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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Following the grand success of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, we are now well into the next season of fencing activities and competitions around the world with vigor and enthusiasm.

We had strong participation and support for the 2024 World Fencing Day celebration, with social media buzzing with activities to build and support our support in communities worldwide. Following this, we began our World Cup competitions, leading to our first of nine Grand Prix events for the 2024-2025 season in early December, in Orléans, France. We are seeing many new faces among the familiar ones on the piste, a very eager and energetic group of fencers taking the world stage.

In Tashkent, we held our 2024 FIE Elective Congress, and we have a new Executive Committee as well as new members of FIE Commissions and Councils. In addition, we have named the following cities to host World Championships:

2026	Georgia	Veteran World Championships
2027	Estonia	Junior and Cadet World Championships
2027	Uzbekistan	Senior World Championships

We are enjoying growth as a sport, as never before. As we begin the four-year journey to the LA28 Olympic Games, I encourage you to join our world family in celebrating all that is fencing, and share it in every possible way. We want the world to know fencing!

I wish each of you a successful season and year.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis  
FIE Interim President



**Ikramov Adxam Ilxamovich**  
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# 2024 FIE CONGRESS

The International Fencing Federation (FIE) 2024 elective Congress was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, on 30 November 2024, with 150 national federations of which 133 were present and 17 represented.

Details of the election results, along with the decisions and announcements made during the Congress, can be found [here](#).

The newly elected FIE Executive Committee met on 1 December 2024 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Details of the decisions and nominations made by the Executive Committee are available [here](#).

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## 2024 FIE CONGRESS



More photos of the 2024 FIE Congress can be found [HERE](#)

## 2024 FIE AWARDS

**TASHKENT, Uzbekistan, Dec. 2, 2024** – The International Fencing Federation (FIE) has given several awards during the 2024 FIE Congress, held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan on November 30.

The FIE set up a Fair Play Council at its 2015 Congress in China and actively promotes the ideals of sportsmanship at all competitions. The annual FIE Fair Play award was awarded to one athlete by the FIE Executive Committee, based on proposals from the Fair Play Council:

- Ole Petersen (GER)\*

*\*In the winner's absence, a representative accepted the prize on his behalf.*



Ferial Nadira Salhi (right)  
Secretary-Treasurer

An annual award was given to the junior and senior top-ranked individuals and teams, including the following. Members of the Executive Committee presented the awards to the fencers and national federations.



## 2024 FIE AWARDS

### JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL

**Women's Epee:** Leehi Machulsky (USA)\*

**Men's Epee:** Samuel Imrek (USA)

**Women's Foil:** Vittoria Pinna (ITA)\*

**Men's Foil:** Chase Emmer (USA)\*

**Women's Sabre:** Luisa Fernanda Herrera Lara (UZB)

**Men's Sabre:** Vlad Covaliu (ROU)

*\*In the winner's absence, a representative accepted the prize on their behalf.*



### JUNIOR TEAMS

**Women's Epee:** USA

**Men's Epee:** Italy

**Women's Foil:** Italy

**Men's Foil:** USA

**Women's Sabre:** Uzbekistan

**Men's Sabre:** Uzbekistan

*\*A representative of each country accepted the prize on the team's behalf.*





## 2024 FIE AWARDS

### SENIOR INDIVIDUAL

**Women's Epee:** Man Wai Vivian Kong (HKG)

**Men's Epee:** Koki Kano (JPN)

**Women's Foil:** Lee Kiefer (USA)\*

**Men's Foil:** Ka Long Cheung (HKG)

**Women's Sabre:** Sara Balzer (FRA)\*

**Men's Sabre:** Sanguk Oh (KOR)\*

*\*In the winner's absence, a representative accepted the prize on their behalf.*



### SENIOR TEAMS

**Women's Epee:** Italy

**Men's Epee:** Japan

**Women's Foil:** Italy

**Men's Foil:** Italy

**Women's Sabre:** France

**Men's Sabre:** Korea

*\*A representative of each country accepted the prize on the team's behalf.*





## 2024 FIE AWARDS

### GRAND PRIX OF THE NATIONS

Cadet: USA | Junior: USA | Senior: Japan | Veteran: USA

*\*A representative of each country accepted the prize on the team's behalf.*





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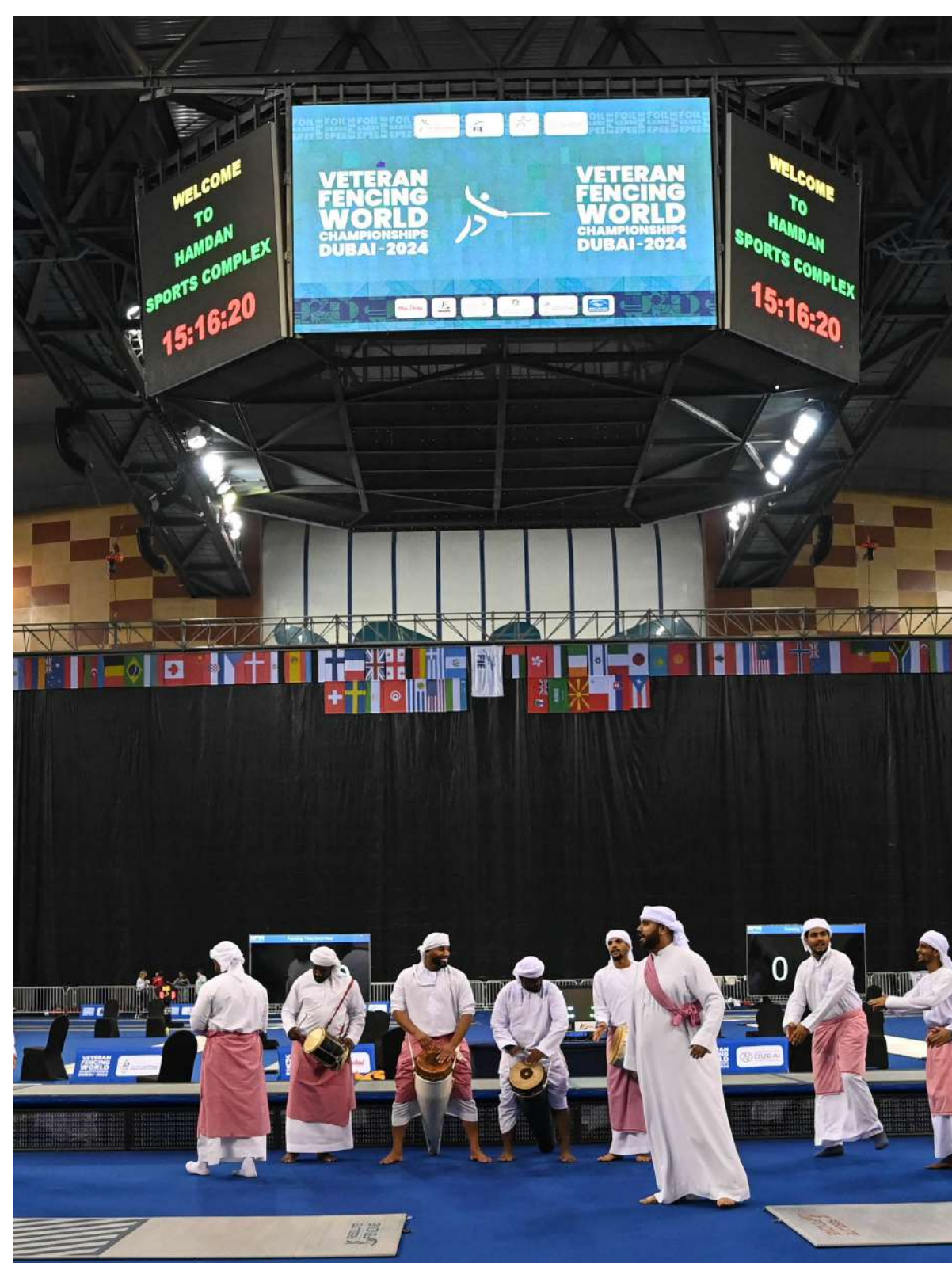
# THE 2024 VETERAN FENCING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINISHED IN DUBAI



**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates, October 18, 2024** – The 2024 Veteran Fencing World Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates have completed seven days of individual and team competition with 736 fencers in their 50s, 60s and 70s-plus from 58 countries. In all, events included 855 fencers participating, some in multiple weapons.

