



Dear President,

#### Equipment incident

The Supervisor and President of the Directoire Technique of the women's foil individual competition held in Tauberbischofsheim (GER) on March 15, 2014, immediately informed the FIE, the SEMI and the Medical Commissions of an equipment incident that occurred in the quarter-finals of the competition. A short film of the incident was also sent to the FIE

The mask of an athlete (Lee Keefer, USA) was hit by the blade of her opponent (Elisa Di Francisca, ITA) and was partly lifted up, exposing the face of the American athlete.

Fortunately, there were no injuries but the face of the American athlete remained uncovered during the few seconds of the fencing phrase underway.

**The FIE has decided to open an investigation in emergency, to determine the causes of this incident and take measures that will be recommended by the conclusions of the investigation.**

**It is also requested that all the organizers and supervisors of FIE competitions pay special attention to equipment control and report about any incident that may occur.**

Moreover, measures to improve the homologation procedure are underway.

**Alisher Usmanov**  
President