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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

As we march ahead on the Road to the Olympic Games Paris 2024, we are completing a full season of thrilling World Cups, Grand Prix events, and World Championships, with fencers around the globe competing in top form. This is truly one of the most exciting and inspiring times in the Olympic quadrennium, as athletes approach the Olympic Games and fans worldwide eagerly watch our television and social media coverage of world fencing.

The April Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, was a tremendous achievement, especially being the first time for the federation to host a fencing World Championships. I commend the organisers, the Saudi Fencing Federation, and all those who made this excellent competition a grand success, and I congratulate our new, young world champions.

The entire global fencing family celebrates together, as the FIE continues to develop, support and cultivate

fencing worldwide. In addition to the competition events, our programmes to educate, inform and improve our sport help athletes, coaches and support personnel with meaningful and important guidance and resources in numerous ways. As the international governing body of fencing, we aim at ensuring that fencing continues to grow and build upon its tremendous legacy.

With the Olympic Games on the horizon, we are looking towards Paris – the founding city of the FIE – for an unforgettable and incredible experience. Please join me in this journey and the celebration of fencing in its finest form.

I wish everyone success and look forward to seeing you in Paris!

Emmanuel Katsiadakis
FIE Interim President

2024 JUNIOR AND CADET FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

in Riyadh



2024 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships Finish in Riyadh

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, April 12-20, 2024 – The 2024 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships have completed 18 events over nine days from April 12-20 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, including men's and women's individual and team competitions in epee, foil and sabre. The Championships, held at the King Saud University Sports Arena, represented the first time Saudi Arabia has hosted a Fencing World Championships.

"Please join me and our global fencing family in celebrating a very successful nine days of junior and cadet events, resulting in 18 new individual and team world champions. This year, we had 1439 fencers participating from 103 countries.

"We appreciate the hospitality and excellent organisation provided to us by our hosts, the Saudi Fencing Federation, at the beautiful King Saud University Sports Arena", said FIE Vice President Mr. Abdelmoneim Elhamy El Hussein, who officially closed the Championships on behalf of FIE Interim President Emmanuel Katsiadakis. "We congratulate the Saudi Federation both for 2024 being its 50th anniversary as an FIE member federation, and for this first time in its history to host a World Championships. I extend sincere acknowledgement to the organising committee."

"I would like to thank Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and the ambitious vision of His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud, Crown Prince, Prime Minister", said Mr. Ahmed Alsabban, President of the Saudi Fencing Federation. "We are grateful for their support not only of fencing, but all sports in Saudi Arabia. I would also like to thank His Royal Highness Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al Faisal, Saudi Minister of Sport and President of the Saudi Olympic

and Paralympic Committee, as well as His Highness Prince Fahad bin Jalawi Alsaud, Vice-President of the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee, for their tremendous support for this competition".

Alsabban thanked everyone at the Championships for their participation, spirit of Fair Play, support and work to achieve a resounding success. He formally passed the FIE flag to Mr. Li Haihong, Deputy Director of the Wuxi Sports Bureau, for next year's Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships in Wuxi, China.

Special Guests at the Championships

Numerous VIPs and dignitaries came to the Championships to watch finals and/or to present medals:

Medals presenters:

Saudi dignitaries included His Excellency Abdulelah Aldalak, Assistant Minister of Sports; HH Prince Fahad Bin Jalawi Al Saud, Vice President of Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee; HRH Prince Homoud Bin Saud Al Saud, Honorary Chairman of the Saudi Fencing





Federation; HRH Princess Dilayl Bint Nahar Al Saud, CEO of the 2034 Asian Games Organizing Committee; HRH Princess Reham bint Saif Al-Islam Al Saud, Executive Director of Protocol & Events for Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee; and HRH Princess Dr. Ahad Bint Alhassan Al Saud, Chief Operating Officer, Saudi Automobile and Motorcycle Federation.

Distinguished dignitaries included H.E. Professor-Doctor Emrullah İşler, Türkiye Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; and Ms. Claudia Botha, Chief Operation Officer of Motus One.

Saudi Fencing Federation members included Mr. Ahmed Alsabban, President; Mr. Mohammed Bin Ahmed Buali, Vice President; Dr. Wasem Bin Eissa Al Hassan, Board Member; Ms. Lama Alfozan, Board member; Mr. Abdullah Bin Mohammed Alsunaïd, CEO; and Mr. Adel Bin Majed Alrumaihi, Head of Saudi National Team.

FIE Executive Committee members included Ms. Ferial Salhi, Secretary-Treasurer of the FIE; Mr. Abdelmoneim Elhamy El Hussein, Vice-President; Ms. Erika Aze, Vice-President; Mr. Donald Anthony; Mr. Paolo Azzi; Ms. Velichka Hristeva; Mr. Novak Perovic; Sheikh Salem Bin Sultan Alqasimi, President of the Asian/Arab Fencing Confederation; Ms. Helen Smith, President of the Oceania Fencing Confederation.

Federation members included Mr. Murat Atali, President of the Türkiye Fencing Federation; Mr. Mohamed Soufiane Chaouachi, President of the Tunisian Fencing Federation; Mr. Dawoud Miwali, President of the Palestinian Fencing Federation; Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Shamlan, President of the Kuwait Fencing Federation; Mr. Muhammad Tariq Al-Husseini, Vice President of the Egyptian Fencing Federation; Dr. Henriette Brigitt Tamas, Secretary-General of the Hungarian Fencing Federation; Mr. Fahad Abdulla Al-Mulla, Assistant Secretary-General of the Qatar Fencing Federation; and Ms. Gulnora Saidova, Executive Secretary of the Asian Fencing Confederation.

Diplomatic dignitaries in attendance included Choi Byung-Hyuk, Ambassador-Designate of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Neil Crompton, UK Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Alireza Enayati, Iranian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Jean-Philippe Linteau, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen, and Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Sultanate of Oman; Nuno Mathias, Ambassador of Portugal to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, covering also Bahrain, Oman & Yemen; H.E. Petra Menander, Swedish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Liselotte Plesner, Ambassador of Denmark to Saudi Arabia; Mr. Ludovic Pouille, Ambassador of France to the Kingdom



of Saudi Arabia; Robert Rostek, Polish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Balázs Selmeçi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Embassy of Hungary in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Bahrain and Republic of Yemen. Anu-Eerika Viljanen, Finnish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; Chen Weiqing, Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia; and Yasmine Chatila Zwahlen, Swiss Ambassador to Saudi Arabia.



Championships Details

Of the three weapons used in fencing, including junior and cadet men's and women's individual and team events at the Championships, 38% competed in epee, 32% in foil and 30% in sabre. Each weapon had three days of competition in a row, with each three-day cycle including a first day of men's and women's individual junior events, followed by a day of individual cadet and ending with a day of junior team competition. Overall, 56% of this year's fencers were male and 44% were female.

FIE Development Programmes

Several FIE development programmes featured interactive stands and events at the World Championships to support the global fencing family and build fencing at an individual and world level:

As part of the **FIE anti-doping Clean Sport programme**, an educational stand provided information about Clean Sport principles and fencing for athletes and coaches. Interactive games were provided along with printed and online resources and gifts to encourage participants to learn about this important area of sports. The stand was staffed by members of the Saudi National Anti-Doping Organisation, under the leadership of Mr. Ali Alateeq, NADO Public Relations and Awareness Director. Prior to the Championships, the NADO also gave a lecture to the Saudi national team on this topic.

The **FIE Fair-Play Council** was on-site in Riyadh for the duration of the competition, educating and engaging athletes in sports Fair Play concepts. Fencers from a diversity of nations took part in informational games and activities to learn more about Fair Play and understand the importance of unity and the spirit of sport. "The International Fair Play Committee is proud for its long-term cooperation with the FIE", said Fair Play Executive Director Gabor Deregán. "The FIE is one of our exemplary partners with its Fair Play awards and stands at youth events. The FIE Championships in Riyadh are a perfect competition from the Fair Play viewpoint, and our staff of Saudi LOC volunteers have been very reliable and enthusiastic. We are represented here by Dr. Eyyad Maghayreh, and we are grateful to the FIE for this excellent promotion and looking forward to future cooperation."

FIE Safeguarding officers were on-site for the duration of the Championships, available to any athletes, coaches, officials or staff. A team of volunteers supporting the education activities staffed a promotional stand alongside two IOC-certified Safeguarding officers, Georgina Usher and Hossam Ellaboudy. "The FIE first started its SafeSport education and awareness programme for cadet and junior fencers in 2018", said Usher. "Five years later we continue to deliver on our commitment to promote SafeSport and train athletes on how to spot harassment and abuse and how to report it."





The FIE hosted its annual **Junior and Cadet Training Camp**, with 19 fencers from 19 countries having a unique opportunity to participate in training with elite-level coaches in three weapons.

Each weapon had six days of training in the same facility as the Championships, the King Saud University Sports Arena. Training began six days before individual competition for each specific weapon began, with two three-hour training sessions per day. The fencers then competed in the Championships.

Three athletes from the camp achieved notable results in the Riyadh Championships:

- **Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG)** – 21st place in junior men's individual sabre
- **Adrian Figueredo Suliveres (PUR)** – 25th place in junior men's individual sabre
- **Anna Kalliopi Kourousi (GRE)** – 10th place in cadet women's individual sabre

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2024 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships Finish in Riyadh



Coaches included Rita Abou Jaoude (LBN, foil), Alexandros Emmanouilidis (CYP, epee), and Andrew Fischl (USA, sabre). They covered theoretical and tactical topics, competition strategy and simulation, footwork and other topics in individual and group settings.

The athletes benefited from a cultural exchange and being able to make new friends and relationships, and other fencers at the Championships were invited to take part in open matches and practices.

Athletes were from the following countries:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Niger, Senegal, Tunisia

Asia-Oceania: Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Nepal, Sri Lanka

Pan America: Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Puerto Rico

Europe: Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Slovenia

Financial aid for the camp was provided by a special IOC programme for countries fielding fewer than 50 Olympic participants in the prior Olympic Games. Aid was provided by the IOC to help 12 participants in joining the camp. For all the others, the FIE paid for flights and travel, visas, competition fees, room and board, and pocket expenses.





Top Eight Medallists at the 2024 Riyadh Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships (All Categories):

USA led the overall and gold medal count with a total of 11 (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze), Italy with 13 (2 gold, 5 silver, 6 bronze), followed by France with 6 (2 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze). The table to the right shows the medal count for the Championships:



Day 1

Junior Women’s Individual Foil

- 1. Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN, gold)
- 2. Irene Bertini (ITA, silver)
- 3. Rino Nagase (JPN, bronze)
- 3. Vittoria Pinna (ITA, bronze)
- 5. Andreea Dinca (ROU)
- 6. Yunjia Zhang (CAN)
- 7. Enqi Jiao (CHN)
- 8. Ariadna Tucker (ESP)

Junior Men’s Individual Foil

- 1. Ryosuke Fukuda (JPN, gold)
- 2. David Sosnov (GBR, silver)
- 3. Eliot Chagnon (FRA, bronze)
- 3. Samarth Kumbha (USA, bronze)
- 5. Abdelrahman Tolba (EGY)
- 6. Anas Anane (FRA)
- 7. Jaimie Cook (GBR)
- 8. Pavel Puzankov (AIN)

Day 2

Cadet Women’s Individual Foil

- 1. Jaelyn Liu (USA, gold)
- 2. Polina Volobueva (AIN, silver)
- 3. Natasza Kus (POL, bronze)
- 3. Yunjia Zhang (CAN, bronze)
- 5. Adeline Senic (MDA)
- 6. Sara Amr Hossny (EGY)
- 7. Ludovica Franzoni (ITA)
- 8. Yuqiao Song (CAN)

Cadet Men’s Individual Foil

- 1. Weiqiao Lyu (CHN, gold)
- 2. Don Jeidus Deseranno (USA, silver)
- 3. Jia Bao Xu (CAN, bronze)
- 3. Chun Lok Luk (HKG, bronze)
- 5. Luao Yang (USA)
- 6. Thibaut Gaven Mary (FRA)
- 7. David Kelly (GBR)
- 8. Guillaume Watson (FRA)

Day 3

Junior Women’s Team Foil

- 1. Italy (gold)
- 2. Japan (silver)
- 3. Korea (bronze)
- 4. France
- 5. Great Britain
- 6. USA
- 7. Poland
- 8. Hong Kong, China

Junior Men’s Team Foil

- 1. USA (gold)
- 2. Italy (silver)
- 3. Japan (bronze)
- 4. France
- 5. Hungary
- 6. Hong Kong, China
- 7. Great Britain
- 8. Poland

Day 4

Junior Women’s Individual Epee

- 1. Oceane Francillonne (FRA, gold)
- 2. Julia Yin (CAN, silver)
- 3. Anita Corradino (ITA, bronze)
- 3. Leehi Machulsky (USA, bronze)
- 5. Emily Conrad (UKR)
- 6. Michaela Joyce (USA)
- 7. Dilnaz Murzataeva (UZB)
- 8. Ekaterina Kolbeneva (AIN)

Junior Men’s Individual Epee

- 1. Alban Aebersold (SUI, gold)
- 2. Alec Brooke (GBR, silver)
- 3. Nicolo’ Del Contrasto (ITA, bronze)
- 3. Samuel Imrek (USA, bronze)
- 5. Jungbeom Kim (KOR)
- 6. Erik Tobias (EST)
- 7. Matteo Galassi (ITA)
- 8. Kohaku Yasui (JPN)



Day 5

Cadet Women's Individual Epee

1. Anna Maksymenko (UKR, gold)
2. Sharika Gajjala (USA, silver)
3. Emily Conrad (UKR, bronze)
3. Huishuang Jiang (CHN, bronze)
5. Anna Szilard (HUN)
6. Mariachiara Testa (ITA)
7. Laura Misiak (POL)
8. Arina Zakharova (AIN)

Cadet Men's Individual Epee

1. Doruk Erolcevik (TÜR, gold)
2. Eslam Osama (EGY, silver)
3. Alexander Bezrodnov (USA, bronze)
3. Federico Varone (ITA, bronze)
5. Ole Petersen (GER)
6. Kerkko Jarvi (FIN)
7. Elisei Pisarev (AIN)
8. Noam Duchene (FRA)

Day 6

Junior Women's Team Epee

1. USA (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. France (bronze)
4. Canada
5. China
6. Hungary
7. Ukraine
8. Hong Kong, China

Junior Men's Team Epee

1. Italy (gold)
2. France (silver)
3. Switzerland (bronze)
4. Hungary
5. USA
6. Egypt
7. Korea
8. Spain

Day 7

Junior Women's Individual Sabre

1. Qimiao Pan (CHN, gold)
2. Aleksandra Mikhailova (AIN, silver)
3. Luisa Fernanda Herrera Lara (UZB, bronze)
3. Alejandra Manga (FRA, bronze)
5. Magda Skarbonkiewicz (USA)
6. Alexandra Kuvaeva (GEO)
7. Anna Spiesz (HUN)
8. Amalia Stan (ROU)

Junior Men's Individual Sabre

1. Vlad Covaliu (ROU, gold)
2. Pavel Graudyn (AIN, silver)
3. Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze)
3. William Morrill (USA, bronze)
5. In Park (KOR)
6. Remi Garrigue (FRA)
7. Ilia Kostiukov (AIN)
8. Cody Walter Ji (USA)

Day 8

Cadet Women's Individual Sabre

1. Dorottya Csonka (HUN, gold)
2. Francesca Romana Lentini (ITA, silver)
3. Vittoria Mocci (ITA, bronze)
3. Nargiza Jaksybaeva (UZB, bronze)
5. Qimiao Pan (CHN)
6. Sofia Novikova (AIN)
7. Maria Tretyakova (AIN)
8. Julie Xiao (CAN)

Cadet Men's Individual Sabre

1. Sardor Abdukarimbekov (UZB, gold)
2. Alpamis Urakboev (UZB, silver)
3. Motoki Kawahara (JPN, bronze)
3. Doyeon Kim (KOR, bronze)
5. Julian Maklakov (GER)
6. Massimo Sibillo (ITA)
7. Enno Chiang (NED)
8. Yigit Ayaz (TÜR)



Day 9

Junior Women's Team Sabre

1. France (gold)
2. Italy (silver)
3. Hungary (bronze)
4. Uzbekistan
5. USA
6. Kazakhstan
7. Poland
8. Mexico

Junior Men's Team Sabre

1. USA (gold)
2. Romania (silver)
3. Italy (bronze)
4. Egypt
5. Korea
6. Spain
7. Uzbekistan
8. Hungary

The 2024 Riyadh Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships were available to audiences worldwide and livestreamed on the [FIE YouTube FIE Fencing Channel](#). Complete and official results for the event may be found on the [FIE website](#).



Tree Planting at Riyadh Junior and Cadet World Championships Supports Fencing for the Planet



Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, April 12-20, 2024 – As part of the FIE's global commitment to sustainability and environmental initiatives and its Fencing for the Planet programme, various actions and events took place at the 2024 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

On-site at the Championships, the Saudi Federation supported efforts undertaken to conserve resources as part of the Fencing for the Planet undertaking and in conformance with the King Saud University Sustainability programme. As part of this, a symbolic tree was planted on the University grounds with FIE Executive Committee Vice President Erika Aze (LAT) and member Rusni Abu Hassan, along with Saudi Federation Secretary-General Abdullah Alsunaid and King Saud University Director of Sustainability and Environmental Development Department and Engineer Abdullah Mohammed Al-Qahtani.

"We are proud to have a sustainability programme at King Saud University ... to help save the planet and the people", said Al-Qahtani. "The International Fencing Federation is pleased to be here and in support of the King Saud sustainability programme and we appreciate

the Saudi Federation's commitment to it, for here and for the world", said Aze.

In addition to information presented about Fencing for the Planet on FIE social media channels around the world, fencers at the Riyadh Championships spoke up about their feelings regarding the programme:

"Sustainability is important as it helps to reduce global warming and its effects", said athlete Jae Jia En Lim (SIN). "For example, with deforestation, trees are being cut down and then used and things like that are bad. There's a lot of CO2 emissions in the air and the carbon emission levels are very, very bad, which is also bad for the athletes when we breathe-in air. I feel that sustainability will help everyone on the Earth, allow us to breathe better air, and to live healthily."

"We have to do something different for our planet for the sake of the environment, especially with plastic and carbon", said athlete Ziyad Almutairi (KSA). "As young fencers, Fencing for the Planet is important because we need to save the future, and the future is for our families."

"I think it is really important, because although we can live however we want right now, it's our future that we have to look after", said athlete Julie Xiao (CAN). "We're on this planet together and should be mindful of the things we're using that are our planet's resources, and we have to conserve and use them for the future."

Fencing for the Planet is an ongoing programme meant to inspire and encourage fencers, coaches, supporters, clubs and federations to become involved in environmental projects and practices. This is part of the FIE's effort – along with many other sports – to create a global sustainability network and to make a difference in improving the world.