There was a 34.5% increase in individual fencers competing over the 2023 Daytona Veteran Fencing World Championships, with a 38.1% increase in participating countries.

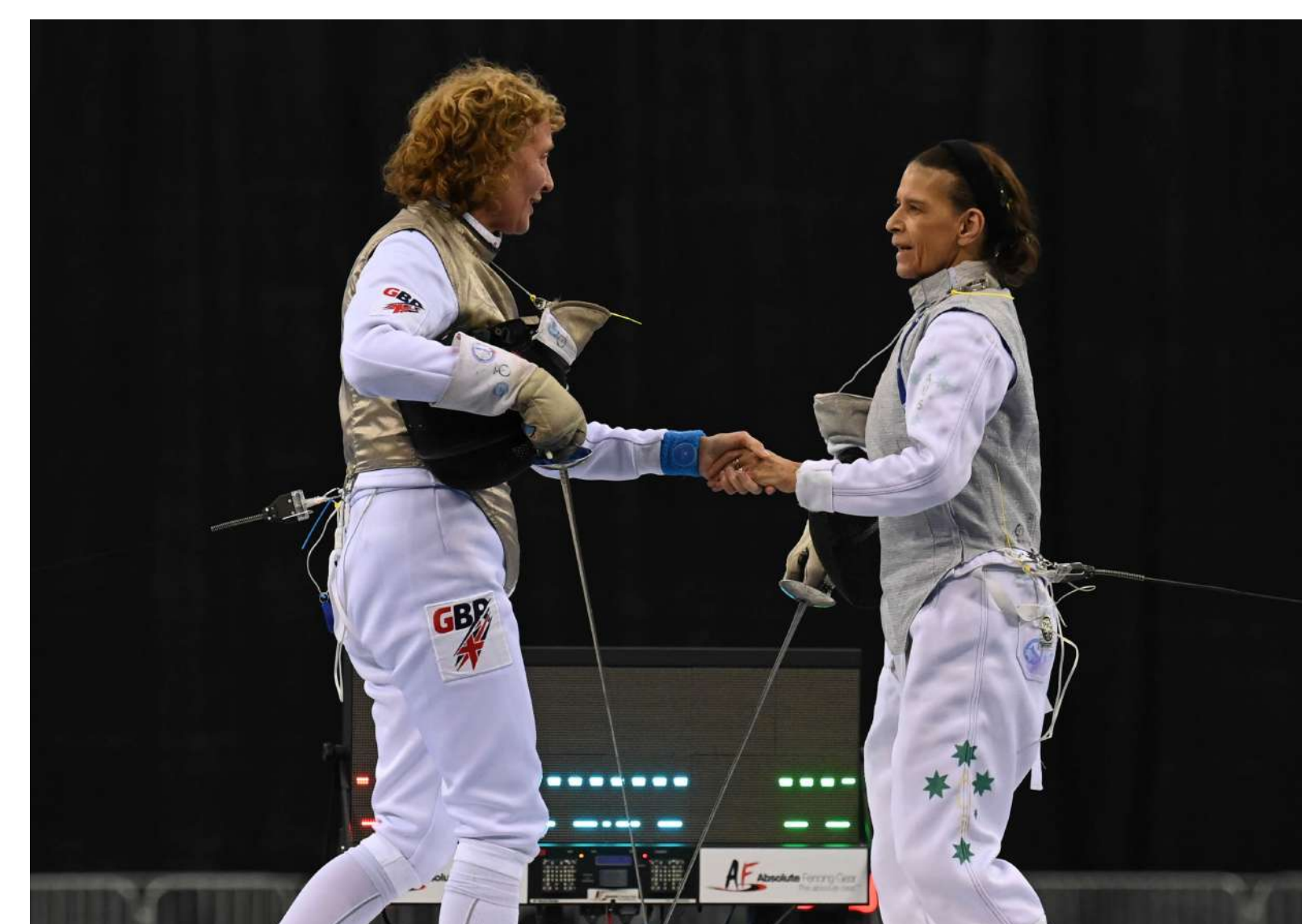
The Closing Ceremony took place before the finals of women's and men's team epee events, with FIE Vice President Abdelmoneim ElHusseiny (EGY) declaring the Championships officially closed and expressing thanks and appreciation to all the athletes, coaches, officials, referees and volunteers, as well as the UAE Fencing Federation, who all made the event possible.





## 2024 Veteran Fencing World Championships Finished in Dubai

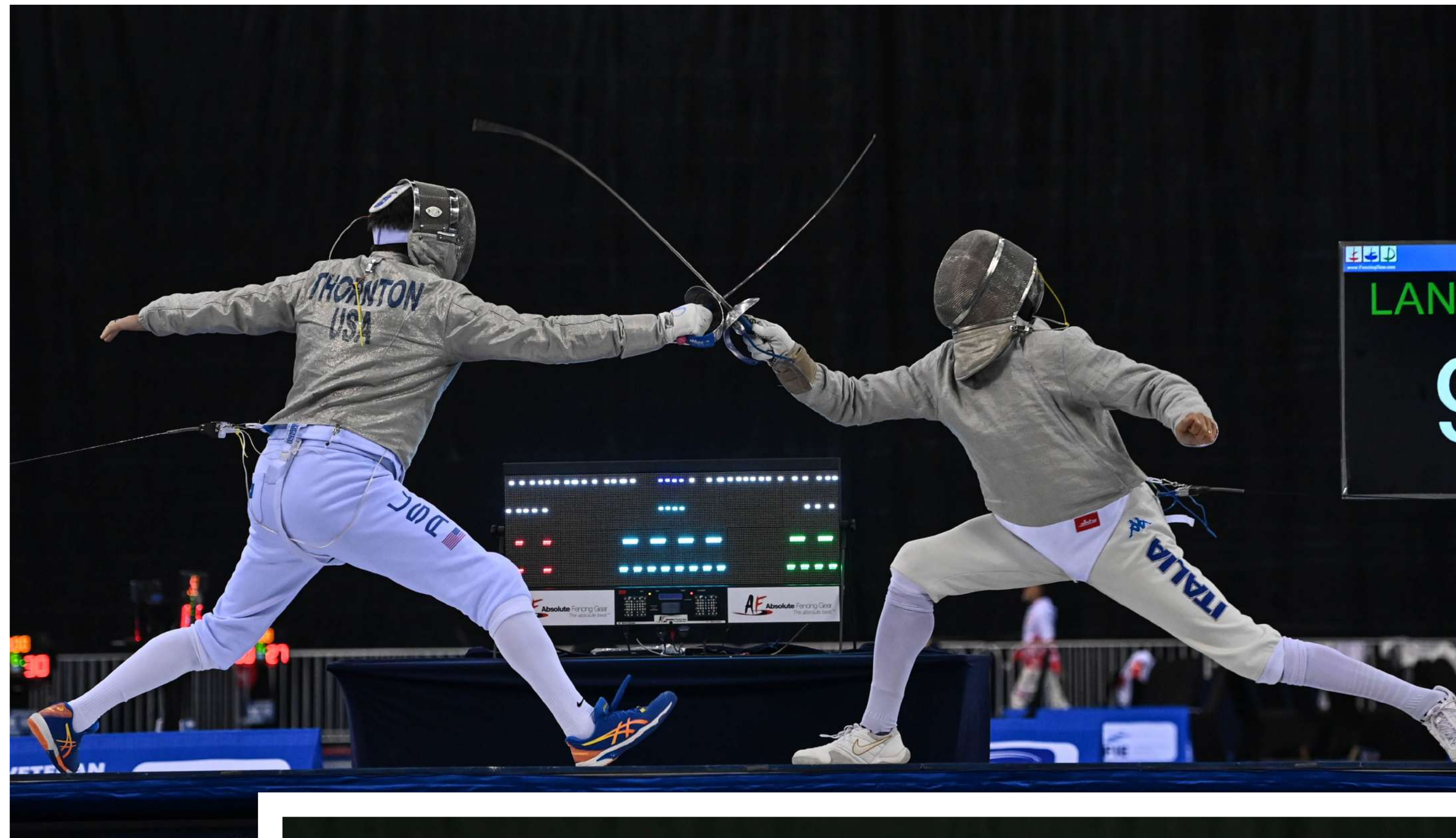
“The veteran fencers we have seen this week in Dubai have been an inspiration to the entire world of fencing”, said El Husseiny. “They represent passion, athleticism and a love for fencing as a lifelong sport. On behalf of the global fencing family, we applaud them all.”





