies to the Confederations – **CHF 224 947**; 1.33 % *below budget*.
- 2) Equipment for the Federations – **CHF 446 000**; 25.66% *below budget*.

| <b>Continent</b> | <b>Number of Federations</b> | <b>Amount in CHF</b> | <b>%</b>    |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Africa           | 25                           | 115 000.             | 25.78%      |
| Americas         | 22                           | 96 000.              | 21.52%      |
| Asia             | 22                           | 103 000              | 23.10%      |
| Europe           | 25                           | 115 000              | 25.78%      |
| Oceania          | 4                            | 17 000               | 3.82%       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>98</b>                    | <b>446 000</b>       | <b>100%</b> |

- 3) Schools and training for Fencing Masters - **CHF 649 794**; 14.50% *below budget*.
- 4) Training course prior to World Championships – **CHF 99 113**; 0.88% *below budget*.
- 5) Refereeing: examinations, seminars, bonuses - **CHF 345 430**; 26.50% *below budget*.
- 6) Assistance to the Federations (1+1+1) - **CHF 569 848**; 18.71% *above budget*.
- 7) J/C World Championships – **CHF 91 474**; 6.65% *below budget*.
- 8) Seniors/veterans World Championships - **CHF 118 210**; 24.94% *below budget*.
- 9) Grand Prix, World Cups, CHZ – **CHF 37 423**; 50.10% *below budget*.
- 10) Service providers - **CHF 34 439**; 65.56% *below budget*.
- 11) “Athletes Career” program - **CHF 330**; 99.34 % *below budget*.
- 12) Confederations’ sporting directors - **CHF 96 000**; 20.00% *below budget*.
- 13) Projects - **CHF 64 615**; 56.92% *below budget*.
- 14) YOG 2018- **CHF 142 045**; 18.37% *above budget*

## Communication/Marketing/TV:

**CHF 2 721 360**

*2.54 % below budget*

- 1) Video portal/ Digital content / Website - **CHF 264 198; 0.83% above budget.**
- |                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Digital content - | CHF 250 121 |
| Video portal -    | CHF 0       |
| Website -         | CHF 14 077  |
- 2) Magazines - **CHF 146 244; 5.64% below budget.**
- 3) Communication - **CHF 51 798; 3.59% above budget.**
- 4) Marketing - **CHF 77 723; 2.84% below budget.**
- 5) Events - **CHF 353 103; 35.13% below budget.**
- 6) Service providers - **CHF 204 294; 13.49% above budget.**
- 7) TV Broadcast (Eurosport, Euronews, CNN) - **CHF 1 521 000; 0% identical to budget.**
- 8) Exchange rate difference TV broadcast - **CHF103 000**

**Total FIE expenses are 8 772 625 CHF, i.e. 6.23% below the planned budget of 9 335 900 CHF.**

## **INCOME**

- 1) Donations: donation from the President- **CHF 5 000 000**
- 2) Income from the Federations - **CHF 582 955; 57.30% above budget.**
- Of which:
- Subscriptions from Federations- **CHF 60 932; 16.06% above budget.**
  - Organization fees (Grands Prix, World Cup) - **CHF 148 743; 61.50 % above budget.**
  - International licences - **CHF 248 192; 41.82% above budget.**
  - Referees' examination fees - **CHF 7 458; 32.20% below budget.**
  - Other income- **CHF 117 630; 194.07% above budget.**
- 3) Finances- **CHF 395 183; 393.97% above budget.**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Finances</b>                | <b>CHF 395 183</b> |
| Interest                       | 182,870            |
| Adjustments of currency values | 0                  |
| Realized foreign exchange gain | <b>212 313</b>     |
| Income from previous years     | 0                  |
| Release of provisions          | 0                  |

- 4) IOC - **CHF 68 831**; *0.24% below budget.*
- 5) Income from the Olympic Games - **CHF 136 798**; *13.99% above budget.*
- 6) Communication/Marketing/TV - **CHF 339 317**; *9.45% above budget.*
- Advertising in magazine- **CHF 69 368**; *15.61% above budget.*
  - Sponsoring - **CHF 202 500**; *1.25% above budget.*
  - TV rights - **CHF 67 449**; *34.89% above budget.*
- 7) FIE 105th anniversary - **CHF 5 024 569**
- Donations from the President **CHF 11 335 000**
  - Expenses **CHF 6 310 431**

## **BALANCE SHEET**

### **SUMMARY**

Our balance sheet at the end of December was positive, due to an income surplus for the year – **CHF 2 775 027**.

Capital at 31 December 2018: CHF 9 096 807

Long-term reserve: CHF 20 000 000.

Short-term capital: CHF 2 133 185

Long-term capital: CHF 0

Total liabilities **CHF 31 229 991**.

### **ASSETS**

- Tangible fixed assets - **CHF 4 226**

- 1) Office and IT equipment - Gross value of this equipment - CHF 3 177
- 2) Office furniture - CHF 819
- 3) Sports equipment - CHF 0
- 4) General facilities - CHF 230

- Financial fixed assets - **CHF 0**
- Intangible assets - **CHF 0**

**Total fixed assets: CHF 4 226.**

## Current assets

|                                   |                    |             |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1) Stock (ties, scarves, flags) – | <b>CHF 22 128</b>  |             |
| 2) Debtor federations -           | <b>CHF 26 466</b>  |             |
| 3) Accruals                       | CHF 28 403         |             |
| 4) Other clients -                | <b>CHF 352 310</b> |             |
| 5) Prepayments (Prepaid expenses) | <b>CHF 146 699</b> |             |
| • Prepayment in EUR               | 33 691             | CHF 37 916  |
| • Prepayment CHF                  |                    | CHF 108 783 |
| • Prepayment in USD               |                    | CHF 0       |
| • Accruals                        |                    | CHF 0       |

## LIABILITIES

- 1) Equity capital  
The capital as of 01.01.2018 (CHF 6 321 780) represents the FIE's financial situation at the beginning of the year.

The surplus of income over expenses (CHF 2 775 027) is the result from the profit and loss account described above.

Capital as of December 31 2018 of CHF 9 096 807.

Long-term reserve is CHF 20 000 000.

Long-term foreign capital (IOC) is CHF 0

Short-term foreign capital of CHF 2 133 185

**The "TOTAL CAPITAL" is CHF 31 229 991.**

- 2) Suppliers and accrued liabilities for a total amount of: **CHF 2 057 548**
- Suppliers **CHF 1 520 503**
  - Accrued liabilities **CHF 537 045**

|                          |         |             |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Accrued liabilities CHF  |         | CHF 536 257 |
| Accrued liabilities EURO | EUR 700 | CHF 788     |
| Accrued liabilities USD  | USD 0   | CHF 0       |
| Provision from release   |         | CHF 14 500  |

- 3) Income received in advance - **CHF 53 160**
- 4) Other creditors - **CHF 0**

I would like to express my gratitude to all the staff of the FIE, in particular to Ms Sandra Baroni, our new Accounting Manager since March 2018 and of course to Ms. Nathalie Rodriguez our CEO, for their support.

Ferial Salhi  
Secretary -Treasurer



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BALANCE SHEET

| <b>ASSETS</b>                     | <b>31.12.2018</b> | <b>31.12.2017</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                   | <b>CHF</b>        | <b>CHF</b>        |
| Cash funds                        | 24'334            | 7'479             |
| Bank balances                     | 16'799'292        | 25'008'821        |
| Short term bank accounts          | 13'766'200        | 1'020'632         |
| <b>Cash</b>                       | <b>30'589'826</b> | <b>26'036'932</b> |
| Federation receivables            | 26'466            | 23'192            |
| Other short-term receivables      | 410'231           | 115'987           |
| Stocks                            | 22'128            | 24'061            |
| Accrued income                    | 28'403            | 323               |
| Prepaid expenses                  | 148'710           | 491'194           |
| <b>Accruals – assets</b>          | <b>177'114</b>    | <b>491'518</b>    |
|                                   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Current assets</b>             | <b>31'225'765</b> | <b>26'691'690</b> |
|                                   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Long-term financial assets</b> | <b>0</b>          | <b>5'401</b>      |
| Office and IT equipment           | 3'177             | 3'398             |
| Office furniture                  | 819               | 1'137             |
| General facilities                | 230               | 1'870             |
| <b>Tangible fixed assets</b>      | <b>4'226</b>      | <b>6'405</b>      |
|                                   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>               | <b>4'226</b>      | <b>11'805</b>     |
|                                   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Total assets</b>               | <b>31'229'991</b> | <b>26'703'496</b> |
|                                   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |

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BALANCE SHEET

| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY                          | 31.12.2018<br>CHF | 31.12.2017<br>CHF |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Debts resulting from the purchasing of services | 1'520'503         | 30'087            |
| Other short-term liabilities (VAT payable)      | 0                 | 295               |
| Income received in advance                      | 53'160            | 74'157            |
| Accruals - liabilities                          | 559'522           | 277'177           |
|   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Foreign short-term capital</b>               | <b>2'133'185</b>  | <b>381'716</b>    |
|   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| Initial capital                                 | 6'321'780         | 4'677'897         |
| Surplus of income over expenses                 | 2'775'027         | 1'643'883         |
| <b>Final capital</b>                            | <b>9'096'807</b>  | <b>6'321'780</b>  |
|   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| Reserve fund                                    | 20'000'000        | 20'000'000        |
|   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Total equity</b>                             | <b>29'096'807</b> | <b>26'321'780</b> |
|   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |
| <b>Total liabilities and equity</b>             | <b>31'229'991</b> | <b>26'703'496</b> |
|   | <hr/>             | <hr/>             |

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INCOME STATEMENT

|   | Notes             | 2018<br>CHF       | 2017<br>CHF       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Donations   | 4                 | 5'000'000         | 4'950'000         |
| Net income from Federations   | 5 + 1.10          | 568'161           | 439'626           |
| Contributions from the IOC  | 7                 | 205'629           | 67'200            |
| OG receipts   | 8                 | 0                 | 5'764'000         |
| Communication and marketing products  | 9                 | 339'317           | 331'463           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>   |                   | <b>6'113'107</b>  | <b>11'552'289</b> |
| Salaries  |                   | -1'393'081        | -1'307'626        |
| Payroll taxes   |                   | -169'229          | -164'292          |
| Other employment costs  |                   | 1'638             | 2'378             |
| <b>Payroll costs</b>  | <b>1.1 + 1.11</b> | <b>-1'560'671</b> | <b>-1'469'539</b> |
| Operating costs   | 1.2               | -451'464          | -463'577          |
| Organisation of the Congress  | 1.3               | -286'078          | -294'298          |
| Bureau and Executive Committee  | 1.4               | -296'468          | -348'616          |
| Executive Committee's travel expenses   | 1.5               | -98'490           | -109'799          |
| Commissions and Councils  | 1.6               | -254'972          | -391'742          |
| Anti-doping   | 1.7               | -143'216          | -109'628          |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>  |                   | <b>-1'530'688</b> | <b>-1'717'660</b> |
| Sports expenses   | 2                 | -2'919'668        | -3'205'590        |
| Communication and marketing expenses  | 3                 | -2'721'360        | -2'712'893        |
| <b>OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES<br/>AND DEPRECIATION (EBITDA)</b>                |                   | <b>-2'619'280</b> | <b>2'446'607</b>  |
| Depreciation  | 1.8               | -5'692            | -51'848           |
| Foreign exchange losses (re-evaluation of foreign<br>currency accounts from EUR/USD to CHF) |                   | 0                 | -755'634          |
| Financial expenses  | 1.9               | -19'752           | -25'025           |
| <b>Financial profit or loss</b>   |                   | <b>-19'752</b>    | <b>-780'660</b>   |
| Interest  | 6.1               | 182'870           | 29'783            |
| Realised foreign exchange gain  | 6.2               | 212'312           | 0                 |
| <b>Financial income</b>   | <b>6</b>          | <b>395'182</b>    | <b>29'783</b>     |
| Exceptional expenses  | 11                | -6'310'431        | 0                 |
| Extraordinary income  | 11                | 11'335'000        | 0                 |
| <b>Extraordinary result from the 105th anniversary</b>                                      | <b>11</b>         | <b>5'024'569</b>  | <b>0</b>          |
| <b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES</b>  |                   | <b>2'775'027</b>  | <b>1'643'883</b>  |

# FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE D'ESCRIME

## LAUSANNE

### NOTES TO THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

#### 1. Accounting principles applied and not prescribed by the law:

- 1.1. The 'Fédération Internationale d'Escrime' (hereinafter the "FIE") is an international non-governmental non-profit organisation, having the legal form of an association under Swiss law and having its registered office in Lausanne, Switzerland.

It is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the world governing body for fencing. The FIE lays down the rules governing the organisation of international competitions and supervises their application.

- 1.2. The financial statements are presented in Swiss francs (CHF) in accordance with the accounting standards governed by the Swiss Code of Obligations, the regulations and bylaws of the FIE and the following accounting methods.

- 1.3. *Items denominated in foreign currencies*

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into Swiss francs (CHF) at the exchange rate in effect at the time when they are effected. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the exchange rate in effect on the year-end date.

The rates applicable to the balance sheet below correspond to the year-end rates at 31 December 2018.

|         | 31.12.2018    | 31.12.2017    |
|---------|---------------|---------------|
|         | CHF           | CHF           |
| EUR/CHF | <u>1.1254</u> | <u>1.1692</u> |
| USD/CHF | <u>0.9833</u> | <u>0.976</u>  |

- 1.4. *Federations and other short-term receivables*

The receivables from the Federations as well as the other short-term receivables are entered in the accounts at their nominal value. Individual value corrections are made, with the residual balance being the subject of a flat-rate value correction of 5%.

- 1.5. *Stocks*

The stocks are valued at their acquisition cost or cost of production. The acquisition cost and the production cost of the stocks are determined in accordance with the weighted cost method.

## 1.6. Tangible fixed assets

The tangible fixed assets are recognised on the balance sheet at their historical cost, after deduction of the accumulated depreciation. Amortisation charges are made in accordance with the straight-line method. Any immediate amortisation charges are made within the framework of the limits of tax deductability, on the basis of a decision by the Treasurer.

The amortisation rates are fixed in accordance with the estimated useful life of the assets:

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Office and IT equipment | 2-3 years |
| Office furniture        | 4 years   |
| Sports equipment        | 5 years   |
| General facilities      | 3-5 years |
| Media                   | 3 years   |

## 2. Information and comments on the principal balance sheet and income statement items:

|                                | 31.12.2018        | 31.12.2017        |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                | CHF               | CHF               |
| 2.1. Cash balances by currency |                   |                   |
| CHF                            | 4'125'321         | 1'296'097         |
| HUF, 6'160                     | 22                | 0                 |
| EUR, 10'839'708.20             | 12'199'008        | 1'171'080         |
| USD, 14'357'994.05             | 14'118'216        | 23'569'755        |
| JPY, 16'546'089                | 147'260           | 0                 |
|                                | <u>30'589'826</u> | <u>26'036'932</u> |

## 2.2. Profits and losses

The breakdown of the headings is provided in the attached table with the annual budget providing a comparison.

### 3. Average annual full-time headcount:

As an annual average the number of full-time posts is between 10 and 50 people.

|   | 31.12.2018<br>CHF | 31.12.2017<br>CHF |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>4. Lease-credit transaction, and other long term non-cancellable commitments :</b>   |                   |                   |
| Commercial lease expiring on 30 September 2021, not recognised on the balance sheet   | <u>343'286</u>    | <u>468'117</u>    |
| The Federation is contractually committed to a service provider for an amount of EUR 2.8 million (EUR 1.4 millions for 2019 and EUR 1.4 millions for 2020). |                   |                   |
|   | 31.12.2018<br>CHF | 31.12.2017<br>CHF |
| <b>5. Liabilities due to social insurance bodies:</b>   | <u>17'774.00</u>  | <u>0.00</u>       |
|   | 31.12.2018<br>CHF | 31.12.2017<br>CHF |
| <b>6. Total amount of sureties constituted in favour of third parties:</b>  |                   |                   |
| Bank guarantee concerning any lease taken by an employee  | <u>0.00</u>       | <u>5'401.45</u>   |

**2. INCOME STATEMENT FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2018**

**SWISS FRANCS (CHF)**

|  | EXPENSES         |                   |  | REVENUE          |                   |
|--|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
|  | Jan/Dec 2018     | Jan/Dec 2018      |  | Jan/Dec 2018     | Jan/Dec 2018      |
|  | Budget 2018      | Expenses 2018     |  | Budget 2018      | Revenues 2018     |
| <b>1A. Administration</b>  | <b>3'035'000</b> | <b>2'904'529</b>  | <b>4. Donations</b>                              | <b>5'000'000</b> | <b>5'000'000</b>  |
| 1.1 Payroll expenses   | 1'400'000        | 1'368'148         | 4.1 Donations by the President                   | 5'000'000        | 5'000'000         |
| 1.2 Operating expenses   | 475'000          | 451'464           |  |                  |                   |
| 1.3 Organisation of the Congress/Participation by the President of each NF in the Congress | 300'000          | 286'078           |  |                  |                   |
| 1.4 Bureau and Executive Committee (meetings)  | 300'000          | 296'468           |  |                  |                   |
| 1.5 Executive Committee and personnel expenses for travel to the WCF                       | 100'000          | 98'490            | <b>5. Federations</b>                            | <b>370'600</b>   | <b>582'955</b>    |
| 1.6 Commissions and Councils (meetings)  | 250'000          | 254'972           | 5.1 Federations' annual fees                     | 52'500           | 60'932            |
| 1.7 Anti-doping  | 150'000          | 143'216           | 5.2 Organisation fees                            | 92'100           | 148'743           |
| 1.8 Amortization   | 60'000           | 5'692             | 5.3 International licences                       | 175'000          | 248'192           |
| <b>1B. Finances</b>  | <b>20'000</b>    | <b>34'546</b>     | 5.4 Referee examination fees                     | 11'000           | 7'458             |
| 1.9 Financial expenses   | 10'000           | 19'752            | 5.5 Other receipts                               | 40'000           | 117'630           |
| 1.10 Provisions/losses on credit losses  | 10'000           | 14'794            |  |                  |                   |
| <b>1C. Provision</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>192'522</b>    |  |                  |                   |
| 1.11 Provision for holidays and overtime in 2018 and previous years                        | -                | 192'522           |  |                  |                   |
|  |                  |                   |  |                  |                   |
| <b>2. Sport</b>  | <b>3'508'500</b> | <b>2'919'668</b>  | <b>6. Finances</b>                               | <b>80'000</b>    | <b>395'182</b>    |
| 2.1 Subsidies to the confederations  | 228'000          | 224'947           | 6.1 Interest                                     | -                | 182'870           |
| 2.2 Equipment for the federations  | 600'000          | 446'000           | 6.2 Realised foreign exchange gain               | 80'000           | 212'312           |
| 2.3 Schools, Maîtres d'armes training formation  | 760'000          | 649'794           | 6.3 Income from prior years                      | -                | -                 |
| 2.4 Training camps at the championships  | 100'000          | 99'113            |  |                  |                   |
| 2.5 Refereeing (examinations, seminars, bonuses)   | 470'000          | 345'430           |  |                  |                   |
| 2.6 Aid to the federations   | 480'000          | 569'848           |  |                  |                   |
| 2.7 J/C World Championships  | 98'000           | 91'474            |  |                  |                   |
| 2.8 Seniors/veterans World Championships   | 157'500          | 118'210           |  |                  |                   |
| 2.9 World Cups, GP, CHZ  | 75'000           | 37'423            |  |                  |                   |
| 2.10 Service providers   | 100'000          | 34'439            |  |                  |                   |
| 2.11 Athletes' career program  | 50'000           | 330               | <b>7. IOC</b>                                    | <b>189'000</b>   | <b>205'629</b>    |
| 2.12 Confederations' sports directors  | 120'000          | 96'000            | 7.1 IOC subsidy for assistance with development  | 69'000           | 68'831            |
| 2.13 Projects  | 150'000          | 64'615            | 7.2 IOC Grant YOG Costs for 2018                 | 120'000          | 136'798           |
| 2.14 YOG 2018  | 120'000          | 142'045           |  |                  |                   |
| <b>3. Com/Mkt/TV</b>   | <b>2'792'400</b> | <b>2'721'360</b>  |  |                  |                   |
| 3.1 Video portal/Digital content/Website   | 262'000          | 264'198           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.2 Magazines  | 155'000          | 146'244           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.3 Communication  | 50'000           | 51'798            |  |                  |                   |
| 3.4 Marketing  | 80'000           | 77'723            |  |                  |                   |
| 3.5 Events   | 544'400          | 353'103           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.6 Service providers  | 180'000          | 204'294           | <b>8. Proceeds from the Olympic Games</b>        | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>          |
| 3.7 Specific projects  | -                | -                 |  |                  |                   |
| 3.8 TV Broadcast (Eurosport, Euronews, CNN)  | 1'521'000        | 1'521'000         |  |                  |                   |
| 3.8.1 TV broadcast - Exchange rate difference  |                  | 103'000           |  |                  |                   |
|  |                  |                   | <b>9. Com/Mkt/TV</b>                             | <b>310'000</b>   | <b>339'317</b>    |
|  |                  |                   | 9.1 Escrime magazine                             | 60'000           | 69'368            |
|  |                  |                   | 9.2 Sponsorship                                  | 200'000          | 202'500           |
|  |                  |                   | 9.3 Television rights                            | 50'000           | 67'449            |
|  |                  |                   | <b>10. Other revenue (Reserve)</b>               | <b>3'406'300</b> | <b>-</b>          |
|  |                  |                   |  |                  |                   |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES</b>  | <b>9'355'900</b> | <b>8'772'625</b>  | <b>TOTAL CURRENT RECEIPTS</b>                    | <b>9'355'900</b> | <b>6'523'083</b>  |
|  |                  |                   |  |                  |                   |
| <b>11. FIE 105 anniversary</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>6'310'431</b>  | <b>11. FIE 105 anniversary President's gifts</b> | <b>-</b>         | <b>11'335'000</b> |
| <b>12. Surplus of receipts</b>   | <b>-</b>         | <b>2'775'027</b>  |  |                  |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>9'355'900</b> | <b>17'858'083</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>                                     | <b>9'355'900</b> | <b>17'858'083</b> |



| 2020 BUDGET - SWISS FRANCS (CHF)  |                  |                   |  |                  |                   |
|---|------------------|-------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|
|   | EXPENSES         |                   |  | REVENUES         |                   |
|   | Jan/Dec 2019     | Jan/Dec 2020      |  | Jan/Dec 2019     | Jan/Dec 2020      |
|   | Budget           | Budget            |  | Budget           | Budget            |
| <b>1. ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES</b>   | <b>3 055 000</b> | <b>3 010 000</b>  | <b>4. B. Donations</b>                         | <b>5 000 000</b> | <b>5 000 000</b>  |
| 1.1. Personnel costs  | 1 400 000        | 1 480 000         | 4.B1. Donations by the President               | 5 000 000        | 5 000 000         |
| 1.2. Administrative costs   | 455 000          | 455 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 1.3. Organisation of the Congress/Presidents NFs  | 300 000          | 300 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 1.4. Bureau and Executive Committee (meetings)  | 300 000          | 300 000           | <b>5. Federations</b>                          | <b>404 600</b>   | <b>522 000</b>    |
| 1.5 Displacements of the Executive Committee and staff in World Championships   | 90 000           | 50 000            | 5.1. Federations Annual Fees                   | 52 500           | 60 000            |
| 1.6. Commissions and councils   | 240 000          | 50 000            | 5.2. Organising fees                           | 92 100           | 140 000           |
| 1.7. Anti doping  | 200 000          | 310 000           | 5.3. International Licences                    | 208 000          | 230 000           |
| 1.8. Exchange losses  | -                | -                 | 5.4. Referee Exam Fees                         | 12 000           | 12 000            |
| 1.9 Financial Costs   | 20 000           | 20 000            | 5.5. Other Receipts                            | 40 000           | 80 000            |
| 1.10 Amortization   | 50 000           | 30 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 1.11 Provisions/losses  | -                | 15 000            | <b>6. Finances</b>                             | <b>80 000</b>    | <b>400 000</b>    |
|   |                  |                   | 6.1. Interest                                  | -                | 320 000           |
| <b>2. SPORT</b>   | <b>3 358 000</b> | <b>3 303 000</b>  | 6.2. Exchange gain realized                    | 80 000           | 80 000            |
| 2.1. Confederation Subsidies  | 228 000          | 240 000           | 6.3. Adjustements in currency values           |                  |                   |
| 2.2. Material for federations   | 600 000          | 600 000           | 6.4. Previous years' revenue                   |                  |                   |
| 2.3. Schools, training, formation   | 760 000          | 820 000           | 6.5. Dissolution of provision                  |                  |                   |
| 2.4. Training camps   | 100 000          | 100 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 2.5. Refereeing - exams, seminars, primes   | 470 000          | 470 000           | <b>7. CIO</b>                                  | <b>67 200</b>    | <b>202 200</b>    |
| 2.6. Aid for federations  | 480 000          | 480 000           | 7.1. IOC aid for development subsidy           | 67 200           | 67 200            |
| 2.7. Junior/Cadet World Championships   | 80 000           | 80 000            | 7.2 Subvention IOC expenses JO 2020            | -                | 135 000           |
| 2.8. Senior and Veterans World Championships  | 145 000          | 30 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 2.9. Grand Prix, World Cups, Zonal Champs.  | 75 000           | 75 000            | <b>8. Olympic Games Revenue</b>                | <b>-</b>         | <b>15 000 000</b> |
| 2.10. Service Providers   | 100 000          | 100 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 2.11. Athletes Careers Program  | 50 000           | 50 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 2.12. Confederation Sport Directors   | 120 000          | 120 000           | <b>9. Com/Mkt/TV</b>                           | <b>314 000</b>   | <b>320 000</b>    |
| 2.13. Projects  | 150 000          | 138 000           | 9.1 Revue Escrime                              | 54 000           | 60 000            |
| 2.14. JOJ 2018  | -                | -                 | 9.2 Sponsoring                                 | 200 000          | 200 000           |
|   |                  |                   | 9.3 Television Rights                          | 60 000           | 60 000            |
| <b>3. Com/Mkt/TV</b>  | <b>2 792 400</b> | <b>2 792 400</b>  |  |                  |                   |
| 3.1.Digital content/video portal/website  | 262 000          | 262 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.2. Publications   | 195 000          | 195 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.3. Communication  | 50 000           | 50 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 3.4. Marketing  | 80 000           | 80 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 3.5. Events - including TV  | 504 400          | 504 400           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.6. Service Providers  | 180 000          | 180 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 3.7. Specific Projects  | -                | -                 | <b>10. Other financial resources (reserve)</b> | <b>3 647 600</b> |                   |
| 3.8.TV Broadcast  | 1 521 000        | 1 521 000         |  |                  |                   |
| <b>4. JO Tokyo 2020</b>   | <b>308 000</b>   | <b>1 229 000</b>  |  |                  |                   |
| 4.1 Rooms (final payments)  | 180 000          | 30 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 4.2 Tickets (final payments)  | 128 000          |                   |  |                  |                   |
| 4.3 Displacements of the Executive Committee and staff in Tokyo   |                  | 100 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 4.4 Zonal qualifications  |                  | 40 000            |  |                  |                   |
| 4.5 Olympic Games (ITOs, other costs)   |                  | 309 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 4.6 Promotion for Tokyo (film, schools, website, promo during events, innovations, sport presentation, spectators experience) |                  | 700 000           |  |                  |                   |
| 4.7 Press kits, promotional tools   |                  | 50 000            |  |                  |                   |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>   | <b>9 513 400</b> | <b>10 334 400</b> | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                            | <b>9 513 400</b> | <b>21 444 200</b> |
| <b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>  |                  | <b>11 109 800</b> |  |                  |                   |
| <b>GENERAL TOTAL</b>  | <b>9 513 400</b> | <b>21 444 200</b> | <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                            | <b>9 513 400</b> | <b>21 444 200</b> |



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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**Article: 1.1**

**Proposal from: Italian Fencing Federation**

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**Motivation:** The modifications to this article aim to create the conditions to allow the FIE to have the possibility to cooperate with the IWAS and in general support the development of the Paralympic fencing, which is not mentioned in the Statutes.

**Proposal:**

**1.1 MISSION**

The FIE is recognised by the IOC as the organization which governs the sport of fencing worldwide in accordance with the rules in Chapter 3 of the Olympic Charter\*.

The aims of the F.I.E. are:

- a) to promote the development of fencing throughout the world, to tighten the ties of friendship which unite fencers of all countries, by setting up lasting relations between representative groups, and to nurture the improvement of the practice of our sport in every way.
- b) to see that international competitions open to member federations are organised in accordance with F.I.E. Rules;
- c) to establish Rules according to which international competitions must be organised;
- d) to organise the Open World Championships, as well as Junior, Cadet and Veteran World Championships;
- e) to authorise and supervise the other official F.I.E. competitions;
- f) to insure that in international competitions the bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications and all other penalties issued by one of the member federations are respected;
- g) to study and legislate on all matters pertaining to fencing in international relations;
- h) to promote and develop the struggle against doping;
- i) to organise the fencing at the Olympic Games, in liaison with the International Olympic Committee.
- j) to ensure that the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, family status or other, is respected.
- k) to apply appropriate measures to contribute to the respect of the environment.

\*: Olympic Charter, p. 10, 16

l) to ensure fair sporting contests so that the spirit of fair play prevails.

m) to establish rules and appropriate measures to protect the health of athletes and prevent any abuse.

n) to take appropriate means to provide for the social and professional future of athletes

**o) to foresee the possibility to cooperate for the development of the wheelchair fencing.**

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission voted unanimously to alter the language of (o) to read as follows:

- To assist in the development of Paralympic fencing.

But that this amendment should only take place if the Executive Committee first agrees that this is a direction it wishes to go and is willing to allocate resources for and the FIE can agree with IWAS on an agreement to move forward together on the development of Paralympic fencing.

**Executive Committee:** The FIE had meetings with IWAS to explore possible cooperation between the two federations. A document has been signed regarding the organisation of competitions. Therefore, the Executive Committee thinks that changing the FIE mission by introducing that obligation in the FIE Statutes is not necessary.

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### Article: 1.5

#### Proposal from: UAE Fencing Federation

**Motivation:** adoption of Arabic language as an official language in the International Federation of Fencing in fulfilment of the aspirations of the 18 Arab Fencing Federations and thus contribute to the upgrading of the game in the Arab countries

#### Proposal:

Your Excellency,

It may give us the pleasure to send our compliments to your Excellency and to all friends in the HQ of the FIE. We would like to take this opportunity to express our warmest regards and appreciation for your good efforts to develop the work of the International Federation of Fencing

I am pleased to present to you this request as President of the Arab Fencing Federation, which includes 18 Arab countries as in "Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Saudi Arabia - UAE - Qatar - Oman – Yemen- Kuwait and Bahrain" which are active associations in the activities of the International Federation of Fencing.