"It's very important to support this green project with the sport of fencing and all over the world", said Greek Coach Ioannis Notaras. "Protecting the future is through the 'green way', and with fencing we are trying our best to support that."

"Sustainability is a very important term today", said Paolo Azzi, Italian Federation President and FIE Executive Committee member. "In Italy this year, during the Junior World Cup competition in Udine, it was for the first time we've held a competition with a certification of sustainability issued by the authorities. It's very important that we trust and repeat the experience for the next edition of the event and others, and I think it's a step in the right way."

"It's important that we honour Fencing for the Planet", said FIE Executive Committee member Donald Anthony (USA). "We know that weather impacts every place in the world, including Saudi where we have desert as well as other areas where we have lots of water. When we combine them both, it's a challenge so let's take care of our planet, and Fencing for the Planet is something we should all support."

Fencing for the Planet is officially celebrated annually on Saturday of the second weekend in April.



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OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS



ASIA-OCEANIA OLYMPIC QUALIFIER FINISHES IN FUJAIRAH



FUJAIRAH, United Arab Emirates, April 27-28, 2024 – The Asia-Oceania Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in Fujairah, UAE, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event qualifies to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the Zayed Sports Complex.

Women's Epee. Singapore's Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman won the women's individual epee event, with 16 fencers competing. Abdul Rahman faced India's Taniksha Khatri in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Khatri won against Uzbekistan's Dilnaz Murzataeva, 15-11, while Abdul Rahman defeated Mongolia's Amarzaya Batsaikhan, 15-13.

Men's Epee. Hong Kong, China's Wai Hang Ho won the men's individual epee event, with 24 fencers competing. Ho faced Uzbekistan's Javokhirbek Nurmatov in the final bout, winning with a 9-8 score. In the semifinal round, Nurmatov won against Vietnam's Phuoc Den Nguyen, 11-10, while Ho defeated Iran's Mohammad Esmaeili, 15-14.

Women's Foil. The Philippines' Samantha Kyle Catantan won the women's individual foil event, with 14 fencers competing. Catantan faced Kazakhstan's Sofiya Aktayeva, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Aktayeva won against Thailand's Chayanutphat Shinnakerdchoke, 15-14, while Catantan defeated Korea's Sena Hong, 15-3.

Men's Foil. Chinese Taipei's Yi-Tung Chen won the men's individual foil event, with 16 fencers competing. Chen faced Singapore's Samuel Elijah Robson in the final bout, winning with a 15-4 score. In the semifinal round, Robson won against Kazakhstan's Galim Nurumov, 15-13, while Chen defeated Uzbekistan's Mukhammad Yusuf Asranov, 15-10.

Women's Sabre. Kazakhstan's Aigerim Sarybay won the women's individual sabre event, with 10 fencers competing. Sarybay faced Hong Kong, China's Wing Kiu Chu in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Chu won against India's Bhavani Devi Chadalavada Anandha Sundhararaman, 15-12, while Sarybay defeated Australia's Veronika Vasileva, 15-11.

Men's Sabre. China's Chenpeng Shen won the men's individual sabre event, with 16 fencers competing. Shen faced India's Karan Singh Singh in the final bout, winning with a 15-2 score. In the semifinal round, Singh won against Uzbekistan's Musa Aymuratov, 15-14, while Shen defeated Hong Kong, China's Ho Tin Low, 15-6.

Final rankings in women's epee included Kiria Tikanah Abdul Rahman (SGP, gold), Taniksha Khatri (IND, silver), Dilnaz Murzataeva (UZB, bronze), Amarzaya Batsaikhan (MGL, bronze), Sohiya Nikolaichuk (KAZ), Evelyn Halls (AUS), Li-Hsiang Hung (TPE) and Hanniel Abella (PHI).

Final rankings in men's epee included Wai Hang Ho (HKG, gold), Javokhirbek Nurmatov (UZB, silver), Phuoc Den Nguyen (VIE, bronze), Mohammad Esmaeili (IRI, bronze), Jian Tong Sito (SGP), Rang Lee (TPE), Roman Petrov (KGZ) and Abdullah Al Hammadi (UAE).



Final rankings in women's foil included Samantha Kyle Catantan (PHI, gold), Sofiya Aktayeva (KAZ, silver), Sena Hong (KOR, bronze), Chayanutphat Shinnakerdchoke (THA, bronze), Umida Ilyosova (UZB), Israa Al Siyabi (OMA), Roaa Majali (JOR) and Huang-Mei-Tzu Chang (TPE).

Final rankings in men's foil included Yi-Tung Chen (TPE, gold), Samuel Elijah Robson (SGP, silver), Mukhammad Yusuf Asranov (UZB, bronze), Galim Nurumov (KAZ, bronze), Joseph Glasson (AUS), Ali Fadel Abbas (KUW), Philippe Wakim (LBN) and Hans Wei Shen Yoong (MAS).

Final rankings in women's sabre included Aigerim Sarybay (KAZ, gold), Wing Kiu Chu (HKG, silver), Bhavani Devi Chadavalada Anandha Sundhararaman (IND, bronze), Veronika Vasileva (AUS, bronze), Najmeh Sazanjan (IRI), Ruba Almasri (KSA), Thi Khanh Linh Phung (VIE) and Juliet Jie Min Heng (SGP).

Final rankings in men's sabre included Chenpeng Shen (CHN, gold), Karan Singh Singh (IND, silver), Musa Aymuratov (UZB, bronze), Ho Tin Low (HKG, bronze), Voragun Srinualnad (THA), Artyom Sarkissyan (KAZ), Thanh An Vu (VIE) and Abdallah Tahla (JOR).



AFRICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER FINISHES IN ALGIERS

ALGIERS, Algeria, April 27, 2024 – The African Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in Algiers, Algeria, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event qualifies to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the Centre Sportif Féminin Ben Aknoun.

Women's Epee. Senegal's Ndeye Binta Diongue won the women's individual epee event, with eight fencers competing. Diongue faced Algeria's Charline Boukhelifa in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Boukhelifa won against Nigeria's Somto Eribenne, 15-10, while Diongue defeated Morocco's Camilia El Kord, 15-12.

Men's Epee. South Africa's Harry Saner won the men's individual epee event, with 10 fencers competing. Saner faced Mali's Keletigui Diabate in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round,

Diabate won against Ivory Coast's Bedi Paul Alex Beugre, 5-5, while Saner defeated Mauritius' Satya Gunput, 15-14.

Women's Foil. Morocco's Youssra Zakarani won the women's individual foil event, with six fencers competing. Zakarani faced Senegal's Safietou Inna Namiya Coly in the final bout, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Coly won against Algeria's Meriem Mebarki, 15-9, while Zakarani defeated Tunisia's Nourane B'chir, 15-14.

Men's Foil. Ivory Coast's Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel won the men's individual foil event, with 10 fencers competing. Keryhuel faced Morocco's Amir El Rhazzouly in the final bout, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Rhazzouly won against Senegal's Noe Robin, 15-14, while Keryhuel defeated Mali's Mathieu Cheickh Jaques Prats, 15-2.



Women's Sabre. Tunisia's Yasmine Daghfous won the women's individual sabre event, with seven fencers competing. Daghfous faced Cameroon's Lorina Essomba in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Essomba won against Mali's Aichata Dembele, 15-2, while Daghfous defeated Morocco's Manal Saraa, 15-8.

Men's Sabre. Niger's Evann Jean Abba Girault won the men's individual sabre event, with nine fencers competing. Girault faced Algeria's Zacharia Bounachada in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Bounachada won against Mali's Mahamadou Samake, 15-6, while Girault defeated Senegal's Babacar Sadikh Keita, 15-6.

Final rankings in women's epee included Ndeye Binta Diongue (SEN, gold), Charline Boukhelifa (ALG, silver), Camilia El Kord (MAR, bronze), Somto Eribenne (NGR,

bronze), Maryam Malikova (COD), Sarah Florence Ngo Ntat Sarah (CMR), Aphiwe Tuku (RSA) and Tufaha Uwihoreye (RWA).

Final rankings in men's epee included Harry Saner (RSA, gold), Keletigui Diabate (MLI, silver), Satya Gunput (MRI, bronze), Bedi Paul Alex Beugre (CIV, bronze), Wajdi Zayer (TUN), Jefferson John-Mary Porro (BEN), Tamer Houssam Eddine Berkane (ALG) and Ahmed Alsiheeri (LBA).

Final rankings in women's foil included Youssra Zakarani (MAR, gold), Safietou Inna Namiya Coly (SEN, silver), Meriem Mebarki (ALG, bronze), Nourane B'chir (TUN, bronze), Imaan Cassim (RSA) and Nubar Malikova (COD).

Final rankings in men's foil included Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel (CIV, gold), Amir El Rhazzouly (MAR, silver), Noe Robin (SEN, bronze), Mathieu Cheickh Jaques

Prats (MLI, bronze), Mohamed Rayane Fenniche (TUN), Victor Alvares De Oliveira (CPV),

Pavel Tychler (RSA) and Cedric Nkene (CMR).

Final rankings in women's sabre included Yasmine Daghfous (TUN, gold), Lorina Essomba (CMR, silver), Manal Saraa (MAR, bronze), Aichata Dembele (MLI, bronze), Aya Dorothee Konan (CIV), Awa Diedhiou (SEN) and Elvira Wood (RSA).

Final rankings in men's sabre included Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG, gold), Zacharia Bounachada (ALG, silver), Mahamadou Samake (MLI, bronze), Babacar Sadikh Keita (SEN, bronze), Jeremy Saner (RSA), Inkosi Brou (NGR), Jihad Kabbaj (MAR) and Emmanuel Landry Olivier Kouadio (CIV).



EUROPEAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER FINISHES IN DIFFERDANGE

DIFFERDANGE, Luxembourg, April 26-28, 2024 – The European Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in Differdange, Luxembourg, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event qualifies to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the “EIDE” (Ecole Internationale Differdange et Esch/Alzette).

Women’s Epee. Switzerland’s Pauline Brunner won the women’s individual epee event, with 24 fencers competing. Pauline Brunner faced Israel’s Dar Hecht in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Hecht won against Great Britain’s Julia Caron, 15-12, while Brunner defeated Sweden’s Emma Fransson, 15-13.

Men’s Epee. The Netherlands’ Tristan Tulen won the men’s individual epee event, with 31 fencers competing. Tulen faced Portugal’s Miguel Frazao in the final bout, winning with a 15-6 score. In the semifinal round, Frazao won against Spain’s Yulen Pereira, 15-11, while Tulen defeated Austria’s Josef Mahringer, 15-9.

Women’s Foil. Romania’s Malina Calugareanu won the women’s individual foil event, with 19 fencers

competing. Calugareanu faced Great Britain’s Carolina Stutchbury in the final bout, winning with a 10-9 score. In the semifinal round, Stutchbury won against Ukraine’s Alina Polozhiuk, 15-11, while Calugareanu defeated Türkiye’s Irem Karamete, 15-12.

Men’s Foil. Cyprus’ Alex Tofalides won the men’s individual foil event, with 22 fencers competing. Tofalides faced Belgium’s Stef De Greef in the final bout, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, De Greef won against Croatia’s Petar Files, 15-7, while Tofalides defeated Denmark’s Jonas Winterberg-Poulsen, 15-12.

Women’s Sabre. Bulgaria’s Yoana Ilieva won the women’s individual sabre event, with 13 fencers competing. Ilieva faced Türkiye’s Nisanur Erbil in the final bout, winning with a 15-5 score. In the semifinal round, Erbil won against Poland’s Malgorzata Kozaczuk, 15-12, while Ilieva defeated German’s Larissa Eifler, 15-13.

Men’s Sabre. Türkiye’s Enver Yildirim won the men’s individual sabre event, with 17 fencers competing. Yildirim faced Romania’s Iulian Teodosiu in the final bout, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Teodosiu won against Poland’s Szymon



Hryciuk, 15-12, while Yildirim defeated Spain's Santiago Madrigal, 15-12.

Final rankings in women's epee included Pauline Brunner (SUI, gold), Dar Hecht (ISR, silver), Emma Fransson (SWE, bronze), Julia Caron (GBR, bronze), Alexandra Predescu (ROU), Maia Guchmazova (GEO), Aleya Erturk (TÜR) and Sofija Prosina (LAT).

Final rankings in men's epee included Tristan Tulen (NED, gold), Miguel Frazao (POR, silver), Josef Mahringer (AUT, bronze), Yulen Pereira (ESP, bronze), Alexis Bayard (SUI), Flavio Giannotte (LUX), Niko Vuorinen (FIN) and Igor Reizlin (UKR).

Final rankings in women's foil included Malina Calugareanu (ROU, gold), Carolina Stutchbury (GBR, silver), Irem Karamete (TÜR, bronze), Alina Polozhiuk (UKR, bronze), Aikaterini-Maria Kontochristopoulou (GRE), Stepanka Nemcova (CZE), Maria Marino (ESP) and Adeline Senic (MDA).

Final rankings in men's foil included Alex Tofalides (CYP, gold), Stef De Greef (BEL, silver), Petar Files (CRO, bronze), Jonas Winterberg-Poulsen (DEN, bronze), Carlos Llavador (ESP), Veljko Cuk (SRB), Luka Gaganidze (GEO) and Alexander Kahl (GER).

Final rankings in women's sabre included Yoana Ilieva (BUL, gold), Nisanur Erbil (TÜR, silver), Larissa Eifler (GER, bronze), Malgorzata Kozaczuk (POL, bronze), Anna Bashta (AZE), Caitlin Maxwell (GBR), Lika Jijieishvili (GEO), Sabina Martis (ROU).

Final rankings in men's sabre included Enver Yildirim (TÜR, gold), Iulian Teodosiu (ROU, silver), Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze), Szymon Hryciuk (POL, bronze), Andriy Yagodka (UKR), Todor Stoychev (BUL), David Frumgarzts (ISR) and William Deary (GBR).



PAN AMERICAN OLYMPIC QUALIFIER FINISHES IN COSTA RICA



SAN JOSÉ, Costa Rica, April 5-7, 2024 – The Pan American Olympic Qualifying Tournament has finished in San José, Costa Rica, resulting in the qualification of six men and women in epee, foil and sabre for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The winner of each individual event will be eligible to compete in Paris 2024. The tournament took place at the Eddy Cortez National Gymnasium.

Women's Epee. Peru's Maria Luisa Doig Calderon won the women's individual epee event, with 15 fencers competing. Doig Calderon faced Canada's Ruiren Xiao in the final bout, winning with an 8-7 score. In the semifinal round, Xiao won against Argentina's Isabel Di Tella, 9-8, while Doig Calderon defeated Paraguay's Montserrat Viveros, 15-12.

Men's Epee. Canada's Nicholas Zhang won the men's individual epee event, with 17 fencers competing. Zhang faced Brazil's Alexandre Camargo in the final

bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Camargo won against USA's Jonas Hansen, 13-7, while Zhang defeated Chile's Pablo Nunez, 15-9.

Women's Foil. Brazil's Mariana Pistoia won the women's individual foil event, with 14 fencers competing. Pistoia faced Venezuela's Isis Gimenez in the final bout, winning with an 11-10 score. In the semifinal round, Gimenez won against Mexico's Alely Hernandez, 10-15, while Pistoia defeated Colombia's Tatiana Prieto, 15-8.

Men's Foil. The U.S. Virgin Islands' Kruz Schembri won the men's individual foil event, with 13 fencers competing. Schembri faced Mexico's Diego Cervantes in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Cervantes won against Chile's Leopoldo Alarcon, 15-10, while Schembri defeated Puerto Rico's Cesar Colon Lopez, 15-10.





Women's Sabre. Venezuela's Katherine F. Paredes Torres won the women's individual sabre event, with 15 fencers competing. Paredes Torres faced Cuba's Leidis Maris Veranes Mustelier in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Veranes Mustelier won against Maria Belen Perez Maurice by default after a medical withdrawal, while Paredes Torres defeated Dominican Republic's Heddys Valentin, 15-13.

Men's Sabre. Mexico's Gibran Zea won the men's individual sabre event, with 13 fencers competing. Zea faced Puerto Rico's Rafael Western Reyes in the final bout, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Western Reyes won against Venezuela's Eliecer Romero, 15-12, while Zea defeated Colombia's Sebastian Cuellar, 15-7.

Final rankings in women's epee included Maria Luisa Doig Calderon (PER, gold), Ruien Xiao (CAN, silver), Isabel Di Tella (ARG, bronze), Montserrat Viveros (PAR, bronze), Analia Fernandez (CHI), Lizzie Asis (VEN), Maria Fernanda Morales (MEX) and Karina Dyer (CRC).

Final rankings in men's epee included Nicholas Zhang (CAN, gold), Alexandre Camargo (BRA, silver), Pablo Nunez (CHI, bronze), Jonas Hansen (USA, bronze), Jesus Andres Lugones Ruggeri (ARG), Leandro Sauri (MEX), Arturo Isaac Dorati Ameglio (PAN) and Vicente Antonio Rojas Cruz (NCA).

Final rankings in women's foil included Maraian Pistoia (BRA, gold), Isis Gimenez (VEN, silver), Alely Hernandez (MEX, bronze), Tatiana Prieto (COL, bronze), Yasmin Campbell (JAM), Athina Gonzalez Ciavarella (ARG), Ariana Belen Fuentes Henriquez (ESA) and Valentina Olivera (URU).

Final rankings in men's foil included Kruz Schembri (ISV, gold), Diego Cervantes (MEX, silver), Leopoldo Alarcon (CHI, bronze), Cesar Colon Lopez (PUR, bronze), David Ospina Ladron De Guevara (COL), Augusto Antonio Servello (ARG), Cesare Aguirre (VEN) and Cristian Porras (GUA).

Final rankings in women's sabre included Katherine F. Paredes Torres (VEN, gold), Leidis Maris Veranes Mustelier (CUB, silver), Maria Belen Perez Maurice (ARG, bronze), Heyddys Valentin (DOM, bronze), Karina Trois (BRA), Julieta Toledo (MEX), Jessica Yolima Morales Linares (COL) and Eileen Grench (PAN).

Final rankings in men's sabre included Gibran Zea (MEX, gold), Rafael Western Reyes (PUR, silver), Sebastian Cuellar (COL, bronze), Eliecer Romero (VEN, bronze), Henrique Garrigos (BRA), Guillermo Maclean (URU), Lukas Eichhorn (PER) and Cristóher Elias Cortez Yancosek (ECU).



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ZONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



2024 ASIAN SENIOR FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS FINISH IN KUWAIT CITY

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait, June 22-27, 2024 – The Asian Senior Fencing Championships have finished, including 12 women's and men's individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre. The event took place at the Sheikh Sa'ad Al Abdullah Sports Complex, with fencers participating from 34 countries. Korea won the medal count, including 11 overall (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze), followed by China with 10 (3 gold, 4 silver, 3 bronze) and Japan with 11 (3 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze). Seven countries received at least one medal.

