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# ATTENDANCE

The meeting opened at 10:00 am and was presided over by Mr Alisher USMANOV, President of the F.I.E.

## **Took a seat at the tribune:**

Mr. Alisher Usmanov (RUS)	President
Mr. Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA)	Secretary General
Mr. Jacek Bierkowski (POL)	Secretary-Treasurer
Mrs. Ana Pascu (MH, ROU)	Vice-President
Mr. Giorgio Scarso (ITA)	Vice-President
Mr. Wei Wang (CHN)	Vice-President
Mrs. Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H.	CEO

## **Honorary President:**

Mr. René Roch (MH, FRA)

## **Vice-President of Honour:**

Mr. Jenő Kamuti (HUN)

## **Members of the Executive Committee:**

Mr. Donald Anthony (USA)  
Mrs. Erika Aze (LAT)  
Mr. Tamer El Araby (EGY)  
Mr. Max W. F. Geuter (MH, GER)  
Mrs. Velichka Hristeva (BUL)  
Mr. Guk-Hyeon Kim (KOR)  
Mr. Novak Perovic (RSA)  
Mr. Oleg Peskov (KAZ)  
Mr. Stanislav Pozdnyakov (RUS)  
Mrs. Ferial Nadira Salhi (ALG)































## **Presidents of the Confederations:**































Mr. Frantisek Janda (CZE)	President of the European Confederation
Mr. Mbagnick Ndiaye (SEN)	President of the African Confederation
Mr. David Munguia (ESA)	President of the Pan-American Confederation
Mrs. Helen Smith (MH, AUS)	President of the Oceanian Confederation
Mr. Celso Dayrit (MH, PHI)	President of the Asian Confederation

## **Members of Honour:**






























Mr. Marcello Baiocco (MH, ITA)  
Mr. Jean-Claude Blondeau (MH, FRA)  
Mr. Samuel David Cheris (MH, USA)  
Mr. Wolf Gunther Dieffenbach (MH, GER)  
Mrs. Erika Dienstl (MH, GER)  
Mrs. Kate D'Oriola (MH, FRA)  
Mr. Jacques Hochstaetter (MH, SUI)  
Mr. Anibal Illueca Herrando (MH, PAN)  
Mr. Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR)  
Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis (MH, GRE)  
Mr. Abderrahmane Lamari (MH, ALG)  
Mr. Emmanuel Rodocanachi (MH, FRA)  
Mr. Cesare Salvadori (MH, ITA)

# FEDERATIONS PRESENT OR REPRESENTED












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 ARUBA	Austin Edison THOMAS
 AUSTRALIA	Andrew IUS, Peter HARMER
 AUSTRIA	Ursula HINTERSEER
 AZERBAIJAN	Yashar MAMEDOV
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 BAHRAIN	Ibrahim AL KHALIFA, Saleh FARHAN
 BULGARIA	Dimitar STOYANOV,  Detelina ZHELIAZKOVA
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	CUBA	Rigoberto MOREJÓN LLANES
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	FRANCE	Isabelle LAMOUR, Catherine DEFOLIGNY-RENAULT
	GABON	Issa MABADI, Silvestre DONFACK
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	GEORGIA	Archil GOGELIA, Yuri OSIPOV
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 KOREA	Kwang Kee LEE, Jae Sung SHIM
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 VIETNAM	Manh Hung NGUYEN, Le Quang PHUNG
 YEMEN	Represented by Qatar

# CENTENNIAL CONGRESS AGENDA

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8. Designation of the auditors

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9. Voting to award the World Championships
  - J/C 2014
  - Senior 2014, 2015
  - Veteran 2014

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10. Candidatures for the World Championships
  - J/C 2015, 2016, 2017
  - Teams 2016
  - Senior 2017
  - Veteran 2015, 2016

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# 1. Validation of attendance and proxies

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. We will start with item one which is the validation of attendance and proxies. When I will call the name of your federation, please raise your hand. A voting box will also be given to you.

Albania? Albania is not here? Algeria. Antigua. Is Antigua here? Antigua is not here? Argentina. Armenia. Aruba. Australia. Austria. Azerbaijan. Bahamas. Is Bahamas here? Bahamas is not here. Bangladesh? Bangladesh is not here, Barbados. Belgium. Benin. Benin is arriving. Bermuda. Bermuda are not here? Not here. Belize. Belize? Belize is here. Belarus. Bolivia. Bolivia is not here? Botswana. Brazil. Bahrain. Brunei. Is Brunei here? Brunei is not here. Bulgaria. Burkina Faso. Cambodia. Canada. Congo. Chile. China. Ivory Coast. Cameroon. Democratic Republic of Congo. Democratic Republic of Congo. Yes? Colombia. Costa Rica. Costa Rica? Croatia. Cuba. Cyprus. Czech Republic. Denmark. Dominica. Dominican Republic. Ecuador. Egypt. El Salvador. Spain. Estonia. Finland. France. Gabon. Gabon? Great Britain. Georgia. Germany. Greece. Equatorial Guinea. Ghana. Guatemala. Guinea. Is Guinea here? Yes. Guyana. Hong Kong. Honduras. Hungary. Indonesia. Indonesia? Indonesia. Indonesia? Yes. Iran. Ireland. Iraq. Iceland. Israel. Virgin Islands. Italy. Jamaica. Jordan. Japan. Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan is not here? in the room I mean. So for the moment, Kazakhstan is not here.

Kyrgyzstan. Korea. Kuwait. Latvia. Libya. Lebanon. Lithuania. Luxembourg. Macao. Madagascar. Morocco. Malaysia. Moldova. Mexico. Mongolia. Macedonia. Mali. Mali? Malta. Monaco. Mauritius. Mauritania. Namibia. Nicaragua. The Netherlands. Nepal. Nigeria. Niger. Norway. New Zealand. New Zealand? Panama. Paraguay. Paraguay? Paraguay is not here? Panama is here.

Paraguay is not here? Peru. Philippines. Poland. Portugal. Puerto Rico. Qatar. Romania. South Africa. Russia. Rwanda. Samoa. Senegal. Singapore. Sierra Leone. Is Sierra Leone here? No? Slovenia. Serbia. Sri Lanka. Switzerland. Slovakia. Sweden. Syria. Is Syria here? Syria is not here? Thailand. Tajikistan. Turkmenistan. Togo. Taipei. Tunisia. Turkey. United Arab Emirates. Ukraine. Uruguay. United States of America. Uzbekistan. Venezuela. Is Venezuela here? Venezuela is not here. Vietnam.

And Yemen has given a proxy to Qatar. Yemen has given a proxy to Qatar.

Is there any country which was not called? Is Bahamas here? Yes? Did you receive a voting box? Yes.

You have it? Is Bermuda here? Bermuda is not here? Bolivia. Is Bolivia here? Not here? Brunei. Is Brunei here? No? Kazakhstan. Is Kazakhstan here? No? Paraguay. Paraguay is not here? No. Singapore. Here? Did you receive the voting box? Fine. Syria. Is Syria here? Is Venezuela here? No Is Afghanistan here? No? Is Antigua here? No.

So we have 128 countries present and 1 country represented which makes 129 federations present or represented.

## 2. Address by the President of the FIE

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** And now the President of the FIE will address to the Congress.

*Applause*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Thank you. Thank you, dear friends. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I declare the 2013 Congress of the International Fencing Federation open.

Of course, everybody knows that this Congress is special and historical. It commemorates the creation of our federation in this beautiful city, exactly one hundred years ago. I want to express my gratitude to the authorities of the city for their hospitality and their support and to the French Federation. I am also very happy to see here one of the most beautiful daughters of the Fencing Family, the IOC member, Claudia Bokel. Thank you for coming!

*Applause*

I am very happy regarding the positive development of our Federations around the world and our respectable relations with the IOC. During the last five years, the number of Federations which joined our Family increased along with the Federation's financial resources. Regarding the competitions, they are widely covered by national and international media, better than before. And, of course, we are proud of our new President, Olympic champion and friend, Thomas Bach, and we congratulate him for his election.

