



Dear President,

Death of Guy Azemar (FRA), FIE Member of Honour

It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death of Guy Azemar (MH, FRA), which occurred on February 10, 2014.

Guy Azemar founded the Medical Commission of the FIE in 1966. He was a member since its creation until 2004, and was several times its President. He was appointed Member of Honour of the FIE by the 2013 Congress.

Several times a Doctor for the French Fencing Federation between 1967 and 2005, he was a coach, a physical education teacher and a trauma doctor in turn.

A professor specialised in Physical Education and Sports, he also was a teacher and a researcher in neuroscience at Insep (National Institute of Sport, expertise and performance). His work was focused on the psychomotor development of children and the success factors in top-level sport.

He has extensively studied the differences between left and right handed in sports, the central and peripheral functional asymmetries and the differences in functions of the right and left brains. In 1966, Guy Azemar presented a thesis on sport and laterality at the Faculty of Medicine of Paris.

Since 1965, he undertook a great number of statistics among the sporting population, first in competitions in France then in international competitions. In fencing, he noticed at that time that the left handed represented 25% of fencers entered in competitions, and up to 60% of the gold medalists. He was also able to establish that these figures varied according to the weapon practiced.

He was the author of several scientific articles and books, including *L'homme asymétrique : Gauchers et droitiers face à face* and *La couverture médicale des compétitions sportives : Guide de l'organisateur*. He was at the root of many medical conferences.

To his family and friends, to the French Fencing Federation, we express our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy in this difficult time.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**