Mr. President, as is well known, all these Arab Federations speak Arabic, the language adopted by the United Nations as the official language of communication in all international forums. As a result, many international federations of many sports have adopted the Arabic language in their approved languages.

Therefore, we look forward to the adoption of our Arabic language as an official language in the International Federation of Fencing in fulfilment of the aspirations of the 18 Arab Fencing Federations referred to and thus contribute to the upgrading of the game in our Arab countries.

Once again, thank you for your support. The Arab Fencing Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the FIE highest consideration and appreciation.

Engineer Shaikh Salem Bin Sultan AL Qassimi, President of the Arab & UAE Fencing Federation.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission was **unanimously not in favor** of this proposal. The only official language of the FIE is French and there is no need to add another official language. With regard to making it a working language, the Legal Commission was **unanimously not in favor** of Arabic being added as an additional working language for the following reasons:

- Arabic is not widely spoken in any countries other than the 18 Arab Fencing Federations and

a working language should be one that is a second or tertiary language in many countries other than those in which it is the primary language;

- There would be significant expense in adding a new working language because of increased translation costs and the need to add personnel; and
- There is no showing of how the addition of Arabic as an official or working language would upgrade fencing in the Arab countries.

**Executive Committee:** The Executive Committee follows the opinion of the Legal Commission.

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**Article: 3.4**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** To have at least two months in order to prepare and translate the documentation for the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils which meet in June and review the proposals.

**Proposal:**

### 3.4 AGENDA

3.4.1 All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than **midnight 00:00 hrs** Lausanne time **7 8** months before the opening day of the next Congress.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission was **unanimously in favor** of moving the date back one month to provide staff with additional time to prepare and translate the documentation for the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils.

**Executive Committee:** In favour.

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**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.

- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

### **Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

#### **Proposal:**

#### **4.4.4.**

#### **Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under-represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of either one of the genders has offered herself/himself as candidates been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **unanimously in favor** of this proposal to bring the minimum representation of each gender to 30% for Commissions to bring it in line with the current rules for the Executive Committee, Councils and Committees.

**PCM Commission:** The PCM Commission continues to be **in favor** of this proposal.

**SEMI Commission:** **In favour**

**Rules Commission:** **In favour**

**Refereeing Commission:** **Not in favour**

**Medical Commission:** FIE statutes call for at least 30% gender representation in FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions. The Statutes are inconsistent and should be made consistent. The Medical Commission **agreed**.

**Coaches Council:** **In favor**. But minimum professional qualification requirements should be created for nominating the candidates. For example – professional diploma in the field, 10 or 15 years of experience, etc.

**Fair Play Council:** Was **unanimously in favour** in proposing to make the gender representation in Commissions equal to those that are in use at the Executive Committee, Councils and Committees.

**Women and Fencing Council:** In favour.

**Executive Committee:** In favour.

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**Article: 4.4.4.a**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** A procedure needs to be in place in the event that there are no or insufficient candidates for a Commission.

**Proposal:**

**Procedure if there are Insufficient Candidates**

If there are fewer than 3 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates of such gender put forward who have received at least one vote and the remainder of the Commission will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

If there are fewer than 10 candidates for a Commission then the commission will consist of all candidates who have received at least one vote.

If there are no candidates for a Commission then the members of the Commission whose term had just ended shall hold over for the following year until new candidates can be presented and an election is held for that Commission at the following Congress.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **unanimously in favor** of this proposal to deal with the procedures for handling voting when there are insufficient candidates.

**Executive Committee:** In favour.

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**Article: 9.1.2 b)**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris, MH**

**Motivation:** Licensing of Coaches. It is necessary to add coaches and other persons traveling to official FIE competitions for the purpose of security at events and for the accumulation of statistical data to support the development work of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.2 b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, **Councils and Ethics Committee** of the FIE;
- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~
- All A or B referees of the FIE; ~~and~~

- All coaches and other persons wishing to be permitted to be on the field of play at an official competition of the FIE.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **in favor** of the following proposal:

9.1.2 b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, **Councils and Ethics Committee** of the FIE;
- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~
- All A or B referees of the FIE; ~~and~~
- **All coaches at an official competition of the FIE.**

**Coaches Council: Not in favour.** Every person at the competition got the accreditation. If some of the competitions are run without accreditation, FIE should include accreditation requirement for all FIE competitions

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

**Application: from season 2020-2021**

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**Article: 9.1.5**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris, MH**

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**Motivation:** Adding a requirement related to the Security and Safeguarding of the Members and licensees of the FIE.

It is important that the FIE have relevant assurances about those persons who will come into contact with fencers, referees and other officials at official FIE competitions to support the Security and Safeguarding initiatives of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.5 Application and Issue

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.

b) All applications for licences for persons listed in 9.1.2 b) should be accompanied by assurance that the person has passed an appropriate background or criminal record check secured by the national federation.

~~b~~ c) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the FIE applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

~~e~~ d) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

~~d~~ e) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

~~e~~ f) The FIE head office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national



federation which is a member of the FIE nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the IOC and to fencers who are legally stateless.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **in favor** of this proposal with the following amendment:

New item f) (instead of a new b) and renumbering):

All persons listed in 9.1.2 b) and for whom an FIE licence is ordered by a national federation are committed to respect the FIE Code of Ethics, code of conduct and Safeguarding policy.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as revised by the Legal Commission.

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Modifications of the Rules

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**Article: o.5**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Assault and bout***

**o.5** A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**.

When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result [in an individual competition](#), it is called a **bout**.

[The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called 'periods'](#).

[In a match \(cf o.6\) between teams it is called a relay.](#)

**Rules Commission:** In favour with the following amendment:

[In a match \(cf o.6\) between teams # each of the nine bouts is called a 'relay'.](#)

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

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**Article: o.6**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

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**Proposal:**

***Match***

The aggregate of the **bouts relays** fought between the fencers of two different **teams** is called a **match**.

**Rules Commission:** In favour.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour.

**Executive Committee:** In favour.

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**Article: t.18.1**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**P. 3**

**Motivation:**

1- To save the space. According to the existing rule, there should be a 5 meter distance between each piste. However presently, due to the limited space available at the venues, only in a few competitions is this rule adhered to.

2- To reduce the cost of the pistes by 20 to 25 percent. Fixing the width of the pistes at 1.5 meters will respectively cut the prices of the pistes.

3- Presently, some organizers use pistes with different widths in the same competition. This proposal ensures that fencers will fence in uniformly sized pistes which in turn will maximize their coordination and efficiency

**Proposal:**

**t.18.1**

The piste is **from** 1.50 meters **to 2 meters** wide.

*(This rule must be applied also to t.19 Fig.1 and Fig.2)*

**SEMI Commission:** In favour.

**Rules Commission:** In favour.

**Refereeing Commission:** Not in favour.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the following text:

The combat area of the piste is **from** 1.50 meters **to 2 meters** wide.

**Application: starting from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**

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**Article: t.18.3**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

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**Motivation:** At the present the Refereeing commission have decided that, if at any competition the organizers use two kinds of pistes (with and without safety border) for poules & DE, the safety borders are a part of the pistes. So, in this case again we will have the pistes with different widths.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.3**

The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for poules, DE, ~~and~~ finals and semi-finals, including the pistes already having safety borders, do not form part of the piste.

**SEMI Commission:** In favour.

**Rules Commission:** In favour.

**Refereeing Commission:** Not in favour.

**Executive Committee:** In favour.

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**Article: t.45**

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**Proposal from: Sam Cheris (MH)**

**Motivation:** to clear ambiguity of medical injury, cramp, and other acute medical incident.

Request that Rules Commission and Executive Committee declare that this proposal be declared urgent so that confusion among athletes, referees and coaches can have clarity as to how to various medical ailments will be handled and to assure consistency of application of the rule regarding injury cramp or other acute medical incidents on the strip.

**Proposal:**

***Injuries, withdrawal of a competitor***

**Injury or cramp, withdrawal of a competitor**

**t.45**

**1** For an **athletic injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

**1.1 Definition of ‘cramp’** – exercise associated muscle cramping (EAMC) “is a painful and sustained muscle(s) contraction that is physically palpable and limits joint range of motion”. EAMC criteria for in competition evaluation by FIE doctor or doctor on duty include:

**1.1.1** Palpation of a sustained muscle contraction.

**1.1.2** Confirm loss of motion of the associated joints above and/or below the affected area.

**1.1.3** If the EAMC is not present upon examination the doctor on duty can ask the athlete to contract the muscle group to try and elicit a muscle cramp.

**2 Definition of 'other acute medical incident'** – acute medical incident can include but not limited to illness/vomiting, debris within the eye, bleeding, and/or pre-existing condition which may include asthma or diabetes mellitus.

**2.1.1 Vomiting/Illness** – in the event of **vomiting or preminent vomiting** during a bout the athlete is given time to purge and clean prior to the determination of continuing by the doctor on duty. The doctor on duty will give the athlete the minimum amount of time to achieve their readiness or a maximum time limit for medical timeout of 5 minutes.

**2.1.2 Bleeding** – in the event of **bleeding** during a bout the doctor on duty has a maximum time limit of 5 minutes to control the bleeding.

**2.1.3 Asthma** – Athletes are required to manage their pre-existing medical condition to the best of their ability, however, in the event of an **acute asthma attack** the athlete will be given a medical timeout for a maximum time limit of 5 minutes. The doctor on duty will determine if this is a true acute asthma attack and allow for a brief time for medication which may include the use of an inhaler and/or nebulizer if the athlete presents with the following signs and symptoms below. If the athlete **does not** present with signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack but stresses that an asthma attack is preminent the athlete is given the opportunity to take medication for a brief period and then resume the bout. If the doctor on duty is called over to determine a medical timeout is needed it will be recorded as a medical timeout, if granted the use of medication.

**Signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack:**

**2.1.3.1** Moderate to severe difficulty breathing

**2.1.3.2** Moderate to severe wheezing both in and out

**2.1.3.3** Unable to speak or significant inability to speak

**2.1.3.4** Coughing that is difficult to stop or control

**2.1.3.5** Presentation of anxiety or panic

**2.1.3.6** Pale face

**2.1.4 Diabetes** – athlete is required to manage their pre-existing condition and no timeout is warranted unless the athlete is physically unable to continue in which they will be medically withdrawn.

**2.1.5 Concussion** – in the event of a head injury the doctor on duty must use the best standards of care and evaluation to determine if the athlete has sustained a potential concussion. Diagnosis of concussion may not exceed 5-minute medical time out.

All breaks for **athletic injury, cramp (EMAC), or an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

~~2.~~ **3.** During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

~~3.~~ **4.** Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

**4. 5. In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

~~5.~~ **6.** The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Rules Commission:** In favour of amended text as follows:

**Proposal:**

***Injuries, withdrawal of a competitor***  
**Injury or cramp, withdrawal of a competitor**  
**t.45**

1 For a **sport injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for **sport injury, cramp, or medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

2. During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

3. Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

4. **In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

5. The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Medical Commission:** Not in favour, primarily from a medical point of view.

The Medical Commission is of the opinion that “**Only the physician and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.**” The five minutes time out is a maximum allowed. Only the physician or the medical provider on duty decide the duration of allowed time-out up to 5 minutes max. His decision is final.

**In favour of amended text as follows:**

**t.45**

1 For a **sport trauma/injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. **Only the doctor and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.** This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for **a sport trauma, injury cramp, or an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

2. During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

3. Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

4. **In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

5. The Directoire Technique may modify the order of bouts in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the text as modified by the Medical Commission, which includes the amendments proposed by the Rules Commission .

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**Article: t.50.3**

**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:**

**Proposal**

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

**Coaches Council:** In favour.

**Rules Commission:** After discussion with the Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission is in **favour** of the proposal with the following amendments:

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn by the computer at each stage of the table but may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of any problem with the computer programme, mistakes made by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts between category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE). In any case where the computer draw is modified, it must be with the agreement of the Directoire Technique and signed by both the Refereeing Delegate and the President of the DT.**

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**Refereeing Commission:** In favour of the modified proposal of the Rules Commission.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules commission with the addition of the following sentence:

At each referees' meeting before any competition, the referees will be asked to declare their potential conflicts of interest to the refereeing delegates or to the Presidents of the Directoire technique (for juniors). This information must be notified to the FIE by the refereeing delegates or the Directoire technique Presidents (for junior competitions).

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**Article: t.55**

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**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

**Proposal**

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Coaches Council:** In favour.

**Refereeing Commission:** the commission proposes to remove the text added at the Congress 2018 for the reasons that t.55 is included in „Method of judging hits“ for all weapons and it is unnecessary to make some explanation for foil and also because with existing text t.55.2 contradicts t.78:

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

~~2 — At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

3 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170.**

**Rules Commission:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Refereeing Commission.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Refereeing Commission and the Rules Commission, and therefore, to delete the sentence.

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**Article: t.62**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.

**Proposal:**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referees initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultants request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

**Coaches Council:** In favour.

**Rules Commission:** In favour of the following amended text:

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referees initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultants request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Each time the referee consults the video, whether on his own initiative, following an appeal or at the suggestion of the video-consultant, the opinions of the referee and the video-consultant must be recorded on the match sheet.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour with the request to use uniform format of the scoresheet with three options - video referee, main referee and final decision.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission and of the request from the Refereeing Commission. The FIE will establish the sample score sheet form.

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**Article: t.124**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**1 Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~

e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

- a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

- b) ~~The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification.~~ In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

- c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

- d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

- e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

- f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

The table of offences and penalties will be updated accordingly.

**Coaches Council:** In favour.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favour.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following modified details (in blue).

#### Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

##### t.124

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, a P-black card is given to the fencer on the piste of either or both teams which have already received two P-red cards.

- e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team in which a fencer has been sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

f) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to the fencers on the piste in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

f) h) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.(text moved from 3.f)

The following text in 3) f is moved to 2) h :

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

~~f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.~~

**Executive Committee:** In favour, with the modifications made by the Rules Commission, which have also been agreed with the Refereeing Commission. The updated and harmonized rule must be published immediately in order to avoid confusion.

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**Article: m.2**

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**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** This proposal is linked to the meeting of the SEMI Commission with the manufacturers following incidents at sabre.

**Proposal:**

*General description*

**m.2**

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

1. A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted). **At all three weapons, the use of maraging steel blades is obligatory.**

**Application:** TBD.

**SEMI Commission:** In favour.

**Coaches Council:** in general Coaches Council **supports the decision**, but statistics of use maraging and not maraging blades should be recorded and analysed. Testing procedures and regulations should be created.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

**Medical Commission:** The Medical Commission **agrees** with SEMI and approved Proposal m.2.

**Executive Committee:** In favour. For sabre (the rule is already in force for épée and foil), the obligation will apply from the beginning of the 2020-2021 season. However, it is strongly recommended to the fencers to advance the date of application.

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**Article:** m.18.3

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**Proposal from:** SEMI Commission

**Motivation:** At the moment, the sockets inside of the epee guard have the two wires passing through one hole, some countries use this hole while other countries do not; in both cases there may be some problems. If the two wires are outside of the hole, it is very easy to cut these wires whether intentionally or unintentionally. If the two wires are inside the hole there is possibility of contact between them.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**m.18.3 (new)**

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through individually and then fixed to the terminals.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following modification:

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block separately and then connected to the terminals.

**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the modified proposal of the Rules Commission

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

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**Article:** m.25.3.c

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**Proposal from:** Italian Fencing Federation

**Motivation:** During some national competitions in Italy were seized some breeches transformed from right-handed to left handed or vice versa.

The practice is dangerous because the flap covering the zip is sewn in the opposite direction of the action and can be an obstacle for the tip, directing it towards a weak spot of the garment, the zipper.



The garments were seized as tampered because they violate Article t.73 of the technical rules. The brand and the pocket were moved on the other side.

Anyway it was realized that on the Material Rules there is no mention about the correct use of the jacket and the breeches for right or left handed.

### **Proposal:**

In the Material Rules, in the art. m.25.3.c add after the second sentence:

The zippers of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the zippers in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).

**SEMI Commission:** In favour and suggest that m.25.6 relating to left and right handed gloves also amended by addition of wording that “the closure of the glove should be from the middle of the wrist upwards towards the thumb.”

**Rules Commission:** In favour – with the following modifications (English only):

The fastenings of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the fastenings in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI Commission.

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### **Article: m.25.3.h**

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#### **Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to emphasize the prestige of being World champion or Olympic champion and make the holder of the title immediately recognizable, the Commission proposes to allow a different colour for the name printed on the back of the jacket:

- In red for the World Champion
- In gold for the Olympic Champion.

### **Proposal**

#### **m.25.3.h**

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

For the World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following additions:

For the Senior Individual World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Individual Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

**PCM Commission:** The Promotion, Communication, and Marketing Commission agrees that we should be promoting our World and Olympic Champions. However, we are concerned that simply changing the colour of the names may be unclear to spectators, and that after that year (or 4 years for the Olympics) the fencer may have to change back the colours and that recognition will be lost.

Our alternative proposal takes inspiration from other sports, will be immediately recognisable to spectators even if they are not familiar with fencing, and will provide a permanent promotional boost for the fencer for their entire career.

### **Proposal**

#### **m.25.3.h**

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

Each year, the World Champion in Senior Individual and Team Competitions, shall be entitled to print a five-point star on the back of the jacket, above the name. Each star must be in dark blue and have equal height and width of between 2 cm and 3 cm.

The Olympic Champions in Individual and Team Competitions, shall be entitled to print a five-point star on the back of the jacket, above the name. Each star must be in gold and have equal height and width of between 2 cm and 3 cm.

**Inspiration:**



Sample Concept:



**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as submitted by the Athletes' Commission, as an option and not an obligation. This option would be applicable to individual and team World Champions, and to individual and team Olympic Champions.

Application: starting from season 2020-2021.

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** It is a long time since we have used the mask wire where one end has been connected to the jacket with crocodile clip and another end with soldering to the mask.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**m.32.4**

The **electrical contact** between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white coloured or clear covered wire with ~~one or~~ two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the mask with one crocodile clip ~~or by soldering~~ and to the jacket with ~~another a~~ crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

**m.32.5**

The **electrical resistance** between the crocodile clip and any point on the mask must be less than 5 ohms. The crocodile clip(s), the design and size of which must conform to the conditions laid down in Article m.29.2(c), must be soldered to the end(s) of the wire. In addition, the electrical resistance in this wire (between ~~the two~~ crocodile clips ~~and crocodile clip or crocodile clip and soldering~~) must not exceed 1 ohm. The wire must be white-coloured or clear.

**Rules Commission:** In favour – with one extra deletion from m.32.5 because of repetition:

**m.32.5**

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**SEMI Commission:** In favour of the modified proposal of the Rules Commission.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission.

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Material Rules Annex A page 2 there is already a section titled *Modification management*.

## **Proposal:**

### **Modification management:**

- 1) The homologation is valid for the duration specified in the technical handbooks as long as no modification is made to the equipment or its manufacturing process.
- 2) Any change must be **immediately** reported to the FIE SEMI Commission President. **These changes cover all aspects of the homologated items (appearance, composition, internal content, software and all other material changes).**
- 3) The modified equipment must pass the whole homologation process again.

In particular, if a manufacturer intends to change the material or the manufacturing of his FIE certified equipment, ~~he~~ **the manufacturer** must submit ~~it to~~ **for** a new homologation process and wait for the result.

### **Technical handbooks:**

- 1) Technical handbooks are elaborated by the SEMI and submitted to the Executive Committee.
- 2) Technical handbooks are specific to each item of equipment.

### **Marks:**

The FIE emblem is a registered trademark.

It can only be used on equipment that has successfully undergone the FIE homologation process.

By affixing the FIE label of quality to their equipment manufacturers guarantee that such marked equipment fulfils FIE technical and security requirements.

### **Expenses:**

All the expenses and costs related to the homologation of the equipment (**e.g. masks, blades, breeches, jackets, under-plastron**), **pistes and apparatus, software and video systems**) are chargeable to the requester.

### **Withdrawal or suspension of a homologation:**

Homologation can be withdrawn or suspended when the SEMI Commission becomes aware that:

- a) the homologated material no longer conforms with the Rules; or
- b) after the homologation has been granted, the material has been modified significantly and the modifications have not been submitted for a new homologation.

### **Random quality control of Fencing Equipment**

~~Whenever it deems necessary, t-~~ The FIE SEMI Commission may obtain a random sample of any specific item of fencing equipment available on the market. Having obtained the equipment, the SEMI will submit it to technical analysis for quality control purposes.

Should there be any doubt as to the quality of the item, the SEMI may send it directly to an agreed **certified** independent institute for testing; tests will be carried out in accordance with the existing FIE material rules and with CE/EC standards.

Should the tests reveal any non-conformity or any lowering of quality level, the SEMI will take appropriate action, which may involve the application of a penalty. In extreme cases, the manufacturer may lose a previously awarded FIE homologation.

**SEMI Commission:** In favour with the following modification: (English and French only):

Should there be any doubt as to the quality of the item, the SEMI may send it directly to an **agreed certified** independent institute for testing; tests will be carried out in accordance with the existing FIE material rules and with CE/EC standards.

**Rules Commission:** In favour.

**Executive Committee:** In favour of the proposal as modified by the SEMI Commission.

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**Article: Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity**

P. 16

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

**SEMI Commission:** Not in favour.

**Rules Commission:** In favour.

**Refereeing Commission:** Not in favour.

**Coaches Council:** Not in favour.

**Executive Committee:** Not in favour because this modification would change sabre from a conventional weapon to a non-conventional weapon.

## **FIE Athletes Commission – report**

**Torun, April 7 2019**

Present:

- Aldo Montano, President of the FIE Athletes' Commission
- Emmanuel Katsiadakis, FIE Secretary eneral
- Maria Luisa Calderon, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Alaaeldin Abuelkassem, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- wladys Sakoa, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Benjamin Kleibrink, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Yujie Sun, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Aron Szilagyi, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Kazuyasu Minobe, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Evgeny Tsoukhlo, FIE Sport and Technical Director
- Elena Murdaca, FIE Admistration Director

Absent:

- Inna Deriglazova, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Olga Kharlan, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Mariel Zagunis, FIE Athletes' Commission Member
- Yannick Borel, FIE Athletes' Commission Member

### **1. PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE LEVEL OF REFEREEIN**

#### **a) Involvement of the Athletes Commission for the award of the Best Referee Prize**

The Athletes Commission wishes to be involved in the decision-making process for the award of the prize for the best referees, as it was the case in the previous Olympic cycle. It considers that also the coaches should be involved and proposes the following voting system:

Eligible to vote:

- The first 32 athletes at each weapon can vote the referees of the respective weapons, expressing up to 5 preferences.
- The head coaches of the first 16 teams ranked at each weapon can vote the referees of the respective weapons, expressing up to 5 preferences.

- They express their vote on the referees included in the master list
- The results of the voting from the athletes goes to the Athletes' Commission that drafts the ranking of the referees, from the first to the fifth place, at each weapon.
- The Refereeing Commission drafts its own ranking.
- The Coaches Council receives the result of the voting of the coaches and prepare its own ranking, from the first to the fifth place, at each weapon.
- To each position of the ranking a certain amount of points is allocated, as follows:
  - 1° 32 points
  - 2° 26 points
  - 3° 20 points
  - 4° 14 points
  - 5° 8 points

The winner of the final ranking of the best referees at each weapon is determined adding the points obtained by each referee of the lists of the three commissions.

Implementation: Every year starting from Budapest World Fencing Championships 2019

#### **b) Increase the amount of competitions that a good referee can officiate**

The maximum number of World Cup and P competitions officiated by a referee is on average 5 or 6 (out of zonal and world championships). The Athletes Commission would like the number of competitions that a referee can officiate to be increased, in order to make sure that the best referees cover most of the competitions and thus increase the level of refereeing in the Senior circuit. The Commission wishes the national and quantity constraints to be cancelled (if a country has 3 very good referees, it is fair that all of the three officiate).

#### **c) Sanctioning the mistakes and the improper behaviour of referees**

The Commission wishes all the complaints related to refereeing mistakes to be published, together with the evidence (video) of the concerned hits.

The standard evaluation procedure for a refereeing mistake shall be preceded by a special commission, composed by a member of the Coaches Council, a member of the Athletes Commission, a member of the Refereeing Commission and by a FIE representative, who will provide an individual evaluation of the concerned hit, with the aim to improve the final evaluation of the Refereeing commission, and to determine the level of sanction to be attributed to the referee.

Proposal of modification of the rules enclosed

Establish a code of conduct for referees that includes the certainty that sanctions will be enforced in case of disrespect of the rules (e.g. referees watching their phone, while they are refereeing,



etc.). Creation of a dedicated working group composed by Members of the Refereeing Commission and of the Athletes Commission and a FIE representative.

#### **d) Uniforms of referees**

It is proposed to modernise the image of the competitions through a more casual and comfortable uniform for referees, but still elegant (ex. Polo shirt), and also to narrow the gap between athletes in sportswear or uniform and referees wearing a suit.

#### **e) Athletes Career Program**

It is proposed that the FIE organises a refereeing training program for retired athletes that were at least once in the top-ranked 16. This would allow in a short time the creation of a category of young referees ready for a refereeing career.

## **2. CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT OLYMPIC CYCLE**

The proposals presented did not receive the full consensus of the Athletes Commission.

In particular, it was observed the following:

- ✓ From a preparation point of view it is not ideal to stop the team competitions so early
- ✓ The P are the most important showcase of fencing after the championships. Concentrating all the P at the end of the season means that the rest of the season has no or very little visibility.

Conclusion: the Athletes Commission will present an alternative proposal based on the following principles:

- Starting of the Senior season in October.
- Starting of the Junior season in September.
- Distribution of Satellites across the year.
- Merge the organisation of two world cups (men and women at the same weapon), following the example of the P (in order for the organisers not to totally lose a competition, a rotation principle may be introduced, as it is the case with the current junior calendar).
- Structure of the season cut in two, with the Senior Zonal Championships in the middle of the season (around January) and the pick of the season with the world championships in July.
- Advance the organisation of the Junior Zonal Championships in December.

In order to allocate the competitions and choose the location it is requested that the level of the organisation is taken into consideration. In this respect, the Athletes Commission will prepare a list of 2 competitions per weapon that may be cancelled.

The Athletes Commission will also draft the ranking of all the competitions per weapon.

The Commission wishes also to give a new added value to the Satellite competitions that can be used for the development and the promotion of the sport. It is important to give to the fencers that do not have the necessary level to be competitive at world cups the possibility to attend and win other kind of competitions. However, for the way the satellite calendar is structured nowadays, it is impossible for the fencers to participate as they need a longer season. Redistributing the Satellite competitions and increasing the ranking points for at least half of them (8 points for winners of a Satellite A and 4 points for a Satellite B) will help the athletes to maintain the sponsors and the motivation to keep on fencing, it is important to make sure they don't leave the sport. In this sense, the Commission will elaborate a specific proposal concerning the Satellite competitions, integrated in the Calendar proposal.

In connection with the discussion about the Calendar, the Commission received the information that the questionnaire to evaluate the organisation of the competitions worked out by Aron Szilagy and Mariel Zagunis that was approved last year by the Executive Committee, will be on line once the new website will be launched.

### **3. PRIZE MONEY FOR ATHLETES AT P**

The Commission proposes to make prize money obligatory for the organisation of the P competitions and to establish a minimal amount.

It is proposed to introduce the modification in the Administrative Rules, as follows:

Addition to art. 5.2.1.2:

**Prize money for athletes participating at P is a compulsory requirement for the allocation of the rand Prix organisation.**

**The minimal amount requested at each weapon is the following:**

**1st ranked: 3 000 EUR**

**2nd ranked: 2 000 EUR**

**3rd ranked: 1 000 EUR**

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### **4. PROPOSALS TO REFORM SABRE AND FOIL**

The Commission expresses his total opposition to the proposals to reform foil and sabre that were announced and tested in 2018 and in the beginning of 2019 (reinstatement of fleche, modification at target and suppression of the non valid target at foil.)

It remarks as well that it is highly inappropriate to have on the FIE Channel a promotional video of a proposal that is not yet officially approved. Furthermore, it is observed that the comments about Eli Dershwitz's footwork are very offensive as he is currently the best sabre fencer of the world.

## **5. PRINTING OF SPONSORS LOGO ON THE ELECTRIC JACKET**

According to the opinion of the Commission the printing of the logo on the sabre electric jacket does not present any particular problem, so there is no need to modify the publicity code.

Allstar produces 2 different types of electric material and in Torun they produced a sample of one material in colours that does not present any problem. On the second material the printing is more difficult as it is carried out with a different technique.

## **6. PROMOTION AND PROTOCOL**

In order to emphasize the prestige of being World champion or Olympic champion and make the holder of the title immediately recognizable, the Commission proposes to allow a different colour for the name printed on the back of the jacket:

- In red for the World Champion
- In gold for the Olympic Champion.

Attached: modification to the relevant Material rules.

For the image and the promotion of the sport it would be crucial to standardise the medals ceremony at P and world cup events by harmonising podium and medals' design. A detailed proposal will follow.

## **7. SAFETY ISSUES**

Maria Luisa Doig Calderon presented 3 proposals related to safety issues.

Proposal 1: rejected.

Proposal 2: educational video about proper protection to wear during training will be shot and spread on social media, in order to diminish the risks of injuries for the athletes.

Proposal 3: It is also proposed the idea to start a consultation among manufacturer for a pelvic protector for women.

The SEMI Commission will be consulted for proposals 2 and 3.

## **8. CALENDAR 2019/2020**

It is of the utmost importance to insert in the calendar at least 1 competition in December for sabre and 1 for epee.

## **9. Involvement in FIE Activities in Torun**

During their presence in Torun, some members of the Athletes Commission supported the different FIE educational activities:

- FIE Training Camp: Aldo Montano, Maria Luisa Doig Calderon, wladys Sakoa, Benjamin Kleibrink.
- Donate Your Fencing gear: Benjamin Kleibrink, Yujie Sun.
- Safe Sport: Maria Luisa Doig Calderon.

## Athletes Commission – Rules modification proposals

### Proposal 1

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Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity

Deletion of paragraph 6

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For the Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

### Proposal 3

**Motivation:**

**In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.**

#### t.62

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is :

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

Proposal 4

Modification of the Administrative Rules

### 3.8.7

Complaint by a National Federation about a refereeing mistake will be published on the FIE Website, together with the evidence (video) of the concerned hit.

In case of complaint, a special Evaluation Panel, composed by a member of the Coaches Council, a member of the Athletes Commission, a member of the Refereeing Commission and a FIE Comex representative will analyse the action and provide an individual opinion on the hit concerned.

The Evaluation Panel will be composed each time taking into account the weapon concerned and avoiding conflict of interest, as defined in the FIE Code of Ethics.

The opinion of the Evaluation Panel will be forwarded to the Executive Committee.

The Refereeing Commission will take into account the opinion of the Evaluation Panel when compiling the evaluation of the referees.

In case of poor performance, a suspension of the referee from the future competitions assigned shall be applied.

The performance of the referee is considered poor in case of 2 mistakes verified during 1 individual match and 2 mistakes per referee during a team competition.