*Applause*

We wish to our Federation another hundred years of future!

Today we have many important items on our agenda and I think, I hope, that everybody supports our efforts in order to develop our sport with love and trust in our future. Today is a major date in our history and I want to congratulate everybody. I wish you all the best, success and growing love to fencing. Thank you very much, dear friends.

I give the floor to Nathalie to continue with our agenda.

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I now invite Mr. Jenő Kamuti, who will award the Fair-Play trophy.

**Jenő Kamuti (HUN):** Mr President, Alisher Usmanov, ladies and gentlemen, members of the Executive Committee, dear Presidents, esteemed colleagues and fellow Congress attendees,

As President of the International Fair Play Committee, I have the honour of being here among you tonight for the FIE Centennial Congress. The International Fair Play Committee was created 50 years ago, in 1963 to be exact, here in Paris, as a continuation of tennis player Jean Borotra's organisation. And like the FIE, we are celebrating our birthday. It is a pleasure for me to state that fencing is now under the wing of the International Fair Play Committee and of its Swiss General Secretary, whose excellent work with the Executive Committee you have all witnessed over the last 4 years. As previously mentioned, we are also celebrating our birthday this year, which was effectively organised at UNESCO headquarters a stone's throw from here. Why UNESCO? UNESCO and the International Olympic Committee are co-founders of international fair-play, and we are proud to have our roots in both of these great movements, the Olympic Movement and the UN Movement. Surely you recognize the importance of the fair-play prize and I must tell you that our President of Honour, M. Jacques Rogge, is a member of our council, along with Prince Albert of Monaco and Philip Craven, President of the British Paralympic Games, elected last year and now part of our Family. Among this year's recipients was Lord Sebastian Coe, in honour of his athletic career and his organisation of the magnificent London Games.

On very special occasions, the International Fair Play Committee has elected to offer special prizes. We believe the FIE's 100th anniversary to be such an occasion.

From a very young age, fencers are taught to respect their opponent. They are instructed to declare themselves hit even before the referee makes his decision. Numerous examples of fair play exist in our history and even within this very room. The one I would like to recount occurred before my very eyes at the Budapest World Championships in 1975. It was the men's sabre final. Our friend Jacek Bierkowski was up against Vladimir Nazlymov. If Jacek won, he could have become world champion. If he lost, he would go home with only a bronze. The score was tied at 4 a piece. During an attack, both fencers hit. Jacek raised his hand, pulled off his mask and declared the action against him and the hit valid. Without waiting for the referee's decision, he recognized the point against him and shook Nazlymov's hand, christening him winner and World Champion. This kind of example is very rare in other sports.

This act honours the coach, the referee, and the direction of our sport. What's more, fencing is the "cleanest" sport in terms of doping. I am also here to declare that fencing is the most appropriate of sports for the teaching and promotion of fair play within the Olympic Movement. With fair play, everyone wins!

I am proud to present the FIE with the Fair Play trophy on its 100th birthday, and I ask its President, Alisher Usmanov, to accept it in the name of the Federation.

*Applause*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would now like to invite Ms Isabelle Lamour, President of the French Fencing Federation, to speak.

**Isabelle Lamour (FRA):** Mr. President of the International Fencing Federation, Members of the Executive Committee, Members of Honour of the FIE, Presidents of National Federations, dear Congress attendees, esteemed friends,

Allow me, first of all, M. President Usmanov, to express the pleasure that I and the 60 000 French fencers I represent feel to be greeting you in Paris for the 2013 FIE Congress. It will not surprise you to know that we are particularly proud of the fact that, in this universal era that is ours, you have chosen to mark the FIE's first one hundred years of existence here in Paris, where everything began thanks to 9 pioneering Federations determined to give our sport the international breadth to which it had the right to aspire. Throughout the decades, this ambition has completely confirmed its reasoning and legitimacy remarkably well. We are lucky to practice and give access to a sport whose history is tied to those of civilizations, teaching their everlasting values. And today more than ever, we are realising the importance of the notions which help construct a sense of humanity through sport. Fencing, as we know, is tremendous in its physical and intellectual prowess, where its finesse is rivalled only by its respect for others, its respect for teaching, and its respect of weapons. "Education" is not a great word among us. Fencing IS "education". We are here, representatives of the fencing world, and I can sincerely affirm, M. President, the solidarity and the concrete participation of the French Fencing Federation in your projects to develop and improve our sport, which we also share. I do not doubt that during this Congress we will engage in fruitful work of great interest for the progression of fencing across all continents, and it is with open arms that I wish you all an excellent stay here in Paris.

Thank you.

*Applause*

### 3. Ratification of the new federations

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you!

You have all received in your documents the procedure for the electronic voting. You have already used it before. It is exactly the same process: when the vote will be open you will have to vote "Yes", "No", "Abstention" and to press the key "Valid" in order to validate your vote.

We now move to item 3 of our Agenda: ratification of new Federations. This year the Executive Committee has approved the affiliation of Samoa and Ghana and submits these affiliations to the Congress. If the Congress agrees, this ratification may be done by Applause?

*Applause*

We now have 149 Federations affiliated to the FIE.

*Applause*

## 4. Approval of the report of the 2012 Congress in Moscow (RUS)

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to item 4 of the Agenda which is the approval of the 2012 Congress report in Moscow. We did not receive any comment on this report, so I will ask you to vote on the approval of this report. Can you please open the vote for item 4? So the vote is open on item 4 of the Agenda which is the approval of the 2012 Congress report.

The vote is closed.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The report is approved.

## 5. 2012/2013 Report of the Executive Committee

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to item 5 which is the 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Executive Committee. The floor is to the Secretary General Frédéric Pietruszka.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** You have all received the Annual Report in your documents. Therefore we will vote on the report and then honour those who have left us during this year. May we begin the vote on the Annual Report?

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The vote is open on the Annual Report of the Executive Committee.

The vote is closed.

The report is approved.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** We thank you for the approval. Fencing, during this previous year, has lost a number of very dear friends. I will name a few, and Nathalie prepared a short film so that we may keep images of these people in our memories. Edwin Richards, Jose Amado Fernandez, Normann Jorgensen, Jose Eduardo Dos Santos, Bill Hoskyns, Pierre Raes, Sidney Romeo and Paul Gnaier. I request a minute of silence. Please stand for the minute illustrated by this film.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Could you play the film, please?

*[Commemoration movie]*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Thank you.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** And thank you.

*[When sitting down, the bottles of water on the tables clinked]*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Everybody is ready to celebrate?

*Laughter*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** It's early.

*Applause*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Tomorrow, tomorrow, today we need to finish our work!



## 6. Financial report for 2012/2013, report of the auditors, approval of the accounts, discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to item 6 which is the 2012/2013 financial report, the report of the auditors, the approval of the accounts and the discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors. The floor is to the treasurer, Jacek Bierkowski.

**Jacek Bierkowski (POL):** Mister President, Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of Honour, Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents of the Federations, Ladies and Gentlemen delegates of the Congress.

I present to your approval the profit and loss account, the balance sheet for the financial year starting from 1st of July 2012 to 30 of June 2013, as the proposed budget for the financial year starting from 1st of July 2014 to 30 of June 2015. I believe that this document helps you understand the balance sheet, the profit and the loss regarding the indicated period. The income and the spending account for the financial period submitted to your approval show an excess of income over the expenses of 50,687,507 CHF. These balances are 50,595,507 CHF better than budgeted. Thanks so much for the generous donation of the President of our Federation which helped to cover our costs, as well as for the additional donation for the FIE centennial. The financial result was success.

At the end of June, our balance sheet was satisfactory at both expectations in effect and in maintaining to long term the reserve requested and supported by the President. The budgeted income for the incoming period will be able to preserve FIE finances in healthy conditions. The capital of June 2013 was at 12,095,143 CHF, reserve for the long term at 16,500,000 CHF, total equity 28,595,843 CHF. I would like to address special thanks to Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez, our CEO, and to her team, to administration employees for their patience and efficiency. Thank you very much.