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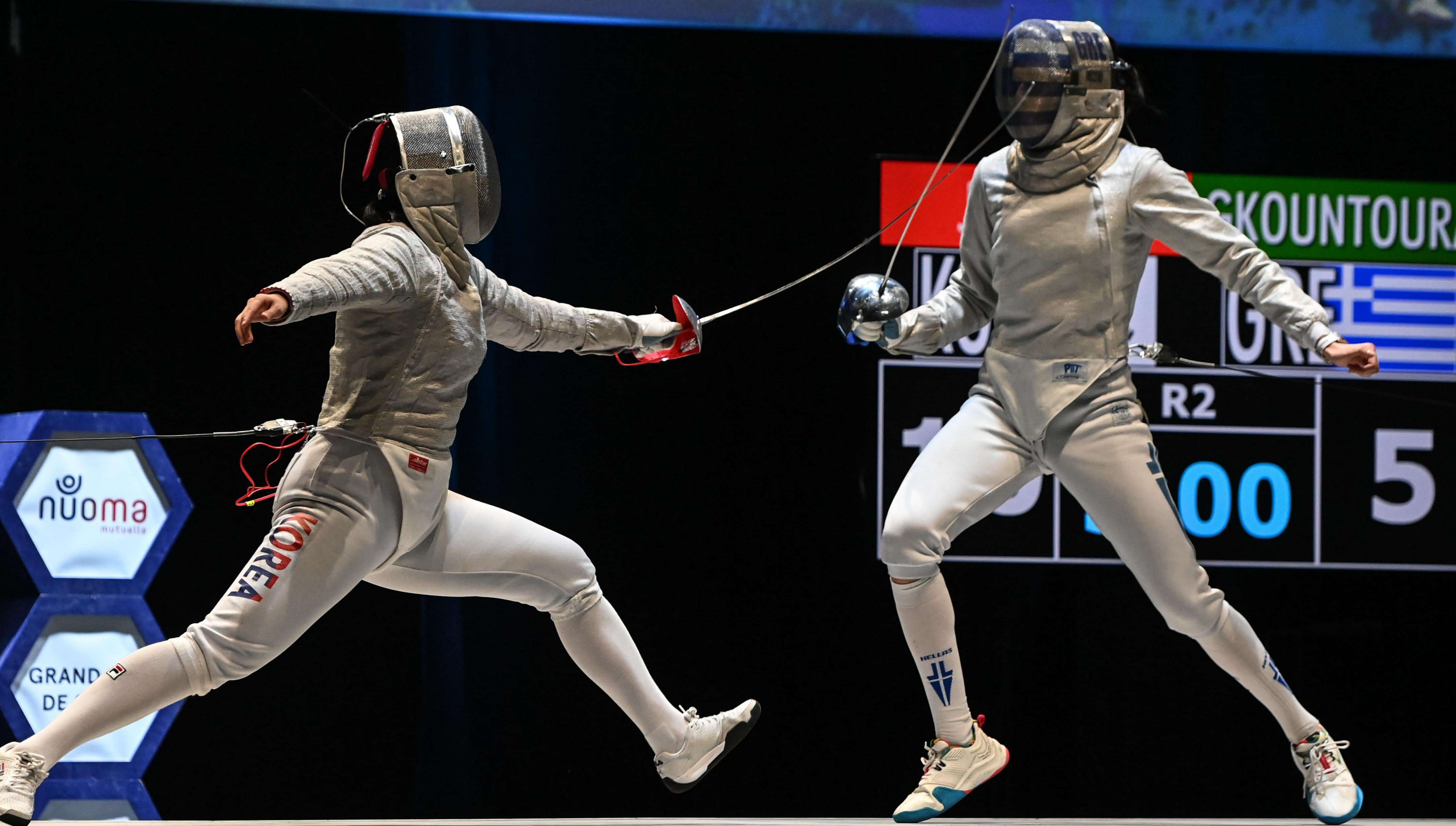
This year's Championships took place at Dubai's Hamdan Sports Complex, where the 2022 Junior and Cadet Fencing World Championships were also held. In all, 24 competitions took place from October 11 - 17 in epee, foil and sabre, including 18 individual and 6 team events. The USA led the medal count with a total of 26 (9 gold, 4 silver, 13 bronze), followed by Germany with 11 (4 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze) and France with 12 (3 gold, 4 silver, 5 bronze). Overall, 14 countries earned at least one medal.

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# ORLÉANS GRAND PRIX



## KOREA'S JEON, FRANCE'S PATRICE WON ORLÉANS WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SABRE GRAND PRIX

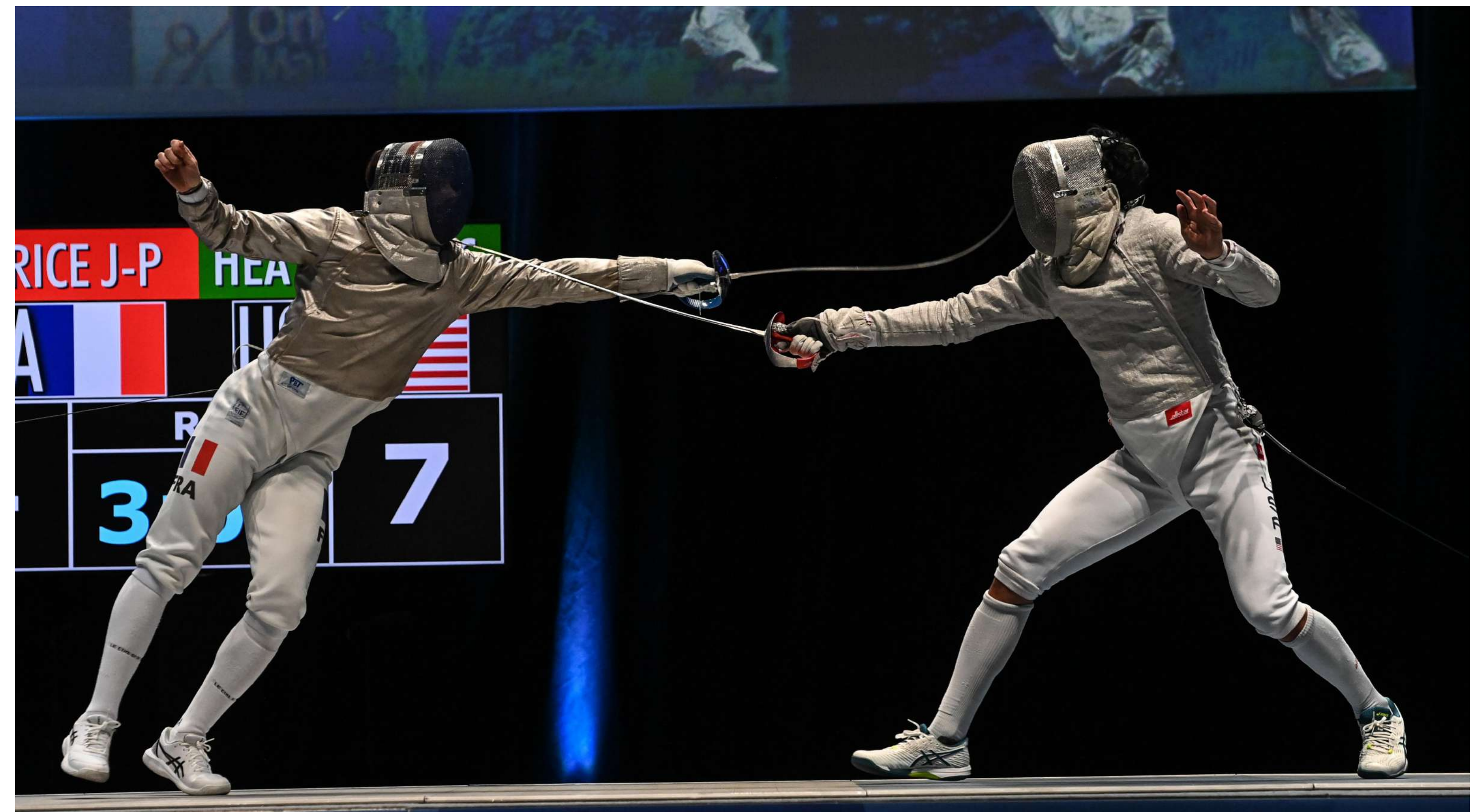
**ORLÉANS, France, Dec. 5-7, 2024** – Korea's Hayoung Jeon and France's Jean-Philippe Patrice won gold medals at the 2024 Orléans "Trophée Nuoma" Women's and Men's Sabre Grand Prix. The preliminary rounds took place at the Palais des Sports with 176 women and 225 men participating in the competition, and the semifinals and finals were held at the Orléans "Zénith" venue.