Day 1. In women's individual epee, China's Sihan Yu faced teammate and Olympic champion Yiwen Sun in the final bout, winning with a 9-8 score. In the semifinal round, Sun won against Korea's Young Mi Kang, 15-8, while Yu defeated Korea's world champion Sera Song, 13-12.

In men's individual sabre, Korea's world champion Sanguk Oh faced China's Chenpeng Shen in the final bout, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Shen won against Kuwait's Yousef Alshamlan, 15-9, while Oh defeated Iran's Mohammad Rahbari, 15-5.

Women's Individual Epee (54 fencers)

1. Sihan Yu (CHN, gold)
2. Yiwen Sun (CHN, silver)
3. Young Mi Kang (KOR, bronze)
3. Sera Song (KOR, bronze)
5. Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG)
6. Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh (HKG)
7. Injeong Choi (KOR)
8. Hyein Lee (KOR)

Men's Individual Sabre (63 fencers)

1. Sanguk Oh (KOR, gold)
2. Chenpeng Shen (CHN, silver)
3. Yousef Alshamlan (KUW, bronze)
3. Mohammad Rahbari (IRI, bronze)
5. Farzad Baher Arasbaran (IRI)
6. Zuhridin Kodirov (UZB)
7. Mohammad Fotouhi (IRI)
8. Sangwon Park (KOR)



Day 2. In women's individual foil, Korea's Sena Hong faced Japan's Komaki Kikuchi in the final bout, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Kikuchi won against teammate Yuka Ueno, 15-13, while Hong defeated China's Yuting Wang, 15-13.

In men's individual epee, Hong Kong, China's Wai Hang Ho faced teammate Ho Tin Ng in the final bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Ng won against Japan's Akira Komata, 10-9, while Ho defeated Kazakhstan's Yerlik Sertay, 15-13.

Women's Individual Foil (44 fencers)

1. Sena Hong (KOR, gold)
2. Komaki Kikuchi (JPN, silver)
3. Yuting Wang (CHN, bronze)
3. Yuka Ueno (JPN, bronze)
5. Jihee Park (KOR)
6. Kiyeeun Kim (KOR)
7. Hiu Wai Valerie Cheng (HKG)
8. Amita Berthier (SGP)

Men's Individual Epee (79 fencers)

1. Wai Hang Ho (HKG, gold)
2. Ho Tin Ng (HKG, silver)
3. Akira Komata (JPN, bronze)
3. Yerlik Sertay (KAZ, bronze)
5. Koki Kano (JPN)
6. Elmir Alimzhanov (KAZ)
7. Segeon Ma (KOR)
8. Ting Hin Ng (HKG)





Day 3. In women’s individual sabre, Japan’s two-time world champion Misaki Emura faced Korea’s Jisu Joon in the final bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Yoon won against teammate Hayoung Jeon, 15-14, while Emura defeated teammate Seri Ozaki, 15-9.

In men’s individual foil, Japan’s Kyosuke Matsuyama faced teammate Kazuki Imura in the final bout, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Imura won against China’s Ziwei Mo, 15-11, while Matsuyama defeated teammate Takahiro Shikine, 15-7. Of note, in the round of 16 Matsuyama beat Hong Kong, China’s Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung, 15-14.

Women’s Individual Sabre (39 fencers)

- 1. Misaki Emura (JPN, gold)
- 2. Jisu Yoon (KOR, silver)
- 3. Seri Ozaki (JPN, bronze)
- 3. Hayoung Jeon (KOR, bronze)
- 5. Zaynab Dayibekova (UZB)
- 6. Bhavani Devi Chadavalavada Anandha Sundhararaman (IND)
- 7. Xinyi Zhang (CHN)
- 8. Hengyu Yang (CHN)

Men’s Individual Foil (54 fencers)

- 1. Kyosuke Matsuyama (JPN, gold)
- 2. Kazuki Imura (JPN, silver)
- 3. Ziwei Mo (CHN, bronze)
- 3. Takahiro Shikine (JPN, bronze)
- 5. Chun Yin Ryan Choi (HKG)
- 6. Jeonghyun Youn (KOR)
- 6. Bin Wu (CHN)
- 8. Jie Xu (CHN)



Day 4. In women's team epee, Korea faced China in the final match, winning with a 42-41 score. In the semifinal round, China won against Hong Kong, China, 45-40, while Korea defeated Japan, 45-26. The bronze medal went to Hong Kong, China over Japan, 45-35.

In men's team sabre, Korea faced Iran in the final match, winning with a 45-26 score. In the semifinal round, Iran won against Kazakhstan, 45-37, while Korea defeated Hong Kong, China, 45-37. The bronze medal went to Hong Kong, China over Kazakhstan, 45-41.

Women's Team Epee (13 teams)

1. Korea (gold)
2. China (silver)
3. Hong Kong, China (bronze)
4. Japan
5. Kazakhstan
6. Singapore
7. Uzbekistan
8. Chinese Taipei

Men's Team Sabre (14 teams)

1. Korea (gold)
2. Iran (silver)
3. Hong Kong, China (bronze)
4. Kazakhstan
5. Japan
6. China
7. India
8. Saudi Arabia





Day 5. In women’s team foil, Japan faced China in the final match, winning with a 39-34 score. In the semifinal round, China won against Korea, 44-42, while Japan defeated Hong Kong, China, 45-28. The bronze medal went to Korea over Hong Kong, China, 45-36.

In men’s team epee, Kazakhstan faced Japan in the final match, winning with a 40-34 score. In the semifinal round, Japan won against China, 45-41, while Kazakhstan defeated Hong Kong, China, 44-34. The bronze medal went to China over Hong Kong, China, 45-43.



Women’s Team Foil (9 teams)

- 1. Japan (gold)
- 2. China (silver)
- 3. Korea (bronze)
- 4. Hong Kong, China
- 5. Singapore
- 6. Kazakhstan
- 7. Macau, China
- 8. Chinese Taipei

Men’s Team Foil (9 teams)

- 1. Kazakhstan (gold)
- 2. Japan (silver)
- 3. China (bronze)
- 4. Hong Kong, China
- 5. Korea
- 6. Australia
- 7. Saudi Arabia
- 8. Kyrgyzstan



Day 6. In women's team sabre, China faced Kazakhstan in the final match, winning with a 45-42 score. In the semifinal round, Kazakhstan won against Korea, 45-36, while China defeated Japan, 45-31. The bronze medal went to Korea over Japan, 45-37.

In men's team foil, China faced Korea in the final match, winning with a 45-36 score. In the semifinal round, Korea won against Japan, 45-41, while China defeated Hong Kong, China, 45-44. The bronze medal went to Japan over Hong Kong, China, 45-41.

Women's Team Sabre (9 teams)

1. China (gold)
2. Kazakhstan (silver)
3. Korea (bronze)
4. Japan
5. Hong Kong, China
6. India
7. Uzbekistan
8. Singapore

Men's Team Foil (12 teams)

1. China (gold)
2. Korea (silver)
3. Japan (bronze)
4. Hong Kong, China
5. Singapore
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Qatar
8. Kuwait



2024 AFRICAN SENIOR FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS FINISH IN CASABLANCA

Casablanca, Morocco, June 6-10, 2024 – The 2024 African Senior Fencing Championships have finished, including 12 women's and men's individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre. The event took place at the Salle Mohamed V indoor sporting arena, with fencers participating from 18 countries. Egypt won the medal count, including 22 overall (9 gold, 4 silver, 9 bronze), followed by Tunisia with 3 (1 gold, 2 silver) and, tied for third place, Kenya with 1 (gold) and Cameroon with 1 (gold). Nine African nations received at least one medal.

Day 1. In women's individual foil, Egypt's Yara Elsharkawy faced Côte d'Ivoire's Maxine Isabel Esteban in the final bout, winning with a 9-8 score. In the semifinal round, Esteban won against Egypt's Malak Hamza, 15-6, while Elsharkawy defeated teammate Noha Hany, 15-13.

In men's individual epee, Egypt's Mohamed Elsayed faced Morocco's Houssam Elkord in the final bout, winning with a 14-13 score. In the semifinal round, Elkord won against Egypt's Mohamed Yasseen, 15-7, while Elsayed defeated Côte d'Ivoire's Bedi Paul Alex Beugre, 15-8.



Women's Individual Foil (12 fencers)

1. Yara Elsharkawy (EGY, gold)
2. Maxine Isabel Esteban (CIV, silver)
3. Malak Hamza (EGY, bronze)
3. Noha Hany (EGY, bronze)
5. Yasmine Ayari (TUN)
6. Nourane B'Chir (TUN)
7. Sara Amr Hossny (EGY)
8. Safietou Inna Namiya Coly (SEN)

Men's Individual Epee (24 fencers)

1. Mohamed Elsayed (EGY, gold)
2. Houssam Elkord (MAR, silver)
3. Mohamed Yasseen (EGY, bronze)
3. Bedi Paul Alex Beugre (CIV, bronze)
5. Mahmoud Mohsen (EGY)
6. Fessal Mohamadou (CMR)
7. Abdelkarim El Haouari (MAR)
8. Sergey Losevskiy (RSA)



Day 2. In women's individual epee, Kenya's Alexandra Ndolo faced Morocco's Camilia El Kord in the final bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, El Kord won against Egypt's Shirwit Gaber, 15-11, while Ndolo defeated Egypt's Aya Hussein, 15-11.

In men's individual sabre, Egypt's Mohamed Amer faced teammate Adham Moataz in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Moataz won against teammate Ziad Elsisy, 15-14, while Amer defeated Niger's Evann Jean Abba Girault, 15-13.

Women's Individual Epee (16 fencers)

1. Alexandra Ndolo (KEN, gold)
2. Camilia El Kord (MAR, silver)
3. Shirwit Gaber (EGY, bronze)
3. Aya Hussein (EGY, bronze)
5. Nardin Ehab (EGY)
6. Phakama Yantolo (RSA)
7. Loulwa Soliman (EGY)
8. Ndeye Binta Diongue (SEN)

Men's Individual Sabre (17 fencers)

1. Mohamed Amer (EGY, gold)
2. Moataz Adham (EGY, silver)
3. Ziad Elsisy (EGY, bronze)
3. Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG, bronze)
5. Fares Ferjani (TUN)
6. Ahmed Ferjani (TUN)
7. Inkosi Brou (NGR)
8. Yassin Khodir (EGY)





Day 3. In women’s individual sabre, Cameroon’s Lorina Essomba faced Egypt’s Nagwa Nofal in the final bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Nofal won against teammate Renad Eldoksh, 15-14, while Essomba defeated Egypt’s Nada Hafez, 10-4.

In men’s individual foil, Egypt’s Mohamed Hamza faced teammate Abdelrahman Tolba in the final bout, winning with a 15-6 score. In the semifinal round, Tolba won against teammate AlaaEldin Abouelkassem, 15-13, while Hamza defeated Côte d’Ivoire’s Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel, 15-10.

Women’s Individual Sabre (13 fencers)

- 1. Lorina Essomba (CMR, gold)
- 2. Nagwa Nofal (EGY, silver)
- 3. Renad Eldoksh (EGY, bronze)
- 3. Nada Hafez (EGY, bronze)
- 5. Manal Saraa (MAR)
- 6. Yasmine Daghfous (TUN)
- 7. Alanoud Hegazy (EGY)
- 8. Rania Ferjani (TUN)

Men’s Individual Foil (15 fencers)

- 1. Mohamed Hamza (EGY, gold)
- 2. Abdelrahman Tolba (EGY, silver)
- 3. AlaaEldin Abouelkassem (EGY, bronze)
- 3. Jeremy Fafa Keryhuel (CIV, bronze)
- 5. Noe Robin (SEN)
- 6. Amir El Rhazzouly (MAR)
- 7. Victor Alvares De Oliveira (CPV)
- 8. Mohamed Essam (EGY)



Day 4. In women's team foil, Egypt faced Tunisia in the final match, winning with a 45-25 score. In the semifinal round, Tunisia won against Morocco, 45-26, while Egypt had a bye.

In men's team sabre, Tunisia faced Egypt in the final match, winning with a 45-43 score. In the semifinal round, Egypt won against Morocco, 45-12, while Tunisia defeated Senegal, 45-15. The bronze medal went to Morocco over Senegal, 45-30.

In men's team epee, Egypt faced Morocco in the final match, winning with a 42-41 score. In the semifinal round, Morocco won against South Africa, 45-32, while Egypt defeated Angola, 45-23. The bronze medal went to South Africa over Angola, 45-33.

Women's Team Foil (3 teams)

1. Egypt (gold)
2. Tunisia (silver)
3. Morocco (bronze)



Men's Team Sabre (4 teams)

1. Tunisia (gold)
2. Egypt (silver)
3. Morocco (bronze)
4. Senegal



Women's Team Epee (5 teams)

1. Egypt (gold)
2. Morocco (silver)
3. South Africa (bronze)
4. Angola
5. Benin





Day 5. In women's team epee, Egypt faced South Africa in the final match, winning with a 40-21 score. In the semifinal round, South Africa won against Morocco, 45-40, while Egypt had a bye.

In men's team foil, Egypt faced Morocco in the final match, winning with a 45-8 score. In the semifinal round, Morocco won against Senegal, 45-42, while Egypt had a bye.

In women's team sabre, Egypt faced Tunisia in the final match, winning with a 45-26 score. In the semifinal round, Tunisia won against Morocco, 45-24, while Egypt had a bye.

Women's Team Epee (3 teams)

1. Egypt (gold)
2. South Africa (silver)
3. Morocco (bronze)



Men's Team Foil (3 teams)

1. Egypt (gold)
2. Morocco (silver)
3. Senegal (bronze)



Men's Team Sabre (3 teams)

1. Egypt (gold)
2. Tunisia (silver)
3. Morocco (bronze)



2024 EUROPEAN SENIOR FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS FINISH IN BASEL



BASEL, Switz., June 18-23, 2024 – The European Senior Fencing Championships have finished, including 12 women's and men's individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre. The event took place at the St. Jakobshalle, with fencers participating from 38 countries. Italy won the medal count, including 11 overall (5 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze), followed by France with 8 (4 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze) and Hungary with 7 (1 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze). Twelve European nations received at least one medal.

Day 1. In women's individual epee, Estonia's Irina Embrich faced France's Auriane Mallo-Breton in the final bout, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Mallo-Breton won against Switzerland's Angeline Favre, 15-14, while Embrich defeated Italy's Alberta Santuccio, 15-12. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Mallo-Breton beat France's world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 15-7, and in the round of 16, France's Coraline Vitalis defeated Italy's two-time world champion Rossella Fiamingo, 15-3.

In men's individual foil, Italy's world champion Tommaso Marini faced teammate and world champion Alessio Foconi in the final bout, winning with a 15-4 score. In

the semifinal round, Foconi won against France's Maxime Pauty, 15-7, while Marini defeated Czechia's Alexander Choupenitch, 15-11.

Women's Individual Epee (85 fencers)

1. Irina Embrich (EST, gold)
2. Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, silver)
3. Alberta Santuccio (ITA, bronze)
3. Angeline Favre (SUI, bronze)
5. Vlada Kharkova (UKR)
6. Coraline Vitalis (FRA)
7. Aleksandra Jarecka (POL)
8. Marie-Florence Candassamy (FRA)

Men's Individual Foil (71 fencers)

1. Tommaso Marini (ITA, gold)
2. Alessio Foconi (ITA, silver)
3. Maxime Pauty (FRA, bronze)
3. Alexander Choupenitch (CZE, bronze)
5. Guillaume Bianchi (ITA)
6. Alexander Kahl (GER)
7. Maximilien Chastanet (FRA)
8. Leszek Rajski (POL)



Day 2. In women's individual foil, Italy's two-time world champion Arianna Errigo faced Ukraine's Dariia Myroniuk in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Myroniuk won against Poland's Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk, 15-11, while Errigo defeated Great Britain's Carolina Stutchbury, 15-14. Of note, Ukraine's Alina Polozhiuk beat Italy's two-time world champion Alice Volpi in the round of 16, 15-14.

In men's individual sabre, Italy's Michele Gallo faced teammate Luca Curatoli in the final bout, 15-10. In the semifinal round, Curatoli won against teammate Luigi Samele, 15-3, while Gallo defeated France's Jean-Philippe Patrice, 15-6. Of note, in the round of 32 Türkiye's Enver Yildirim beat Hungary's world and three-time Olympic champion Aron Szilagyi, 15-11.

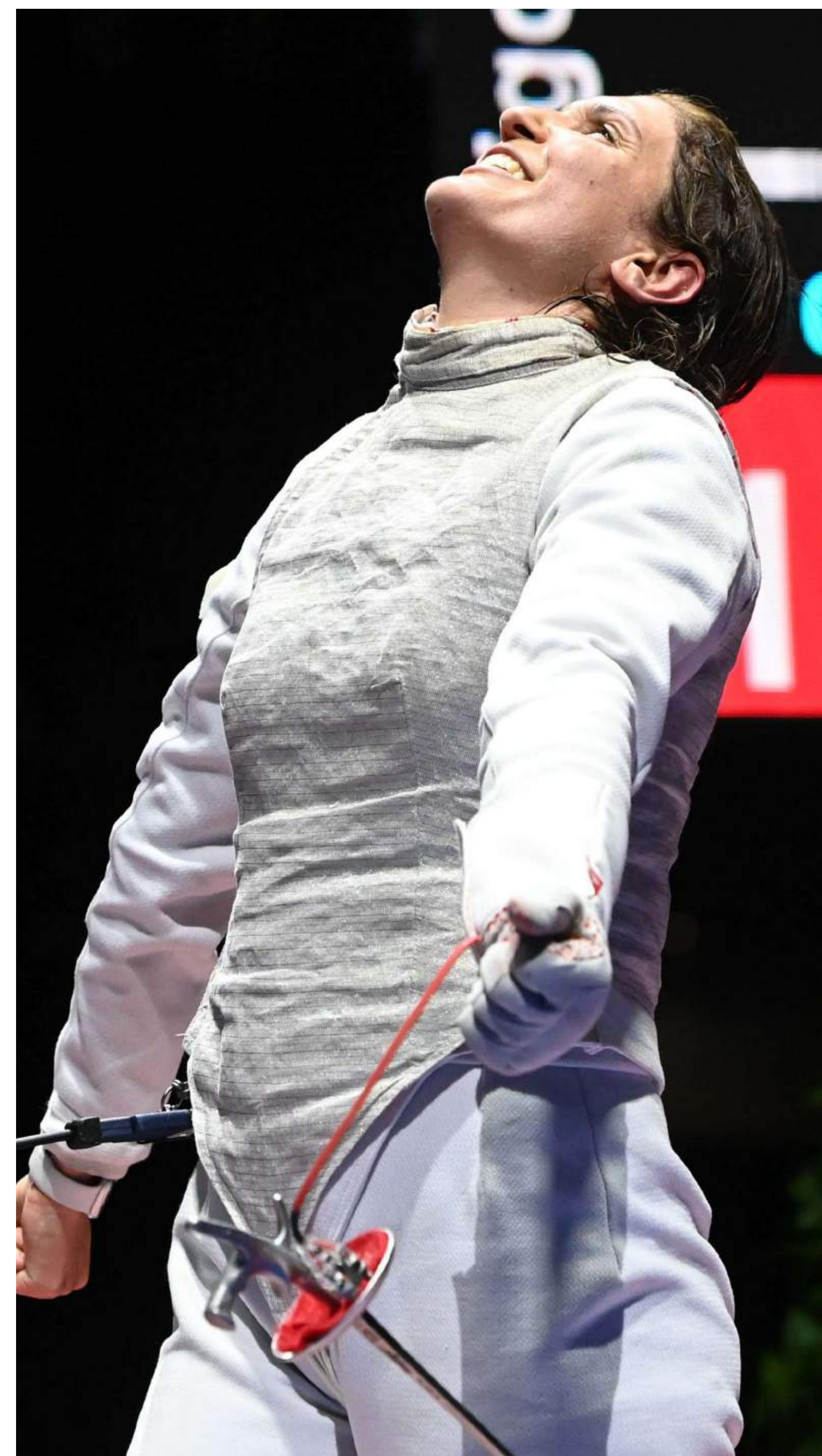
Women's Individual Foil (58 fencers)

1. Arianna Errigo (ITA, gold)
2. Dariia Myroniuk (UKR, silver)
3. Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL, bronze)
3. Carolina Stutchbury (GBR, bronze)
5. Alina Polozhiuk (UKR)
6. Eva Lacheray (FRA)
7. Martina Favaretto (ITA)
8. Kata Kondricz (HUN)



Men's Individual Sabre (62 fencers)

1. Michele Gallo (ITA, gold)
2. Luca Curatoli (ITA, silver)
3. Luigi Samele (ITA, bronze)
3. Jean-Philippe Patrice (FRA, bronze),
5. Bolade Apithy (FRA)
6. Maxime Pianfetti (FRA)
7. George Dragomir (ROU)
8. Sebastien Patrice (FRA)





Day 3. In women’s individual sabre, Spain’s Celia Perez Cuenca faced Hungary’s Liza Pusztai in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Pusztai won against Spain’s Araceli Navarro, 15-11, while Perez Cuenca defeated Poland’s Zuzanna Cieslar, 15-14. Of note, in the round of 16 France’s Sarah Noutcha beat Ukraine’s four-time world champion Olga Kharlan, 15-11.