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So we will open the vote now on item 6 which is the approval of the accounts, the report of the auditors, the discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors.

The vote is opened.

The vote is closed.

The accounts are approved.

## 7. Budget for 2014/2015

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Now we move to item 7 which is the budget for 2014/2015.

**Jacek Bierkowski (POL):** It's a proposal for the budget regarding the season '14/'15. We propose the budget for this season at 8,768,700 CHF. For expenses and receipts we expect the same money: a special donation from Mister President and a donation for the centenary. Thank you.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So we will now open the vote on item 7 which is the 2014/2015 budget. The vote is opened.

The vote is closed.

The budget is approved.

## 8. Designation of the auditors

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to item 8 which is the nomination of the auditors for the next year.

**Jacek Bierkowski (POL):** Dear Delegates, regarding the designation of the auditors, I would like to propose the Company Ernst & Young for the next year.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So we open the vote on item 8 in order to nominate again Ernst & Young as our auditors for the next season.

The vote is opened.

The vote is closed.

So Ernst & Young are nominated as our auditors for the next financial season.

## 9. Voting to award the World Championships

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** For item 9, which is the awarding of the World Championships, the floor is to the Secretary General, Frédéric Pietruszka.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** World Championships in 2013 were magnificent events. Whether the Cadet/Junior in Poreč, the Senior in Budapest or the Veterans in Varna, this year's World Championships were resounding successes.

Unfortunately, during this same year, we had much difficulty ensuring that 2014 would be presented in the best of conditions. Last year, Bali was chosen for the Cadet/Junior Worlds. Since, Bali has retracted, and as a replacement, Plovdiv submitted its application. For the Senior World Championships, Sofia was chosen, but Sofia could not provide the financial guarantees necessary to ensure that the event would take place in the best conditions possible. Two candidates presented themselves, Kazan and the USA, who had already proposed a candidate for 2015. The United States could not guarantee financial autonomy, and so only Kazan remained able to host the 2014 World Championships. For 2015, the selection had not yet been made, but yesterday during the Executive Committee meeting the American President retracted his candidate city, unable to provide complete financial guarantees for the 2015 Worlds. And so remained only one candidate to host, Moscow. With much pleasure, we were off to Mauritius for the Veterans, but again, no financial guarantees could be obtained. The Hungarian city of Győr is now candidate.

In summary, each event only had one candidate to host: Plovdiv for the 2013 Junior/Cadet, who has already hosted this event; Kazan for 2014 Senior; Moscow for the 2015 Senior; and Győr for the 2014 Veteran Worlds. Please give these four cities a round of Applause to thank them for hosting our various World Championships.

*Applause*

Let us hope that future years the situation improves and we will receive many more candidates. I believe it extremely important that the fencing world mobilise itself and put forward many candidates for the hosting of our championships unlike, unfortunately, this coming year. Nathalie!

## 10. Candidatures for the World Championships

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So we move to item 10 which are the candidatures to the World Championships. The 2015, 2016 and 2017 Junior and Cadet. And to date I did not receive any candidature for these three World Championships. So if you are interested this is the right time to raise your hand.

What a silence...

*Laughter*

So, no candidate to date.

Then for the Team 2016, you know that the year of the Olympic Games we organize a World Championships for the two team events which are not represented at the Olympic Games and to date I have no candidate for the Teams 2016. Is there any interest in organizing this World Championship? It's only two weapons.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** Nathalie, if you permit it, I think it would be great for Rio to host these World Championships during the Rio de Janeiro Test Event. This would allow the two non-Olympic weapons to discover this wonderful city. I'd like to personally call upon Brazil so that we may host this event on the sidelines of the Test Event in Rio. I believe it would be a good idea for those fencers who, unfortunately, will not be able to compete by team at the Olympic Games. How does the Brazilian President feel about this?

**Gerli Dos Santos (BRA):** Good day. Concerning this proposal, it would be necessary to consult our Brazilian Olympic Committee. Because the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio are the responsibility of the Brazilian Olympic Committee, I will consult with them in order to come to a decision.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** Thank you and you have our full support. If necessary, I am willing to travel to convince the Brazilian Olympic Committee.

**Ana Pascu (MH, ROU):** M. President, Romania is ready to prepare a candidature to host the 2016 World Championships for the two non-Olympic weapons. Thank you.

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you. Now, for the Senior 2017, we have received the full candidature of Leipzig, Germany and of Doha, Qatar.

And I think the President of Qatar wants to give us the full documentation.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Thank you very much. Thank you.

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have two candidates for 2017. Now the 2015 and 2016 Veterans World Championships. Is there any candidature? Yes? Can we have a microphone, please!

Excuse me, can you just tell your name and country?

**Brad Goldie (CAN):** Canada would like to make a bid for the 2016 Veteran World Championships in Montreal, Canada.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Montreal, Canada, yes. 2016. Thank you. Is there any candidate for 2015? Not yet.

## 11. Designation of the Members of Honour

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We have finished with item 10. We move to item 11 which is the nomination of the Members of Honour. The Secretary General will ask the Members of Honour who are present to move to the next room in order to decide who will be presented to the Congress. Please, the Members of Honour? Yes, please.

*[After a few minutes]*

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** Please sit down, thank you! Please, if you could find your seats and sit down!

Please, please, sit down thank you! Please!

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Dear friends, please take your seats.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** If you could please take your seats, thank you! We will continue and name the new Members of Honour.

Please, we are about to continue, thank you! Please, we are continuing! We shall proceed to the nomination of the Members of Honour. The Members of Honour, present at the Congress, have approved the nominations of:

Mister Jenő Kamuti

*Applause*

Mister Guy Azemar.

*Applause*

Mister Bert Van de Flier.

*Applause*

If you could come to the right of the stage!

Mister Steve Higginson.

*Applause*

Mister Arthur Bar-Joseph.

*Applause*

And Mister Adam Lisewski.

*Applause*

President Usmanov will offer the Member of Honour Trophy to those present.

*Applause*

The President has asked me to announce that all the Members of Honour named until now and who did not have the pleasure of receiving the trophy distributed today, are to receive this Member of Honour symbol in the future.

*Applause*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Maybe we will make some less heavy because these are very heavy!

*Laughter*

## 12. Awarding the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We move to item 12 which is the awarding of the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick. This year, because of the centennial of the FIE, the Executive Committee has decided to propose a very famous and very prestigious institution which is the Automobile Club de France in which, as you may know, the FIE was created 100 years ago. So the Executive Committee wishes to award this Challenge Chevalier Feyerick to the Automobile Club de France "For its immeasurable contribution to the creation of the FIE and the participation in our projects throughout the past century of its members, who held illustrious positions within our organisation."

Do you agree with this awarding?

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** On behalf of the FIE, the trophy will be awarded tonight during the Congress dinner at the Automobile Club de France.

## 13. 2016 Olympic Games

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now move to item 13 of the Agenda which is the 2016 Olympic Games.

Actually, we have two items in this section. First, the Team Weapons which will not be present at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. The Executive Committee said yesterday that the rotation of this weapon by teams started during the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, where Men's foil and Women's épée were not present. Then we continued in the 2012 Olympic Games in London where Men's épée and Women's sabre were not present. Thus, the recommendation of the Executive Committee is to continue and terminate this rotation and in this case Team Men's sabre and Team Women's épée should not be present in Rio. Sorry, sorry, Women's foil should not be present in Rio.

This is very sad for us, we all know it, but there is no other solution than to continue and terminate the rotation. So, the weapons which will not be in Rio 2016 are Team Men's sabre and Team Women's foil.

You have received the proposed qualification criteria for the 2016 Olympic Games which were sent to you more than one month ago. They are almost entirely based on the London 2012 Olympic Games qualification criteria. I would like to open the vote on this issue.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The qualification criteria have been accepted.

And now we come to the very big item which is the Proposals to modify the Rules and the Statutes.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** And before dealing with this I would suggest a 15-minute coffee break and then we start with the rules.