Jeon faced Greece's Theodora Gkountoura in the final bout of women's individual sabre, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Gkountoura won against teammate Despina Georgiadou, 15-13, while Jeon defeated Bulgaria's Yoana Ilieva, 15-13. Of note, in the quarterfinals Ilieva beat France's Olympic champion Manon Apithy, 15-14, and in the round of 32, Italy's Mariella Viale won against Japan's world champion Misaki Emura, 15-14, and Poland's Julia Cieslar defeated Ukraine's four-time world champion Olga Kharlan, 15-14.

Patrice faced USA's Colin Heathcock in the final bout of men's individual sabre, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Heathcock won against Tunisia's Fares Ferjani, 15-11, while Patrice defeated teammate Sebastien Patrice, 15-12.

Final rankings in women's individual sabre included Hayoung Jeon (KOR, gold), Theodora Gkountoura (GRE, silver), Yoana Ilieva (BUL, bronze), Despina Georgiadou (GRE, bronze), Manon Apithy (FRA), Nisanur Erbil (TÜR), Mariella Viale (ITA) and Andreea Lupu (ROU).

Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Jean-Philippe Patrice (FRA, gold), Colin Heathcock (USA, silver), Fares Ferjani (TUN, bronze), Sebastien Patrice (FRA, bronze), Luca Curatoli (ITA), Maxime Pianfetti (FRA), Kaito Streets (JPN) and Ahmed Hesham (EGY).



# WORLD CUP COVERAGE



## THREE FIE FENCING WORLD CUPS

### BERN, FUJAIRAH, ORAN

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Nov. 7-10, 2024** – Three International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Bern, Fujairah and Oran in the first weekend of Senior events for the 2024-2025 competition season.

#### Bern, Switzerland Men's Epee World Cup November 8-10

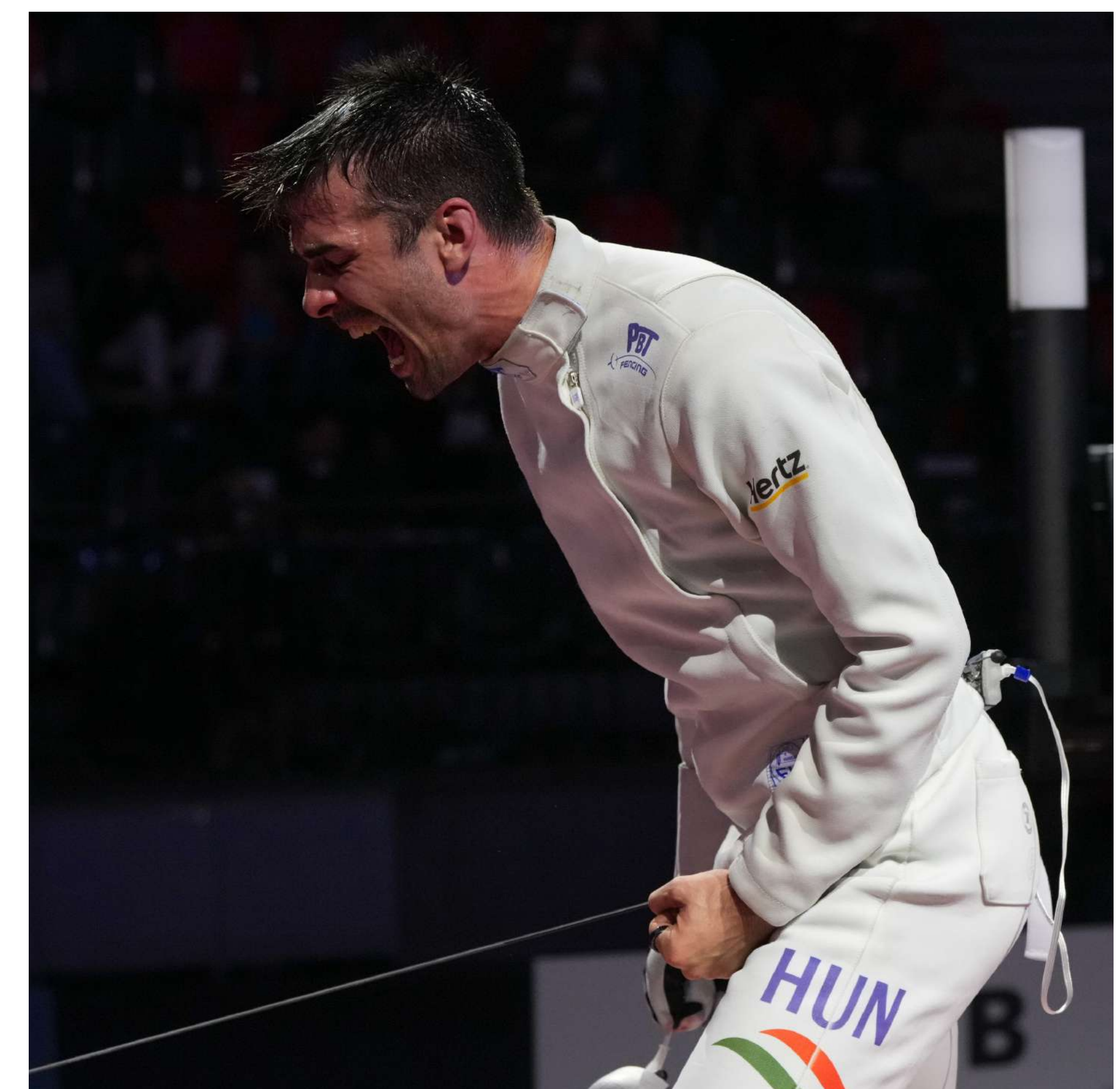
Hungary's world champion Mate Tamas Koch won the individual gold at the Bern Men's Epee World Cup and Hungary won the team gold medal. The event took place at the Bern Mobiliar Arena with 321 individual fencers and 35 teams participating in the competition.

Koch faced Italy's Giacomo Paolini in the final bout of men's individual epee, winning with a 15-9 score. In the semifinal round, Paolini won against teammate Matteo Galassi, 15-6, while Koch defeated China's Xinkun Zhang, 15-14. Of note, in the quarterfinals, Paolini beat Japan's Olympic champion Koki Kano, 15-8.