In men’s individual epee, France’s Luidgi Midelton faced Hungary’s world champion Gergely Siklosi in the final bout, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Siklosi won against teammate Tibor Andrasfi, 15-8, while Midelton defeated Switzerland’s Ian Hauri, 15-7. Of note, in the quarterfinals Andrasfi beat teammate and world champion Mate Tamas Koch, 10-9, and in the table of 32 Hauri won against France’s world and Olympic champion Romain Cannone, 15-9.

Women’s Individual Sabre (51 fencers)

- 1. Celia Perez Cuenca (ESP, gold)
- 2. Liza Pusztai (HUN, silver)
- 3. Araceli Navarro (ESP, bronze)
- 3. Zuzanna Cieslar (POL, bronze)
- 5. Alina Komashchuk (UKR)
- 6. Sarah Noutcha (FRA)
- 7. Michela Battiston (ITA)
- 8. Theodora Gkoutoura (GRE)

Men’s Individual Epee (99 fencers)

- 1. Luidgi Midelton (FRA, gold)
- 2. Gergely Siklosi (HUN, silver)
- 3. Ian Hauri (SUI, bronze)
- 3. Tibor Andrasfi (HUN, bronze)
- 5. Mate Tamas Koch (HUN)
- 6. Alexis Bayard (SUI)
- 7. Yulen Pereira (ESP)
- 8. Damian Michalak (POL)



Day 4. In women's team epee, Italy faced Hungary in the final match, winning with a 38-31 score. In the semifinal round, Hungary won against Poland, 45-37, while Italy defeated France, 32-31. The bronze medal went to France over Poland, 33-32.

In men's team foil, France faced Hungary in the final match, winning with a 45-30 score. In the semifinal round, Hungary won against Italy, 44-43, while France defeated Poland, 45-29. The bronze medal went to Italy over Poland, 45-25.

Women's Team Epee (14 teams)

1. Italy (gold)
2. Hungary (silver)
3. France (bronze)
4. Poland
5. Switzerland
6. Israel
7. Estonia
8. Great Britain



Men's Team Foil (12 teams)

1. France (gold)
2. Hungary (silver)
3. Italy (bronze)
4. Poland
5. Great Britain
6. Belgium
7. Germany
8. Austria





Day 5. In women’s team sabre, France faced Ukraine in the final match, winning with a 45-44 score. In the semifinal round, Ukraine won against Hungary, 45-41, while France defeated Spain, 45-42. The bronze medal went to Spain over Hungary, 45-38.

In men’s team epee, France faced Italy in the final match, winning with a 45-24 score. In the semifinal round, Italy won against Spain, 43-30, while France defeated Czechia, 45-33. The bronze medal went to Spain over Czechia, 43-32.



Women’s Team Sabre (11 teams)

- 1. France (gold)
- 2. Ukraine (silver)
- 3. Spain (bronze)
- 4. Hungary
- 5. Bulgaria
- 6. Poland
- 7. Italy
- 8. Germany

Men’s Team Foil Epee (18 teams)

- 1. France (gold)
- 2. Italy (silver)
- 3. Spain (bronze)
- 4. Czechia
- 5. Hungary
- 6. Germany
- 7. Ukraine
- 8. Netherlands

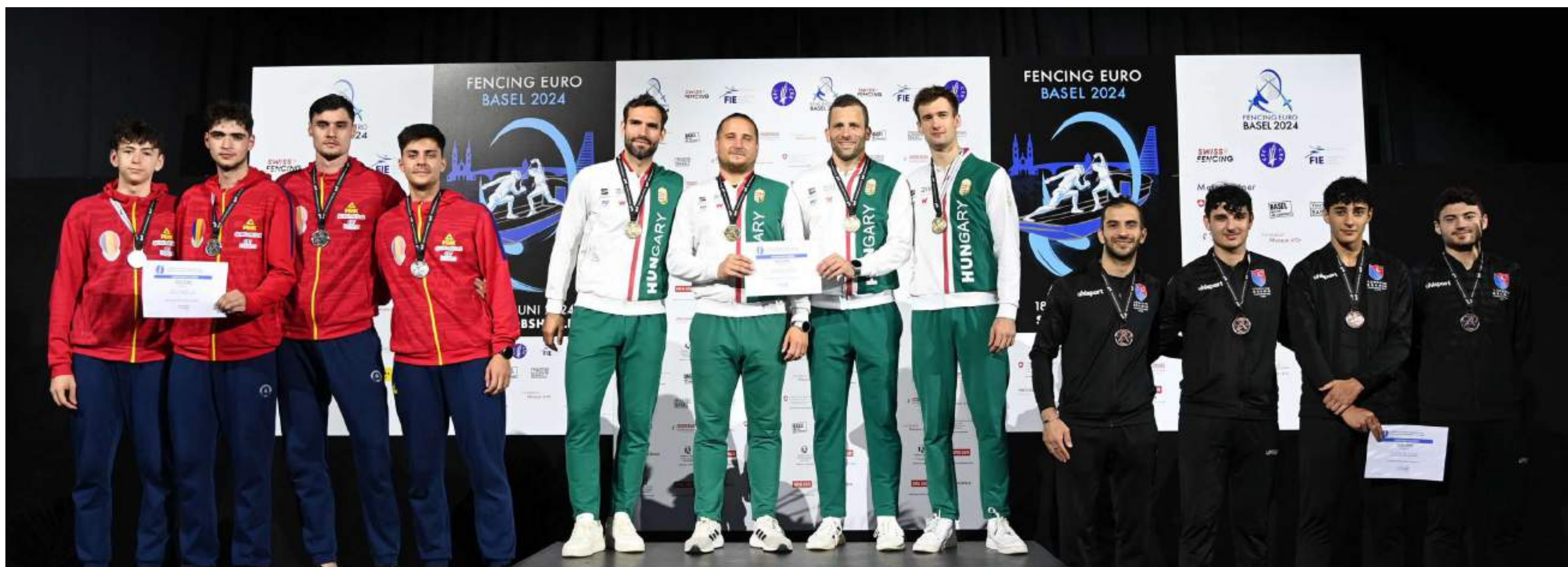


Day 6. In women's team foil, Italy face Poland in the final match, winning with a 45-27 score. In the semifinal round, Poland won against France, 41-40, while Italy defeated Hungary, 45-17. The bronze medal went to Hungary over France, 45-43.

In men's team sabre, Hungary faced Romania in the final match, winning with a 45-40 score. In the semifinal round, Romania won against Türkiye, 45-44, while Hungary defeated Germany 45-32. The bronze medal went to Türkiye over Germany, 45-42.

Women's Foil Team (12 teams)

1. Italy (gold)
2. Poland (silver)
3. Hungary (bronze)
4. France
5. Austria
6. Spain
7. Ukraine
8. Germany



Men's Team Sabre (12 teams)

1. Hungary (gold)
2. Romania (silver)
3. Türkiye (bronze)
4. Germany
5. Italy
6. Georgia
7. France
8. Ukraine



2024 PAN AMERICAN SENIOR FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS FINISH IN LIMA

LIMA, Peru, June 25-30, 2024 – The Pan American Senior Fencing Championships have finished, including 12 women's and men's individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre. The event took place at the Velódromo Car Videna, with fencers participating from 27 countries. USA won the medal count with 19 medals overall (10 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze), followed by Canada with 11 (1 gold, 4 silver, 6 bronze) and Venezuela with 2 (1 gold, 1 bronze).

Day 1. The Pan American Senior Fencing Championships have finished, including 12 women's and men's individual and team events in epee, foil and sabre. The event took place at the Velódromo Car Videna, with fencers participating from 27 countries. USA won the medal count with 19 medals overall (10 gold, 5 silver, 4 bronze), followed by Canada with 11 (1 gold, 4 silver, 6 bronze) and Venezuela with 2 (1 gold, 1 bronze).



Women's Individual Epee (43 fencers)

1. Margherita Guzzi Vincenti (USA, gold)
2. Hadley Husisian (USA, silver)
3. Montserrat Viveros (PAR, bronze)
3. Anne Cebula (USA, bronze)
5. Isabel Di Tella (ARG)
6. Victoria Vizeu (BRA)
7. Julia Yin (CAN)
8. Malinka Montanaro (CAN)



Men's Individual Foil (50 fencers)

1. Nick Itkin (USA, gold)
2. Gerek Meinhardt (USA, silver)
3. Guilherme Toldo (BRA, bronze)
3. Alexander Massialas (USA, bronze)
5. Miles Chamley-Watson (USA)
6. Leopoldo Alarcon (CHI)
7. Bogdan Hamilton (CAN)
8. Maximilien Van Haaster (CAN)

Day 2. In women's individual sabre, USA's Elizabeth Tartakovsky faced teammate Maia Chamberlain in the final bout, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Chamberlain won against Canada's Pamela Brind'Amour, 15-9, while Tartakovsky defeated teammate Tatiana Nazlymov, 15-8.

In men's individual epee, USA's Samuel Imrek faced U.S. Virgin Islands' Kruz Schembri, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Schembri won against Venezuela's Jesus Limardo, 10-9, while Imrek defeated Canada's Fynn Fafard, 15-9. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Imrek beat Venezuela's Olympic champion Ruben Limardo Gascon, 15-14.

Women's Individual Sabre (35 fencers)

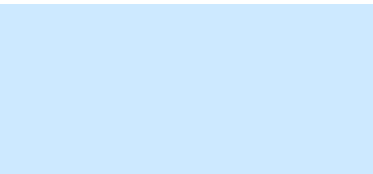
1. Elizabeth Tartakovsky (USA, gold)
2. Maia Chamberlain (USA, silver)
3. Pamela Brind'Amour (CAN, bronze)
3. Tatiana Nazlymov (USA, bronze)
5. Leidis Maris Veranes Mustelier (CUB)
6. Magda Skarbonkiewicz (USA)
7. Maria Angelica Blanco Narvaez (COL)
8. Candela Belen Espinosa Veloso (ARG)



Men's Individual Epee (53 fencers)

1. Samuel Imrek (USA, gold)
2. Kruz Schembri (ISV, silver)
3. Fynn Fafard (CAN, bronze)
3. Jesus Limardo (VEN, bronze)
5. Ruben Limardo Gascon (VEN)
6. Oleg Knysh (USA)
7. Ruibo (Leon) Xiao (CAN)
8. Pedro Petrich (BRA)





Day 3. In women’s individual foil, USA’s Olympic champion Lee Kiefer faced Canada’s Eleanor Harvey in the final bout, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Harvey won against USA’s Jacqueline Dubrovich, 15-9, while Kiefer defeated Canada’s Jessica Zi Jia Guo, 15-12.

In men’s individual sabre, USA’s world champion Eli Dershwitz faced teammate Mitchell Saron in the final bout, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Saron won against Canada’s Fares Arfa, 15-11, while Dershwitz defeated Canada’s Olivier Desrosiers, 15-13.

Women’s Individual Foil (36 fencers)

- 1. Lee Kiefer (USA, gold)
- 2. Eleanor Harvey (CAN, silver)
- 3. Jacqueline Dubrovich (USA, bronze)
- 3. Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN, bronze)
- 5. Maia Mei Weintraub (USA)
- 6. Lauren Scruggs (USA)
- 7. Sabrina Fang (CAN)
- 8. Yunjia Zhang (CAN)

Men’s Individual Sabre (44 fencers)

- 1. Eli Dershwitz (USA, gold)
- 2. Mitchell Saron (USA, silver)
- 3. Fares Arfa (CAN, bronze)
- 3. Olivier Desrosiers (CAN, bronze)
- 5. Shaul Gordon (CAN)
- 6. Filip Dolegiewicz (USA)
- 7. Pascual Maria Di Tella (ARG)
- 8. Sebastian Cuellar (COL)



Day 4. In women's team epee, Canada faced USA in the final match, winning with a 35-34 score. In the semifinal round, USA won against Argentina, 45-26, while Canada defeated Colombia, 45-29. The bronze medal went to Argentina over Colombia, 45-35.

In men's team foil, USA faced Brazil in the final match, winning with a 45-14 score. In the semifinal round, Brazil won against Canada, 45-36, while USA defeated Chile, 45-23. The bronze medal went to Canada over Chile, 45-35.

Women's Team Epee (9 teams)

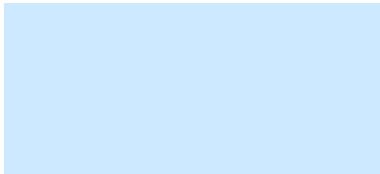
1. Canada (gold)
2. USA (silver)
3. Argentina (bronze)
4. Colombia
5. Brazil
6. Panama
7. Costa Rica
8. Peru



Men's Team Foil (12 teams)

1. USA (gold)
2. Brazil (silver)
3. Canada (bronze)
4. Chile
5. Argentina
6. Colombia
7. Mexico
8. Peru





Day 5. In women’s team sabre, USA faced Canada in the final match, winning with a 45-36 score. In the semifinal round, Canada won against Argentina, 45-36, while USA defeated Colombia, 45-31. The bronze medal went to Argentina over Colombia, 45-35.

In men’s team epee, Venezuela faced Colombia in the final match, winning with a 31-26 score. In the semifinal round, Colombia won against Canada, 45-39, while Venezuela defeated Brazil, 45-37. The bronze medal went to Brazil over Canada, 44-43.



Women’s Team Sabre (8 teams)

- 1. USA (gold)
- 2. Canada (silver)
- 3. Argentina (bronze)
- 4. Colombia
- 5. Brazil
- 6. Chile
- 7. El Salvador
- 8. Peru

Men’s Team Foil Epee (11 teams)

- 1. Venezuela (gold)
- 2. Colombia (silver)
- 3. Brazil (bronze)
- 4. Canada
- 5. USA
- 6. Argentina
- 7. Chile
- 8. Panama

Day 6. In women's team foil, USA faced Canada in the final match, winning with a 45-21 score. In the semifinal round, Canada won against Brazil, 45-17, while USA defeated Chile, 44-16. The bronze medal went to Brazil over Chile, 45-40.

In men's team sabre, USA faced Canada in the final match, winning with a 45-26 score. In the semifinal round, Canada won against Brazil, 45-21, while USA defeated Mexico, 45-21. The bronze medal went to Mexico over Brazil, 45-40.



Women's Foil Team (8 teams)

1. USA (gold)
2. Canada (silver)
3. Brazil (bronze)
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. Argentina
7. Peru
8. El Salvador

Men's Team Sabre (10 teams)

1. USA (gold)
2. Canada (silver)
3. Mexico (bronze)
4. Brazil
5. Puerto Rico
6. Colombia
7. Chile
8. Peru

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GRAND PRIX EVENTS



SPAIN'S MARTIN-PORTUGUES, USA'S HEATHCOCK WIN TUNIS WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SABRE GRAND PRIX



TUNIS, Tunisia, Jan. 12-14, 2024 – Spain's Lucia Martin-Portugues and USA's Colin Heathcock won gold medals at the Tunis Women's and Men's Sabre Grand Prix. The event took place at the Palais des Sports – Cité Olympique Rades, including 149 women and 176 men participating in the competition.

In the final bout of women's sabre, Martin-Portugues faced Türkiye's Nisanur Erbil, winning with a 15-5 score. In the semifinal round, Erbil won against Korea's Sebin Choi, 15-14, while Martin-Portugues defeated Italy's Chiara Mormile, 15-6. Of note, Erbil beat Japan's two-time world champion Misaki Emura in the quarterfinals, 15-14.

In the final bout of men's sabre, Heathcock faced Tunisia's Fares Ferjani, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Ferjani won against Georgia's Sandro Bazadze, 15-14, while Heathcock defeated Hungary's world and three-time Olympic champion Aron Szilagyi, 15-13. Of note, Korea's world champion Sanguk Oh won against Hungary's world champion Andras Szatmari in the round of 16, 15-14, and was then eliminated by Ferjani in the quarterfinals, 15-7.

Final rankings in women's individual sabre Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, gold), Nisanur Erbil (TÜR, silver), Sebin Choi (KOR, bronze), Chiara Mormile

(ITA, bronze), Misaki Emura (JPN), Despina Georgiadou (GRE), Cecilia Berder (FRA) and Eunhye Jeon (KOR).

Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Colin Heathcock (USA, gold), Fares Ferjani (TUN, silver), Sandro Bazadze (GEO, bronze), Aron Szilagyi, (HUN, bronze), Matyas Szabo (GER), Sanguk Oh (KOR), Michele Gallo (ITA) and Bolade Apithy (FRA).