*(Laughter)*

15 minutes!

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** 15 minutes, please don't forget!

*[15-minute coffee break]*



# 14. Proposals submitted to the Congress, reports of the Commissions and Councils

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** We are about to continue!

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Please, please we need to continue our job!

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Ladies and Gentlemen, please take your seats! We will continue the Congress.

So, we will start with the proposals to modify the Rules. We have discussed with the different Commissions, and we also discussed the issue during the Executive Committee meeting yesterday and also in September, because there are several proposals on which the Commissions and Councils have divergent opinions. The Executive Committee finds it very confusing because in the end we do not know on which proposal we should vote and on which opinion we should vote. This is why on a certain number of proposals we will request a unique proposal, on which everybody agrees, from the different Commissions and Councils to be submitted to the next Congress. So I will announce the proposals which are concerned.

There are also proposals which are major changes to our Rules and on which the Executive Committee would like to have some tests during the next season. These proposals will be sent to the Working Group in charge of the modifications to the rules and we will request tests to be done, analyses to be performed and then a recommendation of the Working Group. Then these proposals will be submitted to the next Congress.

We will start with the **Proposals from the Executive Committee**. So you all have the texts, you have the opinions of the different Commissions and Councils and in the end you have the final opinion of the Executive Committee. I remind you that when a proposal is modified, we vote first on the modified proposal.

So we start with **proposal number 1** which is related to **Article o.31.2**. The proposal has been modified by the Rules Commission. The Executive Committee agreed to the modified proposal of the Rules Commission. So we open the vote and we vote on the modified proposal from the Rules Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 2** is related to **Article o.43** and to the creation of a Junior Team World Cup. If it passes, this proposal will be implemented during the season 2014/2015 because we have started the season. The proposal has been modified by the Rules Commission and the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal modified by the Rules Commission. I would like to open the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 3** of the Executive Committee is the consequence of the creation of the Team Junior World Cup. Again this proposal will be implemented, if it passes, during the season 2014/2015. The Commissions and Councils were in favour. So I propose to open the vote on proposal 3 with the Articles 45, 46, 47.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 4** is related to **Article o.55**. The Rules Commission agreed on the proposal. So I suggest moving to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 5** is related to **Article o.62**. The Rules and the Refereeing Commission were in favour. So I

suggest moving to the vote.

And the vote is open on proposal number 5.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 6** is also related to the creation of a Team Junior World Cup and, if it passes, it will be implemented during the season 2014/2015. The Rules Commission, the Promotion Commission and Coaches Council were in favour. So let's move to the vote on proposal number 6.

The vote is opened.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 7** is again related to the creation of a Team Junior World Cup and to **Article o.82**. If it passes, it will be implemented during the season 2014-2015. The Rules Commission and the Promotion Commission were in favour. The Coaches Council also. So, I propose to move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 8** is related to the Team Junior World Cup. If it passes, it will be implemented during the season 2014/2015. The Rules and the Promotion Commissions were in favour and the Coaches Council also. So, I propose to move to the vote on proposal 8.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 9** related to **o.86** can be implemented next year at the beginning of January. The Rules Commission was in favour and suggests using actually only one currency for all these amounts. The Executive Committee agrees to keep one currency which will be Euro. So I suggest moving to the vote on proposal 9.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 10** is related to **Article t.82**. The Rules and the Refereeing Commissions were in favour and the Coaches Council was also in favour. So I suggest moving to the vote on proposal 10.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 11** is related to **Article t.87**. The Rules and the Refereeing Commissions were in favour of the original proposal and the Coaches Council wanted a small modification. The Executive Committee keeps its original proposal. So, I ask you to vote on the original proposal on which the Executive Committee, the Rules and the Refereeing Commissions agreed.

So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 12** is related to **Article t.90**. The proposal was modified by the Rules Commission and the Executive Committee agreed with the proposal modified by the Rules Commission. So, I suggest moving to the vote on the modified proposal from the Rules Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 13** is related to **Article t.92**. The proposal was modified by the Rules Commission and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission. So I propose to move to the vote on the proposal modified by the Rules Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 14** is related to **Article t.95**. The Rules Commission was in favour of the proposal. So I propose to move to the vote on proposal 14.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 15** is related to **Article t.106**. The Rules Commission was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote on proposal 15.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

We now move to the three proposals of the Executive Committee which will not be dealt with at this Congress: proposals 16, 17 and 18. The Executive Committee would like to make some tests on these proposals and to send them to the Working Group which is in charge of studying and analysing all the modifications to the rules. So, proposals 16, 17 and 18 will not be voted at this Congress. We will make tests next year and they will be submitted to you again with the recommendations of the Working Group at the next Congress in 2014. So, 16, 17 and 18.

We have finished now with the proposals from the Executive Committee.

We move to the **Proposal of Samuel Cheris**, Member of Honour. This proposal has been modified by the Rules Commission. The Executive Committee is in favour of the modified proposal of the Rules Commissions. So we will vote on this and I would like to state that in order to leave time to the Federations to prepare the necessary steps and documents, this proposal will be implemented on March 1st, 2014. So we move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

We now move to the **Proposal of Peter Jacobs**, Member of Honour. The Rules Refereeing, the SEMI Commission and the Coaches Council were in favour. The Executive Committee was also in favour. So I suggest moving to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

We now move to the **Proposal of the Medical Commission** which is actually the same as the proposal of the German Federation. The proposal is to forbid the transparent mask at all weapons. The Executive Committee decided to follow the recommendations of the Commissions, but in the future, for publicity and promotion reasons, the Executive Committee will take the necessary steps so that a brand new transparent mask be studied.

So we can move to the vote on this proposal and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

If this proposal passes, the Executive Committee decided that we have to leave time to the fencers to buy new regular masks. So if this proposal passes, it will be implemented on March 1st in order to leave three months to the fencers to buy new masks.

The proposal has been accepted.

We now move to the **Proposals from the Rules Commission**.

**Proposal 1** is related to **Article t.15**. The Coaches Council was in favour and the Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 2** is related to **t.20.2**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour. The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

The vote is open

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 3** is related to **t.21.3**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee also. So I propose to move to the vote on proposal 3.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 4** is related to **Article t.22.2**. The Refereeing Commission and the Executive Committee were in favour. So I suggest moving to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 5** is related to **Article t.26.1**. The Rules Commission has modified the proposal. The Executive Committee agreed and has also modified the proposal. So we are voting on the final modified proposal.

And the vote is open on proposal 5.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 6** is related to **Article t.32.4**. The Refereeing and the SEMI Commissions agreed and the Executive Committee also. So I suggest moving to the vote on proposal 6.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 7** is related to **Article t.39**. The Refereeing Commission agreed and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 7.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 8**. The Refereeing, the Rules and the SEMI Commissions agreed on the proposal and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 8.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 9** is related to **Article t.56.4 a and b**. The Refereeing Commission agreed. The Coaches Council and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 9 and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 10**. The proposal was actually modified by the Rules Commission according to the opinion of the Executive Committee which was in favour of the modified proposals from the Rules Commission. So I propose to move to the vote and we vote on the modified proposal number 10.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 11** is related to **Article t.87.2**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 11 and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 12** is related to **Article t.87.4.2**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour, the Coaches Council and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 13** is related to **Article t.120.1.2**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 13 and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

A microphone, please!

No, as I said at the beginning, when a proposal is implemented later than January I will say first, I will mention it. So the proposals are all implemented on January 2014 except when mentioned differently.

The proposal has been accepted.

I think we should stop now and I will explain you why: we have a special authorization to make the photo of the Congress on the steps of the Opera which is just in front of our hotel and, of course, we are also carefully watching the weather because we don't want the rain to start now. So as everything is fine for now, I will suggest you to go outside to make the photo Congress. Then you will have lunch and then you will have to come back here at 2 pm sharp. Very sharp.

*Laughter*

Very, very sharp.

*Laughter*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Who will be late will also be late to the dinner.