Hungary faced Japan in the final match of men's team epee, winning with a 34-27 score. In the semifinal round, Japan won against Italy, 45-30, while Hungary defeated France, 45-41. The bronze medal went to France over Italy, 39-29.

Final rankings in men's individual epee included Mate Tamas Koch (HUN, gold), Giacomo Paolini (ITA, silver), Matteo Galassi (ITA, bronze), Xinkun Zhang (CHN, bronze), Koki Kano (JPN), Mahmoud Elsayed (EGY), Ryu Matsumoto (JPN) and Giulio Gaetani (ITA).

Final rankings in men's team epee included Hungary (gold), Japan (silver), France (bronze), Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Kazakhstan and the Netherlands.



### Fujairah, United Arab Emirates Women's Epee World Cup – November 8-10

Italy's Sara Maria Kowalczyk won the individual gold at the Fujairah Women's Epee World Cup and Estonia won the team gold medal. The event took place at the Zayed Sports Complex with 194 individual fencers and 24 teams participating in the competition.

Kowalczyk faced teammate Giulia Rizzi in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Rizzi won against France's Lauren Rembi, 13-7, while Kowalczyk defeated Estonia's Irina Embrich, 15-12. Of note, in the round of 16 Estonia's Irina Embrich beat teammate and world champion Julia Beljajeva, 15-8.

Estonia faced Italy in the final match of women's team epee, winning with a 45-34 score. In the semifinal round, Italy won against USA, 45-34, while Estonia defeated China, 40-29. The bronze medal went to USA over China, 45-38.





Final rankings in women's individual epee included Sara Maria Kowalczyk (ITA, gold), Giulia Rizzi (ITA, silver), Irina Embrich (EST, bronze), Lauren Rembi (FRA, bronze), Eszter Muhari (HUN), Katrina Lehis (EST), Jade Sersot (FRA) and Taehee Lim (KOR).

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

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### Oran, Algeria Women's and Men's Sabre World Cup – November 7-10

Korea's Hayoung Jeon and France's Sebastien Patrice won the individual gold medals at the Oran Women's and Men's Sabre World Cup and Hungary and Korea won the team gold medals. The event took place at the Miloud Hadefti Complex Omnisport Arena with 138 and 159 women's and men's individual fencers and 20 women's and 21 men's teams participating in the competition.

Jeon faced Spain's Lucia Martin-Portugues in the final bout of women's individual sabre, winning with a 15-7 score. In the semifinal round, Martin-Portugues won against teammate Celia

Perez Cuenca, 15-5, while Jeon defeated Hungary's Sugar Katinka Battai, 15-14.

Patrice faced Romania's Radu Nitu in the final bout of men's individual sabre, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Nitu won against Korea's Sangwon Park, 15-14, while Patrice defeated Spain's Santiago Madrigal, 15-10. Of note, Korea's Olympic champion Sanguk Oh had a medical withdrawal in the round of 64.

Hungary faced Poland in the final match of women's team sabre, winning with a 45-36 score. In the semifinal round, Poland won against Korea, 45-41, while Hungary defeated China, 45-43. The bronze medal went to Korea over China, 45-38.



Korea faced Iran in the final match of men's team sabre, winning with a 45-35 score. In the semifinal round, Iran won against USA, 45-35, while Korea defeated Italy, 45-34. The bronze medal went to Italy over USA, 45-32.

Final rankings in women's individual sabre included Hayoung Jeon (KOR, gold), Lucia Martin-Portugues (ESP, silver), Sugar Katinka Battai (HUN, bronze), Celia Perez Cuenca (ESP, bronze), Yoana Ilieva (BUL), Luca Szucs (HUN), Jumi Wakita (JPN) and Enlan Tang (CHN).

Final rankings in men's individual sabre included Sebastien Patrice (FRA, gold), Radu Nitu (ROU, silver), Santiago Madrigal (ESP, bronze), Sangwon Park (KOR, bronze), Pietro Torre (ITA), Enver Yildirim (TUR), Evann Jean Abba Girault (NIG) and Dario Cavaliere (ITA).

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

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



## TWO FIE FENCING WORLD CUPS

### TUNIS, VANCOUVER

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Nov. 21-24, 2024** – Two International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Tunis and Vancouver, each including women's and men's individual and team events.

#### Tunis, Tunisia Women's and Men's Foil World Cup Nov. 21-24

Italy's Martina Favaretto and USA's Alexander Massialas won the individual gold medals at the Tunis Women's and Men's Foil World Cup and Japan and Italy won the team gold medals. The

event took place at the Sports Hall of Radès with 178 women's and 236 men's individual fencers and 19 women's and 26 men's teams participating in the competition.

Favaretto faced teammate and two-time world champion Arianna Errigo in the final bout of women's individual foil, winning with a 15-5 score. In the semifinal round, Errigo won against Poland's Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk, 15-10, while Favaretto defeated Canada's Eleanor Harvey, 15-8.

Massialas faced teammate Bryce Louie in the final bout of men's individual foil, winning with a 15-11 score. In the semifinal round, Louie won against Egypt's Mohamed Hamza, 15-13, while Massialas defeated Czechia's Alexander Choupenitch, 15-12. Of note, in the round of 16, Choupenitch beat Italy's world champion Alessio Foconi, 15-12, and in the round of 32, Italy's Giulio Lombardi won against Hong Kong, China's two-time Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung, 15-7.





Japan faced Ukraine in the final match of women's team foil, winning with a 24-22 score. In the semifinal round, Ukraine won against France, 41-39, while Japan defeated Korea, 45-27. The bronze medal went to Korea over France, 37-36.

Italy faced USA in the final match of men's team foil, winning with a 45-43 score. In the semifinal round, USA won against Japan, 45-26, while Italy defeated France, 45-27. The bronze medal went to France over Japan, 45-39.

Final rankings in women's individual foil included Martina Favaretto (ITA, gold), Arianna Errigo (ITA, silver), Eleanor Harvey (CAN, bronze), Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL, bronze), Yuka Ueno (JPN), Anita Blaze (FRA), Maria Marino (ESP) and Kata Kondricz (HUN).



Final rankings in men's individual foil included Alexander Massialas (USA, gold), Bryce Louie (USA, silver), Alexander Choupenitch (CZE, bronze), Mohamed Hamza (EGY, bronze), Carlos Llavador (ESP), Kirill Borodachev (AIN), Tommaso Martini (ITA) and Jaimie Cook (GBR).

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

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

### Vancouver, Canada Women's and Men's Epee World Cup – Nov. 21-24

Korea's world champion Sera Song and Israel's Yuval Shalom Freilich won the individual gold medals at the Vancouver Women's and Men's Epee World Cup and Korea and Hungary won the team gold medals. The event took place at the Richmond Olympic Oval with 169 women's and 216 men's individual fencers and 16 women's and 24 men's teams participating in the competition.

Song faced Estonia's Katrina Lehis in the final bout of women's individual epee, winning with a 15-13 score. In the semifinal round, Lehis won against teammate Nelli Differt, 15-6, while Song defeated Hong Kong, China's Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh, 15-8. Of note, in the round of 32, Differt beat teammate and world champion Julia Beljajeva, 15-12.

Freilich faced Spain's Eugeni Gavalda in the final bout of men's individual epee, winning with a 15-10 score. In the semifinal round, Gavalda won against Hong Kong, China's Wai Hang Ho, 15-13, while Freilich defeated Canada's Dylan French, 15-8. Of note, in the round of 32, Italy's Valerio Cuomo beat Japan's Olympic Champion, Koki Kano, 15-14; Japan's Seiya Asami won against Venezuela's Olympic champion Ruben Limardo Gascon, 15-3; and USA's Justin Yoo defeated Hungary's world champion Mate Tamas Koch, 15-13.



Korea faced Ukraine in the final match of women's team epee, winning with a 45-34 score. In the semifinal round, Ukraine won against France, 38-30, while Korea defeated Poland, 44-38. The bronze medal went to France over Poland, 45-24.