HONG KONG, CHINA'S KONG, ISRAEL'S FREILICH WIN

QATAR WOMEN'S AND MEN'S EPEE GRAND PRIX



DOHA, Qatar, Jan. 29-31, 2024 – Hong Kong, China's Man Wai Vivian Kong and Israel's Yuval Shalom Freilich won gold medals at the Qatar Women's and Men's Epee Grand Prix. The event took place at the Lusail Sport Arena, including 210 women and 275 men participating in the competition.

In the final bout of women's individual epee, Kong faced Italy's Giulia Rizzi, winning with a 14-13 score. In the semifinal round, Rizzi won against Ukraine's Darja Varfolomyeyeva, 15-12, while Kong defeated USA's Hadley Husisian, 15-14. Of note, in the quarterfinals Varfolomyeyeva beat France's world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 11-10, and in the round of 16 Husisian beat Korea's world champion Sera Song, 15-12.

In the final bout of men's individual epee, Freilich faced Italy's Federico Vismara, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Vismara won against USA's Samuel Imrek, 15-12, while Freilich defeated USA's Yeisser Ramirez, 14-13. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Freilich

beat France's world champion Yannick Borel, 15-9, Ramirez won against Hungary's world champion Gergely Siklosi, 15-11, and Vismara defeated Hungary's world champion Mate Tamas Koch, 15-14. In the round of 16, Freilich won against France's world and Olympic champion Romain Cannone, 15-10.

Final rankings in women's individual epee included Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG, gold), Giulia Rizzi (ITA, silver), Hadley Husisian (USA, bronze), Darja Varfolomyeyeva (UKR, bronze), Marie-Florence

Candassamy (FRA), Federica Isola (ITA), Katrina Lehis (EST) and Hyein Lee (KOR).

Final rankings in men's individual epee included Yuval Shalom Freilich (ISR, gold), Federico Vismara (ITA, silver), Samuel Imrek (USA, bronze), Yeisser Ramirez (USA, bronze), Mate Tamas Koch (HUN), Gergely Siklosi (HUN), Alexandre Bardenet (FRA) and Yannick Borel (FRA).





USA'S KIEFER AND HONG KONG, CHINA'S CHEUNG WIN TURIN WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FOIL GRAND PRIX



TURIN, Italy, Feb. 9-11, 2024 – USA's and Hong Kong, China's Olympic Champions Lee Kiefer and Ka Long Cheung won gold medals at the Turin Women's and Men's Foil Grand Prix. The event took place at the Pala Alpitour, with 190 women and 245 men participating in the competition.

In the final bout of women's individual foil, Kiefer faced Italy's Martina Favaretto, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Favaretto won against teammate and two-time world champion Arianna Errigo, 15-14, while Kiefer defeated Germany's Anne Sauer, 15-10. Of note, in the table of 16 Errigo beat teammate and two-time world champion Alice Volpi, 15-12.

In the final bout of men's individual foil, Cheung faced Czech Republic's Alexander Choupenitch, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Choupenitch won against France's two-time world champion Enzo Lefort, 15-8, while Cheung defeated USA's Nick Itkin, 15-14. Of note, in the round of 16, Choupenitch beat Italy's world champion Tommaso Marini, 15-13, and Cheung won against Italy's Olympic champion Daniele Garozzo, 15-9. In the round of 32, Japan's Seishiro Funamoto beat Italy's

world champion Alessio Foconi, 15-12, before being eliminated in the round of 16 by Lefort, 15-13. Also, in the round of 32, Japan's Kenta Suzumura defeated USA's world champion Miles Chamley-Watson, 15-5, before being eliminated by Egypt's Mohamed Hamza in the round of 16, 15-6.

Final rankings in women's individual foil included Lee Kiefer (USA, gold), Martina Favaretto (ITA, silver), Arianna Errigo (ITA, bronze), Anne Sauer (GER, bronze), Martina Batini (ITA), Sera Azuma (JPN), Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN) and Qingyuan Chen (CHN).

Final rankings in men's individual foil include Ka Long Cheung (HKG, gold), Alexander Choupenitch (CZE, silver), Nick Itkin (USA, bronze), Enzo Lefort (FRA, bronze), Mohamed Hamza (EGY), Carlos Llavador (ESP), Taegyu Ha (KOR) and Kazuki Iimura (JPN).





HUNGARY'S KUN, FRANCE'S BOREL WIN BUDAPEST "WESTEND" WOMEN'S AND MEN'S EPEE GRAND PRIX



BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 8-10, 2024 – Hungary's Anna Kun and France's world champion Yannick Borel won gold medals at the 2024 Budapest "Westend" Epee Grand Prix. The event took place at the BOK Hall (former SYMA Hall) with 322 women and 393 men participating in the competition. The Grand Prix was dedicated to the memories of József Sákovics for the women's and Győző Kulcsár for the men's events.

Kun faced teammate Eszter Muhari in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Muhari won against Brazil's world champion Nathalie Moellhausen, 15-12, while Kun defeated France's world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 15-11. Of note, in the quarterfinals Candassamy beat China's Olympic champion Yiwen Sun, 15-7; in the round of 16, Kun won against Italy's two-time world champion Rossella Fiamingo, 15-8; and in the table of 32, China's Junyao Tang defeated Korea's world champion Sera Song, 15-13, before being eliminated by Muhari in the round of 16, 15-9.

Borel faced Hungary's world champion Gergely Siklosi in the final bout of men's individual epee, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Siklosi won

against teammate and world champion Mate Tamas Koch, 15-7, while Borel defeated Korea's Youngjun Kweon, 15-14. Of note, in the round of 32, Egypt's Mohamed Yasseen beat France's world and Olympic champion Romain Cannone, 15-14, before being eliminated by Siklosi in the round of 16, 15-12.

Overall rankings in women's individual epee included Anna Kun (HUN, gold), Eszter Muhari (HUN, silver), Marie-Florence Candassamy (FRA, bronze), Nathalie Moellhausen (BRA, bronze), Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG),

Alexandra Louis Marie (FRA), Yiwen Sun (CHN) and Erika Kirpu (EST).

Overall rankings in men's individual epee included Yannick Borel (FRA, gold), Gergely Siklosi (HUN, silver), Mate Tamas Koch (HUN, bronze), Youngjun Kweon (KOR, bronze), Koki Kano (JPN), Samuel Unterhauser (GER), Andrea Santarelli (ITA) and Miguel Frazao (POR).





USA'S KIEFER, ITKIN WIN WASHINGTON D.C. WOMEN'S AND MEN'S ABSOLUTE FENCING FOIL GRAND PRIX



WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, March 15-17, 2024 – USA's Olympic champion Lee Kiefer and Nick Itkin won gold medals at the 2024 Washington D.C. Women's and Men's Absolute Fencing Grand Prix. The event took place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center with 170 women and 231 men participating in the competition.

Kiefer faced Italy's two-time world champion Arianna Errigo in the final bout of women's individual foil, winning with a 15-4 score. In the semifinal round, Errigo won against USA's Lauren Scruggs, 15-5, while Kiefer defeated Germany's Anne Sauer, 15-6.

Itkin faced France's two-time world champion Enzo Lefort in the final bout of men's individual foil, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Lefort won against Japan's Kyosuke Matsuyama, 15-8, while Itkin defeated Italy's Filippo Macchi, 15-6. Of note, in the round of 16 Itkin beat Italy's Olympic champion Daniele Garozzo, 15-9, and in the round of 32 Italy's Guillaume Bianchi

defeated Hong Kong, China's Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung, 15-13, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Macchi, 15-11.

Final ranking in women's individual foil included Lee Kiefer (USA, gold), Arianna Errigo (ITA, silver), Lauren Scruggs (USA, bronze), Anne Sauer (GER, bronze), Martina Favaretto (ITA), Martina Batini (ITA), Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL) and Eva Lacheray (FRA).

Final rankings in men's individual foil included Nick Itkin (USA, gold), Enzo Lefort (FRA, silver), Filippo Macchi (ITA, bronze), Kyosuke Matsuyama (JPN, bronze), Guillaume Bianchi (ITA), Stef De Greef (BEL), Kazuki Iimura (JPN) and Andrew Chen (USA).



FRANCE'S MALLO-BRETON, JAPAN'S KANO WIN CALI WOMEN'S AND MEN'S EPEE GRAND PRIX



CALI, Colombia, May 3-5, 2024 – France's Auriane Mallo-Breton and Japan's Koki Kano won gold medals at the Cali Women's and Men's Epee Grand Prix. The event took place at the Coliseum El Pueblo Cali, with 143 women and 162 men participating in the competition.

Mallo-Breton faced Italy's Giulia Rizzi in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Rizzi won against Brazil's world champion Nathalie Moellhausen, 15-9, while Mallo-Breton defeated Italy's Federica Isola, 15-14. Of note, in the round of 16, Mallo-Breton beat Korea's world champion Sera Song, 14-13, and in the round of 32, Poland's Martyna Swatowska-Wenglarczyk won against Italy's two-time world champion Rossella Fiamingo, 15-14, and Ukraine's Dzhoan Feybi Bezhura defeated France's world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 12-11.



Kano faced Hungary's world champion Gergely Siklosi in the final bout of men's individual epee, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, Siklosi won against Egypt's Mohamed Nada Saleh, 15-5, while Kano defeated Hungary's world champion Mate Tamas Koch,



15-8. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Nada Saleh beat France's world champion Yannick Borel, 15-14; in the round of 16, Kano won against Venezuela's Olympic champion Ruben Limardo Gascon, 9-8; and in the round of 32, Korea's Minseong Son defeated France's Olympic and world champion Romain Cannone, 15-14.

Final rankings in women's individual epee included Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, gold), Giulia Rizzi (ITA, silver), Federica Isola (ITA, bronze), Nathalie Moellhausen (BRA, bronze), Nelli Differt (EST), Isabel Di Tella (ARG), Erika Kirpu (EST) and Chen Chen (CHN).

Final rankings in men's individual epee included Koki Kano (JPN, gold), Gergely Siklosi (HUN, silver), Mate Tamas Koch (HUN, bronze), Mohamed Nada Saleh (EGY, bronze), Yannick Borel (FRA), Akira Komata (JPN), Tibor Andrasfi (HUN) and Samuel Imrek (USA).



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SPAIN'S NAVARRO, EGYPT'S ELSISSY WIN SEOUL WOMEN'S & MEN'S SABRE GRAND PRIX



SEOUL, Korea, May 4-6, 2024 – Spain's Araceli Navarro and Egypt's Ziad Elsisy won gold medals at the 2024 SK Telecom Seoul Women's and Men's Sabre Grand Prix. The event took place in the SK Olympic Handball Gymnasium with 135 women and 148 men participating in the competition.

Navarro faced France's Sarah Noutcha in the final bout of women's individual sabre, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Noutcha won against teammate Sara Balzer, 15-11, while Navarro defeated teammate Lucia Martin-Portugues, 15-13. Of note, in the table of 16, France's Cecilia Berder beat Japan's two-time world champion Misaki Emura, 15-11, and Navarro won against Ukraine's four-time world champion Olga Kharlan, 15-8.



Elsisy faced Georgia's Sandro Bazadze in the final bout of men's individual sabre, winning with a 15-13 score. Bazadze won against USA's Colin Heathcock in the semifinal round, 15-13, while Elsisy defeated USA's Filip Dolegiewicz, 15-14. Of note, in the quarterfinals Dolegiewicz beat Korea's world champion Sanguk Oh, 15-12, and in the table of 32 he defeated teammate and world champion Eli Dershwitz, 15-10.

Final rankings in women's individual sabre included Araceli Navarro (ESP, gold), Sarah Noutcha (FRA, silver), Sara Balzer (FRA, bronze), Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, bronze), Manon Apithy-Brunet (FRA), Despina Georgiadou (GRE), Yoana Ilieva (BUL) and Cecilia Berder (FRA).

Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Ziad Elsisy (EGY, gold), Sandro Bazadze (GEO, silver), Filip Dolegiewicz (USA, bronze), Colin Heathcock (USA, bronze), Sanguk Oh (KOR), Sebastien Patrice (FRA), Bolade Apithy (FRA) and Adham Bahgat (EGY).



ITALY'S FAVARETTO, HONG KONG-CHINA'S CHEUNG WIN SHANGHAI WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FOIL GRAND PRIX



SHANGHAI, China, May 17-19, 2024 – Italy's Martina Favaretto and Hong Kong, China's Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung won gold medals at the 2024 Shanghai Women's and Men's Foil Grand Prix. The event took place in the Jing'an Gymnasium with 163 women and 190 men participating in the competition.

Favaretto faced Poland's Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk in the final bout of women's individual foil, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Walczyk-Klimaszyk won against USA's Olympic champion Lee Kiefer, 15-12, while Favaretto defeated France's Pauline Ranvier, 15-9. Of note, in the table of 16, Walczyk-Klimaszyk beat Italy's two-time world champion Alice Volpi, 15-14, and in the table of 32, Ranvier won against Italy's two-time world champion Arianna Errigo, 15-11.

Cheung faced USA's Gerek Meinhardt in the final bout of men's individual foil, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Meinhardt won against Japan's Kazuki Iimura, 15-8, while Cheung defeated Egypt's Mohamed Hamza, 15-11. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Cheung beat Italy's world champion Alessio Foconi, 15-2, and in the table of 16, Foconi won against teammate and world champion Tommaso Marini, 15-8, China's Ziwei Mo defeated France's two-time world champion Enzo Lefort, 15-8. In the table of 32, Iimura beat USA's world champion Miles Chamley-Watson, 15-14.





Final rankings in women's individual foil included Martina Favaretto (ITA, gold), Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL, silver), Lee Kiefer (USA, bronze), Pauline Ranvier (FRA, bronze), Martina Batini (ITA), Anne Sauer (GER), Qingyuan Chen (CHN) and Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN).

Final rankings in men's individual foil included Ka Long Cheung (HKG, gold), Gerek Meinhardt (USA, silver), Mohamed Hamza (EGY, bronze), Kazuki Iimura (JPN, bronze), Guillaume Bianchi (ITA), Ziwei Mo (CHN), Alexander Choupenitch (CZE) and Alessio Foconi (ITA).

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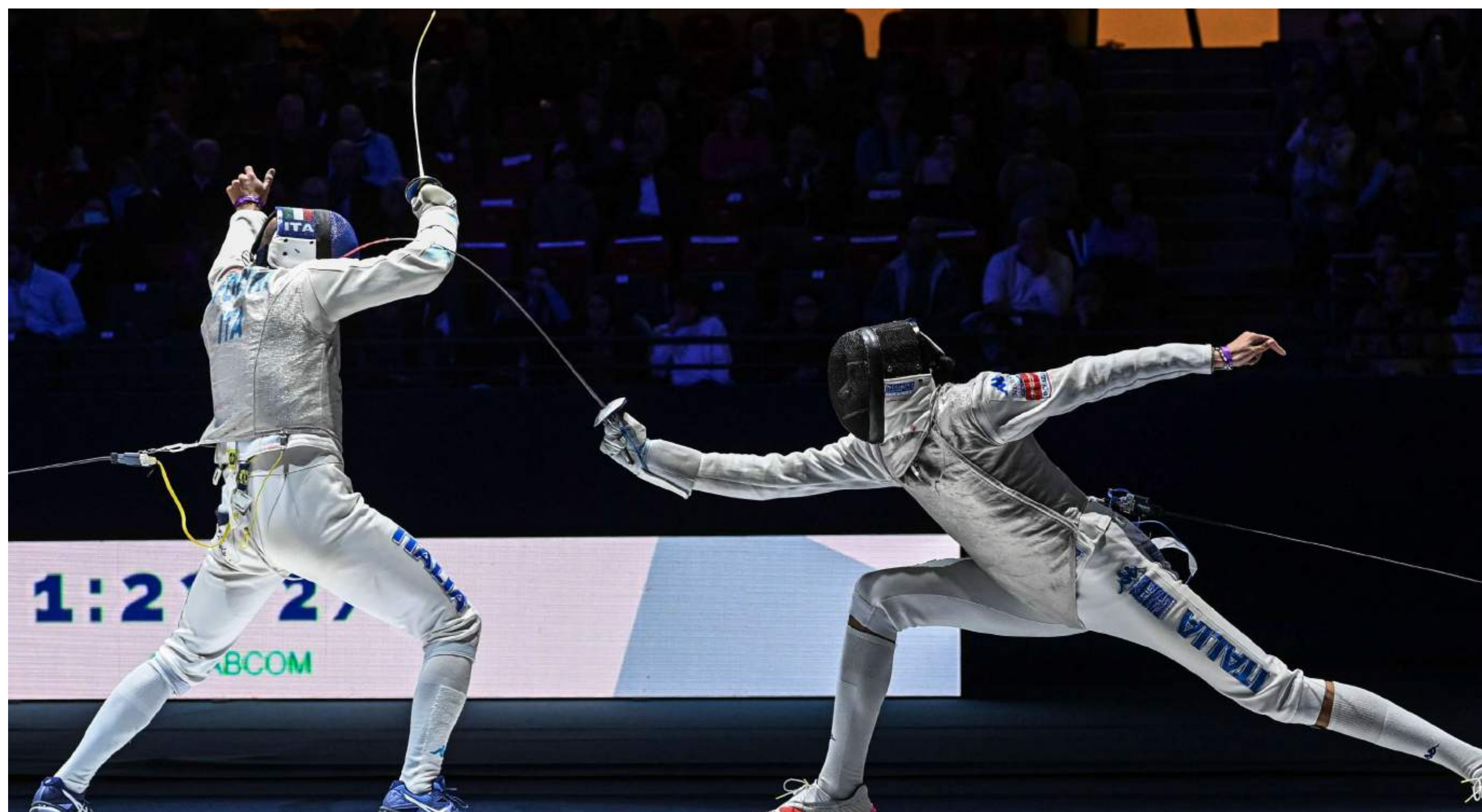
■ CHINA'S CHEN, ITALY'S MARINI WIN PARIS WOMEN'S & MEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP, ITALY AND USA WIN TEAM EVENTS

PARIS, France, Jan. 11-14, 2024 – China's Qingyuan Chen and Italy's World Champion Tommaso Marini won the women's and men's individual gold medals at the Mazars Challenge International de Paris Women's and Men's Foil World Cup, with Italy and USA winning the women's and men's team events. The event took place at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin, with 229 women and 290 men as well as 25 women's and 28 men's teams participating in the competition.

Chen faced Italy's Elena Tangherlini in the final bout of women's individual foil, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Tangherlini won against teammate Martina Favaretto, 15-14, while Chen defeated Canada's Jessica Zi Jia Guo, 15-13. Of note, Tangherlini won against USA's Olympic champion Lee Kiefer in the quarterfinals, 15-13, while Chen beat Italian two-time world champion Alice Volpi in the round of 16, 15-7, and Italy's Francesca Palumbo defeated France's world champion Ysaora Thibus in the same round, 11-10.