*Laughter*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So you will be shown the way to the steps of the Opera by the FIE personnel and I think we will have a wonderful photo of the Congress. It's not raining, so no umbrella!

*Laughter*

*[Photo of the Congress & Lunch break]*

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** We are going to continue! Today's agenda is still very full. Thank you for taking your seats!

We ask that you please sit down, thank you! We are about to continue!

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So, please take your seats! We will start the Congress again.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** Please sit down, thank you! We are starting!

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We start again at 2.25 pm sharp.

*Laughter*

**Proposal 14** of the Rules Commission. So the proposal was amended by the Rules Commission and the Executive Committee was in favour of the modified proposal. I propose to vote on the modified proposal from the Rules Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed. It seems that some people are still finishing lunch.

*Laughter*

And we have to pay attention because for the statutes we need the vote of 2/3 of the Federations present and represented.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 15** is related to **Article t.120.3.5**. The Refereeing Commission was in favour and the Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 15 and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 16**. The Refereeing Commission and the Executive Committee were in favour. So we move to the vote on proposal 16.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Was there a problem with the vote? We have to vote again? Ok. So we will re-open the vote for this proposal.

So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 17** is related to **Article o.70.4**. The Rules Commission has modified its proposal and the Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal modified by the Rules Commission. So we move to the vote on this proposal and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

We have finished with the proposals from the Rules Commission and we move now to the Proposals from the SEMI Commission.

Proposal 1 is related to random quality control of fencing equipment. The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. So we move to the vote on **proposal 1 of the SEMI Commission**.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

So **proposal 2** will not be dealt with because this text should actually be included into the handbook of regulations for the World Championships or competitions and not to the rules. So proposal 2 will be included into the handbook of regulations and not in the rules.

**Proposal 3**. The Executive Committee is in favour of using only maraging blades in FIE competitions in foil and épée. Sabre blades are not concerned. So we agree on this proposal. And we move to the vote on proposal 3 of the SEMI Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 4** will not be dealt with because the text which is requested will be included into the administrative rules of the FIE where the necessary officials to be nominated for the Zonal Championships are included. So, proposal 4 will not be dealt with. The Executive Committee has already agreed on this. It is absolutely necessary to have a member of the SEMI Commission in Zonal Championships.

**Proposal 5** of the SEMI Commission. The Executive Committee is in favour of occasional control of blades. As we already said before, we will move to the vote regarding proposal 5. It is also clear that non-maraging blades will not be accepted for homologation after 1st January 2014, but the blades which have already been homologated will be accepted until December 2015. We are voting on the proposal. I've just mentioned the opinion of the Executive Committee who was in favour of the proposal and of the dates provided by the SEMI Commission. Yes?

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA)**: The Rule Commission indicated that there is not a specific article where this amendment should be included. We should specify where?

**Nathalie Rodriguez**: But this is actually the task of the Rules Commission to determine a text after it is voted and to determine in which article and which place of the rules this specific text should be included. Maybe we will have to make a mix between this proposal and the one before.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA)**: Ok. Thanks.

So the vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

We move to **Proposal 6**. The Rules Commission has modified the original proposal. The Executive Committee is in favour of the modified proposal by the Rules Commission. So we will vote on the modified proposal by the Rules Commission. And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

We now move to the **Proposals from the British Fencing Federation**.

**Proposal number 1** is related to **Article t.45**. The Refereeing, the Rules and the SEMI Commissions were in favour. The Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote on proposal 1.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 2** is related to **Article t.71**. The Refereeing, the Rules and the SEMI Commissions were in favour. The Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 3** is related to **Article m.34.1**. The Refereeing, the Rules and the SEMI Commissions were in favour. The Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 4**. The Refereeing and the Rules Commission agreed. The Executive Committee was also in favour. So we move to the vote on proposal 4.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 5**. The Refereeing and the Rules Commission agreed. The Executive Committee was also in favour. So we move to the vote on proposal 5 and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 6** is related to **Article m.27.3**. The Refereeing, the Rules and the SEMI Commissions were in favour. The Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

The President has to leave the meeting room for an interview with Eurosport. So we will continue for some time without him. He will come back!

**Proposal 7** is related to **Article m.28.1**. The Refereeing, the Rules and the SEMI Commissions were in favour. The Executive Committee also. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**For proposal 8**. The SEMI Commission wishes to get the views and opinions of the manufacturers regarding the issue and requests that we defer this proposal until further investigation with the manufacturers. So we will not vote on this proposal and we will wait for the final opinion of the SEMI Commission. And we have finished with the proposals from the British Federation.

The next proposal is the one from the **German Federation**. It has already been dealt with the proposal from the Medical Commission and which has been accepted.

So we move now to the **Proposals from the Hungarian Federation**. Regarding the first ones, I think the Hungarian Federation wants to intervene? Proposal 2 and the following? Can we have a microphone please!

**Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN):** Yes, thank you. I would like to ask you to postpone the vote on these proposals because I would like to have a proper discussion with the Refereeing Commission and the Commissions concerned in order to have a proper decision.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes. I think we are talking about the proposal 2, 3 and 4.

**Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN):** Exactly.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Ok. So as we said before some representatives of the Rules, the Refereeing Commissions and the Coaches Councils should meet and review some of the proposals in order to come with a unique proposal. So we are not dealing with **proposals 2, 3 and 4** and they will be re-submitted as a new and unique text to the next Congress. Regarding **proposal 5** and the following on non-combativity, the opinion of the Executive Committee is the following: the Congress has dealt at least four times with non-combativity and each time we found out new problems or problems related to the decisions which were taken.

On these proposals on non-combativity the opinions of the Commissions and Councils are divergent. We do not have now a unique proposal to submit to the Congress. Therefore the Executive Committee would like the Commissions and the Councils concerned to review the texts and to come with a unique proposal to be submitted to the next Congress. As I told you at the beginning, this will be the case for some of the proposals we are studying today, and this is the case of proposal 5 of the Hungarian Federation, proposal 6 and also proposals 7 and 8, since all these proposals are related to non-combativity. So if you all agree, we would like two representatives from each Commission to meet early next year and to prepare a unique text which will be agreed on by everyone and submitted to the next Congress. Yes?

**Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN):** Thank you, Nathalie. I cannot but agree that we should have a joint opinion coming from the Commissions, the Rules Commission, the Refereeing Commission and preferably the Executive Committee. I will do my best in order to have that opinion in line or in harmony with the proposition of the Hungarian Federation. However it is not necessarily the case that this opinion is going to be in line with the proposition. I just wanted to make it clear.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes. For us what is important actually is to have a text which is agreed generally and not three or four different proposals on which nobody knows how to vote. I think it's confusing for the Congress to have for the same proposal three or four other different proposals.

**Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN):** Correct and I fully agree.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes. So we need a common text for the Congress. And we jump to **proposal 16** from the Hungarian Federation. Actually it is a request to the Promotion Commission and not to the Congress to revise the publicity code which is part of the rules since the aim is to reasonably increase the number and the total surface of the logos on fencing clothes. So next year the Promotion Commission will have to make proposals in order to modify the publicity code.

**Proposal 17.** The Executive Committee has already created a Working Group in charge of studying and analysing all proposals regarding major modifications to the rules. This Working Group is currently working on some of the proposals you have all received. So we agree on this. And we have finished with the proposals from the Hungarian Federation.

We move to the **Proposals from the Iranian Federation**.

**Proposal 1.** The Executive Committee thinks that the administrative rules are clear regarding this issue and the various organizers should not use different rules regarding Zonal Championships. It's enough actually to add words to title of Article o.44. The Executive Committee is not in favour of using the Team World Championship system for Zonal Championships, but is in favour of using the Team World Cup systems. So the Executive Committee does not agree with the proposal. The Rules Commission was not in favour and the Coaches Council neither. So we move to the vote.

The vote is open.

*Voices in the room.*

The issue is that the Executive Committee was not in favour of the proposal and said that we could solve the problem just by adding Zonal championships to the title of the article. The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

*Voices in the room.*

Sorry? The vote was on the proposal: being in favour or against the proposal, not adding words to the title.