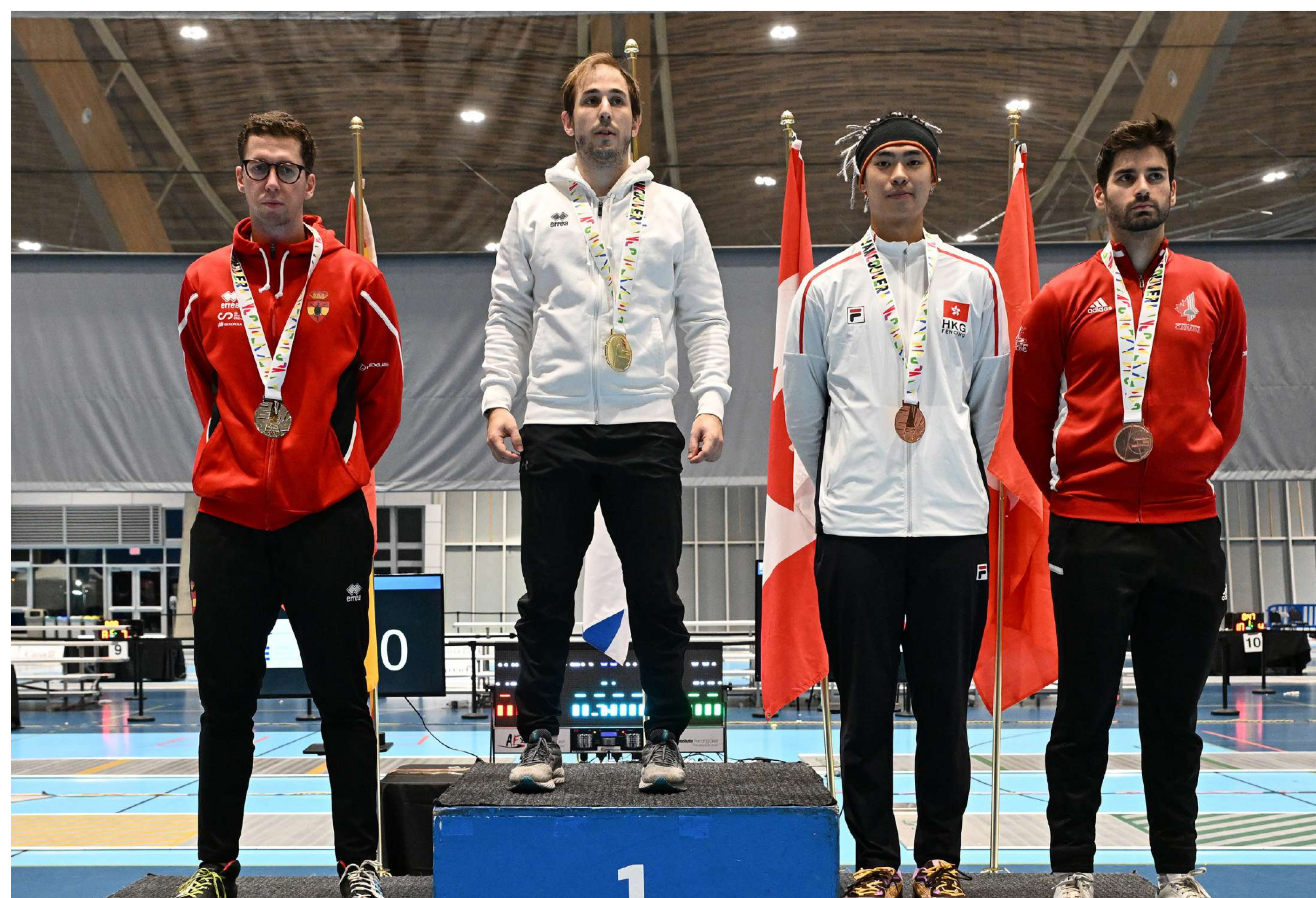
Hungary faced Japan in the final match of men's team epee, winning with a 45-31 score. In the semifinal round, Japan won against Kazakhstan, 45-28, while Hungary defeated France, 39-35. The bronze medal went to Kazakhstan over France, 36-35.

Final rankings in women's individual epee included Sera Song (KOR, gold), Katrina Lehis (EST, silver), Kaylin Sin Yan Hsieh (HKG, bronze), Nelli Differt (EST, bronze), Giulia Rizzi (ITA), Jade Sersot (FRA), Emily Conrad (UKR) and Lauren Rembi (FRA).

Final rankings in men's individual epee included Yuval Shalom Freilich (ISR, gold), Eugeni Gavalda (ESP, silver), Dylan French (CAN, bronze), Wai Hang Ho (HKG, bronze), Seiya Asami (JPN), Justin Yoo (USA), Valerio Cuomo (ITA) and Lukas Bellmann (GER).

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

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





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## TWO FIE FENCING WORLD CUPS

BUSAN, TAKASAKI



**LAUSANNE, Switz., Dec. 5-8, 2024** – Two International Fencing Federation World Cups took place in Busan and Takasaki, each including women's and men's individual and team events.

### Busan, Korea Women's Foil World Cup – Dec. 5-7

Italy's Elena Tangherlini won the individual gold medal at the Busan Women's Foil World Cup and Italy won the team gold medal. The event took place at

the Indoor Gymnasium in Busan Spo1 Park with 177 women's individual fencers and 17 women's teams participating in the competition.

Tangherlini faced Canada's Eleanor Harvey in the final bout of women's individual foil, winning with a 12-11 score. In the semifinal round, Harvey won against Japan's Yuka Ueno, 14-3, while Tangherlini defeated teammate Anna Cristino, 15-8. Of note, in the round of 16, Italy's Martina Sinigalia beat USA's





two-time Olympic champion Lee Kiefer, 15-10, and in the round of 32, France's Constance Catarzi won against Italy's two-time world champion Arianna Errigo, 15-13.

Italy faced USA in the final match of women's team foil, winning with a 45-35 score. In the semifinal round, USA won against Japan, 45-34, while Italy defeated France, 45-19. The bronze medal went to France over Japan, 39-34.

Final rankings for women's individual foil included Elena Tangherlini (ITA, gold), Eleanor Harvey (CAN, silver), Anna Cristino (ITA, bronze), Yuka Ueno (JPN, bronze), Lee Kiefer (USA), Julia Walczyk-Klimaszyk (POL), Pauline Ranvier (FRA) and Svetlana Tripapina (AIN).

Final rankings for women's team foil included Italy (gold), USA (silver), France (bronze), Japan, Korea, China, Canada and Spain.



**Takasaki, Japan Nexus Men's Foil  
Prince Takamado Trophy  
World Cup – Dec. 6-8**

Italy's world champion Alessio Foconi won the individual gold medal at the Nexus Men's Foil Prince Takamado Trophy World Cup and Italy won the team gold medal. The event took place at the Takasaki Arena with 216 men's individual fencers and 21 men's teams participating in the competition.

Foconi faced teammate Filippo Macchi in the final bout of men's individual foil, winning with a 15-14 score. In the semifinal round, Macchi won against Hong Kong, China's two-time Olympic champion Ka Long Cheung, 15-9, while Foconi defeated USA's Alexander Massialas, 15-12.

Italy faced USA in the final match of men's team foil, winning with a 45-36 score. In the semifinal round, USA won against Japan, 45-41, while Italy defeated France, 45-27. The bronze medal went to France over Japan, 45-33.





Final rankings for men's individual foil included Alessio Foconi (ITA, gold), Filippo Macchi (ITA, silver), Alexander Massialas (USA, bronze), Ka Long Cheung (HKG, bronze), Nick Itkin (USA), Mohamed Hamza (EGY), Kirill Borodachev (AIN) and Jaimie Cook (GBR).

Final rankings for men's team foil included Italy (gold), USA (silver), France (bronze), Japan, China, Canada, Korea and Germany.