Marini faced teammate and world champion Alessio Foconi in the final bout of men's individual foil, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Foconi won against teammate Guillaume Bianchi, 15-6, while Marini defeated teammate Filippo Macchi, 15-9. Of note, USA's Alexander Massialas beat teammate and world champion Miles Chamley-Watson in the round of 16, 15-12, Bianchi won against Hong Kong, China's Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung, 15-13, and France's Maxime Pauty defeated teammate and two-time world champion Enzo Lefort, 15-14.

In the women's team foil event, Italy faced France in the final match, winning with a 45-41 score. In the semifinal round, France won against Poland, 45-38, while Italy defeated Japan, 45-31. The bronze medal went to Poland over Japan, 44-41.





In the men's team foil event, USA faced Japan in the final match, winning with a 45-39 score. In the semifinal round, Japan won against France, 45-43, while USA defeated Italy, 45-44. The bronze medal went to France over Italy, 45-32.

Final rankings in women's individual foil included Qingyuan Chen (CHN, gold), Elena Tangherlini (ITA, silver), Martina Favaretto (ITA, bronze), Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN, bronze), Lee Kiefer (USA), Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL), Francesca Palumbo (ITA) and Erica Cipressa (ITA).

Final rankings in men's individual foil included Tommaso Marini (ITA, gold), Alessio Foconi (ITA, silver), Guillaume Bianchi (ITA, bronze), Filippo Macchi

(ITA, bronze), Alexander Massialas (USA), Gerek Meinhardt (USA), Maxime Pauty (FRA) and David Sosnov (GBR).

Final rankings in women's team foil included Italy (gold), France (silver), Poland (bronze), Japan, USA, Hungary, Canada and China.

Final rankings in men's team foil included USA (gold), Japan (silver), France (bronze), Italy, China, Germany, Poland and Egypt.



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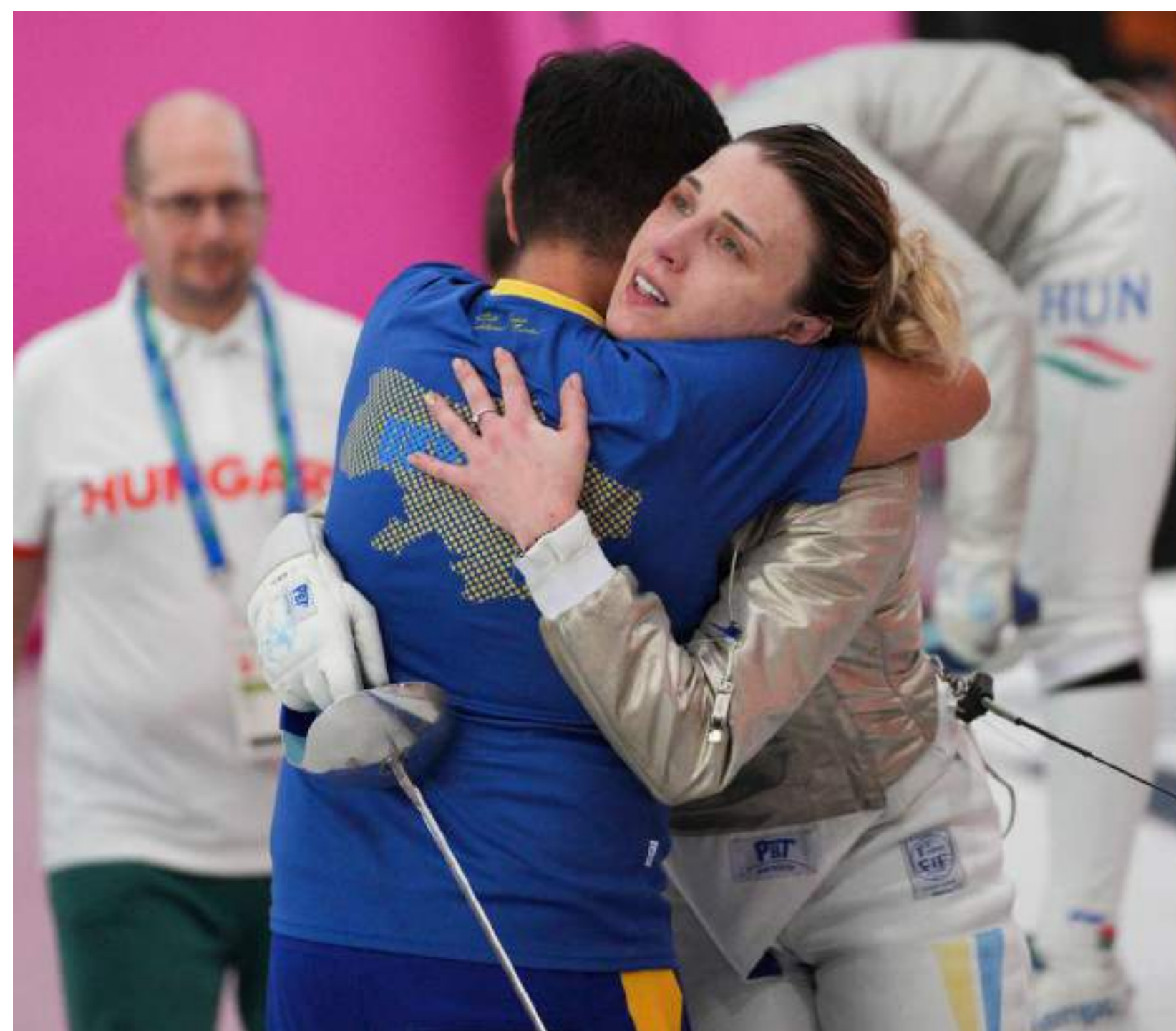
■ BARCELONA, LIMA AND TBILISI

LAUSANNE, Switz., Feb. 9-11, 2024 – Three International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Barcelona, Lima and Tbilisi, as athletes prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Barcelona, Spain, Women's Epee World Cup – Feb. 9-11

Hong Kong, China's Man Wai Vivian Kong won the individual gold medal at the Barcelona Women's Epee World Cup, and Italy won the team gold. The event took place at the Institut Nacional d'Educació Física de Catalunya (INEFC), one of the venues used in the 1992 Barcelona Olympic and Paralympic Games, with 307 individual fencers and 26 teams participating in the competition.

Kong faced Korea's world champion Sera Song in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 12-11 score. In the semifinal round, Song won against Hungary's Eszter Muhari, 15-7, while Kong defeated Poland's Renata Knapik-Miazga, 15-11. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Kong beat Brazil's world champion Nathalie Moellhausen, 11-10, and Knapik-Miazga won against China's Olympic champion Yiwen Sun, 11-10. In the round of 16, Ukraine's Olena Kryvytska defeated Italy's world champion Mara Navarria, 15-13, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Muhari, 15-6. In the round of 32, Muhari also





defeated France's world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 15-12, and Ukraine's Vlada Kharkova beat Italy's world champion Rossella Fiamingo, 15-7.

In the women's team epee event, Italy faced Korea in the final match, winning with a 29-28 score. In the semifinal round, Korea won against USA, 43-31, while Italy defeated China, 22-21. The bronze medal went to China over USA, 41-34.

Lima, Peru, Women's Sabre World Cup – Feb. 9-11

Ukraine's four-time world champion Olga Kharlan won the individual gold medal at the Lima Women's Sabre World Cup, and France won the team gold. The event took place at the Villa Deportiva Nacional, with 148 individual fencers and 20 teams participating in the competition.

Kharlan faced Hungary's Sugar Katinka Batai in the final bout of women's individual sabre at the Lima Women's Sabre World Cup, winning with a 15-6 score. In the semifinal round, Batai won against Uzbekistan's Zaynab Dayibekova, 15-12, while Kharlan defeated USA's Elizabeth Tartakovsky, 15-12. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Dayibekova beat Japan's two-time world champion Misaki Emura, 15-12.

In the women's team sabre event, France faced Italy in the final match, winning with a 45-26 score. In the semifinal round, Italy won against Bulgaria, 45-42, while France defeated Hungary, 45-35. The bronze medal went to Hungary over Bulgaria, 45-42.

Tbilisi, Georgia, Men's Sabre World Cup – Feb. 9-11

Hungary's world and three-time Olympic champion Aron Szilagyi won the individual gold medal at the Tbilisi Men's Sabre World Cup, and Korea won the team gold. The event took place at the Tbilisi Sports

Palace, with 197 individual fencers and 22 teams participating in the competition.

Szilagyi faced Iran's Ali Pakdaman in the final bout of men's individual sabre, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Pakdaman won against Georgia's Sandro Bazadze, 15-13, while Szilagyi defeated Italy's Luigi Samele, 15-6. Of note, in the round of 32, Bazadze beat Korea's world champion Junghwan Kim, 15-6.

In the men's team sabre event, Korea faced Hungary in the final match, winning with a 45-44 score. In the semifinal round, Hungary won against USA, 45-31, while Korea defeated Romania, 45-33. The bronze medal went to USA over Romania, 45-32.

■ HEIDENHEIM AND CAIRO



LAUSANNE, Switz., Feb. 22-25, 2024 – Two International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Heidenheim and Cairo, as fencers continue to prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Heidenheim, Germany, “70 Heidenheimer Pokal” Men’s Epee World Cup – Feb. 22-24

Japan’s Masaru Yamada won the individual gold medal at the Heidenheim “70 Heidenheimer Pokal” Men’s Epee World Cup, and Hungary won the team gold. The event took place at the Karl-Rau-Halle with 349 individual fencers and 33 teams participating in the competition.

Yamada faced Italy’s Enrico Piatti in the final bout of men’s individual epee, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Piatti won against teammate Federico Vismara, 15-11, while Yamada

defeated France’s Paul Allegre, 15-9. Of note, in the quarterfinals Piatti beat France’s world and Olympic champion Romain Cannone, 15-14, and Vismara won against Venezuela’s Olympic champion Ruben Limardo-Gascon, 15-14.

In the men’s team epee event, Hungary faced Japan in the final match, winning with a 37-30 score. In the semifinal round, Japan won against Switzerland, 32-31, while Hungary defeated France, 37-36. The bronze medal went to France over Switzerland, 37-34.

Final rankings in men’s individual epee included Masaru Yamada (JPN, gold), Enrico Piatti (ITA, silver), Federico Vismara (ITA, bronze), Paul Allegre (FRA, bronze), Romain Cannone (FRA), Kazuyasu Minobe (JPN), Ruben Limardo Gascon (VEN)



and Luidgi Midelton (FRA).

Final rankings in men’s team epee included Hungary (gold), Japan (silver), France (bronze), Switzerland, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Austria and Czech Republic.

Cairo, Egypt, National Bank of Egypt Women’s and Men’s Foil World Cup – Feb. 22-25

Italy’s Martina Favaretto and world champion Tommaso Marini won the women’s and men’s individual gold medals at the Cairo National Bank of Egypt Women’s and Men’s Foil World Cup, with USA and Italy winning the women’s and men’s team competitions. The event took place at the Indoor Halls Complex of Cairo Stadium in Nasr City, with 172 women and 225 men as well as 17 women’s and 21 men’s teams participating.



In the final bout of women's individual foil, Favaretto faced USA's Olympic champion Lee Kiefer, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Kiefer won against teammate Jacqueline Dubrovich, 15-13, while Favaretto defeated teammate Martina Sinigalia, 15-5. Of note, in the quarterfinals Sinigalia beat teammate and two-time world champion Alice Volpi, 15-14, and Kiefer won against Italy's two-time world champion Arianna Errigo, 15-12.

In the final bout of men's individual foil, Marini faced teammate Edoardo Lupari, winning with a 15-6 score. In the semifinal round, Lupari won against China's Ziwei Mo, 15-11, while Marini defeated Hungary's

Daniel Dosa, 15-5. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Dosa beat Italy's world champion Alessio Foconi, 15-14, and in the round of 16, Mo defeated Hong Kong, China's Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung, 15-13. In the round of 32, Cheung beat Italy's world champion Daniele Garozzo, 15-10, and Kirill Borodachev (AIN) won against France's two-time world champion Enzo Lefort, 15-11, before being defeated by Marini in the quarterfinals, 15-8.

In the women's team foil event, USA faced Italy in the final match, winning with a 45-33 score. In the semifinal round, Italy won against Japan, 45-36, while USA defeated France, 45-27. The bronze medal went to Japan over France, 30-27.

In the men's team foil event, Italy faced Japan in the final match, winning with a 45-30 score. In the semifinal round, Japan won against Hong Kong, China, 45-42, while Italy defeated USA, 45-31. The bronze medal went to USA over Hong Kong, China, 45-34.

Final rankings in women's individual foil included Martina Favaretto (ITA, gold), Lee Kiefer (USA,

silver), Jacqueline Dubrovich (USA, bronze), Martina Sinigalia (ITA, bronze), Alice Volpi (ITA), Martina Batini (ITA), Qingyuan Chen (CHN) and Arianna Errigo (ITA).

Final rankings in men's individual foil included Tommaso Marini (ITA, gold), Edoardo Lupari (ITA, silver), Ziwei Mo (CHN, bronze), Daniel Dosa (HUN, bronze), Alessio Foconi (ITA), Kyosuke Matsuyama (JPN), Alexander Choupenitch (CZE) and Kirill Borodachev (AIN).

Final rankings in women's team foil included USA (gold), Italy (silver), Japan (bronze), France, Canada, Ukraine, Poland and Korea.

Final rankings in men's team foil included Italy (gold), Japan (silver), USA (bronze), Hong Kong-China, China, Hungary, Egypt and Poland.



ATHENS AND PADUA

LAUSANNE, Switz., March 1-3, 2024 – Two International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Athens and Padua, as fencers continue to prepare for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Athens, Greece, “Coupe Acropolis” Women’s Sabre World Cup – March 1-3

France’s Sara Balzer won the individual gold medal at the Athens “Coupe Acropolis” Women’s Sabre World Cup, and France won the team gold. The event took place at the Athens Olympic Complex (O.A.K.A.) with 197 individual fencers and 22 teams participating in the competition.

Balzer faced Spain’s Lucia Martin-Portugues in the final bout of women’s individual sabre, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, Martin-Portugues won against Ukraine’s four-time world champion Olga Kharlan, 15-14, while Balzer defeated teammate Manon Apithy-Brunet, 15-14. Of note, in the quarterfinals Kharlan beat Japan’s two-time world champion Misaki Emura, 15-8.

In the women’s team sabre event, France faced Ukraine in the final match, winning with a 45-30 score. In the semifinal round, Ukraine won against Bulgaria, 45-34, while France defeated Italy, 45-40. The bronze medal went to Bulgaria over Italy, 45-43.

Final rankings in women’s individual sabre included Sara Balzer (FRA, gold), Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, silver), Manon Apithy-Brunet (FRA, bronze), Olga Kharlan (UKR, bronze), Misaki Emura (JPN), Despina Georgiadou (GRE), Sarah Noutcha (FRA) and Michela Battiston (ITA).

Final rankings in women’s team sabre included France (gold), Ukraine (silver), Bulgaria (bronze), Italy, Korea, Spain, Hungary and USA.

Padua, Italy “Trophée Luxardo” Men’s Sabre World Cup – March 1-3

USA’s Colin Heathcock won the individual men’s sabre gold medal at the Padua “Trophee Luxardo” Men’s Sabre World Cup, and Korea won the team gold. The event took place at the Kioene Arena with 235 individual fencers and 24 teams participating in the competition.

Heathcock faced Italy’s Luigi Samele in the final bout of men’s individual sabre, winning with a 15-12 score. In the semifinal round, Samele won against Spain’s Santiago Madrigal, 15-13, while Heathcock defeated Egypt’s Ziad Elsisy, 15-7. Of note, in the quarterfinals Elsisy beat USA’s world champion Eli Dershwitz, 15-10, following a win in the table of 16 against

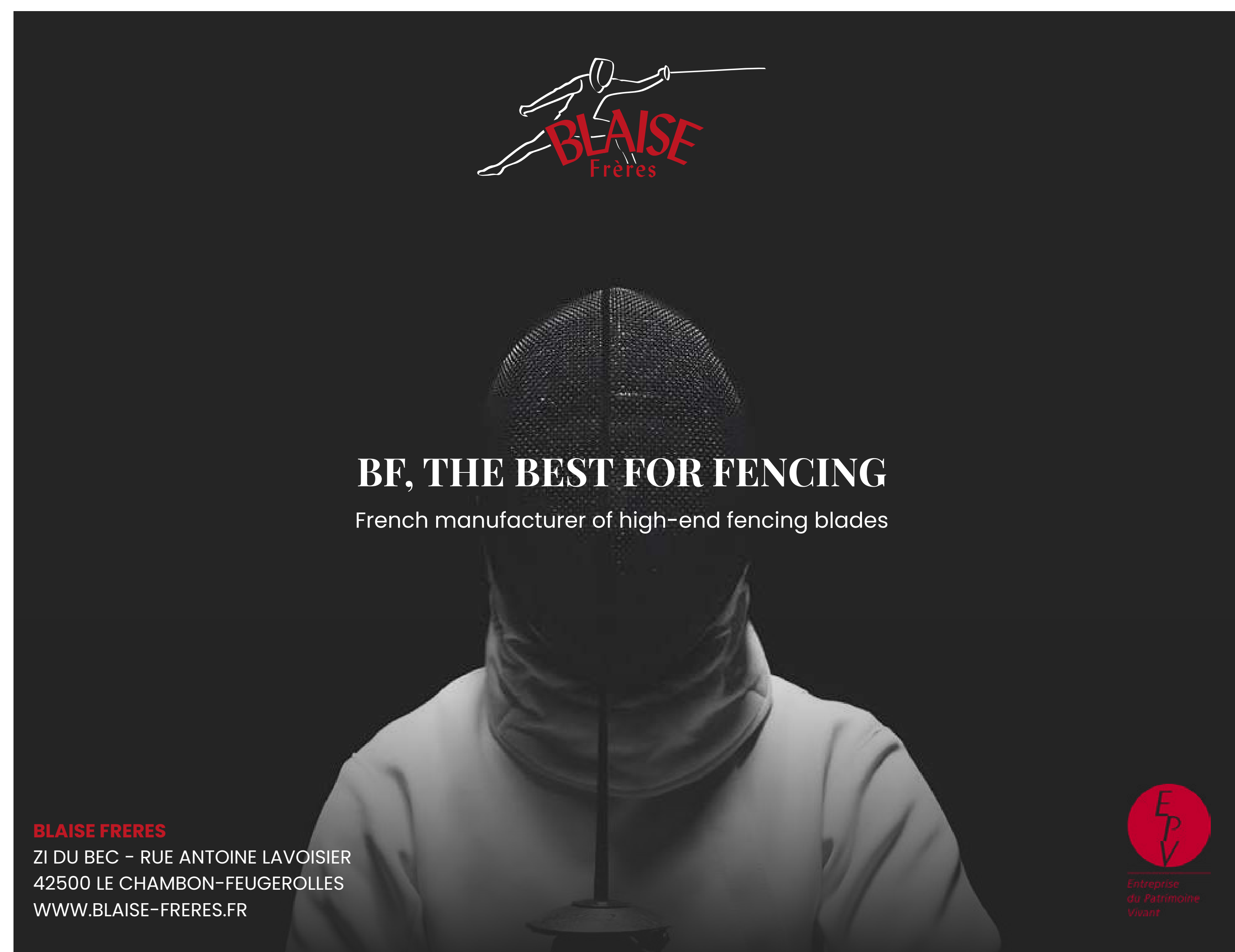


Hungary's world champion Andras Szatmari, 15-12.