**Minutes**  
**Refereeing Commission Meeting**  
**Bucharest, June 29- July 1, 2019**

**Members present:**

Mohamed El Motawakel - President  
Iana Dakova  
Salah Ferjani  
Chang Gon Kim  
Katsumi Yamaguchi  
Olga Cojocari  
Jose Luis Alvarez  
Irina Knysch

**Members absent**

Claus Janka  
Marco Pistacchi

**Guests present:**

Emmanuel Katsiadakis - FIE Secretary General  
Ana Pascu - FIE ComEx Member  
Nathalie Rodriguez - FIE CEO  
Evgeny Tsoukhlo - FIE Sports Department  
Natalia Bodrova - FIE Sports Department

Welcome by Mr. M. El Motawakel.

Remarks on the past season by Mr. E. Katsiadakis.

**Actions discussed and decisions made:**

- Review of referees performance for season 2018-2019, statistics.
- Master list for season 2019-2020 - principles and refreshment.Review of the letters sent by NF regarding the new referees proposed. The RC took decision to add new referees in the reserve of the Master List.
- Review and discussion of proposals for FIE Congress 2019 - see attached document.

-Mr. E. Katsiadakis suggested the need for a procedure to take place in cases of “poor performance” by referees. Mr. M. El Motawakel will prepare a draft.

-RC delegates at WCH Budapest responsible for preparing and conducting pre-competition seminars and morning seminars by weapon: Saber - Jose Luis Alvarez and Katsumi Yamaguchi, Foil - Marco Pistacchi and Mohamed El Motawakel, Epee - Irina Knysch and Salah Ferjani.

-List of potential referees for OG, who will be invited to the pre-olympic seminar and among whom the final selection of 26 referees will be made.

-Discussion of proposals for FIE Congress with working group from Rules Commission

-Delegates and referees designations for WC and GP.

-Review of exam procedure - theoretical questions. Mr. E. Tsoukhlo presented the technical procedure of the exams. The RC prepared the schedule for exam accordingly the numbered the days for each continent.

Proposed time and date for the next meeting - August 30-31, Athens





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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Rules**

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**Article: o.5**

P. 1

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Assault and bout***

**o.5** A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an **assault**.

When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result **in an individual competition**, it is called a **bout**.

The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called 'periods'.

In a match (cf o.6) between teams it is called a relay.

**Refereeing Commission: yes**

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**Article: o.6**

P. 2

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Match***

The aggregate of the **bouts relays** fought between the fencers of two different **teams** is called a **match**.

**Refereeing Commission: yes**

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**Article: t.18.1**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

P. 3

**Motivation:**

1- To save the space. According to the existing rule, there should be a 5 meter distance between each piste. However presently, due to the limited space available at the venues, only in a few competitions is this rule adhered to.

2- To reduce the cost of the pistes by 20 to 25 percent. Fixing the width of the pistes at 1.5 meters will respectively cut the prices of the pistes.

3- Presently, some organizers use pistes with different widths in the same competition. This proposal ensures that fencers will fence in uniformly sized pistes which in turn will maximize their coordination and efficiency

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.1**

The piste is ~~from~~ 1.50 meters ~~to 2 meters~~ wide. This must be applied also to t.19 Fig.1 and Fig.2

**Refereeing Commission: no**

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**Article: t.18.3**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

P. 4

**Motivation:** At the present the Refereeing commission have decided that, if at any competition the organizers use two kinds of pistes (with and without safety border) for poules & DE, the safety borders are a part of the pistes. So, in this case again we will have the pistes with different widths.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.3**

The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for poules, DE, and finals and semi-finals, including the pistes already having safety borders, do not form part of the piste.

**Refereeing Commission: no**

**Article: t.50.3**

P. 6

**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:**

**Proposal**

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

**Refereeing Commission:yes**

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**Article: t.55**

P. 7

**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

**Background:**

a) **Proposal of the Refereeing Commission in 2018:**

***Annulment of a hit***

**t.55**

1. The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

~~Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.~~

b) **Proposal as amended by the Rules Commission in 2018 and voted by the Congress:**

**t.55**

***Annulment of a hit***

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- which are made on any object other than the opponent or his equipment.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**c) Article t.78 (foil), mentioned in the motivation:**

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf t.79).

**Proposal**

**t.55**

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Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Refereeing Commission:** the commission proposes to remove the text added at the Congress 2018 for the reasons that t.55 is included in „Method of judging hits“ for all weapons and it is unnecessary to make some explanation for foil and also because with existing text t.55.2 contradicts t.78:

**t.55**

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- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

3 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170.**

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**Article: t.62**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.

**Proposal:**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

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the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

**Refereeing Commission:** In favor with the request to use uniform format of the scoresheet with three options - video referee, main referee and final decision.

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**Article: t.124**

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**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**1. Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~

e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2. Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3. In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t. 136.2).

a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

~~b) The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification. In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.~~

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, ~~article t.124 does not apply and~~ articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

**Refereeing Commission: yes**

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**Article: Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity**

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**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

**Refereeing Commission: no**



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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

**4.4.4.**

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission ~~who have obtained the most votes~~ do not include ~~at least two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender ~~who have obtained the greatest number of votes~~ and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

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number of votes are elected.

**Refereeing Commission: no**



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**Report of the Legal Commission**

**Regarding**

**Proposals Submitted for the 2019 Congress**

**Modifications of the Statutes and other Matters**

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**Article: 1.1**

**Proposal from: Italian Fencing Federation**

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**Motivation:** The modifications to this article aim to create the conditions to allow the FIE to have the possibility to cooperate with the IWAS and in general support the development of the Paralympic fencing, which is not mentioned in the Statutes.

**Proposal:**

**1.1 MISSION**

The FIE is recognised by the IOC as the organization which governs the sport of fencing worldwide in accordance with the rules in Chapter 3 of the Olympic Charter\*.

The aims of the F.I.E. are:

- a) to promote the development of fencing throughout the world, to tighten the ties of friendship which unite fencers of all countries, by setting up lasting relations between representative groups, and to nurture the improvement of the practice of our sport in every way.
- b) to see that international competitions open to member federations are organised in accordance with F.I.E. Rules;
- c) to establish Rules according to which international competitions must be organised;
- d) to organise the Open World Championships, as well as Junior, Cadet and Veteran World Championships;
- e) to authorise and supervise the other official F.I.E. competitions;
- f) to insure that in international competitions the bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications and all other penalties issued by one of the member federations are respected;
- g) to study and legislate on all matters pertaining to fencing in international relations;
- h) to promote and develop the struggle against doping;
- i) to organise the fencing at the Olympic Games, in liaison with the International Olympic Committee.
- j) to ensure that the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, family status or other, is respected.
- k) to apply appropriate measures to contribute to the respect of the environment.

\*: Olympic Charter, p. 10, 16

- l) to ensure fair sporting contests so that the spirit of fair play prevails.

- m) to establish rules and appropriate measures to protect the health of athletes and prevent any abuse.
- n) to take appropriate means to provide for the social and professional future of athletes
- o) to foresee the possibility to cooperate for the development of the wheelchair fencing.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission voted unanimously to alter the language of (o) to read as follows:

- To assist in the development of Paralympic fencing.

But that this amendment should only take place if the Executive Committee first agrees that this is a direction it wishes to go and is willing to allocate resources for and the FIE can agree with IWAS on an agreement to move forward together on the development of Paralympic fencing.

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### **Article: 1.5**

#### **Proposal from: UAE Fencing Federation**

**Motivation:** adoption of Arabic language as an official language in the International Federation of Fencing in fulfilment of the aspirations of the 18 Arab Fencing Federations and thus contribute to the upgrading of the game in the Arab countries

#### **Proposal:**

Your Excellency,

It may give us the pleasure to send our compliments to your Excellency and to all friends in the HQ of the FIE. We would like to take this opportunity to express our warmest regards and appreciation for your good efforts to develop the work of the International Federation of Fencing

I am pleased to present to you this request as President of the Arab Fencing Federation, which includes 18 Arab countries as in "Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, Mauritania, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Jordan, Saudi Arabia - UAE - Qatar - Oman – Yemen- Kuwait and Bahrain" which are active associations in the activities of the International Federation of Fencing.

Mr. President, as is well known, all these Arab Federations speak Arabic, the language adopted by the United Nations as the official language of communication in all international forums. As a result, many international federations of many sports have adopted the Arabic language in their approved languages.

Therefore, we look forward to the adoption of our Arabic language as an official language in the International Federation of Fencing in fulfilment of the aspirations of the 18 Arab Fencing Federations referred to and thus contribute to the upgrading of the game in our Arab countries.

Once again, thank you for your support. The Arab Fencing Federation avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the FIE highest consideration and appreciation.

Engineer Shaikh Salem Bin Sultan AL Qassimi, President of the Arab & UAE Fencing Federation.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission was **unanimously not in favor** of this proposal. The only official language of the FIE is French and there is no need to add another official language. With regard to making it a working language, the Legal Commission was

**unanimously not in favor** of Arabic being added as an additional working language for the following reasons:

- Arabic is not widely spoken in any countries other than the 18 Arab Fencing Federations and a working language should be one that is a second or tertiary language in many countries other than those in which it is the primary language;
- There would be significant expense in adding a new working language because of increased translation costs and the need to add personnel; and
- There is no showing of how the addition of Arabic as an official or working language would upgrade fencing in the Arab countries.

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**Article: 3.4**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** To have at least two months in order to prepare and translate the documentation for the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils which meet in June and review the proposals.

**Proposal:**

**3.4 AGENDA**

3.4.1 All the proposals shall reach the FIE's head office no later than **midnight 00:00 hrs** Lausanne time **7 8** months before the opening day of the next Congress.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission was **unanimously in favor** of moving the date back one month to provide staff with additional time to prepare and translate the documentation for the Executive Committee, Commissions and Councils.

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#### **4.4.4.**

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**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **unanimously in favor** of this proposal to bring the minimum representation of each gender to 30% for Commissions to bring it in line with the current rules for the Executive Committee, Councils and Committees.

#### **Article: 4.4.4.a**

#### **Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** A procedure needs to be in place in the event that there are no or insufficient candidates for a Commission.

#### **Proposal:**

#### **Procedure if there are Insufficient Candidates**

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If there are fewer than 3 candidates of either gender, that gender will be represented by the number of candidates of such gender put forward who have received at least one vote and the remainder of the Commission will consist of the candidates of the other gender who have obtained the most votes.

If there are fewer than 10 candidates for a Commission then the commission will consist of all candidates who have received at least one vote.

If there are no candidates for a Commission then the members of the Commission whose term had just ended shall hold over for the following year until new candidates can be presented and an election is held for that Commission at the following Congress.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **unanimously in favor** of this proposal to deal with the procedures for handling voting when there are insufficient candidates.

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### **Article: 9.1.2 b)**

**Proposal from: Sam Chervis, MH**

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**Motivation:** Licensing of Coaches. It is necessary to add coaches and other persons traveling to official FIE competitions for the purpose of security at events and for the accumulation of statistical data to support the development work of the FIE.

#### **Proposal:**

9.1.2 b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, **Councils and Ethics Committee** of the FIE;
- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~
- All A or B referees of the FIE; **and**
- **All coaches and other persons wishing to be permitted to be on the field of play at an official competition of the FIE.**

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **in favor** of the following proposal:

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- **All coaches at an official competition of the FIE.**

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### **Article: 9.1.5**

**Proposal from: Sam Chervis, MH**

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**Motivation:** Adding a requirement related to the Security and Safeguarding of the Members and licensees of the FIE.

It is important that the FIE have relevant assurances about those persons who will come into contact with fencers, referees and other officials at official FIE competitions to support the Security and Safeguarding initiatives of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.5 Application and Issue

a) The licences are ordered by national Federations on the FIE Web site for those holding the nationality or a refugee status issued by the governmental authorities of and entitled to membership with the federation.

b) All applications for licences for persons listed in 9.1.2 b) should be accompanied by assurance that the person has passed an appropriate background or criminal record check secured by the national federation.

b c) For those countries which do not yet have a national federation which is a member of the FIE applications are made through the Olympic Committee of the country.

d) It is strictly forbidden for a fencer to possess more than one international licence.

e) When a fencer is visiting another country, or even if he lives in a country other than his own, he must apply for his licence to the member Federation of his own country, that is to say, to the member Federation of the country whose nationality he possesses.

f) The FIE head office with the agreement of the FIE Bureau may of its own initiative grant an international licence to a fencer who has the nationality of a country where there is neither a national federation which is a member of the FIE nor an Olympic Committee affiliated to the IOC and to fencers who are legally stateless.

**Legal Commission:** The Legal Commission is **in favor** of this proposal with the following amendment:

New item f) (instead of a new b) and renumbering ) :

All persons listed in 9.1.2 b) and for whom an FIE licence is ordered by a national federation are committed to respect the FIE Code of Ethics, code of conduct and Safeguarding policy.

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**Other Items discussed and work prepared at the meeting of the Legal Commission**

Due to the difficulty that some new national Federations are having with the preparation of their initial statutes, the Commission is preparing a template showing how various sections of their statutes can be formatted and what questions should be answered.

The Commission reviewed the new Supervisor Report form and FAQs and made suggestions to Edina for additions and changes.

The Commission reviewed the SafeGuarding materials and commented on the program in preparation for the Sunday presentation by the IOC and Lime Culture.

Respectfully submitted,



Legal Commission

Samuel David Cheri, MH

President, FIE Legal Commission

# FIE Medical Commission Annual Meeting

Bucharest, Romania, June 28-29, 2019

## Minutes

Participants: President *Antonio Fiore, MD, Sabrina Imene Halaimia, MD, Clare Halsted, MD, Lisa Huzel, MD, Jenó Kamuti, MD (MH), Maha Mustafa Mourad, MD, Dawood Reza Shafaat, MD, Jeremy Summers, Wilfried Wolfgarten, MD, Erika Aze (ComEx Representative)*

Absent: *Catherine Defoligny-Renault, MD*

Items discussed per the Meeting Agenda

### **(I) Activities since last Annual Meeting (*Fiore*)**

1. Wuxi Senior World Championships – *Wolfgarten*
2. Livorno Veteran World Championships – *Mourad*
3. Torun Cadet/Junior World Championships – *Halsted, Fiore*

### ***Problems observed:***

- Medical stations set up after the start of the event.
- Resuscitation equipment and ambulance not always available
- Language problems with LOC (limited English fluency) physicians and paramedics
- LOC not fully aware of their duties and obligations as per Medical Handbook
- Lack of information concerning local hospitals in case of emergency
- Inadequate medical supplies, cold spray, ice, medications
- Inefficient walkie-talkie communication (a single common channel for all officials in some cases)
- Few local physicians with expertise in sport injuries and few if any physiotherapists
- Local Anti-Doping Association not ready for blood tests at each competition day.

***Discussed solutions:***

*Fiore* stated that the **IMTF Project** discussed in the past could solve many of these problems if legal and cultural obstacles—temporary license to practice as physician or physiotherapist—could be overcome by applying for such licenses well in advance of each world championships.

Blacklisting or a threatening to blacklist countries whose LOC do not follow the Medical Handbook requisites is considered politically impractical.

*Halaimia* and *Mourad* stressed the importance to know the name/(s) and contacts of the responsible local medical individuals several months prior to the event.

*Mourad* recommended an official FIE notification procedure to the LOC with name and contact of the head Medical Delegate at the event at least two months prior.

*Fiore* proposed to produce a simple video to be shared with the LOC clearly indicating all requisites in the FIE Medical Handbook (equipment, medical supplies, ambulance, etc.).

*Summers* offered his cooperation in working on such video.

***Recommendations:***

- a) FIE must officially state that **LOC full compliance with the Medical Handbook** is absolutely mandatory.
- b) The LOC must designate a **person responsible to liaise with the lead FIE Medical Delegate** during the planning and preparation stage.
- c) The **lead FIE Medical Delegate**, officially nominated by the FIE, to have the responsibility to be liaise with the **LOC designated person responsible for all medical matters** and make sure that the LOC is in full compliance with all requirements outlined in the Medical Handbook.
- d) Three months before the event the LOC must prepare and submit a **written plan** to the lead FIE Medical Delegate showing that all requisites in the Medical Handbook are understood and will be fulfilled by the LOC prior to the event.
- e) The lead FIE Medical Delegate **shall review** the written plan submitted to ensure that the event will meet all the requirements prior to the start of the event.
- f) Two months before the event the LOC must **confirm in writing** that facilities and personnel will be adequate.
- g) It is recommended that the FIE produce a **short video** indicating all indispensable medical prerequisites to organize and host a world championship.

## (II) **FIE Transgenders Policy** (*Fiore*)

### **General discussion:**

*Fiore* shared his communication with the **IOC Scientific and Medical Department** (*Richard Budgett*, IOC Medical and Scientific Director) and with the **FIE Administration** (*Nathalie Rodriguez*) on this complex issue.

*Halsted's* stated that FIE Medical Commission cannot express an opinion on this matter pending the next Consensus Meeting of the IOC on Transgenders and hyperandrogenism.

*Fiore* countered:

- IOC is considering a new point of reference (threshold) for M-F transgenders based on ongoing scientific research and analyses conducted by the IOC regarding the maximum allowed testosterone biological parameter.
- FIE requested the Medical Commission to express its opinion and provide sport specific information. Accordingly, we cannot wait to fulfill this specific request.
- The Medical Commission should start while waiting for the scientific parameters of the IOC, to prepare a document for ComEx to explain existing or potential problems if any in the sport of fencing and to outline general principles.
- Citing exchanges with Richard Budgett, *Fiore* warned that the IOC would not appreciate that the International Federations plainly follow directives from above instead of studying and proposing rules which ought to be specifically designed for a sport discipline.
- From the IOC point of view there are two issues: hyperandrogenism and transgender athletes (M-F). The former does not appear to affect any fencer; the latter, after contacting the Veterans Commission seems to include only three M-F transgenders who compete only in the women veteran events.

### **Recommendations:**

To prepare a document that includes:

- a) Waiting for the expected IOC directives especially on the scientific definition of reference biological parameters concerning testosterone in individuals affected by “gender dysphoria.”
- b) The establishment of some basic principles—most already clearly stated by the IOC in its Guidelines—concerning ethical and socio-cultural principles which the FIE, as International Federation, must spell out in its rules with regards to the problem of “gender dysphoria”.

- c) A summary presentation to ComEx of the salient aspects of the problem with specific reference to a clinical-biological framework of “gender dysphoria” and a description of different manifestations and frequency of such condition.
- d) A clear statement by the Medical Commission stating that:
  1. presently hyperandrogenism and transgenders (M-F) in the sport of fencing are very limited (no cases of hyperandrogenism and according to the Veterans Commission there are currently only three M-F transgenders who compete);
  2. that based on anthropometric parameters the sport of fencing cannot imagine creating a new category of competing athletes;
  3. that the IOC has clearly stated that in sports any kind of discrimination cannot be tolerated;
  4. that in Olympic fencing the only two competing categories are “male” and “female”. This means that people characterized by so called “gender dysphoria” must be able to enter, on the basis of rules inspired by “IOC Transgenders Regulations” in one or the other category.
- e) The Medical Commission instructed *Fiore, Huzel* and *Summers* to prepare a document for ComEx explaining transgenders and hyperandrogenism in the sport of fencing following the IOC Guidelines of Transgenders and Hyperandrogenism in Sport.

### (III) Anti-Doping (*Halsted*)

(See **Appendix 1: Anti-Doping Report**)

### (IV) Proposals (*Huzel*)

- **Handbook for Medical Delegates**
  - The intention is to create an information package for new members of the Medical Commission regarding the duties and functions of the Medical Commission. A section will be included regarding the duties of the Medical Delegate which would be relevant for FIE Supervisors at events where there's no Medical Delegate.
- *Halaimia* and *Summers* to work with *Huzel* on this project.
- **Athletes Selection Process for Anti-Doping testing**
  - Included in *Halsted's Anti-Doping report*. The policy of randomly select 2 of the 4 finalists in individual and one member of each team in the finals shall continue. Also, if an athlete was tested in the individual event s/he would still be a candidate for testing in the team event.

- (V) **Assignments of Medical Delegates for the season's upcoming major events** (*Fiore*)
- **Cadet/Junior World Championships, Salt Lake City**—*Kamuti* (lead), *Defoligny*, *Halaimia*; *Summers* (reserve)
  - **Veterans World Championships, Porec**—*Mourad* (lead), *Shafaat*; *Kamuti* (reserve)
  - **Olympic Games**—*Fiore*, *Huzel*; *Halaimia* (reserve), *Shafaat* (reserve)
  - **Anti-Doping Education, Salt Lake City**—*Halsted*, *Huzel*.

(VI) **Illness/Injury in Fencing** (*Summers*)

- **t.45 rule change proposal**: definition/interpretation of medical injury, cramp, and other acute medical incidents.

The Medical Commission received a modification proposal of rule t.45 from *Sam Cheris* of the **Legal Commission**. The Medical commission rejects it primarily from a medical point of view.

The Medical Commission is of the opinion that **“Only the physician and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.”** The five minutes time out is a maximum allowed. Only the physician or the medical provider on duty decide the duration of allowed time-out up to 5 minutes max. His decision is final. (See **Appendix 2: t.45 wording proposed by the Medical Commission**)

- **Data Collection Update**

*Summers* presented an app in use by the USFA to collect injuries data and medical problems during fencing competitions.

*Fiore* reported that in the latest meeting of the **IOC Scientific and Medical Commission** all International Federations were asked to adopt a digital system to collect data on injuries. The app presented by *Summers* appears to be a ready to go and reliable instrument toward this important goal.

*Summers* shall prepare a proposal that will include costs for Cadet/Junior, Senior Worlds and Olympic Games.

**Recommendation:**

The Medical Commission unanimously recommends considering the purchase of the app presented by *Summers* with the scope to gather all medical information during FIE competitions.

(VII) **FIE Safeguard Policy update** (*Halsted*)

Several inter-commissions meetings on June 30<sup>th</sup> discussing various aspects of this new initiative.

*Fiore* and *Edina Czegledy* of the **Legal Commission** to be **Safeguarding Officer** at the upcoming Senior Worlds Championships in Budapest.

**(VIII) Mask Safety Update** (*Halsted*)

N/A

**(IX) Sabre Safety** (*Halsted*)

*Wolfgarten* complimented the adoption of maraging blades for saber as in **Proposal m.2** by SEMI Commission. SEMI President *Semen Rikhtman* gave a report on the Tashkent incident and technical explanations of why now all three weapons must have maraging blades. The Medical Commission agrees with SEMI and approved Proposal m.2.

**(X) Environmental Issues** (*Halsted*)

N/A

**(XI) Other** (*Fiore*)

- **Article 4.4.4.** Proposal from **Legal Commission**—FIE statutes call for at least 30% gender representation in FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions. The Statutes are inconsistent and should be made consistent. **The Medical Commission agreed.**
- **Emergency medical response when an ambulance is not at the venue**

*Sam Cheris* and *Edina Czegledy* of the **Legal Commission** presented the case observed by a supervisor (*Edina*) in a Foil Fencing World Cup where a Korean fencer had collapsed.

At issue was the absence of an ambulance and the behavior of the doctor at the venue. The doctor left the unconscious fencer to call for an ambulance which arrived 16 minutes after the fencer had collapsed.

The Medical Handbook requires to have an ambulance on stand by at the venue or available within 10 minutes from the call. The question is whether an amendment should be made in the Medical Handbook to assure that an ambulance is always available when needed.

Who should have the authority to call the ambulance? Supervisor or local doctor? Is the FIE liable because the Medical Handbook was not followed? Should a rule state that no competition can be started in absence of an ambulance? Can the organizer afford to have an ambulance on site for the length of the competition? The cost of having an ambulance always available on standby during a major event is very significant.

The medical decided to create a Working Group (*Halaimia, Halsted, Huzel, Mourad, Summers and Wolfgarten*) with the task to update the **FIE Medical Handbook** especially regarding the need to have a more thorough and complete checklist of the indispensable prerequisites for World Cup competitions.

It was emphasized to the Working Group that this is top priority.

**Attachments:**

- **Appendix 1: Anti-Doping Report**
- **Appendix 2: t.45 wording proposed by the Medical Commission**



## Appendix 1: Anti-Doping Report

### FIE Anti-Doping Report July 2018 – June 2019

1. Testing Programme
2. Whereabouts
3. TUEs
4. Education programme
5. International Testing Agency ITA
6. WADA Corrective Action Plan
7. WADA Activities
8. FIE Other Activities

### 1. Testing Programme

| In Competition            | No of events |  | Fencers tested            |                                    | Total      |
|---------------------------|--------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
|                           | individual   | team                                       | Individual<br>2/finalists | Team.....<br>2(1 from top 2 teams) |            |
| J World Cups              | 8x6=48       | <i>Not tested</i>                          | 96                        | 0                                  | 96         |
| S World Cups              | 8x6=48       | 5x6=30                                     | 96                        | 60                                 | 156        |
| S Zonals 2019<br>x4       | 4x6=24       | 4x6=24                                     | 48                        | 48                                 | 96         |
| J Worlds 2019             | 6            | 6  | 12                        | 12                                 | 24         |
| S Worlds 2018             | 6            | 6  | 12                        | 12                                 | 24         |
|                           | Test type    | Urine standard                             |                           |                                    | 24         |
|                           |              | <i>Urine also tested for ESAs and GHRF</i> |                           |                                    | (24)       |
|                           |              | Blood for hGH                              |                           |                                    | 24         |
|                           |              |  |                           | Total                              | 396        |
|                           |              |  |                           | IC tests                           | 420        |
| <b>Out of Competition</b> | RTP          |  | 51                        |                                    | (153)      |
|                           |              |  |                           | All tests                          | <b>573</b> |

|      |  |  |  |   |   |   |
|------|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| AAFs |  |  |  | 1 | 0 | 0 |
|------|--|--|--|---|---|---|

Notes: ESA Ethropoietin stimulating agents; GHRF Growth hormone releasing factor;  
hGH human growth hormone

RTP 1 – registered testing pool for OOCT- top 4 of each weapon at beginning of season = 24 fencers

RTP 2 Additional OOCT programme up to Olympics 2020 – 27 Russian fencers

### Problems

1. Doping Control Forms (DCFs) filled in wrongly so not matched with sample analysis in ADAMS, causing much extra work for our ITA colleague.
2. DCFs not sent to FIE or going missing
  - Wuxi
  - Novi Sad European zonal
  - Puerto Rico JWE Nov 18 2 months late, many errors
  - Iran JMS Nov 18 no DCFs by end March 19
  - Egypt 4 DCFs missing May19
3. Data not entered into ADAMS
  - Torun contract between the NADO and the LOC did not include this part of the job!
4. FIE AD Rules not followed with respect to number of tests at zonals
  - Asian zonal 2018 only 2 tests done not 24
5. Argentina – SME March 19 4 samples not analysed as lab owed money by NADO; FIE had to pay

## 2. Whereabouts Requirements

The Registered Testing Pool 1 (RTP1) is the top 4 fencers in each weapon at the start of each season -24 fencers. RTP 2 additional 27 Russian fencers

They have to submit their whereabouts details in the ADAMS system and are subject to no notice OOC testing.

1.7.18-31.5.19

Missed tests x9 RUS AUT JPN EST x2 KOR x4

Filing failure x8

### **3. Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)**

'International fencers' are the top 32 in each weapon so 192 in total; they can submit TUE requests to FIE for processing.

Also FIE must recognize TUEs granted by any NADO, provided that such TUEs are reported in accordance with the WADA ISTUE.

TUE applications from International list x2 RUS Dexamethasone infusion; Korea Betamethasone injection

Other x2 France prednisolone oral; HUN prednisolone oral

#### **TUE Committee**

Jan 2019 New contract between FIE and ITA agreed that the ITA TUE panel would take over TUE applications.

### **4. Education Programme**

The WADA Corrective Action Plan for the FIE required a more comprehensive programme

#### **FIE Anti-Doping Education Plan**

##### **1. Background**

There is no evidence to date of cheating through doping in world-wide fencing. The number of AAFs from the FIE's testing programme is very small indeed and sanctions are rare. However, the level of ignorance about anti-doping matters in many fencing countries is fairly high so our existing education programme needs to continue and expand, in order to comply with WADA standards, to protect our fencers from inadvertent errors and to reinforce the values of fair play and respect for the true spirit of sport.

##### **2. Current Situation**

2.1 FIE Education team – Chair of AD panel, 2 other Medical Commission members, (all 3 are elected volunteers), CEO, administrative help from FIE office. Resources are limited due to budgetary and time considerations.

2.2 Outreach programme – started in 2010 at Senior Worlds as a pilot; continued at Cadet and Junior Worlds every year from 2012.

This comprises a stand with posters and hand outs, run by AD experts from FIE with help from the NADO or Sport Accord. From 2014 the main activity has been the WADA Clean Sport quiz with USBs for participants containing the quiz and AD information. Coaches and fencers are encouraged to use the USBs at home to play the quiz at clubs and national training camps.

In 2017 and 2018 the education outreach has included a Fair Play stand which fits well with Clean Sport activities. In 2018 Safe Sport was added following the IOC campaign.

- 2.3 Website information – the Clean Sport section includes links to WADA educational programmes
- 2.4 Medical delegates are present at all World Championships, cadet, junior, senior, veterans and can provide AD information or advice to teams or individuals.
- 2.5 As AD violations are so rare there are no high profile cases to use for impact
- 2.6 All FIE licence holders agree to abide by the FIE AD Rules
- 2.7 The FIE jurisdiction extends to all fencers competing in FIE events and their associated support staff as well as all other licence holders.
- 2.8 Currently 153 countries are FIE members; Europe 45 Asia/Oceania 44 Americas 33 Africa 31
- 2.9 Testing programme - see below

### **3. Aims of FIE Education Programme**

- 3.1 No AAFs through ignorance; all fencers competing in the cadet or junior world championships to have access to AD information during the event.
- 3.2 All fencers in the 'International level list' ( top 20 x6 weapons) to understand the TUE requirements. *(These fencers have to apply to the FIE for TUEs)*
- 3.3 All affiliated National Fencing Governing Bodies to understand the importance of educating their own fencers and support personnel
- 3.4 To promote Fair Play and Clean Sport values in order to maintain Fencing's reputation as a low risk sport with respect to doping.
- 3.5 To learn from research and good examples elsewhere in order to provide effective, appropriate education.

### **4. Essential Information**

- Definitions of doping and anti-doping rule violations (ADRVs)
- Prohibited Substances and Methods List
- Consequences of doping: effects on health; social consequences; sanctions
- Risks of nutritional supplements
- Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel responsibilities, e.g., Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) and Whereabouts Filing
- Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel rights, eg with respect to results management and testing procedures
- Doping Control procedures

- Awareness of FIE anti-doping regulations
- How to find information easily; who to go to with problems.

**5. List of contents on Anti-Doping USBs (to give away)**

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Prohibited List
- 3 Clean Sport documents:
  - World Anti-Doping Code 2015
  - Athlete Reference Guide to 2015 Code
  - FIE Anti-Doping Rules
  - WADA Dangers of Doping
- 4 Info at a glance
- 5 WADA Quiz
- 6 Quiz handouts 39 languages
- 7 Doping Control video
- 8 Say NO to Doping video
- 9 Parents Guide
- 10 Coaches Toolkit

**6. Testing Programme**

In competition testing at all Junior and Senior World Cups and World Championships; Out of competition testing on RTP fencers; targeted testing as indicated.