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# THE ITA WEBINAR SERIES IN 2024

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Sept. 12, 2024** – The third edition of the IF's Anti-Doping Webinar Series, jointly organised by the ITA and FIE took place in September and October 2024.

The following webinars were available:



## 1. INTRODUCTION TO ANTI-DOPING

Overview of the system, rights and responsibilities, ADRVs  
Date and CEST Time: Thursday 26 September 14:00-15:00



## 2. THE DOPING CONTROL PROCESS

Includes testing procedures (urine and blood) and ABP  
Date and CEST Time: Thursday 3 October 14:00-15:00



## 3. MEDICATIONS, SUPPLEMENTS, PROHIBITED LIST AND TUES

Includes the Principle of Strict Liability  
Date and CEST Time: Thursday 10 October 14:00-15:00



## 4. VALUES, CONSEQUENCES, AND REPORTING

Includes decision-making and athlete testimonials  
Date and CEST Time: Thursday 17 October 14:00-15:00



## 5. OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING

Includes requirements of RTP/TP, whereabouts, use of ADAMS  
Date and CEST Time: Thursday 24 October 14:00-15:00

WEBINAR SERIES




26 Sep	INTRODUCTION TO ANTI-DOPING
3 Oct	THE DOPING CONTROL PROCESS
10 Oct	MEDICATIONS, SUPPLEMENTS, PROHIBITED LIST AND TUES
17 Oct	VALUES, CONSEQUENCES, AND REPORTING
24 Oct	OUT-OF-COMPETITION TESTING

All webinars from 14:00 to 15:00 CEST  
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The webinars was available in multiple languages, with English as the primary language and simultaneoustranslationinArabic,French,Mandarin Chinese, Russian, and Spanish. Participants who attend all five sessions received a certificate of completion.

# FIE & GLOBAL FENCING FAMILY CELEBRATED WORLD FENCING DAY 2024 TOGETHER

**LAUSANNE, Switz, Sept. 1, 2024** – 2024 has been a spectacular year for world fencing, especially with the spectacular Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The FIE wanted to help the global fencing family build on the success of fencing with the 2024 World Fencing Day, which took place this year on Saturday, September 14. This annual event gave member federations the opportunity to reach and share fencing with people and communities in their regions and share our amazing sport with the world!

The FIE 2024 World Fencing Day theme was “We Welcome the World to Fencing”, and we provided you this resource kit to help you celebrate and engage with people to get them interested in, participate and get excited about fencing. Contained in this World Fencing Day Resource Kit were the following:

- Posters that could be printed and/or used on social media, which could include customised local information (such as information about fencing

demonstrations, celebrations, or “try fencing” events)

- Banners and graphics to use on all marketing platforms
- Selfie frames used to create cardboard cutouts for social media

We also encouraged everyone to actively engage with the FIE on social media and tag FIE social media accounts and use the hashtag **#WorldFencingDay2024**.



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# CELEBRATING WORLD FENCING DAY 2024

## WE WELCOME THE WORLD TO FENCING!



**LAUSANNE, Switz., Sept. 24, 2024** – World Fencing Day 2024 was celebrated globally on September 14 with the theme of “We Welcome the World to Fencing”. Following the spectacular fencing events at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, there was a very enthusiastic response to and participation in this year’s event, with athletes sending video greetings, federations and clubs posting videos and creative artistic renderings being shared, among other activities.

Original and festive submissions and posts came from all over the world.

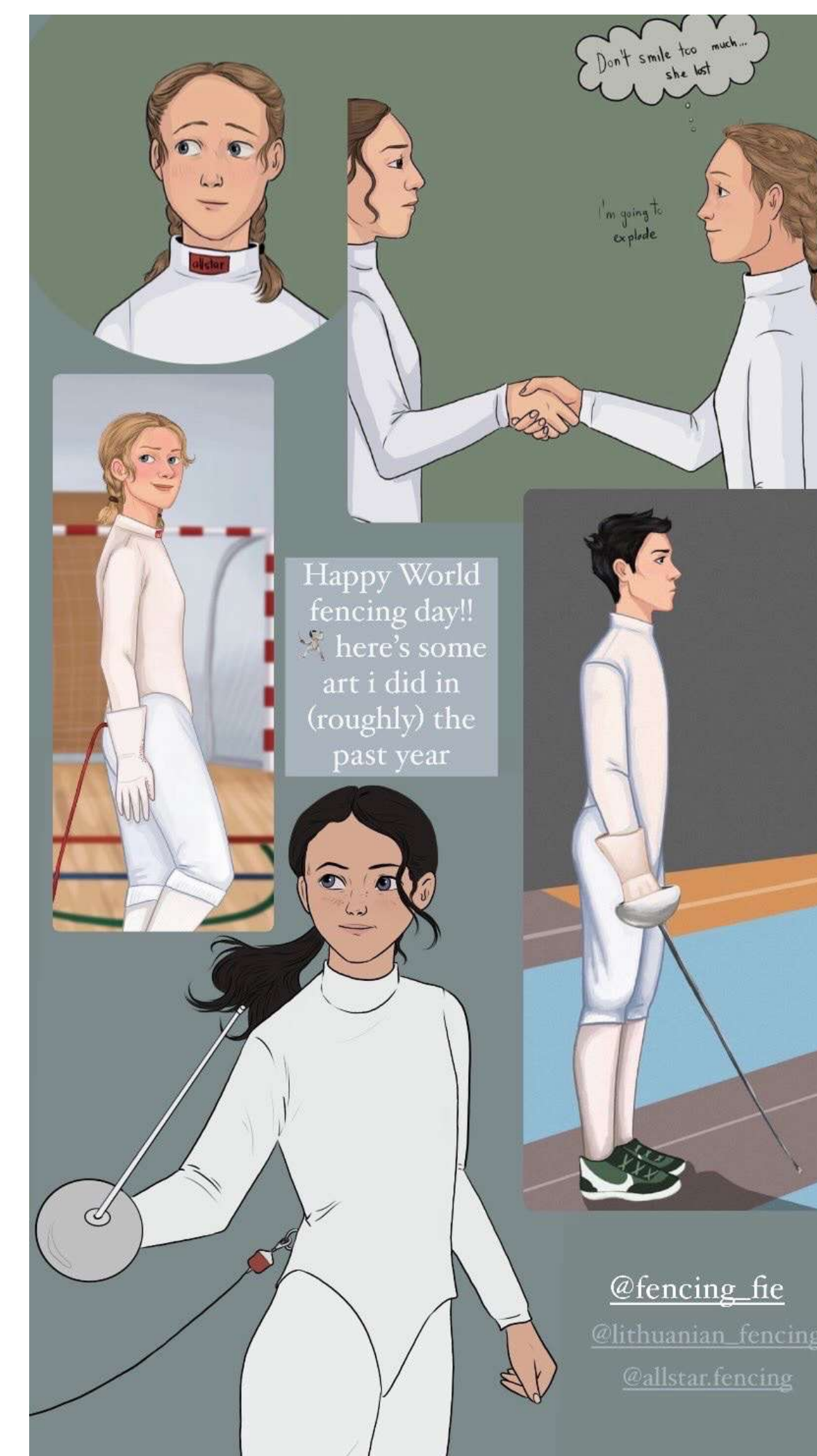




To support this year's celebration, several weeks prior to Sept. 14 the FIE provided a media package to federations and confederations with a wide array of digital content, resources and support to help and encourage engagements with audiences in person and on social media. The package included design concepts, printable posters and other tools such as several shareable videos and banners to aid in reaching as many fencers and non-fencers as possible in every region of the world.