In the men's team sabre event, Korea faced USA in the final match, winning with a 45-44 score. In the semifinal round, USA won against Hungary, 45-42, while Korea defeated France, 45-42. The bronze medal went to France over Hungary, 45-28.

Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Colin Heathcock (USA, gold), Luigi Samele (ITA, silver), Ziad Elsissy (EGY, bronze), Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze), Eli Dershwitz (USA), Bolade Apithy (FRA), Fares Ferjani (TUN) and Kento Yoshida (JPN).

Final rankings in men's team sabre included Korea (gold), USA (silver), France (bronze), Hungary, Italy, Germany, Romania and Iran.

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BUDAPEST, NANJING AND TBILISI

LAUSANNE, Switz., March 22-24, 2024 – Three International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Budapest, Nanjing and Tbilisi, as athletes continue preparing for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

Budapest, Hungary, Men's Sabre World Cup – March 22-24

Hungary's world champion Andras Szatmari won the individual gold at the Budapest "Gerevich-Kovács-Kárpáti" Men's Sabre World Cup and USA won the gold at the "Zarándi Csaba" Men's Team World Cup. The event took place at the BOK Hall (former SYMA Hall), with 266 individual fencers and 26 teams participating in the competition.

Szatmari faced Italy's Luca Curatoli in the final bout of men's individual sabre, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Curatoli won against Iran's Ali Pakdaman, 15-5, while Szatmari defeated Türkiye's Enver Yildirim, 15-7. Of note, in the quarterfinals Pakdaman beat Korea's world champion Sanguk Oh, 15-13. In the round of 32, Italy's Giovanni Repetti won against Hungary's world and three-time Olympic champion Aron Szilagyi, 15-13, before being eliminated in the round of 16 by Yildirim, 15-14.

USA faced Korea in the final match of men's team sabre, winning with a 45-30 score. In the semifinal round, Korea won against Germany, 45-39, while USA defeated Hungary, 45-36. The bronze medal went to Germany over Hungary, 45-43.





Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Andras Szatmari (HUN, gold), Luca Curatoli (ITA, silver), Ali Pakdaman (IRI, bronze), Enver Yildirim (TÜR, bronze), Sanguk Oh (KOR), Matyas Szabo (GER), Luigi Samele (ITA) and Sebastien Patrice (FRA).

Final rankings in men's team sabre included USA (gold), Korea (silver), Germany (bronze), Hungary, France, Iran, Romania and Italy.

Nanjing, China, Women's Epee World Cup – March 22-24

Italy's Giulia Rizzi won the individual gold at the Nanjing Women's Epee World Cup and Italy won the team gold. The event took place at the Yangzi River International Conference Center, with 189 individual fencers and 18 teams participating in the competition.

Rizzi faced Korea's world champion Sera Song in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, Song won against Italy's Alberta Santuccio, 11-10, while Rizzi defeated Poland's Martyna Swatowska-Wenglarczyk, 15-10. Of note, in the quarterfinals Swatowska-Wenglarczyk beat Italy's two-time world champion Rossella Fiamingo, 15-11. In the round of 16, China's Junyao Tang won against teammate and Olympic champion Yiwen Sun, 15-12, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Rizzi, 15-14; in the same

round, France's Laurence Epee defeated teammate and world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 15-7, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Santuccio, 15-5. In the round of 32, Kenya's Alexandra Ndolo won against Estonia's world champion Julia Beljajeva, 15-11, before being eliminated in the round of 16 by Poland's Alicja Klasik, 15-9.

Italy faced China in the final match of women's team epee, winning with a 43-34 score. In the semifinal round, China won against Ukraine, 45-33, while Italy defeated Hungary, 45-39. The bronze medal went to Hungary over Ukraine, 45-38.

Final rankings in women's individual epee included Giulia Rizzi (ITA, gold), Sera Song (KOR, silver), Alberta Santuccio (ITA, bronze), Martyna Swatowska-Wenglarczyk (POL, bronze), Rossella Fiamingo (ITA), Laurence Epee (FRA), Junyao Tang (CHN) and Alicja Klasik (POL).

Final rankings in women's team epee included Italy (gold), China (silver), Hungary (bronze), Ukraine, Korea, USA, France and Poland.

Tbilisi, Georgia, Men's Epee World Cup – March 22-24

France's world and Olympic champion Romain Cannone won the individual gold medal at the Tbilisi Men's Epee World Cup, and France won the team



gold. The event took place at the Tbilisi Sports Palace, with 282 individual fencers and 29 teams participating in the competition.

Cannone faced Belgium's Neisser Loyola in the final bout of men's individual epee, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Loyola won against France's Alexandre Bardenet, 15-9, while Cannone defeated Hungary's David Nagy, 15-12. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Nagy beat France's world champion Yannick Borel, 15-12. In the table of 16, Bardenet won against Venezuela's Olympic champion Ruben Limardo Gascon, 13-6, and in the table of 32, Estonia's Sten Priinits beat Hungary's world champion Gergely Siklosi, 15-9, before being eliminated in the round of 16 by Borel, 15-14.

France faced Czech Republic in the final match of men's team epee, winning with a 45-34 score. In the semifinal round, Czech Republic won against Kazakhstan, 45-36, while France defeated Italy, 45-43. The bronze medal went to Kazakhstan over Italy, 45-35.

Final rankings in men's individual epee included Romain Cannone (FRA, gold), Neisser Loyola (BEL, silver), Alexandre Bardenet (FRA, bronze), David Nagy (HUN, bronze), Ruslan Kurbanov (KAZ), Yannick Borel (FRA), Minghao Lan (CHN) and Martin Rubes (CZE).

Final rankings in men's team epee included France (gold), Czech Republic (silver), Kazakhstan (bronze), Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Hungary and Spain.





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■ FRANCE'S BALZER, TEAM FRANCE WIN

SINT-NIKLAAS WOMEN'S SABRE "SGK LADIES WORLD CUP"

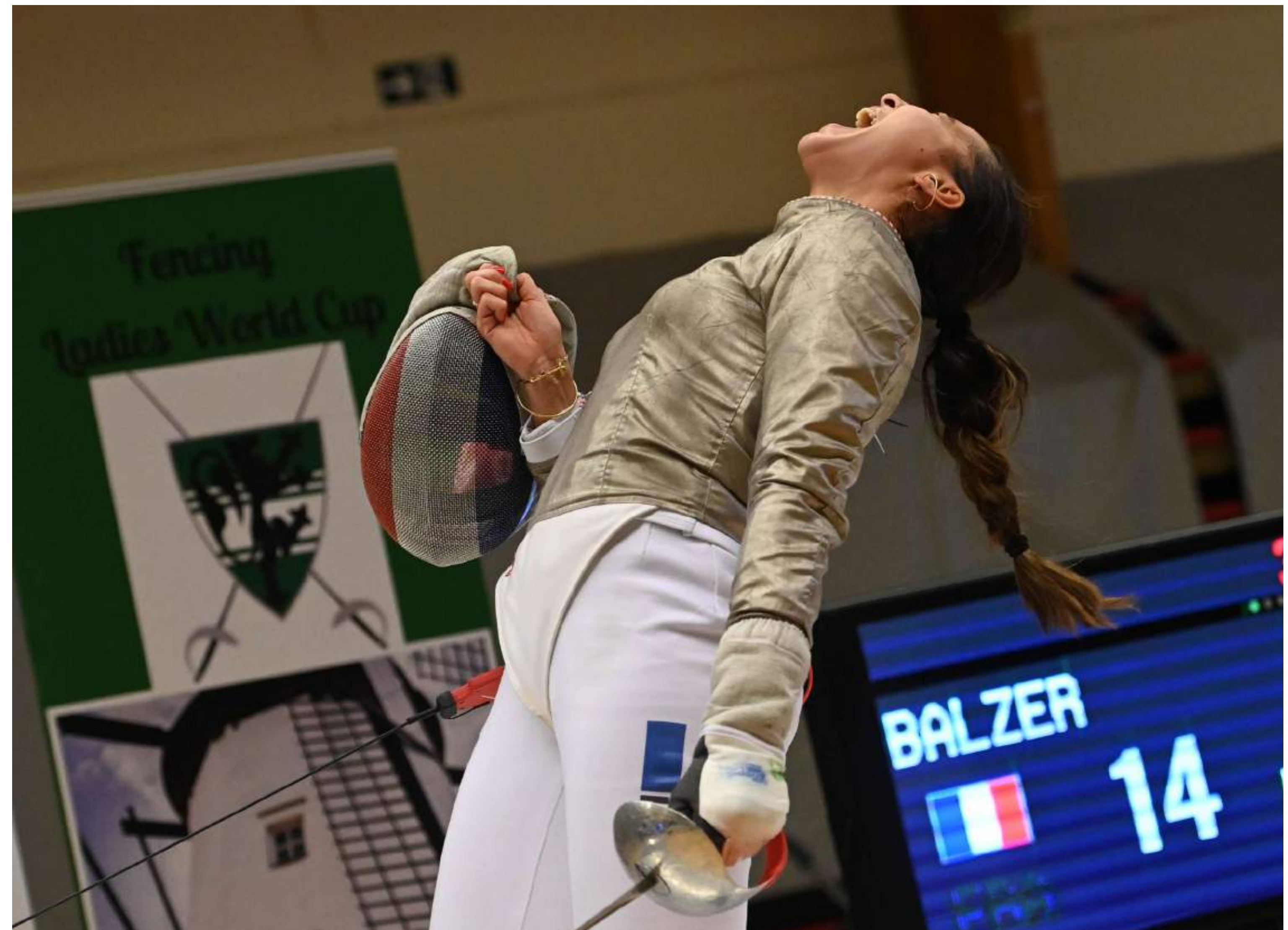
SINT-NIKLAAS, Belgium, March 15-17, 2024 – France's Sara Balzer won the individual gold medal at the Sint-Niklaas Women's Sabre "SGK Ladies World Cup" and France won the team gold. The event took place at the Sports Centre De Witte Molen with 183 women and 20 teams participating in the competition.

Balzer faced Japan's two-time world champion Misaki Emura in the final bout of women's individual sabre, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, Emura won against Greece's Theodora Gkountoura, 15-9, while Balzer defeated Italy's Martina Criscio, 15-12. Of note, in the round of 64 Bulgaria's Olga A. Hramova beat Ukraine's four-time world champion Olga Kharlan, 15-14.

France faced Hungary in the final match of women's team sabre, winning with a 45-32 score. In the semifinal round, Hungary won against Korea, 45-42, while France defeated Ukraine, 45-39. The bronze medal went to Ukraine over Korea, 45-38.

Final rankings in women's individual sabre included Sara Balzer (FRA, gold), Misaki Emura (JPN, silver), Martina Criscio (ITA, bronze), Theodora Gkountoura (GRE, bronze), Yaqi Shao (CHN), Yoana Ilieva (BUL), Hayoung Jeon (KOR) and Shihomi Fukushima (JPN).

Final rankings in women's team sabre included France (gold), Hungary (silver), Ukraine (bronze), Korea, Japan, USA Spain and Italy.



■ ITALY'S VOLPI, TEAM ITALY WIN

WOMEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP IN TBILISI

TBILISI, Georgia, April 19-21, 2024 – Italy's two-time World Champion Alice Volpi won the individual gold medal at the Tbilisi Women's Foil World Cup, and Italy won the team gold. The event took place at the Tbilisi Sport Palace with 141 women and 15 teams participating in the competition.

Volpi faced teammate and two-time world champion Arianna Errigo in the final bout, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Errigo won against teammate Martina Favaretto, 15-8, while Volpi defeated teammate Anna Cristino, 15-11.

Team Italy faced France in the final match of women's team foil, winning with a 45-36 score. In the semifinal round, France won against USA, 43-35, while Italy defeated Japan, 45-34. The bronze medal went to USA over Japan, 45-39.

Final rankings in women's individual foil included Alice Volpi (ITA, gold), Arianna Errigo (ITA, silver), Martina Favaretto (ITA, bronze), Anna Cristino (ITA, bronze), Qingyuan Chen (CHN), Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN), Francesca Palumbo (ITA) and Karin Miyawaki (JPN).

Final rankings in women's team foil included Italy (gold), France (silver), USA (bronze), Japan, Hungary, Poland, China and Hong Kong-China.



■ USA'S WEINTRAUB, ITALY'S BIANCHI AND TEAMS ITALY, HONG KONG-CHINA WIN HONG KONG WOMEN'S AND MEN'S FOIL WORLD CUP



HONG KONG, China, May 1-4, 2024 – USA's Maia Mei Weintraub and Italy's Guillaume Bianchi won the gold medals in women's and men's individual foil at the Hong Kong Foil World Cup, and Italy and Hong Kong, China won the team events. The competition took place at the AsiaWorld Expo (Hall 10), with 163 women and 197 men competing as well as 19 women's and 21 men's teams.

Weintraub faced Italy's Elena Tangherlini in the final bout of women's individual foil, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Tangherlini won against USA's Jacqueline Dubrovich, 15-7, while Weintraub

defeated Italy's two-time world champion Arianna Errigo, 15-13. Of note, Weintraub beat teammate and Olympic champion Lee Kiefer in the table of 16, 15-14, while Italy's Francesca Palumbo won against teammate and two-time world champion Alice Volpi, 15-11, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals by Dubrovich, 15-9.

Bianchi faced Japan's Takahiro Shikine in the final bout of men's individual foil, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Shikine won against Spain's Carlos Llavador, 15-14, while Bianchi defeated teammate and





world champion Tommaso Marini, 15-3. Of note, Italy's Davide Filippi beat Hong Kong, China's Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung in the table of 16, 15-14, and Bianchi won against France's two-time world champion Enzo Lefort, 15-1. In the round of 32, Japan's Kyosuke Matsuyama defeated USA's world champion Miles Chamley-Watson, 15-9, before being eliminated by USA's Bryce Louie in the round of 16, 15-11.

Italy faced France in the final match of women's team foil, winning with a 45-30 score. In the semifinal round, France won against Korea, 45-19, while Italy defeated Ukraine, 45-32. The bronze medal went to Ukraine over Korea, 34-31.

Hong Kong, China faced Italy in the final match of men's team foil, winning with a 45-41 score. In the semifinal round, Italy won against China, 45-37, while Hong Kong, China defeated Korea, 45-31. The bronze medal went to Korea over China, 45-37.

Final rankings in women's individual foil included Maia Mei Weintraub (USA, gold), Elena Tangherlini (ITA, silver), Jacqueline Dubrovich (USA, bronze), Arianna Errigo (ITA, bronze), Jessica Zi Jia Guo (CAN), Francesca Palumbo (ITA), Komaki Kikuchi (JPN) and Delphine Devore (USA).

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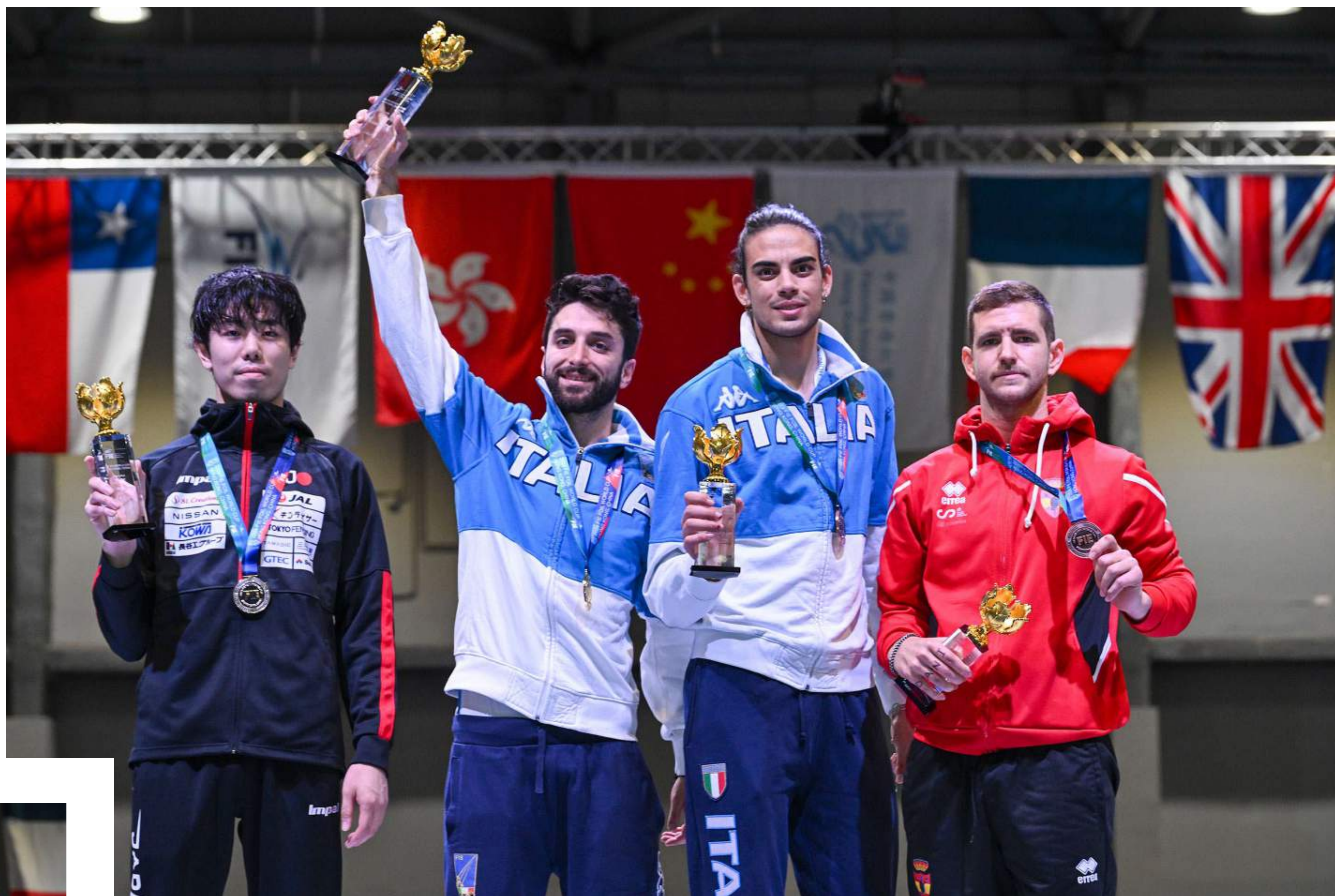
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Final rankings in men's individual foil included Guillaume Bianchi (ITA, gold), Takahiro Shikine (JPN, silver), Carlos Llavador (ESP, bronze), Tommaso Marini (ITA, bronze), Filippo Macchi (ITA), Davide Filippi (ITA), Kwanghyun Lee (KOR) and Bryce Louie (USA).