The Zonal Confederations are responsible for testing at their junior and senior Zonal Championships according to FIE AD rules.

**7. Definitions**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Cadet                       | under 17 over 13  |
| Junior                      | under 20 over 13  |
| Senior                      | over 13   |
| Veteran                     | over 40   |
| FIE events                  | World Championships all age categories<br>World Cups Senior Junior<br>Satellite World Cups Senior<br>Zonal Championships (held under FIE rules) Cadet Junior Senior |
| RTP                         | Top 4 fencers in senior world ranking at start of season x 6 weapons - 24 in total  |
| International level fencers | Fencers whose TUEs are managed by FIE<br>Top 32 in senior world ranking at start of season x 6 weapons - 196 in total   |

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## FIE Anti-Doping Education Action Plan

| Target Group.....   | Objective   | Task   | Responsibility   | Deadline                                   |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| 1 Cadets and Juniors at April World Championships 2019      | 1 All to be aware of the outreach programme   | Put details on FIE website and in information pack for team managers <i>(to include Fair Play and Safe Sport details as well)</i> . Promote it via FIE social media channels in advance and during event | Lead educator for event with FIE media dept and local organisers   | 8 weeks pre-event                          |
|   |   | Posters to advertise education programme put up around venue including accreditation centre  | Lead educator  | Day before start                           |
|   |   | Direct contact with fencers  | All educators  | Throughout event                           |
|   |   | Central prominent site for outreach stands   | Lead educator with local organiser   | Needs to be agreed at venue planning stage |
|   | 2 50% participation in the WADA quiz with focus on teams without AD education at home | Gifts and prizes for participants – usbs are popular <i>(given for a minimum score in quiz)</i>  | Lead educator FIE office   | For usb production allow 8-10 weeks        |
| 2 Team managers and coaches at C/J World Championships 2019 | 1 All to be aware of the outreach programme   | 1 Put details on FIE and event website and <i>(to include Fair Play and Safe Sport details as well)</i> . Promote it via FIE social media channels in advance and during event                           | Lead educator for event with FIE media dept and local organisers   | 8 weeks pre-event                          |
|   |   | 2 Officials from 50% of countries taking part to participate in outreach programme   | All coaches participating in WADA quiz to receive the educational usb regardless of score <i>(with request to use it with their fencers at home)</i> | Lead educator FIE office                   |

|  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| <p><b>3</b> RTP fencers<br/>24 fencers</p>   | <p>No whereabouts failures</p>  | <p>Clear easily accessible details of ADAMS system</p> <p>Inclusion letter and Whereabouts quick reference card sent to all RTP fencers <i>(attached)</i></p> <p>Reminder notice sent to all RTP fencers and put on website<br/> <a href="http://static.fie.org/uploads/17/89626-Whereabouts%20info-notice%20for%20RTP%20fencers%20ang.docx">http://static.fie.org/uploads/17/89626-Whereabouts%20info-notice%20for%20RTP%20fencers%20ang.docx</a></p> | <p>WADA</p> <p>FIE AD colleagues in ITA/GAISF</p> <p>FIE AD lead</p> | <p>Start of senior season<br/>September annually</p> <p>January</p> |
| <p><b>4</b> International level fencers (120)</p>                                      | <p>No TUE problems</p>  | <p>List on website with link to TUE form<br/> <a href="http://static.fie.org/uploads/16/80389-FIE%20TUE%20Application%20Form%202015-ang.pdf">http://static.fie.org/uploads/16/80389-FIE%20TUE%20Application%20Form%202015-ang.pdf</a></p>  | <p>FIE AD lead</p>   | <p>Start of senior season</p> <p>September annually</p>             |
| <p><b>5</b> Zonal Confederations</p>   | <p>Education session at Senior World Championships for all 5 Presidents</p> | <p>Outreach stand at Senior Worlds <i>(combined with Safe Sport)</i> - AD educator to provide an overview of AD requirements appropriate for these senior officials</p>  | <p>FIE AD panel<br/>FIE office</p>                                   | <p>July 2019 as a pilot</p>   |
| <p><b>6</b> Team officials at Senior World Championships (Chefs d'Equipe, Coaches)</p> | <p>All to be aware of the outreach stand</p>                                | <p>1 AD stand (as above) with WADA quiz and informative posters</p> <p>2 Put details on FIE and event website and in information pack for team managers <i>(to include Safe Sport details as well)</i>. Promote it via FIE social media channels in advance and during event</p> <p>3 usbs (as above) to give away</p>   | <p>FIE AD panel<br/>FIE office</p>                                   | <p>July 2019 as pilot</p>   |

|                                |                                     |   |  |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| 7 National Fencing Federations | Provide all 153 with AD information | Annual FIE AD information letter to include all useful AD links (via email) |  | January 2019 Done |
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### **AD Education at Cadet and Junior World Championships Torun April 2019**

8-12<sup>th</sup> April 5 days

Educators

Dr Sabrina Halaimia      Dr Lisa Huzel

See report already circulated

Apart from a less than ideal site in the venue this was another successful outreach programme thanks to Sabrina and Lisa.

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## **5. International Testing Agency**

Jan 2019 the ITA took over from GAISF to run the FIE AD programme.

A new contract was put in place after much work by NR and the FIE lawyer with input from SC-legal and CH

Results management is still the responsibility of the FIE according to the FIE Anti-Doping Rules but these will be reviewed with changes coming into effect after Tokyo 2020.

CH took the opportunity of a safeguarding workshop in Lausanne to meet our new colleagues in Jan 2019 at the new ITA office. A very time consuming problem continues to be inaccurate details on DCFs. WADA monitors strictly any discrepancies in ADAMS.

|      |    |      |    |       |                |
|------|----|------|----|-------|----------------|
| 8.18 | 14 | 5.19 | 14 | USA 4 | RMA wrong      |
| 1.19 | 7  |      |    | BEL 2 | TA RMA wrong   |
| 3.19 | 20 |      |    | GER 4 | TA put as NADO |
| 3.19 | 12 |      |    | EGY 4 | DCFs missing   |
| 4.19 | 20 |      |    |       |                |

Action: 1. CH wrote a notice to go to the person responsible for organising tests at the 4 Senior Zonal Championships. *Problem – not easy to find names or contact details from the event websites; no response from organising committee; this needs to be part of the event information in future*



2. Instruction to be given at the supervisors' training session in Bucharest June 2019
3. The supervisors' report form to have a more detailed AD section/check list
4. Update needed for the FIE AD Officer Duties document
5. Session for the Zonal Confederation Presidents will be held during the Senior Worlds in Budapest -AF

## **6 WADA Corrective Action Plan**

Final sections completed by Sep 2018 – Education Plan, Partnership details  
Compliance confirmed by WADA Sep 2018  
Work on this took from Dec 2017 to Sep 2018

## **WADA Activities**

July 2018 – May 2019 65 + emails received

Eg:

- 9.18 RUSADA reinstated with strict conditions
- 11.18 Governance reform approved by Board
- 12.18 Revised Standard for Testing and Investigations  
Date extraction from Moscow lab
- 1.19 2019 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods published
- 4.19 Samples retrieved from Moscow lab  
Conference call for IFs re Moscow lab database
- 5.19 Revised Standard for Laboratories

### **WADA Symposium March 2019**

Summary of main topics

Review of the **World Anti-Doping Code** (Code) and its associated International Standards, as well as compliance and capturing athletes' views

The latest revised and updated Code comes into effect in 2021 after ratification at the fifth World Conference on Doping in Sport, November, Katowice, Poland.

In addition, the Code's various International Standards, including those related to results management, education, compliance, testing and investigations, therapeutic use exemptions, laboratories and privacy protection were discussed at length..

Athletes were well represented and around 75 athlete leaders from around the world took part in a one-and-a-half-day session hosted by WADA's Athlete Committee for the first time, reinforcing the importance of athletes' involvement in clean sport. Topics included increased athlete representation within WADA's governance structure, the impact the proposed changes in the 2021 draft Code may have on athletes, and the upcoming launch of ADAMS Next Gen – the latest revamped and improved version of the system.

WADA's Athlete Committee members Beckie Scott (Chair) and Ben Sandford gave an update on the progress of the development of the **Anti-Doping Charter of Athlete Rights**,

[WADA President Sir Craig Reedie](#) reflected on the Russian doping scandal and on the progress made since the Executive Committee (ExCo) decision in September 2018 to reinstate the Russian Anti-Doping Agency (RUSADA) as compliant with the Code.

He noted that the all-important data recovered from the Moscow Laboratory in January this year, once authenticated, would be used to bring more cheats to justice for the good of clean sport while exonerating others.

He also pointed out that the Russian scandal had prompted significant changes to better navigate situations of non-compliance with the Code, including the coming into force on 1 April 2018 of **the International Standard for Code Compliance by Signatories (ISCCS)**, which has considerably strengthened WADA's legal framework around cases of non-compliance.

WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli, took delegates through **WADA's strategic priorities**, which included in particular:

- harmonizing Code rules via the 2021 Code Review
- simultaneous review of the International Standards;
- the implementation of wide-ranging governance reforms,
  
- increasing scientific and social science research;
- enhancing education, most notably through the development of an **International Standard for Education**; - capacity building of Anti-Doping Organizations;
- the ongoing overhaul of WADA's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS).

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## 8. FIE other Activities

- 1 YOG AD Rules
- 2 Tokyo 2020 AD questionnaire
- 3 IOC AD Rules for Tokyo reviewed
- 4 Clean Sport notice sent to all FIE countries
- 5 RTPs updated with addition of new Russian fencers

## Appendix 2: t.45 wording proposed by the Medical Commission

Current text:

### t.45

**1** For an **injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for injury or cramp must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

**2** During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

**3** Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

**4** **In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

**5** The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

## Proposed modification by the Medical Commission

### t.45

**1** For a **sport trauma/injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. **Only the doctor and/or medical provider on duty can determine the length of time of treatment required when a medical time-out is granted.** This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

All breaks for a sport trauma, cramp, or an acute medical incident must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

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## Meeting of the FIE Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission

**Location:** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Bucharest

**Date:** 28 - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Attendees:

- Nikolay Mateev (President)
- Isabelle Lamour (Representative of the FIE Executive Committee)
- Nina Lalovic (FIE CMTV)
- David Baker (Secretary)
- Joyce Bolanos
- Carl Borack
- Victor Sergio Groupierre
- Monica Ho
- Reno Marolt
- Rigoberto Morejon Llanes
- Gianandrea Nicolai

### Absent:

- Fazlollah Bagherzadeh

## 1. Introduction

- Nikolay Mateev welcomed members of the Commission to the meeting and introduced Nina Lalovic who joined the CMTV department in January 2019
- Isabelle Lamour welcomed the members of the Commission to the meeting on behalf of the FIE Executive Committee and expressed an interested in increased communication with the Commission, Office and the Comex. Needs to be a collaborative effort – it can't be done alone

## 2. Presentation from CMTV

The Commission received a presentation from Nina Lalovic:

- New website
  - Has been an ongoing project for years
  - Put together by mail.ru (a Russian technology company)
  - Increased data security measures
  - Much easier to modify information quickly
  - Much improved competition page and athlete profile pages
  - Links to live ranking pages
  - Some small usability issues reported (e.g. use on mobile), PCM Commission to collate feedback and deliver
- Social media update:
  - YouTube 17.8million hits vs 14.5 million, Subscribers up 16% to over 51,000
  - 6.3% average increase in total followers, led by Instagram growth
- The Commission viewed an example video on the FIE training camp held before the 2019 Junior World Championships in Torun, Poland

- Question if the video could be displayed with different languages
- At a minimum we should provide subtitles, which could be done through the existing translation providers
- The Commission viewed another video focussing on Clean Sport, Safe Sport, and Fair Play at the 2019 Junior World Championships in Torun, Poland
  - Torun was the first competition held with a safeguarding officer
- FIE magazine is now all digital, published 4x per year
  - Key content includes meet the athlete, and overviews of all tournaments and events
  - Content is mobile friendly
  - Multiple opportunities for sponsorship – 13 fencing companies signed up
  - Explore the opportunities to track readership data?
  - Opportunity to cross-promote the magazine with the zonal confederations
  - Ideas for new articles from content provided by other Commissions and Councils
    - E.g. Fair Play, Veterans, Women and Fencing
  - Integrate into social media platforms. Instagram stories seems an ideal medium
- Live stream and TV:
  - All Grand Prix streamed and broadcast on 8 different channels
    - China by far the dominant market
  - 2018 World Championships in Wuxi has 250 million viewers (169 million Chinese)
  - New Eurosport contract agreed
    - Improved terms and broadcast on Eurosport 1 and 2.
    - Double the hours 27 broadcast hours for the 9 Grand Prix
    - Minimum 6 hours from European and Asian Championships
    - 18 broadcast hours for Budapest 2019
    - Extra digital content including “top 5” moments etc
    - Next steps are to add direct Eurosport link to FIE website and the broadcast lines to FIE news articles
  - No budget for OBS to cover the test event – in negotiation
  - Budapest World Championships:
    - 5 confirmed live TV feeds in addition to Eurosport. Additionally, FIE has received news access requests from China and 6x from Japan which is encouraging ahead of the Olympic Games in 2020
    - Minimum 18 hours broadcast on Eurosport channels
    - Site visit to the media facilities completed
- 2018 World Fencing Day
  - 30+ countries
  - 6500 social media tags
  - 2019 theme will be – "Fencing for our Planet"
    - FIE to lead by example in Lausanne
  - Next year's theme – involve the PCM Commission
    - Women and Fencing
  - Announcement to be made next week
- Presentation on the FIE 105 gala dinner in Paris
  - Viewed a short video on the event
- Tokyo 2020

- "Tokyo Loves Fencing" Portal to be launched after world championships
- Impressed with Japanese media company
- CMTV department took fencers out to the city - presenting Japanese culture
- 2019 Asian Championships in Chiba had live broadcasting for the first time
- Japanese national championships in an opera house in Shibuya (one of the busiest areas in Tokyo)
- Other events and sports initiation programs will take place alongside the Tokyo 2020 test event in December 2019
- Collaborating with Yuki Ota and Tokyo on promotion videos – may be able to use their technology at the test event and potentially use it at the games.
  - Yuki has become a star promoting fencing in Japan
  - Not historically a well-known sport
  - Achieving high quality exposure and sponsorship from large brands
    - Sets an example for other national federations
- Ticket sales going well. First batch all sold out.
  - Tokyo2020/IOC full stadia project in place.
  - Tokyo2020 extremely optimistic about ticket sales – 5 million intentions to purchase tickets.
  - Lots of requests for fencing tickets. 8,000 sales to date.
    - Will be the same format as previous Olympics – a morning session for the preliminary matches and an evening session for the finals
- CMTV just arrived back from Chiba – very impressive Tokyo 2020 branding and lots of fencing content.
  - CMTV department feels like Tokyo 2020 is under control
  - Lots of interaction from Asian athletes and interest from Japanese TV
  - Feel like in safe hands with the Japanese Federation
  - Draft FIE proposal for Olympic tickets for orphanages in Chiba prefecture

### 3. Proposals for the Congress

- Proposal from the Athletes Commission:
  - Commission to write to Athletes Commission suggesting stars on the uniform rather than alternate coloured names
- Proposal from the Legal Commission:
  - The PCM Commission continues to be in favour of this proposal

### 3. Meetings with other Commissions and Councils

- Meeting with the Veteran's Council
  - Discussed promotion strategies ahead of the 2019 Veteran World Championship in Cairo, Egypt
  - Growth in numbers is astonishing: over 1800 entries at European Championships, over 900 entries at World Championships
  - Agreement to promote the competition ahead of the championships using FIE social media platform

- Explore ways to take videos and photos of the championships for the FIE website and social media
  - CMTV department to engage with local organisation and Veteran Council
- Veteran Council to provide information to the Commission and CMTV department
- Meeting from the Women's Council
  - The Commission met with the Women's Council and discussed the evolution of their Council's role
  - The Commission agreed to work with the Council going forward and make sure that promotional materials are in line with their new strategy
- Meeting with the Fair Play Council
  - Fair Play Council requested the addition of a Fair Play section to the front page website and associated articles describing the reason for the award
  - There will be a drop box for fair play nominations at the World Championships, the Council requested announcements during the day alongside news articles and social media so that they will receive more nominations

#### 4. Plan of Work - Protocol Discussion

- The Commission was joined by Elena Huot (FIE Head of Operations) and Pascal Tesch (FIE Executive Committee) to discuss Protocol
- For major events (World Championships and GPs) there should always be a Master of Ceremonies (MC), as well as announcers, to inform and entertain the live audience
  - Particularly important during short breaks and delays
  - Well explained event is critical – the impressive Orleans Women's World Cup given as an example
- FIE competition handbook is being updated, comments and revisions due by the end of August
  - We suggest that the addition of an executive summary and checklists would be an improvement to the handbook
- The commission would like to increase dramatically the attendance, and in particular after the final at the Medal Ceremony:
  - This is a main project of the President of the FIE
  - Many different ideas have been tried in the past
  - Lottery system to be trialed
  - French Federation has had success with local schools and sports clubs
  - Include LOC engagement with the community in the revised handbook

#### 4. Broadcasting and Outreach Proposals

- Commission to develop marketing strategy.
  - Subcommittee: Carl Borack, Monica Ho, Gianandrea Nicolai, Joyce Bolanos
- The Commission saw a proposal from Leon Paul to have guards painted with nationalities similar to the mask designs



- Commission in favour and has the view that there should be one approved design, similar to the masks
  - Proposal to be made for the Comex (attached)
- The Commission will propose the restart of the FIE shop
- Discussed the four Senior Zonal Championships. Recommend further FIE support for all competitions that are held in developing countries
- Updated live stream graphics
  - Show athlete statistical and biographical data, incorporating and expanding the existing web data
- Write to Africa and American Zone Confederation Presidents suggesting the establishment of Promotion Commissions in these Zones or a point of contact for the Commission
- Carl Borack raised the project of a group for fencing history
  - Noted that there are a number of museums around the world
  - A fencing museum project was started by the FIE President but has stalled
  - Reno Marolt has offered the services of the Croatian federation
- Gianandrea Nicolai submitted a proposal to have more interaction with service clubs
  - To be included in a future promotion guide
- Discussed the growth of lightsabre fencing, particularly in France
  - The announcement had strong publicity and global exposure: making headlines in UK, Korea, USA
  - The FFE has created rules, uniform for protection, and organised competitions
  - Serge Timacheff to visit France after Budapest to research lightsabre fencing
  - Over 1,200 registered members to date

5. Commission Photo



DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
TO: Executive Committee of the FIE  
FROM: FIE Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission  
TITLE: **Guards with National Drawings**

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Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

We received concept photos from an equipment manufacturer (Leon Paul) that proposes to have national drawings on the guards in the three weapons. The purpose is to make the fencing teams have an even greater national identity. Our commission was of the view that this is would be a positive development for the promotion of our sport.

In our opinion, the designs should be regulated similar to the drawings on the mask – with one design per country approved by the Executive Committee. We have looked at the FIE rulebook and do not believe that there would need to be any specific changes to the rules to allow drawings on the guards. This could be confirmed by the Rules Commission.

The manufacturer claims that the guards are still electrically conductive and perform as normal. The SEMI Commission would have to confirm that the guards with drawings still conform to the material rules.

Please see attached some examples of the drawings on the guard.

Best Regards,

Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission

Appendix: Example Designs















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**Article: m.25.3.h**

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**Revised Proposal from: Promotion, Communication and Marketing Commission**

**Motivation:** The Promotion, Communication, and Marketing Commission agrees that we should be promoting our World and Olympic Champions. However, we are concerned that simply changing the colour of the names may be unclear to spectators, and that after that year (or 4 years for the Olympics) the fencer may have to change back the colours and that recognition will be lost.

Our alternative proposal takes inspiration from other sports, will be immediately recognisable to spectators even if they are not familiar with fencing, and will provide a permanent promotional boost for the fencer for their entire career.

**Proposal**

**m.25.3.h**

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

Each year, the World Champion in Senior Individual and Team Competitions, shall be entitled to print a five-point star on the back of the jacket, above the name. Each star must be in dark blue and have equal height and width of between 2 cm and 3 cm.

The Olympic Champions in Individual and Team Competitions, shall be entitled to print a five-point star on the back of the jacket, above the name. Each star must be in gold and have equal height and width of between 2 cm and 3 cm.

**PCM Commission:**



Inspiration:



Sample Concept:





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**Article: o.5**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

***Assault and bout***

**o.5** A **friendly combat** between two fencers is called an ***assault***.

When the score of such an assault is kept to determine a result [in an individual competition](#), it is called a ***bout***.

[The three sections of a direct elimination bout are called 'periods'.](#)

[In a match \(cf o.6\) between teams it is called a 'relay'.](#)

**Rules Commission:** In favour with the following amendment:

[In a match \(cf o.6\) between teams ~~it~~ each of the nine bouts is called a 'relay'.](#)

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**Article: o.6**

**Proposal from: Rules Commission**

**Motivation:** To establish a precise set of terms in order to avoid confusion.

**Proposal:**

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**Match**

The aggregate of the **bouts relays** fought between the fencers of two different **teams** is called a **match**.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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**Article: t.18.1**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

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**Motivation:**

- 1- To save the space. According to the existing rule, there should be a 5 meter distance between each piste. However presently, due to the limited space available at the venues, only in a few competitions is this rule adhered to.
- 2- To reduce the cost of the pistes by 20 to 25 percent. Fixing the width of the pistes at 1.5 meters will respectively cut the prices of the pistes.
- 3- Presently, some organizers use pistes with different widths in the same competition. This proposal ensures that fencers will fence in uniformly sized pistes which in turn will maximize their coordination and efficiency

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.1**

The piste is **from** 1.50 meters ~~to 2 meters~~ wide. **This must be applied also to t.19 Fig.1 and Fig.2**

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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**Article: t.18.3**

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

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**Motivation:** At the present the Refereeing commission have decided that, if at any competition the organizers use two kinds of pistes (with and without safety border) for poules & DE, the safety borders are a part of the pistes. So, in this case again we will have the pistes with different widths.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**t.18.3**

The conductive safety borders, indicated in Fig. 1, the diagram of the pistes for **poules, DE, and** finals and semi-finals, **including the pistes already having safety borders**, do not form part of the piste.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

**Article: t.45**

**Proposal from: Sam Cheris (MH)**

**Motivation:** to clear ambiguity of medical injury, cramp, and other acute medical incident.

Request that Rules Commission and Executive Committee declare that this proposal be declared urgent so that confusion among athletes, referees and coaches can have clarity as to how to various medical ailments will be handled and to assure consistency of application of the rule regarding injury cramp or other acute medical incidents on the strip.

**Proposal:**

***Injuries, withdrawal of a competitor***  
**Injury or cramp, withdrawal of a competitor**  
**t.45**

1 For an **athletic injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

**1.1 Definition of ‘cramp’** – exercise associated muscle cramping (EAMC) “is a painful and sustained muscle(s) contraction that is physically palpable and limits joint range of motion”. EAMC criteria for in competition evaluation by FIE doctor or doctor on duty include:

- 1.1.1 Palpation of a sustained muscle contraction.
- 1.1.2 Confirm loss of motion of the associated joints above and/or below the affected area.
- 1.1.3 If the EAMC is not present upon examination the doctor on duty can ask the athlete to contract the muscle group to try and elicit a muscle cramp.

**2 Definition of ‘other acute medical incident’** – acute medical incident can include but not limited to illness/vomiting, debris within the eye, bleeding, and/or pre-existing condition which may include asthma or diabetes mellitus.

**2.1.1 Vomiting/illness** – in the event of **vomiting or preminent vomiting** during a bout the athlete is given time to purge and clean prior to the determination of continuing by the doctor on duty. The doctor on duty will give the athlete the minimum amount of time to achieve their readiness or a maximum time limit for medical timeout of 5 minutes.

**2.1.2 Bleeding** – in the event of **bleeding** during a bout the doctor on duty has a maximum time limit of 5 minutes to control the bleeding.

**2.1.3 Asthma** – Athletes are required to manage their pre-existing medical condition to the best of their ability, however, in the event of an **acute asthma attack** the athlete will be given a medical timeout for a maximum time limit of 5 minutes. The doctor on duty will determine if this is a true acute asthma attack and allow for a brief time for medication which may include the use of an inhaler and/or nebulizer if the athlete presents with the following signs and symptoms below. If the athlete **does not** present with signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack but stresses that an asthma attack is preminent the athlete is given the opportunity to take medication for a brief period and then resume the bout. If the doctor on

duty is called over to determine a medical timeout is needed it will be recorded as a medical timeout, if granted the use of medication.

**Signs and symptoms of an acute asthma attack:**

2.1.3.1 Moderate to severe difficulty breathing

2.1.3.2 Moderate to severe wheezing both in and out

2.1.3.3 Unable to speak or significant inability to speak

2.1.3.4 Coughing that is difficult to stop or control

2.1.3.5 Presentation of anxiety or panic

2.1.3.6 Pale face

2.1.4 **Diabetes** – athlete is required to manage their pre-existing condition and no timeout is warranted unless the athlete is physically unable to continue in which they will be medically withdrawn.

2.1.5 **Concussion** – in the event of a head injury the doctor on duty must use the best standards of care and evaluation to determine if the athlete has sustained a potential concussion. Diagnosis of concussion may not exceed 5-minute medical time out.

All breaks for **athletic injury, cramp (EMAC), or an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

~~2.~~ 3. During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

~~3.~~ 4. Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

4. 5. **In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

~~5.~~ 6. The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Rules Commission: In favour of amended text as follows:**

**Proposal:**

***Injuries, withdrawal of a competitor***

**Injury or cramp, withdrawal of a competitor**

**t.45**

1 For ~~an-athletic~~ a **sport injury or cramp or other acute medical incident** which occurs in the course of a bout and which is properly attested by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty, the Referee will allow a break in the fight lasting no longer than 5 minutes. This break should be timed from the point when the delegate of the F I E Medical commission or, in his absence, the doctor gave his opinion and be strictly reserved for the requisite treatment. If the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, the doctor on duty considers, before or at the end of the 5 minute break, that the **fencer is incapable of continuing** the fight, he will decide that the fencer should retire (individual events) and/or be replaced, if possible (team events) (cf. o.99.6.a/b).

~~2.2 Definition of ‘cramp’ — exercise associated muscle cramping (EAMC) “is a painful and sustained muscle(s) contraction that is physically palpable and limits joint range of motion”. EAMC criteria for in competition evaluation by FIE doctor or doctor on duty include:~~

~~2.2.1 — Palpation of a sustained muscle contraction.~~

~~2.2.2 — Confirm loss of motion of the associated joints above and/or below the affected area.~~

~~2.2.3~~ If the EAMC is not present upon examination the doctor on duty can ask the athlete to contract the muscle group to try and elicit a muscle cramp.

~~3~~ **Definition of 'other acute medical incident'** — acute medical incident can include but not limited to illness/vomiting, debris within the eye, bleeding, and/or pre-existing condition which may include asthma or diabetes mellitus.

~~3.1.1~~ **Vomiting/illness** — in the event of **vomiting or preminent vomiting** during a bout the athlete is given time to purge and clean prior to the determination of continuing by the doctor on duty. The doctor on duty will give the athlete the minimum amount of time to achieve their readiness or a maximum time limit for medical timeout of 5 minutes.

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~~3.1.3.5~~ Presentation of anxiety or panic

~~3.1.3.6~~ Pale face

~~3.1.4~~ **Diabetes** — athlete is required to manage their pre-existing condition and no timeout is warranted unless the athlete is physically unable to continue in which they will be medically withdrawn.

~~3.1.5~~ **Concussion** — in the event of a head injury the doctor on duty must use the best standards of care and evaluation to determine if the athlete has sustained a potential concussion. Diagnosis of concussion may not exceed 5-minute medical time out.

All breaks for **athletic sport** injury, cramp (EMAC), or **an acute medical incident** must be noted on the score-sheet for the bout, the pool or the match.

~~2.3.2~~ During **the remainder of the same day**, a fencer cannot be allowed a further break unless as a result of a different injury or cramp or acute medical incident.

~~3.4.3~~ Should a fencer **demand a break** which is deemed by the delegate of the Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty to be **unjustified**, the Referee will penalise that fencer as specified in Articles t.158-162, t.166, t.170.

~~4.5.4~~ **In team events** a fencer judged unable to continue the bout by the delegate of the FIE Medical Commission or, in his absence, by the doctor on duty may, nevertheless, on the advice of the same delegate of the FIE Medical Commission / doctor, fight in subsequent matches on the same day.

~~5.6.5~~ The Directoire Technique may **modify the order of bouts** in a pool in order to ensure the efficient running of the competition (cf. o.71.1).

**Article: t.50.3**

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**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:**

**Proposal**

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

**Rules Commission:** After discussion with the Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission is in favour of the proposal with the following amendments (in green):

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn by the computer at each stage of the table ~~and~~ but may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of any problem with the computer programme, mistakes ~~done~~ made by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts between category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE). In any case where the computer draw is modified, it must be with the agreement of the Directoire Technique and signed by both the Refereeing Delegate and the President of the DT.**

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**Article: t.55**

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**Proposal from: Refereeing Commission**

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

**Background:**

a) **Proposal of the Refereeing Commission in 2018:**

***Annulment of a hit***



**t.55**

1. The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

**b) Proposal as amended by the Rules Commission in 2018 and voted by the Congress:**

**t.55**

***Annulment of a hit***

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started before the word 'Play!' or after the word 'Halt!' (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object other than the opponent or his equipment.

2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.

**c) Article t.78 (foil), mentioned in the motivation:**

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf t.79).

**Proposal**

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Rules Commission:** After discussion with the Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission is in favour of the proposal with the following amendments:

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.



- ~~2—At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~
- 3 A competitor who, **intentionally**, causes the apparatus to register a hit by placing his point on the ground or on any surface other than **that of his opponent** will be penalised as specified in Articles **t.158-162, t.165, t.170.**

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**Article: t.62**

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**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitrage.

**Proposal:**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. ~~Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.~~

**Rules Commission: In favour of the following amended text**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

~~6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.~~ Each time the referee consults the video, whether

on his own initiative, following an appeal or at the suggestion of the video-consultant, the opinions of the referee and the video-consultant must be recorded on the match sheet.

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**Article: t.124**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

**1 Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ **from** the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~

e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

- a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

- b) ~~The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification.~~ In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, ~~article t.124 does not apply and~~ articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following modified details (in blue).

#### Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

##### t.124

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team in which a fencer has been sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

f) If a P-Black card is given to fencers in both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

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## 1 In both individual and team competitions

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**Article: m.2**

P. 10

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** This proposal is linked to the meeting of the SEMI Commission with the manufacturers following incidents at sabre.

