



Dear President,

World Championships in Kazan (RUS)

Health and safety of athletes is one of the most important objectives not only for IOC, but also for the FIE. Fencing is an example of „clean” sport for other sport federations and I think we can agree that fencing should grow in this direction.

As fencing continues to develop as a clean sport there should be an increase in knowledge and education for athletes in areas of health and safety. Every athlete should know his actual health situation. In some FIE member countries, many health examinations are not available or they are extremely expensive.

“Fencing Health Programme” will offer the optimum information on health and safety. This programme will work-out the list of tests and analysis for athletes in World Championships. This programme will involve professional statistics that will give an actual image of health and safety issues in fencing scene today.

After the analysis of the “Fencing Health Programme” pilot project in Kazan, this programme will continue in Moscow and other future championships. I hope that it has as big an impact on health issues in fencing as possible.

With “Fencing Health Programme” during the World Championships in Kazan there will be an opportunity for 150 volunteer athletes to be examined. Echo Doppler, Stress Test and Dynamic EKG tests will be available free of charge.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**

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