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Dear President,

We have learnt with great sorrow that Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA), Member of Honour of the FIE, passed away during the night of May 24, 2012.

Edoardo Mangiarotti was a prodigious athlete as well as a very talented leader.

At the 1959 Congress, he was awarded the Challenge Chevalier Feyerick with the following special mention:

“Exceptional fencer, who, during an already very long career adorned with the most prestigious awards, has never ceased to show examples of amazing moral and physical qualities, having always managed to combine the efficiency of pure classical fencing and the elegance characteristic of perfect sportsmanship.”

At the 1980 Congress, Mr. Gian Carlo Brusati (ITA, MH), President of the FIE, named him Secretary-General of the FIE.

He was awarded the title of Member of Honour of the FIE by the 1984 Congress.

Edoardo Mangiarotti was President of the Scale of Votes Commission and then, from 2000 to 2008, President of the Disciplinary Commission.

He invented the “Mangiarotti” point.

In 2002, he was awarded the Olympic Order by the IOC.

Born on April 7th, 1919, Edoardo Mangiarotti was an amazing foil and epee fencer. Junior Italian champion from the age of 11, he started fencing at an international level at the age of 16 and participated in his first World Championships in 1935.

He holds an impressive track record:

Olympic Games: 6 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals: Berlin 1936 (gold), London 1948 (2 silver, 1 bronze), 1952 Helsinki (2 gold, 1 silver), Melbourne 1956 (2 gold, 1 bronze), Rome 1960 (1 gold, 1 silver).

World Championships: 15 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals.

The FIE has lost a very dear friend, a unique and incomparable fencer, a historical and legendary figure of world fencing.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Edoardo Mangiarotti, as well as to the Italian Fencing Federation. May they all be assured of our deepest sympathy and support in the very difficult times they are facing.

Alisher Usmanov
President