**Proposal:**

### *General description*

**m.2**

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

1. A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted). **At all three weapons, the use of maraging steel blades is obligatory.**

**Application:** TBD.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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**Article: m.18.3**

P. 11

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** At the moment, the sockets inside of the epee guard have the two wires passing through one hole, some countries use this hole while other countries do not; in both cases there may be some problems. If the two wires are outside of the hole, it is very easy to cut these wires whether intentionally or unintentionally. If the two wires are inside the hole there is possibility of contact between them.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**m.18.3 (new)**

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through individually and then fixed to the terminals.

**Rules Commission:** In favour, with the following modification (in green)

The socket inside the epee guard must have two separate holes in the block, so that the two wires can be passed through the block ~~individually~~ separately and then ~~fixed~~ connected to the terminals

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**Article: m.25.3.c**

**P. 12**

**Proposal from: Italian Fencing Federation**

**Motivation:** During some national competitions in Italy were seized some breeches transformed from right handed to left handed or vice versa.

The practice is dangerous because the flap covering the zip is sewn in the opposite direction of the action and can be an obstacle for the tip, directing it towards a weak spot of the garment, the zipper.

The garments were seized as tampered because they violate Article t.73 of the technical rules. The brand and the pocket were moved on the other side.

Anyway it was realized that on the Material Rules there is no mention about the correct use of the jacket and the breeches for right or left handed.

**Proposal:**

In the Material Rules, in the art. m.25.3.c add after the second sentence:

The zippers of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the zippers in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).

**Rules Commission:** In favour – with the following modifications:

The ~~zippers~~ fastenings of the uniform, jacket and breeches, (typically zips), must be protected by a flap sewn to cover the ~~zippers~~ fastenings in the direction of the fencer's armed arm (right handed from right to left – left handed from left to right).

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**Article: m.25.3.h**

**P. 13**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to emphasize the prestige of being World champion or Olympic champion and make the holder of the title immediately recognizable, the Commission proposes to allow a different colour for the name printed on the back of the jacket:

- In red for the World Champion

- In gold for the Olympic Champion.

**Proposal**

**m.25.3.h**

h) The name of the fencer must be displayed on the back of the jacket, with the abbreviation of the national federation below it, at the level of the shoulder blades. They must be printed directly onto the jacket or onto a cloth entirely sewn onto the jacket. The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.

For the World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

**Rules Commission: In favour, with the following additions:**

For the Senior Individual World Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in red.

For the Individual Olympic Champion, the letters of the name of the fencer and the abbreviation of the national federation shall be in gold.

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**Article: m.32.4 and 5**

P. 14

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** It is a long time since we have used the mask wire where one end has been connected to the jacket with crocodile clip and another end with soldering to the mask.

**Proposal:**

Amended text:

**m.32.4**

The **electrical contact** between the conductive jacket and the mask must be ensured by means of a white coloured or clear covered wire with ~~one or~~ two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the mask with one crocodile clip ~~or by soldering~~ and to the jacket with ~~another a~~ crocodile clip. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long. A coiled mask wire is not allowed.

**m.32.5**

The **electrical resistance** between the crocodile clip and any point on the mask must be less than 5 ohms. The crocodile clip(s), the design and size of which must conform to the conditions laid down in Article m.29.2(c), must be soldered to the end(s) of the wire. In addition, the electrical resistance in this wire (between ~~the two crocodile clips and crocodile clip or crocodile clip and soldering~~) must not exceed 1 ohm. The wire must be white-coloured or clear.

**Rules Commission: In favour – with one extra deletion from m.32.5 because of repetition:**

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**Article: Annex A**

P. 15

**Proposal from: SEMI Commission**

**Motivation:** Material Rules Annex A page 2 there is already a section titled *Modification management*.

**Proposal:**

**Modification management:**

- 1) The homologation is valid for the duration specified in the technical handbooks as long as no modification is made to the equipment or its manufacturing process.
- 2) Any change must be **immediately** reported to the FIE SEMI Commission President. **These changes cover all aspects of the homologated items (appearance, composition, internal content, software and all other material changes).**
- 3) The modified equipment must pass the whole homologation process again.

In particular, if a manufacturer intends to change the material or the manufacturing of his FIE certified equipment, ~~he~~ **the manufacturer** must submit ~~it to~~ **for** a new homologation process and wait for the result.

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By affixing the FIE label of quality to their equipment manufacturers guarantee that such marked equipment fulfils FIE technical and security requirements.

**Expenses:**



All the expenses and costs related to the homologation of the equipment (e.g. masks, blades, breeches, jackets, under-plastron), pistes and apparatus, software and video systems) are chargeable to the requester.

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Homologation can be withdrawn or suspended when the SEMI Commission becomes aware that:

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**Rules Commission:** In favour

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#### **Article: Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity**

P. 16

#### **Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

**Rules Commission:** In favour

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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**P. 4**

**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

**4.4.4.**

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

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If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as candidates~~ been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Rules Commission:** In favour

# FIE SEMI COMMISSION Meeting 28/29.6.19

## Bucharest Romania

Semen welcomed the Commissions Executive Member Jacek Bierkowski and the commission members who were all in attendance with the exception of Sarkis Assadourian who was SEMI Delegate at the Pan Am Zonals. Also present Evgeny Tsoukhlo Sport & Technical Director

### Item 1 PROPOSALS FOR 2019 CONGRESS

- **MODIFICATIONS TO THE RULES**

**Proposal 3 from SEMI Commission** article t.18.1  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 4 from SEMI Commission** article t.18.3  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 10 from Executive Committee** article m.2  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 11 from SEMI Commission** article.18.3  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 12 from Italian Fencing Federation** article m.25.3.c  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR and suggest that m.25.6 relating to left and right handed gloves also amended by addition of wording that “the closure of the glove should be from the middle of the wrist upwards towards the thumb.”

**Proposal 14 from SEMI Commission** article m.32.4 and 5  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 15 from SEMI Commission** article Annex A Modification management  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

**Proposal 16 from Athletes Commission** article Annex B –C Sabre –b) sensitivity and regularity  
SEMI Commission NOT IN FAVOUR

### Additional Proposals

- a) Request for urgent decision of Commex to implement as from 1 January 2020 all body wire plugs to be transparent**
- b) Request for urgent decision of Commex to implement the mandatory use of Maraging Sabre blades from start of 20/21 season.**

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- **MODIFICATIONS TO THE STATUTES**

**Proposal 4 from the Legal Commission** Gender representation on Commissions and Council  
SEMI Commission IN FAVOUR

## **ITEM 2 – Blocking time at sabre & Introduction of mandatory use of maraging steel for Sabre blades**

After discussion the SEMI Commission decision was not to support the Athletes Commission proposal to change the blocking time at Sabre.

The SEMI Commission suggests that the use of Maraging Steel blades at Sabre becomes mandatory from start of 2020/21 season. This cannot be implemented before the Tokyo Olympic Games but the FIE should strongly recommend their use by the fencers as soon as possible. These blades would need to be homologated.

A further study of the flexibility of sabre blades and also the possible re-introduction of sensors should be undergone after which any changes to timings could be considered. It must be possible for the performance of any such sensors to be easily verified.

At the request of Evgeny Tsoukhlo, Ted Li is to try to arrange a visit of the American Company of Tulum to demonstrate their new systems of sensors and motion detectors for the timing of stopping and starting the bout.

## **ITEM 3 Sabre safety**

- **Report of meeting with manufacturers of sabre blades in Torun attached ANNEX 1**

Following an accident in Tashkent where an unbroken sabre blade penetrated through the fencers clothing her body and exited through her back again through the clothing. The blade and clothing were sent for testing. The blade was found to have a small crack and the clothing was within the specified limits.

Various ideas were considered in discussion with the manufacturers – would the use of maraging blades be helpful along with a change in the flexibility blades, or if an alternative steel could be found.

- A new test must be set up for the testing of maraging sabre blades to set the number of cycles required, also to take into account if there are any proposed changes in flexibility.
- At the Commission meeting Giandomenico Varallo was asked to see if he can find a suitable research facility perhaps with a University or Research Institute to develop tests to see if the present standards of clothing (800N) are still adequate for fencing with modern blades. Clothing with heavier resistance may not be compatible for fencing due to being too heavy and non-breathable.

Juliana Hui Lee Seow offered to see if there is any institute in Singapore that would be willing to do this research.

**ITEM 4** Giandomenico VARALLO gave his report on the activities of the Centre for Certification

**a) Table for each type of certified product**

The list of homologated items is ready and payment of fees is awaited before the system can go on FIE web site.

**b) In EUROPEAN CEN Standards for the manufacturer of fencing masks.**

The definition and description of the size of the aperture in the opening in the grill of the mesh is not shown correctly in the French wording. This has caused a problem with some of the Test Houses for homologation and they have not been able to complete the homologation for masks. Giandomenico Varallo has tried to ascertain what can be done to put pressure to correct the French wording. Giandomenico Varallo will talk to CEO and request the FIE officially request the translation is amended.

It may be possible to find an alternative Test House not using the French translation and is prepared to use the English language version which is correct.

**c) New test Laboratory BREDA**

BREDA to be added to the list of approved test houses

It is now able to carry out the required test for the homologation of blades and will be able to conduct the homologation tests for clothing next year.

**d) Transparent shell of Body wires**

A problem was observed that in certain circumstances it was impossible to make to hit on one sabre fencers target during matches. There was no obvious reason for this as all equipment appeared to be normal.

Giandomenico Varallo was asked to see if it was possible to make a device that could pass Weapon control but be capable of stopping the opponent from making a valid hit. Within 15 days he produced an effective system which was small enough to be housed inside the shell of the body wire. It consisted of a switch to cut the circuit to the lame jacket, this can be operated by radio remote control operated within a distance of 20 to 30 meters. This is a possible problem for the future and the easy solution is to make the shell of the body wire plug out of a transparent material so that the check can be made in the weapon control and call room.

It is hoped that for the World Championships in Budapest this July body wires with transparent plugs will be distributed to the fencers, these wires will be pre-checked before use.

URGENT DECISION REQUIRED TO MAKE TRANSPARENT BODYWIRE PLUGS MANDATORY FROM 1/1/2020

**e) Signalisation of Unwillingness to Fight**

After discussion with Rules commission and Evgeny Tsoukhlo Sport & Technical Director, it was decided that the mandatory implementation of the signalisation on the scoring machine of the minute U2F and the display of the P cards will be delayed until after Tokyo Olympic Games. It may also become a future requirement that the scoring of a hit will be automatically blocked at the end of the 1min U2F time.

Generally the apparatus will require hardware changes not just software. Consideration could also be made to include the number of video challenges remaining on the scoring apparatus.

**f) Certification centre**

315 Pistes carpet have been homologated this year generating 3150 euros in income

1 new Glove manufacturer

2 new Chinese manufacturers

1 Ukrainian manufacturer

Decathlon – a large multi-sport international company

**g) Quality of equipment from manufacturers after homologation**

Giandomenico Varallo expressed concerns about maintain quality of equipment after initial homologation.

**ITEM 5 Australian Wireless System**

This was suggested for use at the Tokyo Olympics. It had been tested in several competitions in North and South America and Europe but when used in Torun for the Junior and Cadet World Championships the system did not work for any of the three weapons. There was a problem with a very high electromagnetic field. So this system is not usable for the Olympic Games in Tokyo. The manufacturers will seek to find a solution for this problem.

**ITEM 6 Weapon Control Major Events and SEMI DELEGATES**

In Torun long delays were experienced by fencers with the weapon control. It is suggested that in the forthcoming World Championships to be held in Budapest that the submission time for equipment control is as follows.

Submissions 08.00 hrs to 13.00hrs

Collections 14.00 hrs to 18.00 hrs

It is necessary for the following requirements for Weapon Control should be specified in the rules or Technical Handbooks

- Dimensions of Weapon Control Room
- Number and Type of Control Testing Equipment
- Secure Marking systems for passed clothing and equipment
- Number of Trained Technicians
- Number of Volunteers
- Schedule for submissions and collection

Due to the increased number of systems that requiring checking, the work required in both the initial Weapon Control and the Call Room and the need for a member of the SEMI to be on or near the field of play it is sometimes difficult to perform all the required duties with just 3 Delegates and it would be useful if the number of SEMI Delegates for Senior and Junior/Cadet World Championships was increased to 4.

**ITEM 7 Manufacturers marks on clothing**

Giandomenico Varallo informed the meeting that he will have a meeting with the PP Commission regarding the ruling the additional manufacturers names on the collar of the jackets. If required this can be covered with white tape.

**Item 8 Restructuring of FIE Rule book (Material Rules)**

The rescheduling of the Material Rules sections of the FIE Rule Book is continuing Steve Higginson Head of Rules Commission explained the rescheduling of material rules and has worked with Giandomenico Varallo and Janet Huggins of the SEMI and FIE CEO Nathalie Rodriguez. At present there are two versions, the first keeps the Annexes separate and the second moves the items from the Annexes into the main body of the material rules. The intention is to have a further meeting in the September 2019.

**ITEM 9 Report from Jacek BIERKOWSKI on preparation for Tokyo 2020**



Preparations for the Olympic Games in Tokyo are progressing well. The fencing venue will seat 8,000 and is in the same areas as the other Martial Arts. The finals platform will be in one area only not a cross as in Rio. Weapon control will be tested at the test event. 18 Pistes will be provided for training.

Atsushi HARINISHI will be in charge of the Weapon Control and Call Room and will arrange training for the staff and volunteers before the event.

The score machines and equipment will be Allstar/Omega

#### **ITEM 11 SEMI Commission Documents on the FIE Web site**

Many of the SEMI documents on the web site could be tidied up or updated.

Gamil Elzeftawi suggested how to reorganising the documents on the web site into categories and combine documents where possible

Gamil Elzeftawi, Ted Li, Giandomenico Varallo and Janet Huggins will start updating.

#### **Item 12 Proposals for Congress 2021 from Sarkis Assadourian**

Marking of equipment in Weapon Control

- a) Use of tamperproof security cable ties for marking equipment at weapon control as an alternative to ink stamping was suggested. It would be essential that these cable ties are tamperproof and the cost and dimensions and numbers required is to be investigated by Sarkis Assadourian. After discussion the Commission agreed this was not a practical suggestion.
- b) Against use of conductive paint it is very expensive and the application of existing rules the surface must be conductive this is the responsibility of the fencer.

New Fastening System for Masks

The new fastening system for masks especially when retrofitted on existing masks should be done by the original manufacturer or their approved agent. It would be useful if the manufacturers put their logo on the interior of the strap.

A reminder letter to be sent to the manufacturers, about the requirement the correct fixing to the body of the mask.

#### **ITEM 13 Proposals for Congress 2021 from Ted Li**

- a) Epee Gauge Tolerances

M.19.4.a. - The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.

Proposal: The tolerance on the epee gauges should be +0.05 mm

Rationale: With modern machining techniques, very accurate milling can be done.

If the current specification is retained the standards are, in effect, 0.45 mm-0.55 mm, and 1.45 mm-1.55 mm. The minimum should be fixed at 0.50 mm and 1.50 mm, with only a positive tolerance.

After discussion SEMI Commission in FAVOUR

- b) Foil Tip Tape Tolerance

M.13.1 - **The body of the button and the foil blade for a length of 15 cm from the button must be entirely covered with insulating material (insulating tape, gummed paper, Sellotape, plastic material or varnish).**

Proposal: The wording be changed to "for a length of 15 cm +/- 1cm." SEMI Commission in FAVOUR

- c) Foucault Eddy Current Tests  
**M.42.2.g** - In the world championships and Olympic Games the control of blades by Foucault current is mandatory.  
**Proposal:** The Foucault Eddy Current test be eliminated.
- After discussion SEMI Commission will continue to use the Eddy Current machines as presently it is the best test available system for use in competition situations.
- d) **M.20.2: Only solder of very easily melted tin, used with a soldering iron, to prevent the tip from coming loose, is authorised.**  
**Proposal:** Eliminate this provision.  
**Rationale:** There are other methods of preventing the tips of foils and epees from loosening while still being electrically conductive: e.g., use of plumber's packing tape, various locking compounds (e.g., Loctite®)  
SEMI Commission in favour
- e) **M.25.3.h:** The letters must be in dark blue, in capitals, between 8 cm and 10 cm high, and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide, according to the length of the name.  
**Proposal:** eliminate "and between 1 cm and 1.5 cm wide", or modify to "and to a maximum of 1.5 cm wide"  
**Rationale:** There are some names which are so long that the 1 cm minimum width is inappropriate  
SEMI Commission in Favour
- f) **M.25.5.a: The breeches must be fastened below the knees.**  
**Proposal:** define what "breeches" are  
**Rationale:** If "breeches" includes long trousers, does this rule mean that long trousers must be fastened at the ankle?  
SEMI Commission no change
- g) **M.28.4: The conductive collar must have a minimum height of 3 cm**  
**Proposal:** eliminate the requirement that metallic jackets and vests have conductive collars.  
**Rationale:** The collars of metallic jackets and vests are covered by the masks, with conductive bibs.  
SEMI Commission no change
- h) M.28.8: **For compliance of the T-shirt's electrical resistance with a wireless manufacturer's requirements,**  
**Proposal:** Make this rule more inclusive of wireless scoring systems, rather than just for StM's  
**Rationale:** As wireless technology improves, there will be more systems which may or may not rely upon the use of the conductive t-shirt.  
SEMI Commission move to StM Requirements
- i) M.32.3: The trim may also be made of conductive material.  
**Proposal:** Eliminate this statement  
**Rationale:** M.32.2 includes a statement about the trim: "The bib and any trim must be entirely covered with conductive material"  
SEMI Commission in Favour of removal
- j) M.48.2: Every approved apparatus must carry, on its base, a metallic plate identifying its specific characteristics: manufacturer, year of manufacture, model, technical information, etc.  
**Proposal:** eliminate this requirement  
**Rational:** If an apparatus has been homologated, and checked at the competition venue, this is unnecessary.  
SEMI Commission retain rule no change
- M.54.1: **Before every World Championship or Olympic Games, it is suggested that a delegate of the SEMI Commission checks the proper working of the apparatuses and that they conform to the type registered. This is independent of the registration of the type of apparatus mentioned above (cf. m.52).**

**Proposal:** Change “a delegate of the SEMI Commission must check . . .” to “it is suggested that a delegate of the SEMI Committee check . . .”

**Rationale:** The SEMI Committee delegates usually arrive at the competition venue with insufficient time to check the “proper working of [all] the apparatuses to be used” and are not equipped with the testing equipment. As the SEMI Commission do not have the appropriate test equipment this requirement should only be a suggestion.

SEMI Commission do not have the necessary equipment to carry out these checks

- k) M.57.4-10: Pistes used in the World Championships and in the Olympic Games must be tested before competition  
by SEMI Commission Delegates using the Slip-Meter.

The specifications of the Slip-Meter must fulfil the specifications defined in the homologation manual.

**Proposal:** See proposal for M.54.1 above.

**Rationale:** See rationale for M.54.1 above. Question: Are there published technical specifications for traction and shock absorption?

SEMI Commission do not have the necessary equipment to carry out these checks

- l) M.59.1.c: **The extension lamps signalling valid hits are coloured, one red, the other green, and they should if possible be of 150 watts.**

**Proposal:** The intensity of the lamps should be expressed in lumens, rather than wattage.

**Rationale:** Repetition/extension lamps now use LEDs rather than incandescent or halogen bulbs. SEMI Commission in FAVOUR correct rating and range to be determined

- m) M.59.2.a: **The white lights indicating non-valid hits need be of only 75 watts.**

**Proposal:** The intensity of the lamps should be expressed in lumens, rather than wattage.

**Rationale:** Repetition/extension lamps now use LED's rather than incandescent or halogen bulbs. SEMI Commission in FAVOUR correct rating and range to be determined

- n) M.59.2.b: **The two lamps of the same group must not be further apart than 15 cm and each group must be at least 50 cm from the other.**

**Proposal:** “at least 50 cm from the other” should be eliminated. This rule may be eliminated as it may be covered by M.60.3.

**Rationale:** Given the existence of large LED panels, the separation of the different colored lights is not necessary for a referee to distinguish between them.

SEMI Commission in FAVOUR to delete

- o) M.59.4: **Lamps recording the number of hits scored may not be located alongside the extension lamps.**

**Proposal:** Change to “Displays recording the number of hits scored, the remaining fencing time, and other pertinent bout information should be in colors distinctly different from red, green or white. This rule may be eliminated as it may be covered by M.60.3.

**Rationale:** Given the advances in display technology (e.g., LED and OLED panels), more information is being displayed on scoring apparatuses.

SEMI Commission in favour to delete

- p) M.60.2: **Light indicators recording the number of hits scored by each fencer are obligatory.**

**Proposal:** Change “Light indicators” to “Displays.” This rule may be eliminated as it may be covered by M.60.3.

**Rationale:** “Light indicators” seems to reflect the old technology where multiples of lamps indicated the hits scored by each fencer.

SEMI Commission in favour to delete

- q) M.60.3: ~~For World Championship and Grand Prix finals and Masters Zonal Championships, it is obligatory to make use of a display board of the type shown in the drawing in Annexe C, providing instantaneous information on the fencers’ names, the score, the time and other matters necessary for a good understanding of the bout.~~

**Proposal:** Add “zonal championships” and possibly “A Grade finals”

**Rationale:** Zonal championships are a direct path to World Championships and Olympic Games

SEMI Commission in favour and remove drawing from Annex C

- r) M.60.4: ~~This score board must, if possible, be used for A Grade finals as well.~~

**Proposal:** Eliminate “if possible.” If “A grade finals” are added to M.560.3, then this rule can be eliminated.

**Rationale:** Scoring apparatuses, as defined in M.60.3, are becoming cheaper and more readily available.

SEMI Commission in favour to delete

- s) **Additional Proposal: an addition to T.18.4**

**Proposal:** The distance between the score machine table or stand and the edge of the piste should be a minimum of 1 meter where recommend where possible a distance of 1.5 meters.

**Rationale:** Currently, there is no specification for how far the scoring table is from the edge of the piste.

Conventionally, the minimum distance has been 1.0 meter, a distance which does not allow a fencer to safely fleche, nor does it provide security for the scoring apparatus.

SEMI Commission in favour

#### ITEM 14 Experimental Licenses – Ted Li

During past SEMI administrations, “experimental licenses” were issued for innovative technologies (*e.g.*, metalized plastic mesh used in the Infinity conductive jackets; the “bikini cut” foil conductive jackets). Are these licenses still valid, and, if so, for how long do they last?

No longer issued and equipment must comply with current rules.

#### ITEM 15 Allocations of SEMI Delegates for 2019/2020 Season

OLYMPIC GAMES TOKYO - JPN

Semen RIKHTMAN – Giandomenico VARALLO – Gudjon GESTSSON

SALT LAKE CITY – USA

Junior and Cadet World Championships

Gamil ELZEFTAWI – Maria Wilda EBERL LOPES - Juliana Hui Lee SEOW

POREC - CRO

VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Janet HUGGINS

## Report of meeting with the manufacturers of sabre blade

Torun, April 8th 2019

### Present:

- ✓ Emmanuel Katsiadakis, FIE Secretary General
- ✓ Jacek Bierkowski- FIE Comex Member, Chairman of Working Group
- ✓ Evgeny Tsoukhlo, FIE Sport and Technical Director
- ✓ Semen Rikhtman, President of the SEMI Commission
- ✓ Gamil Elzeftawi, SEMI Commission Member
- ✓ Pascal Tesch, FIE Comex Member – guest

### Absent

- ✓ Giandomenico Varallo - absent justified

| COMPANY       | NAME                            | COUNTRY |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| ALLSTAR       | Frank Messemer                  | Germany |
| StM           | Makarychenko Andrey + 2         | Ukraine |
| FRANCHINI     | Franchini Alberto               | Italy   |
| DYNAMO        | Pavel Menikov +3                | Ukraine |
| LP            | Ben Paul                        | UK      |
| BLAISE-FRERES | Martine MOULIN , Daniel CHEYNET | France  |
| UHLMANN       | Uwe GRETZINGER                  | Germany |
| PBT           | Orsolya Kovacs                  | Hungary |

### Absents

Gary Lu – ABSOLUTE FENCING, Michele Negrini – NEGRINI, (they were invited):

Presentation of the last accident with a broken sabre blade -Tashkent in November 2018 - expertise, tests, opinions, etc. SEMI commission presents the suggestions for consideration during this meeting: the flexibility of blades, the shape of the tip, the shape of the blade, type of steel, develop a sabre sensor.

Representatives of producers presented their opinions and proposals:

**(LP, Franchini)** Improvements at the test: Foucault currents (Eddy Current) and magnetic inspection. The Eddy current check only inspects the surface, not the blade in depth. To do that, a magnetic inspection should be carried out, that allows to see the blade inside till to 2-3 millimetres depth. An advantage of magnetic inspection is that it can be used to check every kind of blades, regardless if they are maraging or non-maraging. The Eddy current test is slightly more complicated compared to the magnetic inspection, but still it allows to easily see a line. The Eddy current test should be performed by the manufacturers. It is necessary to determine the tolerance and which is the minimum depth that can be accepted.

Leon Paul observes that the high cost is an imaginary problem because according to the statistics a carbon steel blade breaks every 20 matches, so if a fencer has to buy 50 blades in one year, he ends up spending more in carbon steel blades than if he/she buys a maraging blade. The use of maraging steel blades is not the perfect solution but the best that we have at the moment



**Franchini** proposes immediate actions - improving the checks with induced currents during the competitions weapon control by introducing degree of superficial defect size on the blade by special portal machine called DEFECTOMETR. He informed that a possible solution could be the adoption of a new material that has similar mechanical properties to maraging but it is much less expensive, as its cost is 8 € per kg rather than 40 €/kg. UNS S17400 steel could be an alternative to maraging steel presenting similar features, easier to find on the market and at much lower cost.

**(BF)** It is crucial to check the blade, but it is even more crucial to make blades that are less vulnerable as possible, that means that a blade must match a set of parameters, in order to be considered a good blade.

The way blades are designed makes them fragile as the minimum impact can lead to a break inside. A carbon steel blade is the most sensitive one and weakens easily. At a certain point Blaise Frères stopped the production of sabre blades (10 years ago) because the ones in carbon steel were too fragile and the market was not yet ready for the maraging.

Concerning the weapons' control, the position of Blaise Frères is aligned with the one expressed:

- The control with the Foucault current only inspects the surface of the blade.
- Flexibility must be increased as today e.g. to 8 cm (the blades are too hard today)
- The tip must be softened
- A slightly different shape for sabre blades is proposed. If it is decided to adopt maraging blades at sabre, the costs might be problematic as the maraging steel is by far more expensive than carbon-steel, but it has greater breakage strength.

**Frank Messemer** confirmed that when the decision was made, not to use maraging blades for sabre, the reason was precisely because sabre is supposed to be a cut weapon. Fencers make a lot of hits with the point, this is why there is an increase in the number of incidents and broken blades. To solve the situation there is possibility of change in the blades. In that case, the first step is adopting maraging steel for sabre blades. The statistics for foil and epee blade shows that it is possible to reduce from 60% to 80% the incidents as maraging blades break much later and up to 5 times less than carbon-steel blades.

We believe that the main question that needs answering is the time scale of any changes. Will any changes in the rules be made before the Tokyo Olympics? If not then the only options I can see for the next year are:

- Adding Magnetic Particle Inspection MPI of blades at some competitions. This could be done on suspect blades;
- Checking the blades respect the current rules in shape, dimension and stiffness.
- Education: Sending out safety information to the fencers and coaches about how to check the blades for security.
- Manufactures to confirm blades are within regulation stiffness and shape and thickness.

It would be important to receive the opinion of the fencers concerning the impact and the feeling of the impact, so they should be involved in the discussion. We know that fencers prefer the carbon steel blade, but we have to prioritize safety.

One of the causes of accidents may be the fencing uniform. The question is: does 800 NW still fulfil FIE requirements in 2019? 800 NW uniform already applied 20 years ago. But with the speed & power of the existing actions, does still 800 NW fulfil the requirements? FIE and all manufactures to look ahead and check if 800 NW still matches our requirements despite the change of speed and force.

Last thing but important: if someone is injured during the fencing bout the lawyers could ask: why is maraging steel mandatory in foil and epee but not sabre.

We do not have the answer to that question and we are not sure that the FIE would want to expose itself to this risk.

Recapitulation. At the end of the meeting, the present producers and sellers were asked what is the best solution at the moment to ensure safety in using sabre blade. Companies: BF, Franchini, Leon Paul, Allstar, Uhlmann and PBT said that only steel maraging, at the same time testing a new type of steel, for example UNS S17400.

Jacek Bierkowski

FIE Comex Member, Chairman of Working Group



## **MINUTES COACHING COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date: 28 JUNE - 29 JUNE 2019**

**Venue: Crowne Plaza Bucharest**

**Time: 9h 00 – 18 h 00**

### **1. WELCOME**

The President of the Coaching Council welcomes everybody at the FIE Coaches Council meeting. The agenda for the meeting was circulated. G. Tyshler thanked all members present for making it possible to meet during the preparation period for the World Championship in Budapest, Hungary.

### **1.2 ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

**Present:**

Coaches

TYSHLER Gennady – RSA

MARCELIN Stephane – FRA

BENCE SZABO – Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative

SAUCEDO Guillermo Jorge – ARG

SZEPESI Laszlo – HUN

WANG Haibin – CHN

CIPRESSA Andrea – ITA

PAVLOVITCH Vladislav – RUS

**Apologies:**

LEE Hyun-Soo – KOR



MASSIALAS Gregory – USA

AOKI Yusuke – JPN

### 1.3 Executive Committee Member, Executive Committee Representative,

BENCE SZABO, reported on the FIE executive committee meetings, during 2018 - 2019. Additionally, B. SZABO gave the report of his visit to FIE Coaching academy in Johannesburg. He was satisfied with the work of the academy and expressed his confidence in this FIE project. Johannesburg is a good placing for FIE Coaching Academy.

At the same time B. Szabo thinks that FIE needs to establish the coaching Academy in Asia and Central America. **Coaching council supports this idea.**

G. Tyshler gave a short report on the work of the coaching council. The Council had its last meeting a year ago in June 2018. Unfortunately, the council did not have meetings in Wuxi and Torun. There are two reasons for that. The first reason is that the coaches are busy during the competition and the second, is that Council did not have matters that needed urgent decisions.

### 1.4 FIE working groups

G. Tyshler gave the report on the work of FIE working groups for new wireless device and sabre rules proposed changes. Council members discussed the reports and watched the video presentation.

#### **Coaching council proposal.**

**Before new scoring boxes (wireless scoring boxes, scoring boxes with new regulations) will be approved by FIE for official competitions, manufactures should give 2 boxes to each top 5 fencing countries teams for testing.**

## 2. Proposals for the 2019 Congress

Coaching Council has discussed the proposals and has stated its opinions on the matters. Separate document attached to the minutes with council opinions.