*Voices in the room.*

No, but you know that abstentions do not count. It's just a simple majority. This is the rule. You have 52 in favour of the proposal and 44 against the proposal.

Sorry? You want to start the vote again? So, we will re-open the vote. If you are in favour of the proposal you vote "Yes", if you are against the proposal you vote "No".

The vote is open.

I repeat. If you are in favour of the proposal you vote "Yes", if you are against the proposal you vote "No".

So the vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass.

**Proposal number 2.** The Refereeing Commission, the Rules Commission and the Executive Committee were in favour. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 3** is related to **1.10** in the table of sanctions. The Refereeing and the Rules Commissions were in favour. The Executive Committee was also in favour. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 4.** The Refereeing Commission and the Rules Commission were in favour. The Executive Committee was also in favour. So we move to the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 5.** The Commissions agreed, the Coaches Council agreed and the Executive Committee also. The only thing is that, if this proposal passes, we will need the rest of the season to modify the software to run competitions. So this proposal will be implemented in the season 2014-2015.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 6.** The Executive Committee does not agree with the proposal because it will not solve the problem. But it recognizes that there is a problem. The proposal will create additional problems since we will no longer take into account the rankings of the fencers in competition in order to determine if they are equal or not. The Rules Commission was not in favour. The Coaches Council was not in favour. The Promotion Commission was in favour. The Executive Committee is not in favour.

The vote is open.

So again if you agree on the proposal you vote "Yes", if you don't agree on the proposal you vote "No".

The vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass.

We have finished with the proposals from the Iranian Federation.

We now move to the **Proposals from Russian Federation.**

So, **proposal 1** has been sent to the Working Group in charge of the modifications to the rules. It will make tests and conclusions the proposal will be resubmitted at the next Congress. So proposal 1 is not dealt with for the moment. It is the same for proposal 2 but some tests have already been done on **proposal 2**. Additional tests will be done next year by the Working Group. Then we will receive their recommendations on all these proposals. So we do not deal also with proposal number 2.

**Proposal number 3** is related to **Article o.27.2**. The Rules Commission has modified the proposal. The Refereeing Commission is in favour but provided that we increase the number of referees. The PP Commission is in favour and the Coaches Commission is in favour. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Rules Commission. So we will vote on the proposal which is modified by the Rules Commission.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

For **proposal 4**. The Rules Commission has detected a problem which may arise: it might happen that a fencer meets twice the same opponent and that one fencer might fence four bouts. This is why we would like the Rules Commission and the Council to study again this proposal in order to eliminate the possibility which has been detected by the Rules Commission. We would like a new proposal which will eliminate the problem that has been detected. So the proposal will be re-studied for next year.

**Proposal 5** is also sent to the Working Group in charge of modifications to the rules. Again an analysis will be done. Recommendations and conclusions of the Working Group will be expected for the next year.

And we have finished with the proposals from the Russian Federation.

We move now to the **Proposals from the United States Fencing Federation**. On proposal 1, the opinions of the Commissions and the Councils are divergent. We would like this proposition to be reviewed and the different Commissions and Councils to come back with a unique proposal. So again this is one of the proposals which will have to be revised for next year. The second proposal is related to non-combativity. So as we said previously for the proposals on non-combativity, we would like the representative of different Commissions and Councils to meet, to compare all proposals and to come with a unique text. So this proposal will not be dealt with.

And believe it or not we have finished with the proposals on the rules.

*Laughter*

*Applause*

As we are preparing now something with the electronic voting, I suggest a 10-minute coffee break. 10 minutes not 15. And then we will deal with the proposals regarding the Statutes.

*[10-minute coffee break]*

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA)**: Thank you, we are now able to proceed to proposals concerning the Statutes! Please take your seats!! We will continue.

**Nathalie Rodriguez**: So we move now to the **Proposals regarding the Statutes**. You know...

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS)**: Please, attention!

**Nathalie Rodriguez**: For the Statutes we need the majority of two thirds of the Federations present or represented. So the majority for a proposal to pass is 87. So please vote! "Yes" or "No", but please vote!

*Laughter*

We start with the **Proposals from the Executive Committee**. So before we start, unless mentioned differently, the modifications are applicable in January 2014.

**Proposal 1**. The Legal Commission was in favour. So proposal 1, the Legal Commission was in favour. So we move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 2**. The Legal Commission was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

We move to **proposal 3**. The Legal Commission was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 4**. The Legal Commission has modified the proposal and the Executive Committee agreed with the proposal modified by the Legal Commission. If this proposal passes it will be applicable only in 2015 because we will need to make many proposals in 2014 and many proposals have been postponed to the 2014 Congress. So this proposal, if it passes, will be applicable only in 2015. So we agreed on the proposal from the Legal Commission

as modified by the Legal Commission.

So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 5.** The Legal Commission was in favour of the proposal. I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 6** is related to **Article 3.4.2.** The Legal Commission modified the proposal and the Executive Committee agreed to the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 7** is related to **Article 3.5.1.** The Legal Commission was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 8** is related to **Article 3.5.3.** The Legal Commission was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 9** is related to **Article 5.2.4.** The Legal Commission was in favour. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 10** is related to **Article 5.2.5** and to the President of the Athlete Commission. It is very important, so you really have to vote on this one. The Legal Commission was in favour of the proposal. So we move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 11** is related to **Article 9.2.3.** The Legal Commission was in favour. So we move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 12** is related to **Article 9.2.3.** The Legal Commission was in favour. So I propose to vote on this proposal and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

And we have finished with the proposals from the Executive Committee. I will ask Mr. Sam Cheris, President of the Legal Commission, to come and to explain what we would like to do for some of the proposals from the Legal Commission.

**Samuel Cheris (MH, USA):** A number of the proposals of the Legal Commission are to move things into the space where they belong. We are not changing the functioning of the organization, we are not changing the Statutes, we are putting provisions in the appropriate articles. We have 1, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 35, 41 and 42. Many of these deal with the disciplinary panel where the function was originally placed in the portion for where they have been elected rather than in the article of what the function of the disciplinary panel is to be. We are just moving the sections from one place to another.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So as Sam explains, we are not technically modifying the Statutes but moving texts from sections to other sections. These texts will be deleted from one place and added to another place. We would like, if you agree, to vote on these 15 proposals mentioned by Sam Cheris in a block. And I think we all gain time since we are not modifying the Statutes. Do you agree for these 15 proposals as mentioned by Sam Cheris to make only one vote in a block?

*Applause*

If you wish we can vote the rest of the Statutes in a block!

*Laughter.*

*Applause*

So we will open the votes for these 15 proposals and the vote is open. And don't vote "No" please.

*Laughter*

The vote is closed.

The 15 proposals passed.

So we are moving to the other proposal that is proposal 2 from the Legal Commission. The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to vote on this proposal and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 3.** The Legal Commission has modified its proposal and the Executive Committee was in favour. Of course, this proposal will be implemented only in the 2016 Congress.

So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 4.** The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. So we can move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 5** is related to **Article 4.1.2.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So we move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass. The majority is 87. Sorry? 87. We had 129 federations this morning, but now 130 federations.

So **proposal number 6** is related to **Article 4.1.3.** The Executive Committee was in favour. Of course, this proposal will be implemented only in 2016 for the next elections. So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

**Proposal number 7** is related to **Article 4.** Yes? Yes, the problem is if you don't vote "Yes" or "No", then the proposal will not pass not because it was your intention but because on that time you didn't want to vote. And the last one, you know, which did not pass, actually was a very minor proposal about capitals to be modified in the texts. Or words which were just not important. So please vote "Yes" or "No", but vote.

So...

**Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN):** The proposal was obviously supported, so we should revote on it. Maybe, maybe some people were distracted. You can vote "No" if you don't like it.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We need the microphone and, please, say your name and your federation please.

**Dimitrov Stoianov (BUL):** I am Dimitrov Stoianov from the Bulgarian Delegation and we object to revote on proposal number 5. It was voted so it's over. Thank you. People should have voted it when it was time to vote. Thank you.

