



Dear President,

Death of Mrs Ana Pascu (MH, ROU)

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the death, on 6 April 2022 in Bucharest, of Mrs Ana Pascu, member of Honour and member of the Hall of Fame of the FIE.

Born on 22 September 1944, Mrs Pascu was a remarkable foilist: five times an Olympian, bronze medallist in team at the 1968 and 1972 Olympic Games, junior world champion in individual foil in 1963, senior world champion in team foil in 1969 and individual bronze medallist at the 1971 World Championships.

In team foil, she was silver medallist at the 1970 World Championships and bronze medallist at the 1961, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1974 and 1975 World Championships.

Mrs Pascu was a physical education teacher and fencing coach until 1982, as well as an international FIE referee in foil and epee. She was a Doctor of Physical Education and Sport and her doctoral thesis was entitled " The strategy for enhancing sports preparation in competitions". She was also Doctor Honoris Causa of the Vasile Goldis University.

Mrs Pascu headed the Romanian Fencing Federation from 1982 to 2013, and contributed to the sporting success of Romanian fencers, who won 134 medals during her presidency, including 9 at the Olympic Games, 57 at the World Championships and 68 at the European Championships.

She was vice-president of the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee, then Honorary President of the Romanian Fencing Federation.

A member of the FIE Rules Commission from 1984 to 1988, and of the FIE Refereeing Commission from 1988 to 1996, Mrs Pascu then served as a member of the FIE Executive Committee, of which she was also Vice-President from 2004 to 2021.

Author of several scientific and sports publications, she was awarded numerous titles and decorations during her career, including the National Order of Merit, in the rank of Officer and Knight.

Mrs Pascu dedicated her entire life to fencing, fencers and the FIE, and the many successes that resulted from this are a testament to her incredible talent and passion for our sport.



Throughout her life, she tirelessly, generously and with infinite kindness helped, supported and motivated all those who sought her help and advice. She was an outstanding mentor and role model for athletes, officials and leaders in fencing, as well as for girls and women in sport.

Mrs Ana Pascu inspired in all of us a deep respect and admiration for the values she preached and applied with determination and without fail: honour, hard work, loyalty and respect.

Her countless friends and colleagues around the world also cherished her kindness, wisdom and extraordinary courage.

The fencing family has lost a great lady and an emblematic personality with rare and invaluable human and professional qualities. She will remain in our memories, in our hearts and in our history.

We offer our sincere condolences to her sister Nicoleta, to her family and friends, and to the Romanian Fencing Federation, as well as to the European Fencing Confederation, and we would like to express our deepest sympathy to them in these difficult moments.

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Interim President