## 3. FIE fencing calendar

FIE Sport Director, Evgeny Tshlo presented to Coaching Council new structure for the fencing calendar. During the long discussion the following main points for creating the fencing calendar were established:

- **World championship should be organised in the middle to the end of July**

- **Zonal Championship should be organised 1 month before World championship, but must finished 30 days before the start of World championship.**
- **Men and Women International FIE competitions should be organised in one place during the period of 4 days**
- **Junior FIE competitions can start at the end of September and senior competitions can start at the end of October**

**4. Proposals of Vladislav Pavlovitch and Guillermo Sausedo.**

Proposals were connected with the different rules interpretation. Council had a discussion on a rules.

**Decision:**

**Coaching Council support the idea of creation of “Digital Rules”. Important points of fencing rules should be filmed and photographed to avoid different opinions and interpretations.**

**5. General discussion**

Coaching council support the motion on women representation in committees and councils but selection and appointment cannot happen automatically. Minimum qualification standards should be created for all members of FIE Committees and Councils.

Coaching Council will take part in selection of fencers and coaches for the FIE training camps.

Coaching Council proposing that special committee should be created for selecting the best referee of the year. Committee should consist of members of different FIE committees.

**CONCLUSION**

Dr. G. Tyshler thanked everybody for the work done. Draft of the minutes will be circulated by the president to all members for comments. The date for the next meeting will be announced.

Meeting closed.

29.06.2019



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## Proposals for the 2019 Congress

### Modifications of the Rules

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#### Article: t.50.3

P. 6

#### Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

#### Motivation:

#### Proposal

**t.50.3** For the **direct elimination tables at each weapon**, the Refereeing Delegates establish, among the referees present, a list of the best referees at each weapon (according to the grades obtained during the season).

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table **if possible**. **Then, the video consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among a list of at least 4 to 5 referees.**

**Lots are drawn at each stage of the table and may be modified by the Refereeing Delegates in case of problem with the computer programme, mistakes done by the operator of the computer programme and in case of conflicts category A or B (FIE Statutes, CHAPTER XII - ETHICAL CODE).**

#### Coaches Council:

**IN FAVOR**

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#### Article: t.55

P. 7

#### Proposal from: Refereeing Commission

**Motivation:** Article t.55 is not written correctly and contrary to Article t.78, and is contrary to the proposal presented at the last Congresses. In the Rules, article t.55 is written differently from the proposal.

#### **Background:**

- a) Proposal of the Refereeing Commission in 2018:

**Annulment of a hit**

**t.55**

1. The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

b) **Proposal as amended by the Rules Commission in 2018 and voted by the Congress:**

**t.55**

***Annulment of a hit***

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- which are made on any object other than the opponent or his equipment.

2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.

c) **Article t.78 (foil), mentioned in the motivation:**

A hit which is made on a part of the body other than the target (whether directly or as a result of a parry) or which arrives following a fencing fault or after going over the lateral boundary of the piste with both feet, is not counted as a valid hit, but stops the fencing phrase and annuls any subsequent hit. (cf t.79).

**Proposal**

**t.55**

1 The Referee will **disregard** hits which are registered as a result of actions:

- started **before the word 'Play!'** or **after the word 'Halt!'** (cf. t.23.1/3);
- which are made on any object **other than the opponent** or his equipment.

Except at foil, these non-valid hits stop the fencing phrase and annul any subsequent hits.

~~2 At foil, hits made other than on the opponent or his equipment do not stop the fencing phrase and do not annul subsequent hits.~~

**Coaches Council:**

**IN FAVOUR**

**Article: t.62**

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** In order to be in conformity with the IOC principles, the proposal intends to further improve transparency in arbitration.

**Proposal:**

**t.62**

1 There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

2 At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

3 If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing before even giving his decision, ~~except in the case specified in article t.62.2.~~

4 The video consultant may at any time request that the referee use the video-refereeing.

5 Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is:

- at the referee's initiative
- at the request of the athlete
- in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit
- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

6. Once a video referee appeal occurs, then the opinion of the referee and also the opinion of the video consultant are recorded on the match sheet.

**Coaches Council:**

## IN FAVOUR

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**Article: t.124**

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** The precisions that were added through the FAQ and the explanatory document of February are marked in green and when there was a repetition the text deleted is marked in red.

**Proposal:**

**Unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)**

**t.124**

There is unwillingness to fight when there is one minute of fencing without a hit or without a hit scored off the target.

When one or both fencers make clear their **unwillingness to fight**, the Referee will immediately call „Halt!“

**1 Individual events – Direct elimination**

P-Cards are awarded to each fencer separately, starting with a P-Yellow card, followed by two P-Red cards and finally by a P-Black card.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both fencers with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the fencers are equal: the Referee sanctions both fencers with a P-red card.
- d) If the fencers are not equal: the Referee sanctions the fencer who has the lower score with a P- red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the period during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both fencers who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

~~If the fencers are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the fencer with the higher FIE ranking wins the bout.~~

e) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously and their scores are equal, the fencer with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the bout.

f) If the fencers receive P-Black cards simultaneously, and their scores are not equal, the fencer with the higher score wins the bout.

## 2 Team events

P-Yellow and P-Red cards are awarded to each team separately, starting with a P-Yellow card and followed by two P-Red cards. The P-Black card is awarded to the fencer.

When, for the first time, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-yellow card as follows:

- a) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-yellow card.
- b) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team with the lower score with a P-yellow card.

When, for the second and third times, there is one minute of unwillingness to fight, the Referee sanctions one or both teams with a P-red card as follows:

- c) If the teams are equal: the Referee sanctions both teams with a P-red card.
- d) If the teams are not equal: the Referee sanctions the team which has the lower score with a P-red card.

~~Following the attribution of any P-red card for unwillingness to fight, the fencers fence till the end of the relay during which the P-red card was given.~~

When, ~~for~~ from the fourth time, there is unwillingness to fight, one or both teams who have already received two P-red cards, receive a P-black card.

e) A team in which a fencer has received a P-black card may use their reserve fencer, if they have one and if the replacement has not already been made previously for tactical or medical reasons. If a replacement is made ~~after~~ following receipt of a P-black card, no further replacement may be made, even for medical reasons.

If no replacement can be made following receipt of a P-black card (because there is no reserve fencer or because the reserve fencer has already been used previously), the team sanctioned by a P-black card loses the match.

Following the replacement of a fencer after the awarding of a P-Black card, the relay in question continues. Any further occurrence of unwillingness to fight results in a further P-Black card and the team in question loses the match.

~~If the teams are equal and receive P-black cards simultaneously, the team with the higher FIE ranking wins the match.~~

f) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are equal, the team with the higher initial seeding in the competition, which is based on the FIE ranking, wins the match.

g) If a P-Black card is given to both teams simultaneously and neither of the teams can make a replacement and their scores are not equal, the team with the higher score wins the match.

### 3 In both individual and team competitions

In case of unwillingness to fight, it is up to the referee to call "Halt" as a decision of fact (cf. t.136.2).

a) The P-yellow (warning), ~~and~~ P-red (penalty hit) and P-black (the possible losing of a bout or match) cards received during any one bout or match (during all 9 relays) are valid only for that bout or match. ~~These penalties~~ They are not transferable to the following bout or match.

No P-card (yellow, red or black) may be awarded in individual competitions at 14-14 or in team matches at 44-44.

~~b) The P-black card means disqualification for repeated unwillingness to fight. The 60 days suspension does not apply in this case, the fencer or team sanctioned keep their position in the ranking and the points obtained up to the moment of the disqualification.~~ In both individual and team competitions, fencers and teams who have lost the bout/match following the award of a P-Black card, will be ranked in the final results of the competition as having lost the bout/match. They receive the corresponding points.

c) In both individual and team competitions, the period/relay continues after the awarding of a P-Yellow or a P-Red card.

d) The minute starts again after each hit, each hit off the target, each hit annulled and each penalty hit.

e) The referee must record these P-yellow, P-red and P-black cards separately on the score sheet. The sanctions awarded for unwillingness to fight are not cumulative with any other sanction awarded.

f) In both individual and team competitions, if, at the end of the regulation time, there is equality of scores, article t.124 does not apply and articles t.40.3 and t.41.5 will apply.

## IN FAVOUR

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**Article: m.2**

P. 10

**Proposal from: Executive Committee**

**Motivation:** This proposal is linked to the meeting of the SEMI Commission with the manufacturers following incidents at sabre.

**Proposal:**

### *General description*

**m.2**

All weapons are composed of the following parts.

1. A flexible steel **blade** completed at its forward extremity by a button and at the rear by the **tang** (the latter included in the handle when the weapon is mounted). **At all three weapons, the use of maraging steel blades is obligatory.**

**Application:** TBD.

**Coaches Council:**

**IN GENERAL COACHING COUNCIL SUPPORT THE DECISION, BUT STATISTICS OF USE MARAGEN AND NOT MARAGEN BLADES SHOULD BE RECORDED AND ANALYSED. TESTING PROSEDURES AND REGULATIONS SHOULD BE CREATED.**

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**Article: Annex B to the Materials Rules – C Sabre – b) sensitivity and regularity**

P. 16

**Proposal from: Athletes Commission**

**Motivation:** cancellation of the blocking time at sabre as not necessary for the current sabre fencing.

**Proposal:** Deletion of paragraph 6

~~6. Should there be a hit made by the whipping over of the blade which has not been signalled, whatever method has been used to prevent the signalling, after 15 ms ( $\pm$  5 ms) from the contact of the blade with the valid target (the time for the registering of the whip) and unless there has been another hit, the apparatus should allow the normal registering of any subsequent hits.~~

**Coaches Council:**

## NOT IN FAVOUR



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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress  
Modifications of the Statutes**

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**P. 4**

**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

**4.4.4.**

**Commissions:**

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If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as~~ candidates been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Coaches Council:**

**IN FAVOR**

**BUT MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE CREATED FOR NOMINATING THE CANDIDATES. FOR EXAMPLE – PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMA IN THE FIELD, 10 OR 15 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, ETC.**

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**Article: 9.1.2 b)**

**Proposal from: Sam Chervis, MH**

**Motivation:** Licensing of Coaches. It is necessary to add coaches and other persons traveling to official FIE competitions for the purpose of security at events and for the accumulation of statistical data to support the development work of the FIE.

**Proposal:**

9.1.2 b) This licence is also compulsory for the following persons:

- Members of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ of the Commissions, Councils and Ethics Committee of the FIE;

Coaches Council

- All officials designated for the World Championships and Olympic Games; ~~and~~
- All A or B referees of the FIE; ~~and~~
- All coaches and other persons wishing to be permitted to be on the field of play at an official competition of the FIE.

**Coaches Council:**

**NOT IN FAVOUR**

**EVERY PERSON AT THE COMPETITION GOT THE ACREDITATION. IF SOME OF THE COMPETITIONS RUN WITHOUT ACREDITATION, FIE SHOULD INCLUDE ACREDITATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL FIE COMPETITIONS**

# Minutes of the FAIR PLAY COUNCIL MEETING 28-29 June 2019 Bucharest, Romania

Present:

Velichka Hristeva VH  
 Bert M.J. van de Flier BF  
 Kasymov Osmanzhan KO  
 Eyyad Maghayreh EM  
 Nigora K. Karimova NK  
 Zuleidis Ortiz Puente ZP

Absent:

Kyung Mi Han KMH  
 Jean Michel Lucenay JML  
 Ali Toumi Dhw ATD ( due to visa refusal)  
 David Munguia Payes  
 (DMP)

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| <p>AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening by the President</li> <li>2. Incoming mails</li> <li>3. Eventual adding additional points to agenda</li> <li>4. Minutes of last meeting</li> <li>5. Evaluation of candidates for Fair Play Award</li> <li>6. Discussion of the timing of Fair Play council meetings</li> <li>7. Differentiation of Fair Play awards</li> <li>8. Fair Play awareness: collaboration with PP commission</li> <li>9. Miscellaneous</li> </ol> |  |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Opening by the President</li> </ol> <p>The 4th Fair Play Council meeting took place on 28-29.06.2019 in Bucharest, Romania whereas following was discussed:</p> <p>The meeting was opened at 11.30 am by BF.</p>   |  |

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| <p>2. Incoming emails</p> <p>There were no incoming mails.</p>   |  |
| <p>3. Eventual adding of additional points to agenda.</p> <p>It was agreed to discuss with the PP commission on actions in order to create more exposure for Fair Play awareness. ( ref.p.9 in the agenda)</p>   |  |
| <p>4. Minutes of last year meeting</p> <p>Unanimously confirmed</p>  |  |
| <p>5. Discussion of the timing of Fair Play council meetings</p> <p>Given the fact, that annual Council and Commissions meetings take place before World Championships; it creates challenges for the Fair Play council to evaluate the Fair Play during World Championships.</p> <p>In this regard, the Fair Play council proposes to hold the Fair Play council meeting immediately after the last World Championship/Olympic Games, instead of before; which allows Fair Play council to evaluate the full range of candidates for the fencing year.( sept – sept )</p>   |  |
| <p>6. Fair Play awareness: collaboration with PP commission</p> <p>The council has the impression that it is possible to improve awareness for Fair Play activities by better use of social media, ie. FIE webpage, Facebook, Instagram, etc.</p> <p>In connection to that, a meeting with the PP Commission was arranged on 29.06.2019, whereas following was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fair Play council shall have its own section on FIE.org, like Safe Sport, Referees, etc.</li> <li>- Fair Play activities, as example of acts of Fair Play , awards, etc shall be provided by the Council to the PP Commission for further publication on FIE.org, digital journal etc.</li> <li>- Fair Play Council shall provide the text to announce Fair Play activities during the World Championships in Budapest, July 2019, in order for the</li> </ul> |  |

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| <p>PP commission together with organisers to communicate this to the audience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The FIE official Facebook page can be used to promote Fair Play activities, as it gives broader exposure.</li> <li>- Fair Play Council shall provide a description of "What is Fair Play?"</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p>7. Miscellaneous: Action plans.<br/>Regarding our activities at the World Championships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The CIFP President (Jeno Kamuti) agreed to have a CIFP stand during the whole period of the World Championships in Budapest free of charge.</li> <li>- The Council discussed the best way to obtain information about Fair Play acts during the World Championships, and following was decided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Fair Play forms will be distributed to the fencing family</li> <li>b. There will be voting boxes for forms to collect</li> <li>c. KO shall collect all the forms and share them with members of the Council latest 28.07.2019</li> <li>d. A video conference to discuss possible candidates is planned for 09.08.2019 at 17.00 CET.</li> <li>e. The final list of nominees for Fair Play awards will be sent to the ComEx and the FIE office by 15.08.2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Proposal 4 by the Legal Commission:</b><br/><b>Fair Play Council: Was unanimously in favour in proposing to make the gender representation in Commissions equal to those that are in use at the Executive Committee, Councils and Committees.</b></p> |  |
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Bucharest June 30, 2019



Bert M.J. van de Flier  
President

**WOMEN & FENCING COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 30 – August 1, 2019**  
**Bucharest, Romania**

**AGENDA & PROGRAM**

**Convened at** – 11:25 hours

**Present:** Stacey Johnson  
Helen Smith  
Therese Salvador  
Ahmed Gana  
Mirani Fernades  
Veena Gunput  
Evelyn Halls  
Yuko Kato  
Marilee Estampador

1. Introductions & taking the pulse from members – solicit from the Council any other key areas of focus/desired outcomes/agenda items for the meeting and prioritize with those items already prepared for in the agenda.
  - a. Update from Marilee about IOC Women’s meeting in Lausanne in April
    - Bottom line is that there is still not concrete change in the IFs. There are some statistics and programmes but still no marked improvements in the majority of the IFs on equality gains, especially in terms of governance.
    - Something to think about for 2024: influence IOC Exec Comm to actually increase women in governance in the IOC Charter
  
2. Updates on Key Actions
  - a. Increase women’s participation in FIE Commissions to 30% - Stacey presented the Legal Commission’s proposal in the Statutes, as follows:

**Proposal**

**4.4.4**

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The Women and Fencing Council is **in favour** of the proposal.

- b. SafeSport – Georgina gave her update and insights on the Safeguarding programme
    - Georgina and Sam safeguarding officers during WJCFC: the approach was: wrote report on reports presented to them. Report covered specific incidents; recommendations on training competition staffs, etc.;
    - Supervisor cannot be safeguarding officer but must be aware of the procedures; exposes them to risks associated to that
    - Prepared an easy to use “Guide to Being Safeguarding Officer” – (knowing when/where/how to stop so as not to jeopardize the process) : important to know the procedures
    - Training on Sunday
    - Council’s role: change (improve) the culture of fencing - Advocate for more training; make recommendations to improve the FIE Code of Conduct; make all members of the FIE knowledgeable (IOC website); All World Cups need safeguarding officer; help ensure NFs have the information
    - Request Presidents of Confederations to actively push safeguarding in their Zones
    - Organizers should also include a Local Welfare Officer who has knowledge and understanding of the local laws (to become part of 2024 agenda)
  - c. Leadership Training update: Based on Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Jan. 2019) letter to Stacey Johnson
    - Olympic Solidarity funding: Check for the possibility of working with French Federation (would need cooperation with NOC)
    - Find out if the IOC Women’s Commission can come up with funding for more Leadership Training for IF’s, Federations, etc.
    - Collective approach with other sports
    - Touch base with IOC on how to get funding for Leadership Training (few days before Congress) Stacey and Evelyn to go to Lausanne if possible a few days early to re-brand Leadership Training program. Stacey to find out if Evelyn can get funding for the trip to Lausanne
3. Maximize participation of women in all areas – updates about **coaching, refereeing, and technical** development updates- A. Gana; M. Estampador; H. Smith; G. Usher, E. Hall.

**Coaching:**



The Council will continue send letters to President and Secretary Generals to support FIE coaching courses for women:

Ahmed reported on the Coaches Academy in Algeria: 14 men and 4 women (2 Ivory Coast + 2 Algeria). The problem is that women find it difficult to allocate so much time. Coaching Courses are longer which makes it more difficult for women to participate for the training. As for the Coaching Academy in South Africa: 2 women out of 9 (1 Nigeria, 1 Trinidad and Tobago) .

Mirani reported that in Brazil there's been a change in the structure of delivery: 3-levels per weapon, it will take 2 years to do all weapons. Also trying to bring in more women.

Melissa though was absent sent a report on statistics on the Coaching Courses in Pan America:

2017 Epee and Sabre – 16 women out of 83

2018 Foil and Sabre - 15 out of 65

In Oceania: Coaching Course 2018-19 – 6 out of 28

Georgina mentioned that there's a Proposal for FIE Licensing to come up with a licensing system to monitor who coaches athletes in competitions. It was also suggested that funding be requested to send female coaches to FIE competitions to train (shadowing).

It has been observed that more female coaches are coming out:

In Europe both Estonia and Spain bring female coaches to World Cups, Austria has 1 female coach.

In Asia during the last Zonal Championships in Japan: Japan, China, Philippines, Singapore, Australia, Vietnam had female coaches.

In Budapest in 2018 there were 8 out of 22.

### **Refereeing:**

Therese presented the statistics on referees, which showed no significant growth in statistics in terms of female referees against male (see attached).

Therese will also look at the reports to the Exec Committee and go through the reports and the data generated from these.

Check annual report on referee assignments in FIE events over a period of time – possibly up to 12 years.

Hidden *systemic blocks* to licensing referees also will be explored. For example in the European Fencing Confederation, referees must be assessed in 5 competitions in a period of 2 years instead of 3 which it previously was.

### **Technical (D.T):**

In Pan American Games 3 out of 6 DT members were women  
In the 2018 Asian Games 2 out 3 DT members were women  
World Junior and Senior Championships: in 2018-and 2019 only 1 woman DT member for each.

**It is notable to mention that in South America there are now 5 women federation Presidents.**

Some Council achievements: 2017-2018:

1. Increase quota of 30% in the Comex and Councils; improved governance
2. Helped move safe sport forward
3. Increased number of female Presidents
4. Appointment of Marilee to the IOC Communications Commission; submission of IOC Women and Sport Trophy submittal; IOC - AISOF meeting representation
5. In terms of Communication: Social media Aug 2017- Oct 2018 reached 50,000; Oct 2018-June 2019 reached 20,000

Concerns:

1. Women's image – more professional marketing imaging
4. Discussion about goals and objectives for 2024

### **2024 Objectives**

1. Influence IOC Executive Committee to support IOC Charter to increase from 20% to 30%
2. All World Cups to provide safeguarding officers (can be local organizers person)
3. Request confederations to appoint safeguarding officers at zonal events
4. Make recommendations to improve or enhance safeguarding obligations in FIE Code of Conduct
5. Rebrand leadership training program
6. Request funding for female coaches shadowing program at FIE major events
7. Explore hidden systemic barriers to licensing officials (referee pathways / EFC);
8. Identify candidates for IOC Women and Sports Trophy. Create a list in advanced.
9. Conduct an active research for equality survey
10. Engage more with Athletes Commission
11. Encourage education and training to help us achieve equity
12. Engage more with Communication, Marketing and Promotion Commission to clarify image and communication
  - A. social media messages engagement
  - B. materials / tools to communicate safeguarding in zonals
  - C. what it is and why we are introducing it?
13. Support sustainability efforts

Propaganda Commission came to visit the Council to ask how they can help in promoting what we want to communicate. No clear marketing/communication strategy from the FIE. Important to

agree on the language/tone/images to use in branding for our sport. Stacey suggested having support from Propaganda in changing to a new name.

Nina Lalovic from the FIE communications team mentioned that they would appreciate if we could send materials that we want published, whether about athletes, referees, etc. Make sure to provide complete information.

While brainstorming on the new name for the Council, the following keywords came about:

- more inclusion
- culture change
- empowering
- diversity
- equality
- acceptance
- equity
- globalization
- universality
- create a web
- respect
- integration
- transparency
- participation
- development
- welcoming
- communication
- embracing
- goal setting
- encouragement
- education
- solidarity
- leadership

Reasons given for the name change were the following:

- Too restrictive
- Pigeon holes us as women only focused
- Natural evolution / world has changed
- Don't want to exclude others
- Need for "social justice" and human rights

Some of the more compelling reasons were:

- Isolates women\*
- IOC advises IFs not to use "title of women..."\*\*
- Needs to be more inclusive\*

Names we've seen through our research:

- Diversity (invited to the party) and inclusion (asked to dance)\*\*
- Sense of belonging

Need to consider what might work best to prevail with FIE Congress audience  
Equity and Inclusion\*\*  
Equity and Development\*\*

What do we want to focus on?

1. Development of women
2. Emerging and under represented groups/people(?)\*\*\*
  - a. Governance\*
  - b. Development of referees/coaches/technical\*
  - c. Develop leadership

The meeting was adjourned by 5:15

**Saturday, June 29,**  
**9am – 10 a.m.**

Discussions started at 9:20

1. Continuation on the discussion about achievements, goals and objectives 2020-2024

Suggestions on the Council's name change:

Diversity and Inclusion

Recognition and Development

Equity Council – IOC\*\*\* (easier to sell and to understand)

Equity and Inclusion

Integration

Equity, Culture and Inclusion

Yuko suggested it might be better to discuss our objective/charge first to come up with a more appropriate name.

***Women's Council Charge:***

Preamble: Opening the door wider to opportunity for:

- Development of coaches, referees and technical
- Development of leaders for elective process

Evelyn mentioned that it might be good to think of our end goal to aid us in formulating our charge.

- Create a community that encourages the diverse fencing community where every person feels valued and has the opportunity to add value.
- Strive to foster a culture of respect in our sport that is diverse, inclusion and accessible
- To ensure equal opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Support safeguarding program
- Support education and training to help us achieve equity

With the charge better defined we asked ourselves this question:

Should we change the name from *Women & Fencing* to *FIE Equity Council*?

Elena Murdaca joined us and was briefed on the Council's proposal to change the name and 2024 Objectives for the next group.

Stacey asked Ahmed to think of anything that could strengthen the structure in the Coaching who said that he tried to contact all federation and encourage to send women and in the end 2 came.

**Therese gave her presentation on Sustainability.**

Elena is happy to learn about The Council's interest in sustainability as she feels very strongly about this issue and is happy that there are other councils interested in this. She even represented the FIE in IOC for on sustainability

Attached is material from Therese on a summary of the sustainability guide. The first of a series and proposals, a 10-step process.

According to Elena, the FIE has started having generic materials that can be used for multiple events which in turn also helps save on cost.

FIE has a general sustainability policy in its charge but is trying to update to suit present conditions. Example: accreditation in championships gives access to public transportations. No longer need to provide transportation. Unsold food can be distributed to people of need. Use of recyclable materials for food packaging, etc.

Stacey: Please include support of sustainability efforts as part of our objectives.

**Communications Goal - How is our communication platform going and how to improve? –**  
M. Fernandes lead the discussion with other members participating.

Mirani reported that in 2005 she started communication in fencing as a tool to introduce fencing in simple communication. Usually only the athletes on top are focused on but not the ones at the bottom. When she joined the South American Confederation, they focused on small clubs. Using icons as inspiration but there's a gap in terms of reality. Since they are more the exception than the rule. They determined to use as examples "ordinary" people. Eventually, this made people feel that they have a voice and a place in fencing. To put the women's movement forward, we show examples of the ordinary women who reached the top. Before it was based on "likes" now its about social engagement.

Stories that generated the 70,000 reach: IOC videos; interviews of FIE with women athletes; to find stories *we have to fish everyday*. Example US association has a lot of materials about professionals; kids; Examples that show "We can do it" or "It is possible"  
Add: wheelchair fencing as a focus in the future.

Partnership that is not focused on cooperation but more on sharing such as cooperating with other commissions to get other ideas on what they want to push forward, particularly in terms of women's advancement or men and women from developing nations.

Communication Goals for next quad:

Target: +100,000 reach

Continue to work with FIE but amplify

For next chair to send emails to major federation with PR to send any materials on development of women, wheelchair fencing, etc.

Bring our work out there (materials on the Council) other accomplishments of the Council that people may not know about.

Newsletter

Promote educational programs, etc.

Integrate other countries promotion materials better

Promotion Commission came and showed a presentation that agrees with our objective to change the name of the Council from Women's Council to Equity Council.

Results of the Council's discussion with Elena:

We feel we want to include the FIE staff more in our dialogues in the future to have more direct impact on our work about what is plausible and possible.

Elena shared that the FIE educational initiatives on safe sport, etc. which may not necessarily be initiative of the Women and Fencing Council (although we introduced the idea as part of our goals) but are spearheaded by women, is something the Council can use in its communication efforts.

***Closing Process to help share where we have been and what we see on the horizon as most important work***

### **1. What have I learned?**

- Collaboration as a group from different backgrounds, cultures and it has been a pleasure to work with.

- It has been a pleasure with the group because of the great synergy, complimentary characters. Created a dynamism in the group which is essential in the development of the group

- Getting different perspective from different people

- It has been an honor to work with the group though Ahmed, feels he hasn't fully contributed because of other concerns. He thinks everyone has contributed fully and hopes to be back, God willing, Will always have great memories working with the group. Thanks Stacey for being a great leader.

- Learned that the council is not just for women. There's a lot to deal with. It is necessary to have this kind of council that oversees and works with other commissions as well.

- We have different perspective and how to use the different perspective to come up with one common sense.

Stacey's Reflection: 8 years ago. It has been a difficult journey. We should give ourselves a round of applause. That is the strength of our group. We have this passion and energy and with the different perspective we can and should achieve more. It takes a long process to change things.

*Remember - the people are the work.* The people who make up the FIE are the work and we're bringing the evolution of a change in cultural awareness. Because in this Council our work is reflected in the work of other committees as well.

Didn't realize what a journey we've been on. Evolution and maturation in our thinking and experience. Surprised to learn the degree of work we've put in to achieve our goals

## **2. What is the most important work that the Council has achieved from your perspective?**

- Our most important achievement is that we've made people think and become aware of under represented groups, particularly women and that is reflected in the work of other commissions, particularly legal and promotion.

- We've created a culture to begin thinking of new and respectful ways of operating.

- Sense of conviction. We have discovered other cultures and important to propose change in the FIEs.

- We lost the vote. But perhaps this loss will help make the voting in the next Congress successful. We certainly hope so.

- Start of the culture of change through messaging and communications. People can no longer pretend that a change is not happening. Consciousness, reminder that there are under represented groups. We have started people thinking and changing.

- We have been the thorn in the side sometimes. We keep coming back and made people think. Beginning of the cultural change for the future.

- We've planted the seed. They can not avoid change and it's coming.

- Sense of direction for our group. Respected by the other groups for what we have achieved.

- We are influencers. Promoting a culture of equity, diversity and inclusion.

## **3. What must we keep laser focus on in the next quad?**

- Leadership training for men and women - this will bring about empowerment

- The next is to manifest the same will that this group has had. We need to lobby for a strong group next quad.

- Keep communicating the work that we do.

- Getting 30% is a very important goal. We have to lead to achieve this. To influence those who will be voting in the future.
- Maximizing the use of time to achieve the our goals.
- Promotion of the culture of change and keep the train moving. All about the people.
- Concerned we've just opened the door to Safeguarding. It may cause some convulsions, particularly from people who are executed against. Once penalties are happening it causes a lot of feeling in the organization. We should be ready for that and adjust. This Council needs to do what we need to do to support it. It was very helpful having one Women and Council member at each table to feel the temperature of folks and provide some deeper explanation.

***Adjourned at 5:40***



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|                      | Referees    | Referees   | %            | Categorie B |            |           | Probatoire |          |          |
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|                      | Men         | Women      |              | epee        | foil       | sabre     | epee       | foil     | sabre    |
| <b>CONFEDERATION</b> |             |            |              |             |            |           |            |          |          |
| Africa               | 132         | 26         | 16,45        | 17          | 16         | 7         | 1          | 0        | 1        |
| America              | 249         | 22         | 8,12         | 34          | 21         | 23        | 2          | 0        | 2        |
| Asia-Oceania         | 533         | 66         | 11,01        | 43          | 45         | 15        | 0          | 1        | 1        |
| Europe               | 754         | 135        | 15,18        | 97          | 75         | 22        | 1          | 0        | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>1668</b> | <b>249</b> | <b>12,99</b> | <b>191</b>  | <b>157</b> | <b>67</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> |

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| <b>CONFEDERATION</b> |             |            |              |             |            |           |            |          |          |
| Africa               | 124         | 25         | 16,77        | 16          | 14         | 8         | 1          | 0        | ,        |
| America              | 251         | 24         | 8,72         | 36          | 19         | 23        | 2          | 0        | 2        |
| Asia-Oceania         | 520         | 69         | 11,71        | 47          | 48         | 15        | 0          | 1        | 1        |
| Europe               | 738         | 131        | 15,07        | 94          | 69         | 20        | 1          | 1        | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>1633</b> | <b>249</b> | <b>13,23</b> | <b>193</b>  | <b>150</b> | <b>66</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |

# *Ecologie et développement durable*

## *Ecology and sustainable development*

### *Ecología y desarrollo sustentable*

Le développement durable dans le sport fait désormais partie des préoccupations du CIO. Il est d'ailleurs partie intégrante de la Charte olympique.

Sustainable development in sport is now a concern of the IOC. It is an integral part of the Olympic Charter.