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Ok. Proposal number 7 is related to **Article 4.3.1**. The Executive Committee was in favour. So we move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 8** is related to **Article 4.3.3**. The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 9** is a re-writing of the current text. The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 10.** The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal. The Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission. Of course, this proposal, if it passes, will be applicable in 2016.

So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 11.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 12** is related to **Article 4.6.3**. The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 13** has already been voted since it was part of the proposals that were voted in block. This is also the case for the **proposal 14** and **15**.

So we move to **proposal 16** related to **Article 4.7**. The Executive Committee was in favour. So we move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 17** has already been voted with the proposals voted in block.

So we move to **proposal 18**. The proposal 18 from the Legal Commission has been modified by the Legal Commission and the Executive Committee is in favour of the modified proposal from the Legal Commission. So we move to the vote and we vote on the modified proposal of the Legal Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 19** was also voted with all the proposals voted in block. This is also the case for proposals **number 20** and **21** which were also voted with the proposals voted in block.

We are now to the **proposal number 22** which is on page 44 of your document. The proposal is related to **Article**

**4.7.4.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So we move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal number 23** is related to **Article 4.7.5.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So we move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 24** is related to **Article 4.7.6.** The Executive Committee was in favour. And I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 25** is related to **Article 4.7.7.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 26** is related to **Article 4.7.8.** The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal and the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission. So I propose to move to the vote. And we vote on the modified proposal of the Legal Commission.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 27** has already been voted with the proposals voted in block. This is also the case for the **proposal 28, 29 and 30.**

So we move to **proposal 31** which is on page 53. This proposal is related to **Article 6.2.2.** The Legal Commission has modified its original proposal and the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal as modified by the Legal Commission. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 32** is related to **Article 6.3.1.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 33** is related to **Article 6.4.1.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote. And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 34** is related to **Article 6.7.1.** The Executive Committee was in favour. And I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 35** was already voted with the proposals voted in block.

So we move to the **proposal 36.** The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. I propose to move to

the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 37.** The Executive Committee was in favour of the proposal. I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 38.** The opinion of the Executive Committee was in favour. I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 39.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 40.** The Executive Committee was in favour. So I propose to move to the vote.

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted.

**Proposal 41** was part of the proposals voted in block. And this is also the case for the **proposal 42.**

So we have finished with the proposals from the Legal Commission.

We move to the **Proposals from the Hungarian Federation.** The Federation is wishing to have an FIE code of ethics. The Legal Commission has already started working on it and has specified that the item will be on the agenda of the Legal Commission for next year. So we will not vote on that proposal since it will be dealt by the Legal Commission next year.

We move to the **Proposals from the Italian Federation.**

**Proposal 1.** The Legal Commission is in favour of some items and not in favour of other items. The Executive Committee has the same opinion as the Legal Commission. So I would suggest, since we are dealing with the proposal on which there are modifications, that we vote on the modified proposal of the Legal Commission. So if you agree with the modified proposal of the Legal Commission, please vote "Yes". If you do not agree with the modified proposal of the Legal Commission, please vote "no".

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** We see that the Legal Commission is not in favour of adding the line concerning the Wheelchair Fencing, then I would recommend to accept this point because we have seen through the Paralympic Games the good effect of this connection. We are not imposing to include in FIE this activity, but simply to open the possibility for the future for a better integration and not to add this to the responsibility of the FIE but simply to open to a cooperation. Also, in terms of social aspects, the image of fencing gets benefit from this. So we don't really understand why this should be excluded from the amendments.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Actually, the opinion of the Legal Commission and of the Executive Committee is that in reality, in the daily life of the FIE, Wheelchair Fencing is already included. As you can see they are part of our World Championships not because we are obliged, but because we have decided so. The opinion of the Executive Committee and the Legal Commission is that we are already dealing with this and we are already helping them. But if you include this into the Statutes then it becomes an obligation. And if you fail on this obligation then you may be in trouble. So what we are saying is that the FIE is already working and cooperating with the Wheelchair Fencing, but this provision should not be in the Statutes of the FIE, maybe in the administrative rules. Otherwise, it will imply an obligation.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** Excuse me. I see the wording is to promote the possibility and this does not imply any obligation.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** But...

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** We ask to vote first for this item and then on the whole article.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The possibility is not an obligation, but the promotion is an obligation. Because you say that we should promote the possibility. So, yes?

**Sam Cheris (MH, USA):** The reason WHY the Legal Commission deleted that paragraph is because the Wheelchair Fencing has its own Federation and is not within our rules; it is not within our ability to do this. We can work with the other Federation and if we form an alliance with them we will have a contract between the FIE and the International Wheelchair Fencing. It is presumptuous of us to say that we are going to look at the possibility to developing it when it is the rule for other Federation and we are trying to take over what they have their requirements to do. So that is why we deleted it from our mission. It's not our mission, it's their mission.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Exactly. Thank you. So what I propose now is to vote on the opinion of the Legal Commission.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Yes.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The proposal of the Legal Commission is to modify the original texts and not to include the item "K" of the proposal.

*Inaudible speaking*

Sorry? No but you know in the proposal itself there are two items. On one of the item, the Legal Commission and the Executive Committee agree. On the other item, the Legal Commission and the Executive Committee do not agree. So if you...

*Inaudible speaking*

This is what I am saying. If you vote "Yes" now it means that you are in favour of the modified proposal of the Legal Commission.

*Inaudible speaking*

So I repeat.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Please, listen attentively.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** If you agree with the opinion of the Legal Commission, you vote "yes". If you vote "No" it means that you do not agree with the opinion of the Legal Commission. Sorry?

*Inaudible speaking*

We are talking about the modified proposal of the Legal Commission. If you agree with the Legal Commission you vote "Yes", if you don't agree with the Legal Commission you vote "No".

So the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

So the proposal from the Legal Commission did not pass.

So now we have to vote on the original proposal from Italy. Ok? Yes. So we are now re-opening the vote on proposal 1 which is the original proposal from Italy.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal from Italy did not pass.

**Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA):** If you'll allow it, I would like to intervene in the vote that just passed, as I believe it to be an extremely important one. Because we have just rejected the promotion of the disabled, we have also rejected, as had proposed the Legal Commission, to actively protect and guard the health and wellness of athletes. And I still believe that there is something serious in our decision.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes. We move to proposal number 2. This proposal is the same as the one from the Executive Committee, which has been accepted. So we will not deal with that proposal which has already been voted.

The next proposal has partly been dealt with by the same proposal from the Legal Commission on refereeing. There is a modification on the criteria for the Medical Commission and also for the Legal Commission. And the third part on refereeing has already been dealt with by the proposal from the Legal Commission. The Legal Commission was not in favour of that proposal. The Refereeing Commission was not in favour. The Medical Commission was not in favour and the Executive Committee was not in favour. The only notification that was done by the Executive Committee is regarding the medical delegate in FIE competitions and Olympic Games. Actually, only a medical



doctor is authorized to establish a diagnosis on the piste. So we move to the vote.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Yes, please. Please, Mr. Cafiero.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes?

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Please, take the microphone! Micro!

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** We can withdraw this proposal maintaining just the last recommendation that is anyway compulsory by law that only a medical doctor is authorized to establish a diagnosis on the piste.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Yes.

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** So we don't need to vote.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** We spoke about this with Giorgio and we have common opinion on why the Executive Committee refused this proposal. We cannot eliminate the right of the Congress to decide which question we can decide. If we eliminate the possibility and the right of the Congress to decide any question which is necessary, it is against the majority of the federations. This is why we are against these two proposals. Thank you for understanding.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So proposal 3 is withdrawn by Italy and we just maintain the opinion of the Executive Committee which is a legal opinion on the diagnosis on the piste.

**Proposal 4** is related to **Article 4.4.3**. The Legal Commission was not in favour of the proposal. The Executive Committee was not in favour also. And part of the proposal has been already voted in the proposal 31 of the Legal Commission. So again, if you agree on the proposal you vote "Yes", if you don't agree with the proposal you vote "No".