Final rankings in women's team foil included Italy (gold), France (silver), Ukraine (bronze), Korea, Poland, USA, China and Austria.

Final rankings in men's team foil included Hong Kong-China (gold), Italy (silver), Korea (bronze), China, USA, France, Egypt and Singapore.



■ FOUR FIE WORLD CUPS: FUJAIRAH, MADRID, PLOVDIV, SAINT-MAUR

LAUSANNE, Switz., May 17-19, 2024 – The International Fencing Federation has completed its 2023-2024 Senior World Cup competition season with four events in Fujairah, Madrid, Plovdiv and Saint-Maur, as athletes prepare for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

Here are the results from the four World Cups:

FUJAIRAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES WOMEN'S EPEE WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19

Hong Kong, China's Man Wai Vivian Kong won the individual gold medal at the Fujairah Women's Epee World Cup, and Korea won the team gold. The event took place at the Zayed Sports Complex, with 193 individual fencers and 21 teams participating in the competition.

Kong faced Switzerland's Pauline Brunner in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Brunner won against France's Auriane Mallo-Breton, 15-10, while Kong defeated Italy's Alberta Santuccio, 15-8. Of note, in the table of 16, Korea's Hyein Lee beat France's world champion Marie-Florence Candassamy, 13-12, and Ukraine's Vlada Kharkova won against Italy's two-time world champion Rossella Fiamingo, 15-9. In the table of 32, Brunner defeated China's Olympic champion Yiwen Sun, 15-9, Germany's Alexandra Ehler beat Brazil's world champion Nathalie Moellhausen, 11-9, and China's Chen Chen won against Estonia's world champion Julia Beljajeva, 15-10. In the table of 64, Kharkova defeated Korea's world champion Sera Song, 15-10, and Beljajeva beat Italy's world champion Mara Navarria, 14-13.



In the women's team epee event, Korea faced Italy in the final match, winning with a 34-33 score. In the semifinal round, Italy won against Canada, 36-29, while Korea defeated Switzerland, 45-31. The bronze medal went to Switzerland over Canada, 45-39.

Final rankings in women's individual epee included Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG, gold), Pauline Brunner (SUI, silver), Alberta Santuccio (ITA, bronze), Auriane Mallo-Breton (FRA, bronze), Alexandra Ndolo (KEN), Hyein Lee (KOR), Chen Chen (CHN) and Vlada Kharkova (UKR).

Final rankings in women's team epee included Korea (gold), Italy (silver), Switzerland (bronze), Canada, Estonia, Poland, France and China.



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**MADRID, SPAIN MEN'S SABRE "VILLA DE MADRID"
WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19**

France's Sebastien Patrice won the individual gold medal at the Madrid Men's Sabre "Villa de Madrid" World Cup, and USA won the team gold. The event took place at the Centro Deportivo Municipal La Fundi, with 207 individual fencers and 24 teams participating in the competition.

Patrice faced Korea's Hansol Ha in the final bout of men's individual sabre, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Ha won against Italy's Matteo Neri, 15-14, while Patrice defeated USA's William Morrill, 15-9. Of note, in the table of 16, Patrice beat Korea's world champion Sanguk Oh, 15-12, and Morrill won against Hungary's world and three-time Olympic champion Aron Szilagyi, 15-11. In the table of 32, Ha beat USA's world champion Eli Dershwitz, 15-12.

In the men's team sabre event, USA faced Egypt in the final match, winning with a 45-37 score. In the semifinal round, Egypt won against France, 45-40, while USA defeated Hungary, 45-42. The bronze medal went to Hungary over France, 45-38.

Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Sebastien Patrice (FRA, gold), Hansol Ha (KOR, silver), William Morrill (USA, bronze), Matteo Neri (ITA, bronze), Ziad Elsisy (EGY), Colin Heathcock (USA), Bongil Gu (KOR) and Lok Hei Royce Chan (HKG).

Final rankings in men's team sabre included USA (gold), Egypt (silver), Hungary (bronze), France, Romania, Germany, Japan and Korea.



PLOVDIV, BULGARIA WOMEN'S SABRE WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19

France's Sara Balzer won the individual gold medal at the Plovdiv Women's Sabre World Cup, and Ukraine won the team gold. The event took place at the Kolodrum Plovdiv, with 152 individual fencers and 16 teams participating in the competition.

Balzer faced Ukraine's four-time world champion Olga Kharlan in the final bout of women's individual sabre, winning with a 15-8 score. In the semifinal round, Kharlan won against Japan's two-time world champion Misaki Emura, 15-13, while Balzer defeated Greece's Despina Georgiadou, 15-9.

In the women's team sabre event, Ukraine faced Spain in the final match, winning with a 45-43 score. In the semifinal round, Spain won against Korea, 45-44, while Ukraine defeated France, 45-38. The bronze medal went to France over Korea, 45-30.

Final rankings in women's individual sabre included Sara Balzer (FRA, gold), Olga Kharlan (UKR, silver), Misaki Emura (JPN, bronze), Despina Georgiadou (GRE, bronze), Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP), Elizabeth Tartakovsky (USA), Luca Szucs (HUN) and Caroline Queroli (FRA).

Final rankings in women's team sabre included Ukraine (gold), Spain (silver), France (bronze), Korea, Japan, Italy, Hungary and USA.





SAINT-MAUR-DES-FOSSÉS, FRANCE MEN'S EPEE "CHALLENGE MONAL" WORLD CUP – MAY 17-19

Hungary's world champion Gergely Siklosi won the individual gold medal at the Saint-Maur "Challenge Monal" Men's Epee World Cup, and Japan won the team gold. The event took place at the Centre Sportif Pierre Brossolette, with 307 individual fencers and 29 teams participating in the competition.

Siklosi faced Japan's Masaru Yamada in the final bout, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Yamada won against Italy's Davide Di Veroli, 15-9, while Siklosi defeated China's Zijie Wang, 15-10. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Di Veroli beat France's world champion Yannick Borel, 15-8, and in the table of 16, Italy's Federico Vismara won against Venezuela's Olympic champion Ruben Limardo Gascon, 15-11, and Israel's Yuval Shalom Freilich defeated France's world and Olympic champion Romain Cannone, 15-8. In the table of 32, Yamada beat Hungary's world champion Mate Tamas Koch, 15-11.



In the men's team epee event, Japan faced France in the final match, winning with a 44-43 score. In the semifinal round, France won against Kazakhstan, 45-36, while Japan defeated Israel, 45-33. The bronze medal went to Kazakhstan over Israel, 45-29.

Final rankings in men's individual epee included Gergely Siklosi (HUN, gold), Masaru Yamada (JPN, silver), Davide Di Veroli (ITA, bronze), Zijie Wang (CHN, bronze), Federico Vismara (ITA), Yannick Borel (FRA), Yuval Shalom Freilich (ISR) and Ryu Matsumoto (JPN).

Final rankings in men's team epee included Japan (gold), France (silver), Kazakhstan (bronze), Israel, Venezuela, Ukraine, Chinese Taipei and Czechia.

Complete and official results for these events may be found here on the [FIE web site](#). For more exciting world fencing news and features, check out the [YouTube FIE Fencing Channel](#). Find official photos from this and other events on the [FIE Facebook page](#).



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ITA AND FIE PRESENT CLEAN SPORT EDUCATION WEBINAR

LAUSANNE, Switz., March 11, 2024 – The International Testing Agency (ITA), on behalf of the FIE, hosted a Clean Sport Education Webinar on March 19, 2024 at 1400 Central European Time (CET).



Open to members of the FIE world fencing community, this important programme is designed to empower participants to fulfill their roles and responsibilities in keeping sport clean. This was especially significant leading into the 2024 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships taking place in April in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

ITA staff lead the discussion, addressing topics including practical information on the Prohibited List, how to check medications, how to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption

(TUE), useful tips and details about supplement risks and support available for you to make informed decisions.

Dr. Jeremy Summers, FIE Medical Commission President, and Dr. Sabrina Halaimia, member of the FIE Medical Commission participated in the last segment of the Webinar to answer questions.

The Webinar was presented in English with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and French. All attendees received a PDF of the entire

presentation as well as links to the various resources covered in the programme.

The background of the bottom section is a composite image. It features two fencers in white gear and black masks, engaged in a foil bout. They are positioned in the foreground, with their blades crossed. Behind them is a large, traditional Chinese-style building with multiple tiers and a tiled roof, set against a warm, golden-brown sky. The OK Fencing logo and website address are overlaid on the upper right of this image.

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DEADLINE FOR DONATE YOUR FENCING GEAR APPLICATIONS

LAUSANNE, Switz., Jan. 22, 2024 – The deadline for federations that wanted to apply for support from the FIE Donate Your Fencing Gear! programme was on January 31, 2024.

Each year, national federations submit bids to be considered to receive good-quality, safe fencing gear donated to the FIE. The equipment has been donated at FIE World Championships by athletes, coaches and manufacturers, and is intended to help fencers in disadvantaged realities and/or challenging environments.

The equipment is rigorously tested and approved by the FIE SEMI Commission and distributed annually to selected recipients

The application process asks interested federations to present how the equipment would be used to benefit fencers and/or projects where access to fencing equipment is limited due to cost or other factors. Later in the year, they report on how the equipment was used with short case studies.

If your federation would like to apply to the Donate Your Fencing Gear! programme, please contact Elena Murdaca (Elena.Murdaca@fie.ch).

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, April 2024

– The Donate Your Fencing Gear! programme was on-site in Riyadh, receiving donations of fencing gear from fencers and coaches as well as a generous gift of equipment from the Saudi Fencing Federation. Approximately 250 pieces of gear were collected and distributed in Riyadh.

“We are proud to support countries from around the world with equipment received from donors”, said FIE Executive Committee member Novak Perovic. “This year, we have 11 countries receiving equipment and the Saudi Federation is our major donor.”

Countries receiving equipment will report their use of the donations later in the year. They complete a form to explain how the donations impacted their projects and how the equipment was put to use. That information is

then featured on the FIE website and in social media.

“Through these Championships we want to show the world how countries can come together as one nation”, said Abdullah Alsunaid, CEO of the Saudi Fencing Federation. “The Saudi Federation tries to use the opportunity we have with this event to support other countries.”

For countries that did not receive equipment in Riyadh – primarily because they left before it was distributed – they will be confirmed for the following year, receiving equipment in 2025.

The DYFG! programme receives good-quality fencing gear distributed to recipient countries with limited resources, which then gives athletes opportunities to train and build their careers.

TEN COUNTRIES APPLY FOR 2024 DONATE YOUR FENCING GEAR PROGRAMME

LAUSANNE, Switz., Feb. 29, 2024 –

Ten countries have applied to be 2024 recipients of the FIE’s Donate Your Fencing Gear! (DYFG) programme. DYFG takes good-quality equipment donations from world athletes, coaches and manufacturers and distributes them to disadvantaged and underprivileged athletes throughout the world.

Each year, countries send proposals describing why they should be deemed beneficiaries of the programme.

DYFG gives a fair and equal opportunity for all FIE member federations to seek donations. Donated equipment is scrutinized by members of the FIE SEMI Commission to ensure everything is safe and in proper working condition.

The countries who applied this year include Antigua and Barbuda, Benin, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Montenegro, Pakistan and Togo.

Beneficiary countries will be announced later this year.

FIE AND INTERNATIONAL TESTING AGENCY

HOST WEBINAR ON “OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING”

LAUSANNE, Switz., June 1, 2024 – The FIE and International Testing Agency (ITA) hosted a webinar titled “FIE-ITA Out-of-Competition Testing: A Practical Guide for Athletes and ASP”, which will take place on June 14, from 1400-1500 Central European Summer Time (CEST) on Zoom.

Panelists for this informative session included Armando Urban, MD from the ITA Education Team and Sabrina Imene Halaimia, MD from the FIE Medical Commission.

The webinar covered the following topics:

- Understanding the different types of testing pools
- Understanding the contents of the Letter of Inclusion
- Understanding the Whereabouts requirements
- Knowing how to use ADAMS and Athlete Central

- Being aware of the consequences of not complying with Whereabouts requirements
- Knowing where to go or whom to ask if athletes have any questions

The webinar was delivered in English, with simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish.

Registration for the webinar was open to all FIE member federations, confederations, RTP/TP, staff, athletes, coaches and other athlete support personnel (ASP).



OBITUARIES



Henri Sassine

LAUSANNE, Switz., Feb. 19, 2024 – The FIE is saddened to learn of the passing of fencing master Henri Sassine (CAN) on Feb. 11, 2024, in Laval, Quebec. A Canadian national team coach, his work included coaching at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles 1984, Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996 and Rio 2016. Remarkably, he trained Olympians in all three weapons.

Born on Oct. 8, 1940, in Egypt, Sassine emigrated to Canada in 1966, settling in Chibougamau, Northern Quebec, where he coached many fencers. From 1984, nine of his fencers became Olympians, including his daughter, Sandra, who coached Claude Marcil, Jacynthe Poirier, Daniel Perreault, Jean-Marie Banos, Jean-Paul Banos, Tony Plourde, Evens Gravel and Maximilien Van Haaster. The Banos brothers were renowned for being four-time Olympians.

The Canadian Fencing Federation stated, “Master Sassine was not only a Canadian fencing legend, but also a great friend of the Pan-American family, as evidenced by his many collaborations with the Cuban Fencing Federation, among others.”

The FIE extends its sincere condolences for their loss to Henri Sassine’s family and friends, the Canadian Fencing Federation and the Pan American Fencing Confederation, and expresses its deepest sympathy during this difficult time.



James Williams

Former Team GB fencer James Williams passed away aged 57 following a short-term illness on Sunday 12 May.

Williams represented his homeland at the Olympic Games in Barcelona, Atlanta, and Sydney.

He took up the sport during his time in the military, quickly becoming a well-respected member of the fencing community.

After his retirement from the sport, Williams turned his attention to public service, joining Medway Council in 2017 where he would serve as the Director of Public Health

“I will always remember him for his larger-than-life presence, his humour and, above all, his humanity and kindness,” said Dr Anjan Ghosh, director of public health for Kent County Council.

Further tributes have been paid by his colleagues, with councillor Teresa Murray describing Williams as ‘an Olympian in all sense of the word.’

“His passion for focusing on building resilience within communities and his focus on intervention at an early stage to prevent the development of poor health has meant that the people of Medway are leading better, healthier lives as a result of his hard work.”

British Fencing are collating messages of condolence from the community to pass on to James’ family, which people can contribute to [here](#).



Arthur Bar-Joseph

LAUSANNE, Switz., March 6, 2024 – The FIE is very saddened to learn of the passing on March 2 of Arthur Bar-Joseph (ISR), an FIE Member of Honour and of the Hall of Fame, FIE Olympic and world championships referee and Refereeing Commission member.

Born on June 15, 1936 in Romania, he emigrated to Israel in the 1960s, where he became involved with fencing at the Maccabi Ramat-Gan Fencing Club.

He went on to work in international fencing, and as an FIE referee from 1972 with an A rating in foil and epee and a B in sabre. He was appointed, as a referee or a refereeing delegate, to five consecutive Olympic Games: Los Angeles 1984, Seoul 1988, Barcelona 1992, Atlanta 1996 and Sydney 2000. He was the organiser of multiple international competitions and worked as an observer in numerous FIE Fencing World Championships.

Bar-Joseph was a member of the FIE Refereeing Commission from 1986 until 2004.

He was appointed Member of Honour at the 2013 Congress in Paris for spending his life promoting fencing and refereeing in Israel.

Bar-Joseph was the President of Honour of the Israeli Fencing Association, and also served as chairperson of the Referee Committee and promoted Fair Play.

Considered by many to be the founding father of epee in Israel, Bar-Joseph established the first epee club in the country, in the town of Ashkelon, where it grew to be the largest in the country. He was a fencing coach and one of the first Israeli epee coaches. In addition, he was renowned for promoting refereeing and initiating refereeing examinations for coaches and athletes in the country.

Bar-Joseph's two sons, Haim and Shay, who are former fencers and the latter an FIE referee with an A in epee and B in foil since 1993, said they "were and forever [will be] proud of him, his achievements, and his commitment to the sport he loved so much. Fencing was his whole life."

The FIE extends its sincere condolences for their loss to Arthur Bar-Joseph's family and friends, the Israel Fencing Federation and the European Fencing Confederation, and expresses its deepest sympathy during this difficult time.



OBITUARIES



Mourad Klioua

LAUSANNE, Switz., March 22, 2024 – The FIE is saddened to learn of the passing of Mourad Klioua (ALG) on March 1, 2024. A Category B FIE referee in three weapons, he officiated at numerous international competitions.

Klioua was a former member of the Executive Board of the Algerian Fencing Federation and for several years served as Chairman of the Algerian Federation Referees' Commission. Over the decades, he trained numerous referees to officiate nationally and internationally.

He was born in 1944 and was known affectionately to his friends and family as "Uncle Mourad". An excellent fencer as well as coach and trainer, he began his fencing career with

the Gendarmerie Nationale in 1967. He was Algerian fencing champion several times, and also was the Arab sabre champion and fenced on the Algerian national team. He later went on to coach sabre for his club and then for the Algerian national team.

An announcement from the Algerian Fencing Federation stated "Mr. Mourad Klioua will leave a great void in the Algerian fencing family".

The FIE extends its sincere condolences for their loss to Mourad Klioua's family and friends, the Algerian Fencing Federation and the African Fencing Confederation, and expresses its deepest sympathy during this difficult time.



Guram Kostava

LAUSANNE, Switz., June 21, 2024 – The FIE is saddened to learn of the passing of Guram Kostava (GEO) at the age of 87, a world champion and Olympic medallist.

Fencing on the Soviet team, Kostava earned two World Championships gold medals in men's team epee in 1961 and 1967. He also earned two Olympic bronze medals, one in team (Rome, 1960) and another in individual (Tokyo, 1964). Also in team epee he earned a World Championships silver medal in 1959, followed by bronze medals in 1963 and 1965.

Kostava was champion of the Soviet Union in men's individual epee (1961) and earned five silver medals (1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1968) and five bronze medals (1957, 1958, 1960, 1965, 1967). He was the Soviet Union Cup winner in 1960 and named a "knight of sports" in 2016.

"After leaving his active sports career with glory, Guram Kostava was always where Georgian fencing needed him", stated the Georgian Fencing Federation. "He was extremely fond of fencing and a fan of every fencer."

Kostava was born in Tbilisi, Georgia on June 18, 1937. He graduated from the Institute of Physical Culture of Georgia.

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