*El desarrollo sustentable en el deporte ahora es una preocupación del COI. Por otro lado, es una parte integrante de la Carta Olímpica.*

Le CIO a édité un guide de 83 pages -*SUSTAINABLE ESSENTIALS* -sur le développement durable (le premier d'une série) et propose un processus en **10 étapes** aux comités olympiques nationaux, aux fédérations sportives internationales et à d'autres organisations sportives, sous forme de conseils pratiques.

The IOC has published an 83 page guide – *SUSTAINABLE ESSENTIALS* -on sustainable development (the first of a series) and proposes a **10-step process** to the National Olympic Committees, to international sports federations and other sports organisations in the form of practical advice.

*El COI ha publicado una guía de 83 páginas -PUNTOS ESENCIALES SUSTENTABLES- sobre el desarrollo sustentable (el primero de una serie) y propone un proceso en 10 etapas para los comités olímpicos nacionales, para las federaciones deportivas internacionales y otras organizaciones deportivas en forma de consejos prácticos.*

Les 10 principales étapes ont été décrites comme suit :

1. Évaluez votre point de départ
2. Définissez votre vision et votre stratégie
3. Faire preuve de leadership
4. Établir une gouvernance efficace
5. Mobiliser les intervenants
6. Déterminer les principaux enjeux et la portée
7. Fixer des objectifs et des cibles
8. Évaluer les progrès
9. Rapport
10. Communiquer

The 10 key steps have been outlined as :

1. Assess your starting point

2. Define your vision and strategy
3. Demonstrate leadership
4. Establish effective governance
5. Engage stakeholders
6. Identify key issues and scope
7. Set objectives and targets
8. Assess progress
9. Report
10. Communicate

*Las 10 etapas principales se han descrito así:*

- 1. Evalúa tu punto de partida*
- 2. Define tu visión y estrategia*
- 3. Demostrar liderazgo*
- 4. Establecer una gobernanza efectiva*
- 5. Involucrar a los interesados*
- 6. Identificar temas clave y su alcance*
- 7. Establecer objetivos y metas*
- 8. Evaluar el progreso*
- 9. Informe*
- 10. Comunicar*

Le guide précise : « La vraie durabilité va beaucoup plus loin que les projets individuels. Il s'agit d'examiner de près ce que vous faites en tant qu'organisation, la façon dont vous interagissez avec la société dans son ensemble et de veiller à ce que vous ayez en place des structures, des politiques et des processus de gouvernance appropriés qui vous assureront un avenir durable au bénéfice de votre organisation, de votre société et de l'environnement. »

The guide details how sport can play a key role in sustainability in a wider context, explaining that athletes, spectators and the world at large increasingly expects sport to adhere to the highest level of environmental practice, as well as positively affecting societal issues, including health and wellbeing, social inclusion, gender equality, governance, accountability, transparency and human rights.

La guía describe: «La verdadera durabilidad va mucho más allá de los proyectos individuales. Se trata de examinar de cerca lo que hacen como organización, la manera en cómo interactúan con la sociedad en su conjunto y vigilar que estén instauradas las estructuras, las políticas y los

procesos de gestión adecuados que les garantizarán un futuro duradero en beneficio de su organización, de su sociedad y del medio ambiente».

**Propositions :** Afin d'encourager les CNO, les FI et autres organisations, peut-être pouvons-nous nous limiter, dans un premier temps, à quelques points.

**Proposals :** In order to encourage NOC,IFs and other organizations, perhaps we can limit ourselves initially to a few points.

**Propuestas :** Con el fin de alentar a los CON, las FI y otras organizaciones, tal vez podamos limitarnos en un principio, a algunos puntos.

1. Bilan. Point sur les équipements utilisés
2. Points à améliorer = quels axes d'intervention
3. Objectifs : exemples
  - a. Maîtrise des déchets, tri, poubelles, supprimer (limiter) le plastic non recyclable
  - b. Information au public, des sportifs
  - c. Papier recyclé, énergie, eau, gobelets recyclables, couverts en carton,
  - d. Affiches, papier en-tête (2 couleurs), flyers, badges recyclables
  - e. Transformation du matériel ex : recyclage des housses d'escrime en sacs
  - f. Equipement des bénévoles, des officiels (vestes)
  - g. Nourriture
  - h. Etc.
4. Mise en place des actions et évaluation après un an et retour aux organisateurs.
5. Ensuite, évaluer les conditions de transport

1. Update on equipments used
2. Areas for improvement = which areas for action
3. Objectives : Examples
  - a. Waste Control, Sorting, Dumpsters, Remove (Limit) Non-Recyclable Plastic
  - b. Information to the public, athletes
  - c. Recycled paper, energy, water, recyclable cups, cardboard cutlery
  - d. Recycled posters, letterhead (2 colours), flyers, badges
  - e. Material conversion ex: recycling fencing bags in bags
  - f. Equipment for volunteers, officials (jackets)
  - g. Food
  - h. Etc.
4. Implementation of actions and evaluation after one year and return to organizers.
5. Next, assess conditions of transport

1. Actualización sobre los equipos utilizados.
2. Áreas de mejora = qué áreas de acción
3. Objetivos: ejemplos.

- a. *Control de residuos, clasificación, basureros, suprimir (limitar) plástico no reciclable*
  - b. *Información al público, a los deportistas.*
  - c. *Papel reciclado, energía, agua, vasos reciclables, cubiertos de cartón.*
  - d. *Carteles reciclados, papel membretado (2 colores), volantes, insignias reciclables.*
  - e. *Transformación del material, ej.: reciclaje de bolsas de esgrima en bolsas.*
  - f. *Equipo de los voluntarios, de los oficiales (chaquetillas).*
  - g. *Comida*
  - h. *Etc.*
4. *Implementación de acciones y evaluación al cabo de un año e informe a los organizadores.*
5. *Después, evaluar las condiciones de transporte.*

### ***Pour votre information /for your informations / Para su información***

En France, le ministère des sports et les fédérations, les organisateurs et les entreprises ont signé des conventions qui s'inscrivent dans le cadre du **RSE** (Responsabilité sociétale des Entreprises) et du **RSO** (Responsabilité sociétale des organisations).

In France, the Ministry of sports, the federations, the organizers et the entreprises have signed an agreement within the framework of **RSE** (Societal Responsibility of Entreprises) **and** **RSO** (Societal Responsibility of Organizations).

*En Francia, el Ministerio de deportes, las federaciones, los organizadores y las empresas han firmado un acuerdo en el marco de la **RSE** (Responsabilidad social de las empresas) y de la **RSO** (Responsabilidad social de las organizaciones).*

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- 1) **Actualité** : Le Parlement européen valide définitivement l'interdiction de certains plastiques à usage unique : assiettes, couverts ou encore pailles seront concernés par cette interdiction qui entrera en vigueur au plus tard en 2021.

**News** : The European Parliament has definitively approved the prohibition of single-use plastics : plates, cutlery or straws will be affected by this ban, which will enter into force no later than 2021.

*Noticias: El Parlamento Europeo ha aprobado definitivamente la prohibición de los plásticos de un solo uso: los platos, cubiertos o pajitas se verán afectadas por esta prohibición, que entrará en vigor a más tardar en el 2021.*

2) Et pour finir, un petit clin d'œil pour Yuko : trouvé dans la newsletter du ministère

And finely a little wink for Yuko, find in the newsletter of the ministry :

*Y para terminar, una información para Yuko: encontrada en la carta de información del Ministerio*

<https://www.olympic.org/news/tokyo-2020-reveals-progress-on-sustainability> 😊

**2019 FIE Veteran Counsel Meeting Minutes (Approved)**  
**Bucharest, Romania**  
**June 28 and June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Members in attendance:

Dr. Celso Dayrit – FIE Congress Representative  
Francis Kwong – Hong Kong -President (elected at this meeting)  
Rita Comes – USA  
Marja-Liisa Someroja - Finland  
Leonardo Patti – Italy  
Mark Rakita – Russia  
Mark Rance – New Zealand  
Caryl Oliver – UK  
Benoit Pincemaille – France

Members not in attendance:

Ozden Ezinler - Turkey – absent but excused  
Gregorio Lima – Puerto Rico - absent

### **Welcome**

Welcome from Dr. Celso Dayrit:

Dr. Celso Dayrit welcomed the group and gave a special welcome to our newest member Caryl Oliver who has rejoined our Council by filling the opening that was made after the loss of our beloved member and President, Max Geuter. The excused absence of Ozden Ezinler of Turkey was noted and emails were sent to Mr. Lima to inquire about the status of his attendance at this meeting.

Dr. Celso gave an overall statement on how our Council was very hands on compared to the other Commissions and Councils. He noted that we act as supervisors at FIE World Championships, help the hosts set the schedule and are now doing site visits. He also noted that we have the FIE Veteran World Championships set for the next three years, Cairo in 2019, Porec in 2020 and the United States of America in 2021. With the three locations - the schedules have been set for 2019 and 2020, and it was noted that a seventh day was added to the 2019 and 2020 events due to the number of pistes that were available that would not have allowed the events to run smoothly in a six day schedule.

### **Election of the President**

With the absence of Max Geuter at our June 2018 meeting in Bucharest, we appointed Francis Kwong chair our last our Council for that meeting. Due to the untimely death of Max Geuter, we needed to elect a new President for the Council at the June 2019 FIE Veteran Council Meeting in Bucharest. Francis

Kwong, a member of the FIE Veteran Council, made the FIE aware that he would like to hold the position of President of the FIE Veteran Council till the end of the current four year term. There were no other suggestions or nominations for this position, Rita Comes made a second for Francis and he was elected unanimously, no abstentions and it was noted that there was an absence of two members of the Council.

### **Minute's discussion**

The 2018 Minutes and materials were discussed and reviewed. The group wanted to review the FIE Veteran Handbook that the group updated but it was unclear on the status and a question was put to Elena Murdaca from the FIE office. A reminder email will be sent to Elena and she will get back to the Council re the status of the document. The minutes had been reviewed and initially approved during the summer of 2018, the group unanimously, no abstentions and it was noted that there was an absence of two members of the Council.

Benoit Pincemaille wanted it noted in this write-up that last year that he stated that the Veteran Fencers can handle a full Team relay event that goes to forty-five touches. There was also questions made to Mark Rakita concerning the FIE Veteran Endowment Fund to see if it were still going and if he was still involved in the program.

### **Regional updates**

**USA – Rita**

**Europe and UK- Caryl, Leonardo, Benoit**

**Oceania, New Zealand- Mark Rance**

**Asia – Francis and Celso**

**Marja-Liisa – Finland**

**Mark Rakita - Russia**

### **USA – Report:**

**2019- USA – Prepared by Rita Comes – Member of the FIE Veteran Council**

The number of Veteran fencers in the United States (US) has continued to increase over the last few years. The US continues to hold Veteran National Events along with Senior National Events at the same time so that the Veteran participants can participate in several events during a competition and the Veterans are not stigmatized as separate from other USFA members. We are extremely excited to host the 2021 FIE Veteran World Championships in Fort Lauderdale, FL. We have secured sponsorship for the 2021 FIE Veteran World



Championships and we will simultaneously hold a North American Cup event at the same time to give the 2021 FIE Veteran World Championship participants and their fellow travelers, a chance to participate.

The United States Fencing Association (USFA) currently has about 39,000 members, 9% are foreign. 7,300 are identified as Veteran Fencers and of these, 477 are foreign. Note that only competitive members would have to identify their foreign status

**Recent Tournaments** – Trend shows that Veteran competitive numbers are increasing in the US

- Number of Veteran Fencers in each category at Cincinnati, Ohio NAC December 2018

|      | ME  | MF  | MS | WE  | WF | WS |
|------|-----|-----|----|-----|----|----|
| V40  | 29  | 16  | 10 | 23  | 13 | 11 |
| V50  | 66  | 34  | 31 | 38  | 26 | 29 |
| V60  | 59  | 38  | 29 | 28  | 20 | 21 |
| V70+ | 29  | 21  | 14 | 13  | 13 | 9  |
| V80+ | 7   | 4   | 5  |     |    |    |
|      | 190 | 113 | 89 | 102 | 72 | 70 |

- Number of Veteran Fencers that participated in NAC Salt Lake City, Utah April 2019

|      | ME  | MF | MS | WE | WF | WS |
|------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| V40  | 19  | 10 | 9  | 16 | 12 | 9  |
| V50  | 57  | 19 | 23 | 32 | 23 | 27 |
| V60  | 43  | 32 | 24 | 31 | 16 | 16 |
| V70+ | 28  | 15 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9  |
| 80+  | 5   | 4  | 4  |    |    |    |
|      | 152 | 80 | 71 | 89 | 61 | 61 |

- Number of Veteran Fencers that are registered for Summer Nationals 2019, Columbus, Ohio
- Overall and each category – 712 total Veteran entries (no foreign competitors at SN) in Veteran Events. Note that Veteran Fencers will be fencing in many others Individual, July Challenge, Senior Team and Veteran Team rated events at Summer Nationals and the total number may be much higher.

|     | ME | MF | MS | WE | WF | WS |
|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| V40 | 41 | 28 | 20 | 25 | 18 | 12 |
| V50 | 79 | 42 | 44 | 45 | 29 | 30 |

|      |     |     |     |     |    |    |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| V60  | 56  | 43  | 28  | 30  | 16 | 17 |
| V70+ | 33  | 19  | 15  | 11  | 11 | 9  |
| V80+ | 3   | 3   | 5   |     |    |    |
|      | 212 | 135 | 112 | 111 | 74 | 68 |

### **Team Participation**

Team events have increased over the year. Many competitions are adding Veteran Team Events to Local and Regional Events. This has been a successful addition marketing and profitability for competitions. The US will demo the FIE Veteran's Team format at a future event.

### **Veteran Camps and Competitions**

There has been a significant increase in Veteran workshops, Camps and Veteran Competitions across the United States with members traveling long distances to participate. Many Veteran Fencers are able to attend camps and competitions around the world and have appreciated the openness and help of the world fencing community. An increase of Regional (ROC) events in the US allowed for reduction of travel expenses and more participation of the fencers to compete and qualify for the US National Championships without having to participate in a National Event.

### **Strategies for promotion of "older fencers"**

Regarding the strategies for promotion to "older fencers" our largest initiative this year was including the V80 category at our North American Cup events for the December 2018 NAC and the April 2019 NAC. The inclusion of this category came about from countries requesting that the FIE Veteran Council add on a Veteran 80+ category to the FIE World Championships but we concluded that demos in the different countries that might project participation would be the first step – USFA performed demos in 2017 and 2018.

Women V80+ was added in the 2018 -2019 season but has not proved as successful as the Men's V80 Category. We believe that the Vet80+ women's participation will increase in the US in a few years. The participants of the 80+ Events are very grateful for the experience but more information will have to be gathered before proposing having it included as an event at The FIE Veteran World Championships. A USA Fencing Veterans Face Book page (1,029 Members) that was started last year has grown by thirty percent in the past year. This page is used so that official and fun information could be shared amongst the Veteran Fencers around the world, previous there was just a US Women's Veteran Face Book page (459 members).

In leading up to the 2021 FIE Veteran's World Championships, we hope to get information out to all of the Federations to encourage strong participation. We have a few World events that are scheduled in the US before the Ft Laurerdale, FL event and hope to use every opportunity to promote the event and Veteran Fencing overall.

A question arose regarding visa requirements for the participants of US events, all of the current information is posted in the registration area of the FIE events that are held in the US.

## **Europe and UK- Caryl, Leonardo, Benoit**

Caryl

Europe – 1800 fencers – veteran fencing at 2019 European Championship. The experiment w 75 plus category was a good experiment to try but decided to stick to the 70+ category and keep the other categories as is. Benoit suggests that there is an actual drop in 75+ men so it is easier to keep the categories as is for maximum participation.

Europe is introducing the creation of a European Veteran Circuit separate tournaments that are organized by one governing body. Potential problems of having to limit the size of these events—possibly limit entry to 2000

Leonardo also spoke about the European Circuit events. He stated that because of smaller federations not having opportunities for participation in Veteran categories and the desire to encourage participation throughout Europe, there would be Four events, 12 countries, one single weapon event for each country, referees provided by the organizers, refs can be local, entry fees defined by the organizers

The group discussed if the possible Veteran Circuit event leading an alternative to the European Championships for some areas. Rita mentioned how in the United States, there are Regional Events (ROCs) and other area events where fencers can accumulate points – information will be shared to help develop the Veteran Circuit programs.

Caryl discussed the success of the 2019 European Championships in Cognac – 1,654 participants. There was an increase in participation of people for all events. Everyone in Europe can attend the European Championships and perhaps there will need to be qualifying paths in the future to increase the quality of the competition.

Great event that was enjoyed by all of the participants, event is growing each time.

## **Veteran fencing in Finland**

Marja-Liise

In Finland veteran fencers have been active to participate World and European championships. More fencers would like to participate, but not possible, because too many interested fencers per weapon or per team and per age category.

Few more open veteran competitions have been organized yearly in Finland, also in other Nordic countries, but mainly in epee. Only very little in foil and sabre, but these we have had in Finnish championships in any case.

In September 2019 we'll organize European Veterans circuit in Turku Finland. The competition is open for all veteran fencers. Turku has been organizer of FIE satellite epee men and women tournament for years, also 2006 they organized European team championships. Also Lena Tallroth-Kock was the DT president successfully in Düsseldorf European senior championships 2019.

## **Oceania**

Mark Rance

The region continues to see a steady growth in male veteran fencer numbers. This growth is coming from fencers returning to the sport after a break and from fencers moving into the 40+-age bracket. Woman veteran numbers are steady particularly in Epee. This growth is having very positive result off the piste with a number of these fencers contributing as coaches or in other administration roles across the region. There is a well establish veteran competition circuit in both Australia and New Zealand. The most recent Oceania Championships saw 129 entries with the largest event being men's Epee with 46. Fencers from the Oceania associate federations of New Caledonia and Tahiti took part.

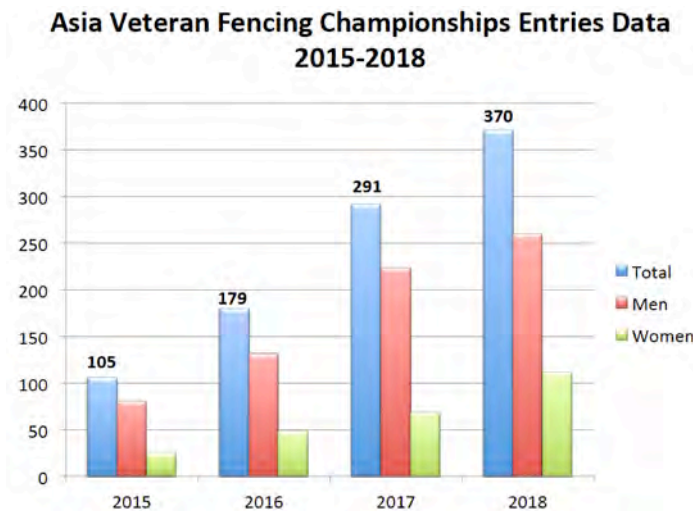
Veteran fencers from Australia and New Zealand continue to compete in the Asian Zone and World Championships. It is expected around 35 from the region will compete in Cairo at the 2019 FIE Veteran World Championships. A large contingent will also take part in the Asian Veteran Championships to be held in Taiwan in August.

Increase in Vet numbers, well established in NZ, Australia and Oceania – increase. More people from New Caledonia. More people in 40+ category increase numbers of fencers traveling to more events and they can participate in the vet Asian event and appreciate being included.

New Zealand will have its very first competitor in the 70+ in the worlds in 2019.

## Asia – Francis and Celso

There has been an increase in participation all age categories for both male and females. Since 2015 to 2018, the increase is three fold for the number of participants in events.



Celso has stated that more fencers have joined clubs and are competing. They have also started a Veteran Asian circuit, first one in Australia, second one in Singapore and Hong Kong will host the third circuit later this year. Age grouping, no licenses are needed to participate but those that have licenses will get ranking. All of the Veteran participants must register even if they don't have FCA.

## Latin America

Rita

Veteran fencing has increased in Latin America. Participant number have increased at the Pan American Events and the head of Federation for the Virgin Islands has been putting on a large Veteran event every few years and those numbers have been increasing with reflects interest. Puerto Rico is still suffering from the effects of Hurricane Maria but the US Fencing Federation and its constituents have continued to support them in many ways. With the 2021 FIE Veteran Fencing World Championships happening in Florida, we expect great numbers of participants from the geographic regions of the Caribbean, Latin America, and South America. Expect more participants in 2021

## Reports on Championships:

## **2018 FIE World Championships – Livorno, Italy**

During the 2018 meeting of commissions and councils in Bucharest, Romania upon reviewing the information for Livorno it was noted that the number of pistes and the locations of the pistes were unacceptable for a quality tournament to be held. The FIC veteran council contacted the organizers and also discussed the issue with Natalie Rodriguez. With Ms. Rodriguez encouragement the council worked with the organizers to rework some of the pistes.

Please see the attached file regarding the event but we had 58 nations represented and almost 900 fencers participating. There was an increase of fencers in all age categories. Several members of the FIE Veteran Council and Dr. Celso Dayrit were present at the FIE Veteran World Championships in Livorno. The FIE Council members worked closely with the organizers at the event and participated in the medal ceremonies when asked.

There was an issue concerning the availability of adequate amounts of drinking water in the venue being made available for the participants. Drinking water is not a requirement on the FIE bid sheets with selecting a location but it was noted that it is a standard request in other countries such as the US. The organizers supplied extra bottled drinking water to the participants that were fencing in areas that did not have potable water.

Please see the attached files regarding the 2018 FIE Veteran World Championships in Livorno and the site visits for 2019 FIE Veteran World Championships in Cairo, Egypt and the 2020 FIE Veteran World Championships in Porec, Croatia.

Things that were learned for the 2018 FIE Veteran World Championships in Livorno is that we might need to ask about air conditioning or ventilation in the venue and also ask about the availability of drinkable water. We will recommend to the FIE and to the event organizers that this be included in bid requests. We also recommend to the FIE that although Veteran events were not part of the Safe Guard presentation that was held during the meetings, FIE Veteran Championships should have a Supervisor that also does Safe Guard.

## **2019 FIE World Championships – Cairo, Egypt**

A site visit was performed by Benoit Pincemaille and Zied Feriani, the Council worked closely with the organizers to come up with a schedule and a piste set up that would work for the the venue, number of pistes and number of referees. The schedule for Cairo – will now be a 7-day format in order to have the schedule work smoothly. We are prepared that there may be less participation in Cairo but

were hopeful optimistic that there will be an increase in numbers. The website for the event is current. The site report is included.

### **2020 FIE World Championships –Porec, Croatia**

Benoit Pincemaille and Francis Kwong performed a site visit. The event was originally scheduled for Zagreb but due to unavailability of venue due to European Union business, the Council had to work closely with the organizers to come up with an alternative site, which include schedule and a piste set up that would work for the new venue, number of pistes and number of referees. The schedule for Porec is now set – it will also be a 7-day format in order to have the schedule working smoothly. There will be 21 pistes total – 17 in venue and four pistes in a tent connected with the main venue. There is an App that is being developed for this event that will help weapons check by the participants for checking in via barcode. The site report is included.

The venue will have digital Flags and a bag storage area away from the competition floor.

Celso had a question re the proposed dates -if we could do the dates sooner? A message was sent to the organizers and a response was returned. The proposed dates are currently October 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **2021 FIE World Championships – Florida, USA**

The USA was awarded the 2021 FIE Veteran World Championships at the Paris Congress Meeting 2018. For the first time in a long time, two proposals were presented to the Congress (Germany and USA) and USA won the vote. The USA has already secured sponsorship for the event and will be perusing more sponsorship. The US will plan to hold other tournaments during the same period to have the Veteran Fencers worldwide and their non Veteran Fencing friends, have a chance to participate in a US North America Cup event – this is something that many fencers have asked for in the past.

The council indicated that any associated competitions should not dilute the World Championships and will discuss the time scheduling of all the associated competitions with the host organization.

Thoughts re site visits:

Francis suggested that after his experience with Benoit in Porec accessing the facility, that we should try to always have two persons view a future venue since they may notice different aspects of a location. The next question that was discussed was, “how early should a visit be scheduled to view a site for Veteran World Championships?” we will look for guidance for this question from the FIE.

#### **FIE Proposal 4.4.4**

The Veteran Council supports the proposal.

#### **FIE Promotions Committee visit**

The FIE Promotions Committee visited our group. David Baker spoke of putting together the historic results into an assessable database and helps with marketing/promoting our future programs. We have had meeting with Promotions, officially and non-officially since the creation of our Council, we have not had much help from them in the past and look forward to the possibility of getting help with them with the database of past results and marketing/promotion help with the upcoming Veteran World Championships.

5:31 pm end of day 6/28/19 close

Upon closing for the first day of meeting, Dr. Celso Dayrit said “

Being together is a gift – working together is a blessing.”

#### **9:00am Start of day 2: 6/29/19**

##### **Continuation of Discussion**

##### **Follow up re Porec:**

Follow up re response from 2020 FIE Veteran Fencing Championships – Porec, Croatia organizers. Celso had a question as to what other dates were available for the Championships during September and October 2020. The response from the organizers:

Available dates

September 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

October 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

The group discussed the dates and the dates that will be proposed to the FIE for the 2020 FIE Veteran Fencing Championships – Porec, Croatia would be 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> of October, the date is submitted to FIE for confirmation.

##### **Promotion of Veteran Fencing Worldwide.**

After meeting with the FIE Promotions Commission on the previous day, we gave some thought to “Why are we trying to promote veteran fencing?”



- Veteran fencing is the biggest movement in the world
- Veteran fencing is good for your physical health
- Veteran fencing is good for you mental health
- The Veteran fencing community is like a family, we compete against each other but the camaraderie is different than in cadet, junior and senior categories
- Fencers can spend more time in the Veteran category than any other

We will continue working on these ideas and work with the FIE Promotions Commission to see what we can do together. Rita made sort two minute videos of the FIE Veteran Council Members that were present asking a few fencing related questions; we will decide how we can use this tool for future marketing. We will work on having a flyer of the next three world championships sent to all of the federations as a “save the date.” The main target of flyers will be countries that have had low participation numbers at past FIE Veteran World Championships.

### **Rule Book and other Documents Etc.**

In 2018 during the FIE Commissions and Council Meetings in Bucharest, Romania, the FIE Veteran Council relined the FIE Veteran Handbook and submitted the suggested changes to the FIE. Leonardo Patti has is working on some suggested modification of the rules that will update the rulebook.

### **Visit from Natalie Rodriguez:**

The FIE Veteran Council was visited by Nathalie Rodriguez, the CEO of the FIE. After introductions, the Counsel asked Nathalie if a Supervisor for Safeguard was going to be appointed to the FIE Veteran World Championships in Cairo – Nathalie suggested that we should put in a request for this.

Information about the European Veteran Circuit was presented to Nathalie and she suggested the possibility of a World Cup in the future. Caryl will do a write up on this idea for the record.

Caryl – World Cup – re veteran world cup

### **Narrative:**

There was extensive discussion around the concept of introducing a World Cup Series and Ranking System for Veterans. Primary concerns lay with identifying the motivation for Veteran Fencers to invest in these events. It was generally agreed that a World Cup Series could arise out of the Regional Circuits currently in various stages of development. Given the timetable for approval of this move it was agreed that we had time to undertake further work within our Regions and in collaboration before delivering a firm proposal to the FIE for consideration at Congress.

### **Resolution:**

It was agreed by the FIE Veterans Council that it would undertake preparatory collaborative work within the Regions to develop a Veterans World Cup Series with a view to presenting a formal proposal and action plan to the FIE in February 2021 for consideration at the Congress and potential implementation in 2022.

### **Last thoughts:**

How to increase the number of fencers from small numbers of past championships

Flyer of the next three world championships sent to all of the federations

### **Any other Business**

The FIE Veteran Council appreciates the support of the FIE in the promotion of Veteran Fencing Worldwide. We also appreciate the dedication and vision of Mr. Max Gueter and of Dr. Celso Dayrit of continuing that vision.

Below photo of FIE Veteran Council Members at the FIE Commissions and Councils Meeting Bucharest, Romania 2019  
(From Left to Right: Benoit Princemaille, Leonardo Patti, Caryl Oliver, Celso Dayrit, Rita Comes, Mark Rance, Francis Kwong, Marja-Liise Someroja, Mark Rakita)





HRVATSKI MAČEVALAČKI SAVEZ

Francis Kwong, PhD MBA  
Interim President, FIE Veterans Council

Zagreb, 2 July 2019.

Dear Mr. Kwong,

we kindly ask you to accept the proposal date of organisation of the 2020 World Veterans Championship – from October 24 to 30 in the City of Poreč.

With best regards



President of Croatian Fencing Federation  
Marko Kallay

# Visit report carried out in Porec, 26th June 2019

**Subject** : Preparation of the 2020 World Veterans Championships in Porec, Croatia

**Proposed date of Championships** : 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2020

## **Representative from Local Organising Committee**

Bojan Mijatovic, Svetlana Volkova and Edgardo Baldo

## **From Veteran Council**

Benoit Pincemaille and Francis Kwong

### **1) RECAPITULATING KEY DATA**

These championships will take place from 24th to 30th of October 2020. Dates to be confirmed by FIE

Three weapons, three categories and both genders lead to 18 individual events. Three weapons and both genders lead to 6 team events.

Considering the previous championships, the participation can be estimated to be around 1000 to 1100 fencers at individual and 80 to 85 teams

### **2) DETAILS OF THE PREMISES**

#### **2.1. General presentation** (*Annex 1, photo 1&2*)

The Zatika stadium has been built in 2008. Many areas on three levels enable the location of all the peripheral activities. Lifts (capacity 14 persons) and big stairs allow easy access to these levels.

#### **2.2. Main Hall**

At level 0, it's a huge gymnasium (surface: 48m x 52m). **17 pistes** will be set up (*see Annex 2*). The floor will be covered by plastic and carpet protections. The northern side is all-glass façade. It gives a very good brightness, without direct sunlight and glare.

#### **2.3. Temporary structure**

A tent (surface : 15m x 40m) will be placed close to the north side of the gymnasium. **4 or 5 pistes** will be set up

#### **2.4. Annex spaces**

- A location for accreditation and weapon control will be set up at level 0
- A room for referees and another one for ITstaff close to the DT area will make an ideally situated management area
- Two Medical rooms will provide medical care for male and female simultaneously.
- Eight nice and spacious showers and toilets
- Two or three fencing equipment sellers at level 2

- Catering at level 3 with direct access to outside
- VIP room
- FIE representative room
- Anti-doping room

### 3) TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

#### 3.1. Timetable

It will be the 7 days format.

#### 3.2. Corresponding needs

- The **weapon control** will be placed just after the **accreditation**. Sixteen experienced people will be in charge of this task, using two complete sets of gauges and control equipment
- 16 **pistes** (carpet 1.5 m wide) and a metallic one for finals (2m wide) will be set up in the main Hall. 4 or 5 metallic pistes will be set up inside the temporary structure. At level 1 and 2, several pistes will be set up for training.
- All the **scoring sets** will have both display of score and time, operated via remote control. They will display the last ten seconds of each bout with hundredths of a second. The scoring sets for the final pistes will also display names and countries of the fencers. Of course, spare devices and technicians for repair will permanently be available.
- **Refereeing** should require 32/34 referees. According to FIE rules, they will be appointed by the COMEX.