And the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

So the proposal did not pass.

**Proposal number 5** is related to **Article 4.4.4**. The Legal Commission was not in favour of the proposal and explains that the criterion on the representation of both genders already exists in Article 4.4.4 of the Statutes. So the Executive Committee is not in favour of the proposal. We move to the vote and the vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass.

**Proposal number 6.** The Legal Commission and the Executive Committee were not in favour of the proposal.

The vote is open.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Mr. Scarso, you want to say something? Please take the microphone, we cannot hear you!

*Inaudible speaking without microphone*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Of course, democracy is the best system, but you cannot employ it so much: 10 proposals for one Federation.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** The proposal we are voting on is proposal number 6.

The vote is closed.

The proposal did not pass.

**Proposal number 7** is related to **Article 5.8**. The Legal Commission and the Executive Committee were not in favour. Sorry? It is withdrawn? Ok.

So proposal 7 is withdrawn. We move to **proposal 8**. The Legal Commission and the Executive Committee were in favour. So we move to the vote.

*Inaudible speaking*

The vote is open. No? The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal passed.

**Proposal 9** is actually only a re-numbering of an article. The Legal Commission mentioned that this article should be renumbered 5.9 and the Executive Committee agrees with the Legal Commission. So we move to the vote on proposal 9.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

*Inaudible speaking*

The proposal passed.

**Proposal 10.** The Executive Committee and the Legal Commission mentioned that these functions are already existing in the FIE administrative rules. You withdraw it? Ok. So...

*Inaudible speaking*

Excuse me, I cannot hear you!

**Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA):** We must withdraw also the **proposal 11** and **12** as a consequence of the previously contrary vote given on the First Vice-President and on the number of components of Commissions. It doesn't make sense to have the Athletes Commission with 11 and the other ones with 10. So we have to cancel this to proposal.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So 11 and 12 are cancelled. I would like also to mention that proposal 13 has already been dealt with the proposal number 31 of the Legal Commission. So we will not deal with proposal 13.

**Proposal 14.** The Legal Commission and the Executive Committee were not in favour of the modifications proposed. So we will move to the vote. Again if you agree with the proposition you vote "Yes", if you don't agree you vote "No".

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

So the proposal did not pass.

And we have finished with the proposals from the Italian Federation.

Regarding the **Proposal from the US Fencing Federation**... It is withdrawn? Ok.

And we have finished with the proposals. Thank you very much.

*Applause*

## 15. Urgent decisions

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** So now we move item 15. Urgent decisions. These urgent decisions are not very urgent actually, since they were sent to you in March of this year.

We are requesting the ratification of the Congress. So I would like to open the vote on these urgent decisions.

So the vote is open.

For this vote we need a simple majority of the votes since we are no longer dealing with the statutes.

The vote is closed.

The urgent decisions have been accepted.

## 16. Miscellaneous items

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** We now come to the last item which is miscellaneous items and I have two items.

The first one: yesterday, the Executive Committee discussed about having an International Museum of Fencing. You know that during the centennial, Frantisek Janda and persons working with him have collected a lot of fencing articles, books, masks, blades, clothes and many other items and we would like to open a Museum in Lausanne. For this we have to create a foundation which will be in charge of managing and running the foundation and museum and also of raising funds and donations.

*So the Executive Committee would like to create this foundation and this Museum in Lausanne and we would like to know if you agree on this. We can maybe agree on this by Applause?*

*Applause*

The second item is that yesterday the Executive Committee approved a new logo and you will see it on the screen. You know that until 2012 we had an old logo. Then in 2013 we had the logo of the centennial. We would like to continue with a variation of the centennial logo starting a new centenary for the FIE. No objection?

*Applause*

Thank you very much. We have finished with our Agenda the floor is now to the President of the FIE. Yes? Ah we have a question.

**Wolf Gunther Dieffenbach (MH, GER):** I would like to ask how this Hall of Fame was composed. Surely by friendship I would not like to mention certain persons figuring in this list of Hall of Fame. But I ask why, for example, a personality as Pál Kovács doesn't figure in this list? That is a simple question.

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I can explain: the Hall of Fame is only a beginning. We have requested National Federations to present candidatures according to a fixed deadline. Each Federation had a limitation of 20 persons. So not everyone could be presented. All these candidatures were collected and then the Executive Committee was requested to vote on them. The Executive Committee has also decided that the Hall of Fame will continue. This is not an end. This is only the beginning and a new process will start so that more candidates be proposed.

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** We have plenty of time. At least another 100 years to propose.

*Laughter*

And this was number one.

I want to express my gratitude to everybody for working on this Congress and for concluding the first hundred year of our history.

Thank all of you very much.

Today I know that everybody can understand me when I speak Russian. If you give me permission... because it is a very important and major question. I want to express to you my aspirations and my feelings.

Does everybody understand? Tell me, if there is a problem I'll come back to English. But in this case you may not understand me deeply. That's the reason why we have created this new technology, which gives you the possibility to understand me in Russian.

The issue concerns the authority of the main organ of our Federation, which is the Congress. I asked the Legal Commission to review this issue. As the President, I ask and I will raise this question: to review once again the criteria for submitting proposals to the Congress, because we ourselves call into question the work of the Executive Committee and Commissions that are elected by the Congress. If these two organs vote against a proposal, I do not see any urgent need to present it to the Congress, because they have not received the necessary support to be approved by the Congress by qualified majority of votes.

I would ask Mr. Pietruszka and Mr. Cheris to develop these criteria to normalize this, so to speak, way of developing of our Federation. The Congress is the highest organ of our Federation, the Parliament, which decides and defines the work of the government, the Executive Committee. Its Ministries are the Commissions. I try to simplify things, but I want you to understand me correctly.

Otherwise, we will become an absolutely disorganized group that, at a certain point, after getting tired quickly, will get rid of proposals to go for a tour or have dinner, would vote for questions that might cost a lot in the next century.

I urge especially our major Federations to respect our history and the Statutes of our Federation. We need to take care of our sport.

For example: the Italian proposal about the signatures of the President, the Secretary Treasurer and the Secretary General. This is scholasticism. Two persons appointed by the President, among the Executive Committee Members, share with him the right to sign. It is an absolutely unconstructive proposal. I, therefore, urge my Italian friends to think about a proposal more carefully and thoroughly before presenting it for consideration. Or one more example: the proposal about the First Vice-President. I made it myself.

In no way whatsoever shall the First Vice-President limit the Secretary General, who is elected by you and by the Executive Committee following my nomination. I mean, he already has the authority, which was defined in our Statutes when Mr Roch was in charge.

Today, we decided not to create the office of the First Vice-President to whom I wanted to vest the executive function or, actually, to put him in charge of the executive directorship.

And now I thank you very much. I am very happy to see everybody here. You are my friends, you are my family! It is a pleasure to share with you what I have in my brain and in my heart. Thank you for your support and your participation. I will welcome you at the dinner party in our club, our fencing club. It is a fencing club, not an automobile club!

Welcome! Thank you very much.

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** I would like to thank the interpreters for the very good job they have done and I...

*Applause*

And I would like to thank the entire FIE staff very much. They have worked a lot for all of you.

*Applause*

**Alisher Usmanov (RUS):** Everybody needs to say... we love you Nathalie!

**Jacek Bierkowski (POL):** Bravo Nathalie!

*Applause*

**Nathalie Rodriguez:** Thank you!

Some practical information: Please, leave your voting boxes on the table. For those staying at the Hyatt, the FIE staff will lead you to your transportation in a few minutes. Don't be late tonight to go to the Automobile Club de France. Please bring your badges to the Automobile Club de France tonight and also tomorrow for the river boats.

For tomorrow evening at the Grand Palais, you all received an entrance card in a big envelope. Please, do not forget these entrance cards otherwise you will be in trouble with security tomorrow evening. You don't need the badge for tomorrow evening; you just need the entrance card. Thank you very much.

# ANNEXES