Referees will have a dedicated room, as well as an area close to the DT for a convenient distribution of matches sheets.

- The **Directoire Technique**, will be also appointed by the COMEX. Benoit Pincemaille volunteers for it.
- The **IT staff** will be managed by a very experienced person. The software will be « Fencing Time » whose results will be posted in real time the website and on **flat screens** : five in the level 0, five at the same level than catering and two within the tent.
- **Medical** will be supervised by two doctors appointed by the COMEX
- **Video refereeing** is not mandatory. On the other hand **live streaming** will be set up with the help of Kabcom
- **Wi-Fi** will be available throughout the venue.

*Note : **Many volunteers** will attend the championships, being busy with all the necessary tasks. A quick communication for all matters will be made by using **10 walkie-talkies**.*

### 4) MISCELLANEOUS

#### 4.1. Website

The three topics of interests to the veterans :

- Competition : programme, weapon control, results, rules, video.
- Logistics : location, transportation, accomodations, shuttles, practical recommandations)
- Entertainment : gala dinner, tourism excursions

The website may be broadcasted quite in advance (by the end of 2019). Its structure will be previously submitted to the Veterans Council to ensure that all is OK.

#### 4.2. Shuttles

Airports pick up will be on demand and chargeable from selected airports near Porec, special offers for rent-a-car will be proposed on the website. Of course, free shuttles will be available between official hotels and the competition venue.

#### 4.3. Hotels

Several hotels will be proposed on the website. We visited some of them, they are very comfortable and cheap. Valamar Crystal Hotel will provide an added convenience : a private gymnasium where 8 pistes will be set up for free training during all the competition.

#### 4.4. Gala dinner

It's an important moment of the championships. 200 people could be expected. It would be reasonable not to exceed 40€.

#### 4.5. Tourism excursions

Several formulas will be proposed on the website

#### 4.6. Souvenirs

Veterans are used to buying souvenirs of their championships : posters, tee-shirts, towels, caps, mugs etc...This should be also a source of income.

### 5) CONCLUSION

Francis Kwong and myself warmly thank all the people that we met for their friendly welcome, their availability, and their involvement for the success of these Championships.

We did appreciate this meeting. Several key points – particularly the unity of location – have been objectively discussed and the best compromises have then been found, that likely wouldn't have been possible by email only. Such preliminary visit, followed by the endorsement of FIE Veterans Council, should become a request prior to the presentation for voting at FIE Congress.

Our conclusion is a **favourable report** for awarding to Porec the organisation of the FIE World Veterans Championships.

27/06/2019  
Benoit PINCEMAILLE  
FIE Veterans Council



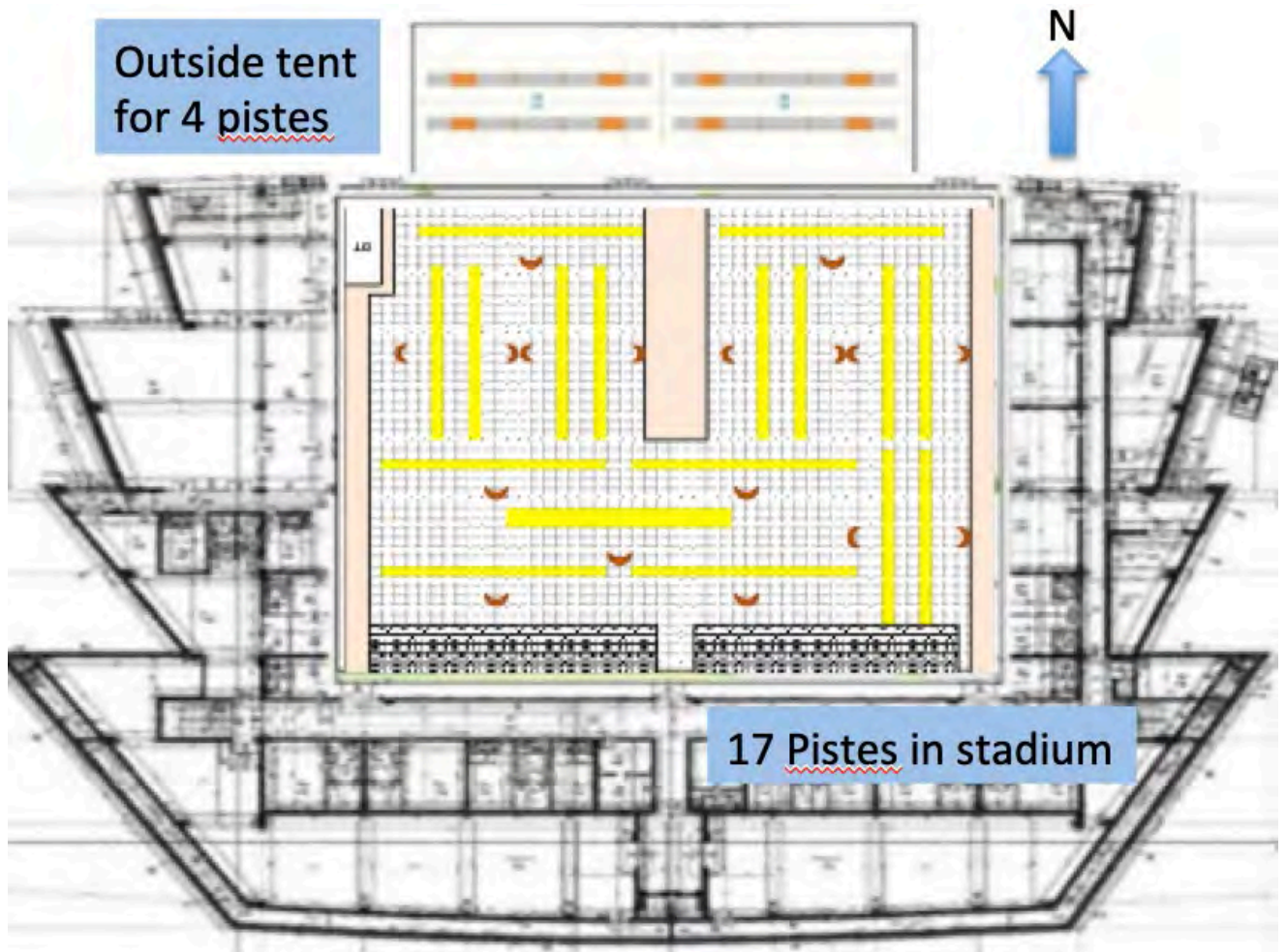
**ANNEX 1 – Zatika Stadium (view from SW corner)**



**View from NE corner**



ANNEX 2 - Layout of Zatika , 17+4 pistes





# Visit report carried out in Cairo, 10th March 2019

**Subject** : Preparation of the 2019 World Veterans Championships in Cairo

**People encountered** (*photo 1, annex*):

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|------------------------|--|
| Abdelmoneim Elhusseiny | President of Egyptian Fencing Federation |
| Gamil Elzeftawi        | President of organisation Committee      |
| Amani Hassan Eissa     | Secretary of organisation Committee      |
| Ziad Feriany           | Technical delegate of FIE                |

and several other people of the Cairo stadium

## 1) RECAPITULATING KEY DATA

These championships will take place from 10-15-October 2019

Three weapons, three categories and both genders lead to 18 individual events. Three weapons and both genders lead to 6 team events.

Considering the previous championships, the participation can be estimated to be at 900/950 fencers at individual and 70/75 teams

## 2) DETAILS OF THE PREMISES

### 2.1. General presentation

The Cairo Stadium Indoor Halls Complex consists of 4 Olympic-standard, multi-use indoor sporting arenas (*photo 2, annex*). It is a very big area. The entrance is under control of security personnel. All vehicles are inspected and identities are checked. All the following facilities are close to each other inside the building.

### 2.2. Main Hall

This Hall is extremely wide. It could easily accommodate 16, and maybe 20 pistes. It would be outstanding in terms of unity of place allowing a friendly atmosphere and a smooth processing of the events. Unfortunately, this Hall is currently under maintenance (*photo 3, annex*) and it's not sure that it will be ready in time. If so, it would be a pity but the competition could correctly be held with the three other Halls

### 2.3. Hall 2 and Hall 3 (*photo 4, 5, annex*).

These Halls have been used in previous International fencing competitions. They are fully suitable for both fencers and spectators. 10 pistes could be set up in each.

### 2.4. Hall for finals and ceremonies (*photo 6,7 annex*).

This Hall is the same size as the other two. It had been very nicely decorated for the last Grand Prix. The organisers intend to do the same for our Championships. DT and IT staff area will be in this Hall.

The call room will be near the entrance in an area big enough to easily achieve weapon control.

## 2.5. Arms room *(photo 8, annex)*.

This hall, close to the others, will be very helpful for training. 8 pistes are permanently available.

## 2.6. Other rooms

A quite adequate meeting room *(photo 9, annex)* will be ready for the different meetings (heads of delegation, DT, referees). It is equipped with a video-projector (HDMI connection) and a large screen.

A Press room *(photo 10, annex)* will be at the disposal of the delegations. It could also be used for VIP's.

Of course there will be a special room for the FIE representative.

Two Medical rooms *(photo 11, annex)* will provide medical care for male and female simultaneously.

Showers and toilets *(photo 12, annex)* are « top-class »

## 2.6. Annex spaces

Under the stands of the main Hall, there is a very big public space, similar to the one in Livorno but Cairo is much bigger. So, there won't be any problem to conveniently arrange the different areas for :

- Welcome and accreditation
- Weapon control
- Fencing equipment sellers and repair
- Catering
- Souvenirs
- Tourism information

## 3) TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

In order to benefit from the experience of the last Championships in Livorno, I've given the staff the report of the DT as well as the timetable which has been implemented (attached).

### 3.1. Timetable

Normally, it should be the same than in Livorno, to be confirmed by the Veterans Council at the end of April at the latest. I strongly recommended not to precise the different starting times, which will depend of the number of participants. Just note that any event could begin at 9am. On the other hand, the schedule of the ceremonies will have to be defined. We should stay in touch about this.

### 3.2. Corresponding needs

- The **weapon control** will be managed by Gamil Elzeftawi (EGY). There will be an area in the premises but, in addition, the fencers will have the possibility of making their equipment controlled inside one or two of the official hotels. I think that it is a very interesting idea, quite convenient for the fencers
- 25 **pistes** (metallic, 1.5 m wide) will be set up, of which 4 coloured and one for finals. The piste for finals may not be on a podium, but if so, this podium must be 3 m. wide in order to avoid injuries in case of a fall

- All the **scoring sets** will have both display of score and time, operated via remote control. They will display the last ten seconds of each bout with hundredths of a second. The scoring sets for the final pistes will also display names and countries of the fencers. Of course, spare devices and technicians for repair will permanently be available.
- **Refereeing** will be managed by Alvarez Gil de Tejada Jose Luis (ESP). 32/34 referees should be sufficient. The organisers told me that they could provide many International and experienced referees from Egypt and neighbouring countries. According to FIE rules, they will be appointed by the COMEX, hopefully with consideration of this availability.

Referees will have a dedicated room, as well as an area close to the DT for a convenient distribution of matches sheets.

- The **Directoire Technique**, appointed by the COMEX, will likely be directed by Ziad Feriani (TUN). The person who belongs to the organising country could be Amr Kamel. Two other people will have to be nominated, I volunteer for being one of them.
- The **IT staff** should be the same as during the Grand Prix. The software will be « Fencing Time » whose results will be posted in real time on the **flat screens** in the venue and on the website. I pointed out the particular rules of the team event. It's possible, but not convenient, to use Excel files (like in Livorno). The organisers will shortly propose me a more adequate way.

*Note : DT and IT staff, next to each other, will be located in the Hall for finals.*

- **Medical** will be supervised by Jeremy Summers (USA) and Catherine Defoligny-Renault (FRA)
- **Video refereeing** is not mandatory but will probably be implemented, as well as **live streaming** for the finals and ceremonies.
- **Wi-Fi** will be available throughout the venue.

*Note : About **100 volunteers** will attend the championships, being busy with all the necessary tasks. A quick communication for all matters will be made by using **15 walkie-talkies**.*

## 4) MISCELLANEOUS

### 4.1. Website

Amani Hassan Eissa will manage its realisation. I recalled the three topics of interests to the veterans :

- Competition : programme, weapon control, results, rules, video.
- Logistics : location, transportation, accomodations, shuttles, practical recommandations)
- Entertainment : gala dinner, tourism excursions

*Note : don't miss the welcome speeches of Mr. Usmanov and other personalities. It could be also useful to give an email address to ask questions.*

The website should be broadcasted in mid-may. It will be previously submitted to the Veterans Council to ensure that all is OK.

### 4.2. Shuttles

Using rental cars is of course possible but driving in Cairo could be difficult (traffic, risk being lost). It is strongly recommended to use the shuttle system which will be described in detail on the website (particularly the schedules). The coaches will provide regular and reliable free transportation between airport, official hotels and gymnasium.

For information, when arriving at the airport, you have to buy a visa for your stay (25\$)

### **4.3. Hotels**

I've visited the three official hotels, conveniently located and not very far from the gymnasium. One of them, close to the pedestrian center, was used by almost all the fencers of the last Grand Prix. These hotels are very nice and offer a large variety of reservation (single, twin, or up to three persons per room). Breakfast is generous. Special prices will be negotiated.

Note that everybody must go through security scanning stations, including luggage, before entering.

### **4.4. Gala dinner**

I've visited the room in which it will take place. Very wide, about 600m<sup>2</sup>. I've informed the organisers that veterans do appreciate this moment (more than 200 persons last year) and are particularly fond of dancing. It's also the moment for the FIE representative to award the diplomas to the fencers concerned.

I've suggested to the organisers not exceed 40€ per person.

### **4.5. Tourism excursions**

Egyptian sites are among the most famous in the world. It's very likely that many fencers will wish to take advantage of their stay to visit them. However, they will want to do it in convenient and secured conditions.

I've recommended to the organisers to present on the website several possibilities at affordable prices. It could also be relevant to set up a stand of presentation within the venue.

### **4.6. Souvenirs**

Veterans are used to buying souvenirs of their championships : posters, tee-shirts, towels, caps, mugs etc... Last year in Livorno, the stand was sometimes crowded. For the organisers, it can be a substantial source of income.

## **5) CONCLUSION**

I'd like to thank for their warm welcome and full availability all the persons that I met. Particularly Mr. Elhusseiny, President of Egyptian Fencing Federation and Mr. Elzeftawi, President of organisation Committee who gave me all the information I needed

My main impression is their ambition for these championships. They don't want to be «one of the best», but indeed « the best ». They really intend to implement all means necessary to ensure a competition and a stay which will be memorable.

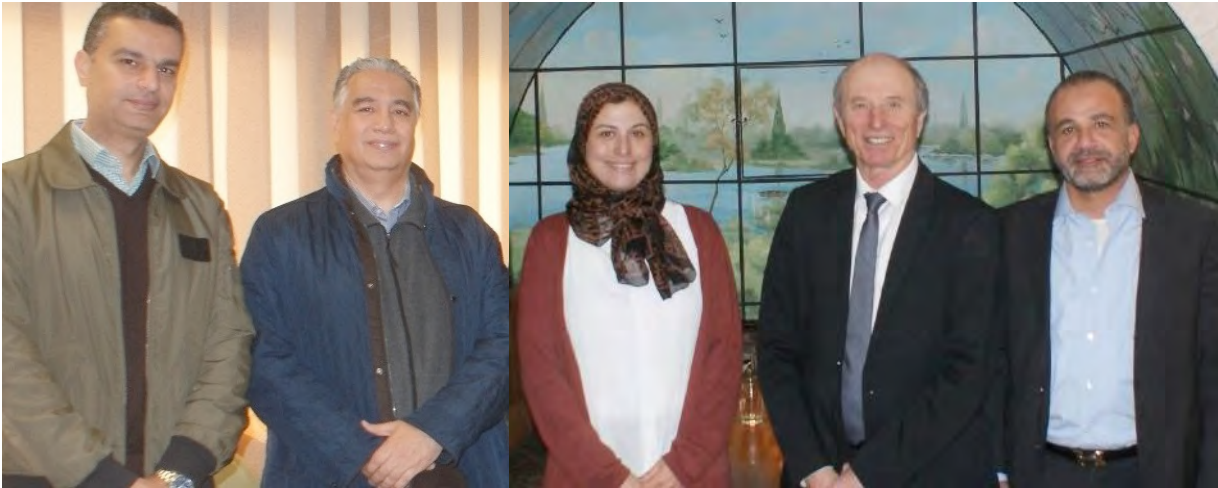
They have the assets for achieving such a goal : wonderful premises, experience in International events, taking into account of veterans'specificities.

I am truly confident in their success.

17/03/2019  
Benoit PINCEMAILLE  
FIE Veterans Council

## ANNEX

Photo 1



Gamil Elzeftawi

Ziad Feriani

Amani Hassan Eissa

Benoit Pincemaille

Abdelmoneim Elhusseiny

Photo 2



The Cairo Stadium Indoor Halls Complex (Photo from Internet)

Photo 3



The huge Main Hall, currently under maintenance. Mr. Elhusseiny on the left gives the scale



Photo 4



Hall 2 (Hall 3 is identical)

Photo 5 (fish eye lens)



Hall 2 during Grand Prix

Photo 6 (fish eye lens)



Hall for finals during Grand Prix. DT and ITstaff area on the right. Note the video refereeing and the giant screens.



Photo 7



Entrance to Podium during Grand Prix

Photo 8



Arms room, 8 pistes for training

Photo 9



Meeting room

Photo 10



Press room

Photo 11



Medical room

Photo 12



Toilets and showers



## BOOK 2. ORGANISATION RULES

### Composition of the pools for Veteran individual championships

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When drawing the pools, the Directoire Technique will take into account the following orders of strength:

1 **The FIE Veterans rankings** ~~The 64 highest ranked from the addition of the results in the previous two years Championships, irrespective of age category changes;~~

2 All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.

3 The allocation of fencers in the pools must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality, as far as possible, in different pools, by moving them down the ranking as necessary.

4 If in any category there are fewer than ten competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique followed by direct elimination.

5 If in any category there are fewer than 6 competitors, they will fence with the next lower age category. A separate ranking for that category will be extrapolated from the combined categories' final rankings at the end of the competition.

6 If in any category there is only one competitor, the event in that category is cancelled.

7 No fencer is eliminated after the pools, all are entered into the direct elimination.

## ***PART D: PROCEDURES AFTER THE COMPETITIONS***

### ***Chapter 1 RANKING***

#### **Official FIE individual ranking**

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#### **1 Principles**

- a) **The official Senior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best five results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.
- b) **The official Junior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, irrespective of continent, as well as the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.
- c) For both Senior and Junior rankings, the ranking is **rolling**.

The first Grand Prix event of the current year cancels out the first Grand Prix event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the Grand Prix events.

The first World Cup individual event of the current year cancels out the first World Cup individual event of the previous year and so forth for the remainder of the World Cup events in the season.  
The first satellite competition of the current year cancels out the first satellite competition of the previous year and so forth for the other satellite competitions.

The points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the corresponding competition in the previous season.

If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are deleted on the anniversary of the competition.

**d) In the event of equal points**, the ranking is based on who has gained the most first places, then second places, etc.

If there is a complete tie, the fencers are ranked equal.

**e)** After each competition which is taken into account to establish the ranking, this is updated automatically after verification of the results by the FIE.

**f)** Except where special rules apply, the official up-to-date FIE ranking is the **deciding factor** for all rankings, seedings, exemptions, etc.

## 2 Scale of points

**a)** The ranking is based on the **following points system**:

- 1st place 32 points
- 2nd place 26 points
- 3rd place *ex aequo* 20 points
- 5th–8th places 14 points
- 9th–16th places 8 points
- 17th–32nd places 4 points
- 33rd–64th places 2 points
- 65th–96th places 1 point
- 97th–128th 0.5 point
- 129th–256th 0.25 point

**b)** Points obtained in an **individual World Cup** competition **and a Zonal Championship** are multiplied by a factor of 1.

**c)** Points obtained in a **Grand Prix** competition of the FIE are multiplied by a factor of 1.5.

**d)** Points obtained in the individual events of the **Senior World Championships and in the Junior World Championships** are multiplied by a factor of 2.5.

**e)** Points obtained in the individual events of the **Olympic Games** are multiplied by a factor of 3.0. At the **Olympic Games**, **fourth** place is awarded 54 points.

**f)** Only fencers who have **actually participated** in a direct elimination table can receive any points.

## 3 Honours

**The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **senior** official ranking of the FIE will be announced at the end of the Senior World Championships or Olympic Games.

**The winner** (first ranked fencer) of each **junior** official ranking will be announced at the end of the Junior World Championships.

## 4 Veterans Ranking

**The official Veterans ranking of the FIE** are computed adding the results in the previous two years World Championships at the weapon in question irrespective of age category changes.

The Veterans ranking is based on the **following points system**:

1st place 80 points  
2nd place 65 points  
3rd place *ex aequo* 50 points  
5th place 38 points  
6th place 36 points  
7th place 34 points  
8th place 32 points  
9th place 30 points  
10th place 28 points  
11th place 26 points  
12th place 24 points  
13th place 22 points  
14th place 20 points  
15th place 18 points  
16th place 16 points  
17th place 14 points  
18th place 13,5 points  
19th place 13 points  
20th place 12,5 points  
21th place 12 points  
22th place 11,5 points  
23th place 11 points  
24th place 10,5 points  
25th place 10 points  
26th place 9,5 points  
27th place 9 points  
28th place 8,5 points  
29th place 8 points  
30th place 7,5 points  
31th place 7 points  
32th place 6,5 points  
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90th place 0,3 points  
91th place 0,2 points  
92th place 0,1 points  
93th place and after 0 points

## **C. VETERANS**

### **Team championships**

**o.103**

#### **1 Participation**

Each country may enter one team per gender and per weapon, thus giving a total of 6 competitions. The teams shall be composed of fencers who participate in the individual competition of the relevant weapon.

#### **2 The rules for team competitions are applicable with the following exceptions:**

- a)** For each weapon, the teams are composed of three fencers of the same nationality, one from category "A", one from "B" and one from "C", with or without a reserve for each category. A team cannot begin the match if it is not complete.
- b)** In the case of a team being short of a fencer in any of the weapons, the team may use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon, but his/her ranking will be deemed to be last in the individual competition at the weapon of the team in which he is going to fence plus 1.
- c)** The teams are placed in the pools according to the ranking of the three fencers in the individual championship, the team having the lowest total being ranked highest. All the fencers registered for the team event must be present at the piste before the start of the match.

**d)** Each team may request, before a given bout, the substitution of a fencer. However, in case of injury or trauma duly recognized by the Medical delegate, the substitution can be immediate, even during the relay.

There can only be one substitution per team per match.

**3** A fencer who has been replaced because of an injury may not fence again during that match. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team is deemed to have lost the match.

**4** The relay system is always applied. The three fencers of a team fence against their opponent of the same category. Each fencer fences his/her opponent twice giving a total of 6 bouts. The bouts are for 5 hits (5-10-15-20- etc.). Exceptionally, a relay may end at more than 5,10,15 etc. if a fencer scores a valid last hit of the relay and is at the same time awarded an additional penalty hit: in this case both hits will be counted; the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.

**5** The team that first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time, is the winner.

**6** The order of categories for each match is established by the referee with the captains on the piste prior to the start of the match: The referee will draw lots and the winning captain will choose the first category in the order. The losing captain will choose the second category.

**7** The competition consists of a round of pools of 3 or 4 teams, in which all the teams participate, and a direct elimination phase for the highest placed 16 teams; the other teams will be classified according to their ranking after the round of pools.

a) The order of fights in a pool of 4 is as follows:

- Match 1 : The team ranked 1 vs the team ranked 4
- Match 2 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3
- Match 3 : The winner of Match 1 vs the loser of Match 2
- Match 4 : The winner of Match 2 vs the loser of Match 1
- Match 5 and Match 6 : The two remaining matches.

b) The order of fights in a pool of 3 is as follows:

- Match 1 : The team ranked 2 vs the team ranked 3
- Match 2 : The team ranked 1 vs the loser of Match 1
- Match 3 : The team ranked 1 vs the winner of Match 1

The initial ranking on which the drawing of the pools is based is established from the results of the fencers in the individual events. (cf. o.103.2.c)

Using the results of the pools, an overall ranking is established, from which the top 16 (or 8 if there are fewer than 16 teams taking part) are promoted to a direct elimination tableau, in which the teams are placed according to this ranking. Should there be absolute equality in results between teams ranked 16 and 17 (or 8 and 9), the team ranked higher before the round of pools will be qualified.

However, teams which have already fenced each other in the pools should not meet again immediately in the direct elimination. To avoid this, the lower ranked of the two teams in question may be moved:

- in the case of a tableau of 16, the team ranked 9 may change places only with the team ranked 10, the team ranked 11 may change places only with the team ranked 12, the team ranked 13 may change places only with the team ranked 14 and the team ranked 15 may change places only with the team ranked 16. - in the case of a tableau of 8, the team ranked 5 may change places only with the team ranked 6 and the team ranked 7 may change places only with the team ranked 8.

**8** If there are fewer than 6 teams, they all fence in a poule unique; a match for the 3rd and 4th places is then held, followed by a match for the first place between the teams who came 1st and 2nd in the pool.

**9** The places in the final ranking table from 5<sup>th</sup> onwards are not fought for and teams are classified, within each round of the table, according to their ranking after the poules



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**Proposals for the 2019 Congress**  
**Modifications of the Statutes**

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**P. 4**

**Article: 4.4.4.**

**Proposal from: Legal Commission**

**Motivation:** The FIE Statutes currently call for at least 30% gender representation in the FIE Executive Committee, the Councils and Committees, but not in the FIE Commissions.

The Statutes are thus inconsistent without logical reason for the inconsistency.

Therefore, we would request an extraordinary measure submittal to ensure Statutory consistency for gender representation beginning with the 2020-2024 quadrennial.

**Reasons to support the Proposal 1. Below are listed a few supporting facts and research study conclusions:**

- 1.) Women in fencing make up nearly 43% of all competitors; representation should more closely mirror participation.
- 2.) There is significant evidence/research showing that diverse groups make better decisions.
- 3.) McKinsey research from 2015 indicates a correlation between diverse leadership teams and financial performance as well.
- 4.) Building an inclusive culture is critical to attract and retain talent within the FIE from the athlete, to referees, to coaches and administrative support personnel and others that we need to strengthen and grow the FIE.
- 5.) With the current 20% requirement, and in those Commissions that are below the threshold of 30%, it is difficult to reach critical mass with numbers of women and numbers do matter.

Much research in both public and corporate sectors finds that having just one or two women on a board or committee does not change gender dynamics nor admit women's voices and ideas. Without critical mass, women run the risk of being perceived as the "token" woman and not taken seriously. The same issue would result from having too few men on a board or committee.

**Minimum Representation of Each Gender**

That the minimum representation of men and women on all FIE Commissions should be raised from 20% to 30%.

**Proposal:**

4.4.4.

**Commissions:**

- a) If the 10 ~~first members elected~~ candidates to a Commission who have obtained the most votes do not include at least ~~two members~~ 3 persons of each gender, the Commission will consist of ~~the first 8 members elected and the two members of the other who are candidates for the commission~~ the 3 candidates of the under- represented gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes and the 7 candidates of the other gender who have obtained the greatest number of votes.

If no candidate of ~~either one of the~~ genders has ~~offered herself/himself as candidates~~ been nominated, the 10 candidates of different nationalities of the other gender with the greatest number of votes are elected.

**Veterans Council:**

The Veteran Council supports the proposal.



Décision urgente, Congrès 2019

Urgent decision, 2019 Congress

Decisión urgente, Congreso 2019

#### m.29. Fil de corps et fiches de branchement

- 1.a) Les conducteurs du **fil de corps** (matériel propre au tireur) seront bien isolés entre eux électriquement, insensibles à l'humidité, réunis entre eux ou torsadés.
- b) Ce **fil de corps** est terminé à chaque extrémité par une fiche de branchement **qui doit être constituée d'un matériau transparent**. S'il n'y a pas de dispositif de sécurité attaché à l'arme, un tel dispositif doit être attaché à la prise du fil de corps.

#### m.31 Fil de corps et fiches de branchement

- 2 Le **fil de corps** est terminé à chaque extrémité par une fiche de branchement **qui doit être constituée d'un matériau transparent**. S'il n'y a pas de dispositif de sécurité attaché à l'arme, un tel dispositif doit être attaché à la prise du fil de corps.

#### Application:

- Pour les juniors et cadets : Championnats du monde juniors et cadets 2020 (les fils de corps avec fiches transparentes seront fournis par la FIE)
- Pour les seniors : Jeux Olympiques 2020 à Tokyo (les fils de corps avec fiches transparentes seront fournis par la FIE)
- Pour tous les tireurs et toutes les compétitions FIE : obligatoire dès le début de la saison 2020-2021.

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#### m.29. Bodywire and attachment plugs

- 1 a) The conductive wires of the **bodywire** (the fencers' personal equipment) must be well insulated electrically from each other, twisted or joined together, and not be affected by humidity.
- b) This bodywire has a **connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material, at each end**. In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.

### m.31. Bodywire and attachment plugs

- 2 The bodywire has a **connecting plug which must be made of a transparent material**, at each end. In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.

#### Application:

- For the Junior and Cadets: 2020 Junior and Cadet World Championships (the bodywires with transparent plugs will be provided by the FIE)
- For the seniors: Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo (the bodywires with transparent plugs will be provided by the FIE)
- For all fencers and competitions: compulsory from the start of the 2020-2021 season.

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### m.29. Pasante y enchufes de conexión

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  - a) Los conductores del **pasante** (material propio del tirador) estarán bien aislados eléctricamente entre ellos, insensibles a la humedad, unidos o entrelazados.
  - b) Este pasante estará terminado, en cada extremo, por un **enchufe de conexión que debe estar constituido de un material transparente**. Si no hay dispositivo de seguridad abrochado al arma, dicho dispositivo debe ser abrochado al pasante.

### m.31 Pasante y enchufes de conexión

- 2 El pasante estará terminado en cada extremidad por un **enchufe de conexión que debe estar constituido de un material transparente**. Si no hay dispositivo de seguridad abrochado al arma, dicho dispositivo debe ser abrochado al pasante.

#### Aplicación:

- Para los juniors y cadetes: campeonatos del mundo juniors y cadetes 2020 (los pasantes con enchufe transparente serán proporcionados por la FIE)
- Para los seniors: Juegos Olímpicos 2020 en Tokio (los pasantes con enchufe transparente serán proporcionados por la FIE)
- Para todos los esgrimistas y todas las competencias de la FIE: obligatorio desde el inicio de la temporada 2020-2021.