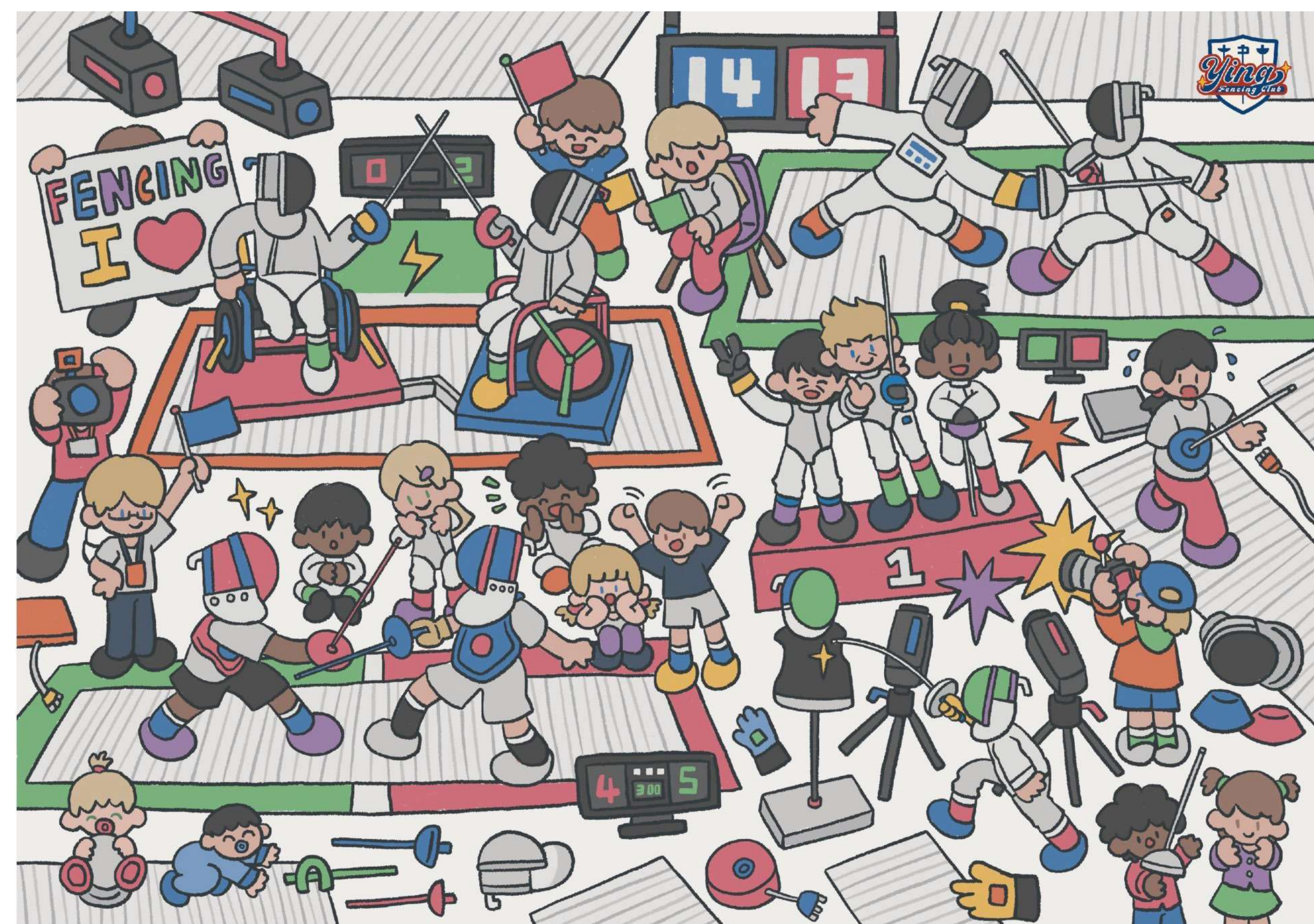
The FIE received a wide array of content from the global fencing family, with more than 31,000 social media engagements taking place on Instagram (1.04 million impressions), Facebook (200K impressions) and Twitter/X (26K impressions) – an increase of 147% from 2023. This included 255 posts, 1,264K impressions and 31K engagements across all channels by the FIE.

World Fencing Day is an annual event providing the 156 FIE member federations the opportunity to reach and share fencing with individuals and communities, building awareness and involvement worldwide.



Below are links to several notable examples of creative contributions:

- [Video](#) from Hungarian Fencing
- [Video](#) from Swiss Fencing
- [Creative work](#) from the fencing family @tsomulai
- A [post of activity](#) from Rwanda Fencing
- [Photo](#) by Mexican fencer & 2022 FIE Fair Play award winner, Lilianna Tejeda, @liliana\_tejedamx
- [Illustration](#) by the fencing family from China, Nuoyin Wang
- [Drawing](#) by the fencing family from Lithuania, Radvilė Skrinskaite, @radvelii



WORLD FENCING DAY 2024 WE WELCOME THE WORLD TO FENCING

## EQUIPMENT REPAIR COURSE IN THE FIE COACHES ACADEMY IN JOHANNESBURG (RSA)

**From Gilles Martinage** – An equipment repair course in Johannesburg, South Africa took place from September 23 – 27. The group comprised eight students: 2 each from Kenya, Angola, Togo, and one each from Mauritius and South Africa.

The group was particularly attentive and eager to learn. They were very active in the many practical exercises and provided very satisfactory and promising results.

After explanations about how weapons work and particularities of their electrical circuitry, we discussed different possible failures, how to locate problems and how to fix them.

Each trainee was able to completely dismantle a foil and an epee, and carry out the reassembly including gluing and installing new wires.

The last course was devoted to raising awareness of competition weapons control organisation and piste installation verification. In particular, the students were shown how to carry out this verification using a basic tester and DIY tools. This part of the training was particularly appreciated by the two Angolan students in view of the organisation of the next African Junior and Cadet Championships.

The working environment of the Academy fencing school made it possible to carry out this internship in the best conditions.



# PANAMERICAN CONFEDERATION HOSTED FIRST ONLINE REFEREE COURSE FOR THE 2024-2025 SEASON TO PREPARE FOR THE FIE EXAM

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Sept. 9, 2024** – The Panamerican Fencing Confederation announced the launch of the first online training course for referees for the 2024-2025 season, taught by FIE referee Juan Carlos Rios. This course was aimed at referees in the region in preparation for the FIE certification exam that took place from October 9 to 12, 2024, in Lima, Peru. The course provided comprehensive training on regulations and best practices in refereeing, ensuring participants were

fully prepared to perform in accordance with FIE international standards.

The course prepared aspiring referees for FIE certification, contributing to the growth and professionalism of refereeing in the Panamerican region. The goal of this training was to raise the quality of refereeing on the continent, ensuring competitions are conducted under the highest principles of impartiality and excellence.

The President of the Panamerican Fencing Confederation, Vitaly Logvin, highlighted the impact of this initiative:

“Developing qualified referees is essential for the growth of fencing in our region. This initiative not only strengthens refereeing but also ensures our competitions meet the highest international standards. We are committed to promoting excellence in refereeing and supporting the development of our referees.”

This course is part of a strategic plan by the Panamerican Fencing Confederation to improve the quality of refereeing in the region, ensuring a more solid and professional future for the sport across the continent.



# 2025 FIE COACHING ACADEMY IN BUDAPEST

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Oct. 28, 2024** – The FIE will host a series of three-month academic coaching programmes in Budapest, Hungary, in epee, foil and sabre in 2025. Coaches attending the Academy must meet specific criteria to be accepted and be endorsed by their respective national federations.

The key dates of the programmes are as follows:

- **Sabre:** January 27 – April 18, 2025
  - Deadline for applications: November 22, 2024
  - Admission results announced on November 29, 2024
- **Epee:** April 28 – July 18, 2025
  - Deadline for applications: February 21, 2025
  - Admission results announced on February 28, 2025

- **Foil:** July 28 – October 17, 2025
  - Deadline for applications: May 23, 2025
  - Admission results announced on May 30, 2025

**Important:** Application forms have already been sent to national federations, so individual coaches should communicate directly with them regarding applications. **National federations submit the applications to the FIE.**

The programmes will include courses in psychology, physiology, sport theory and biomechanics in addition to weapon-specific coaching education classes and practical work. At the conclusion of each programme, an examination will be conducted and participants successfully completing the curriculum

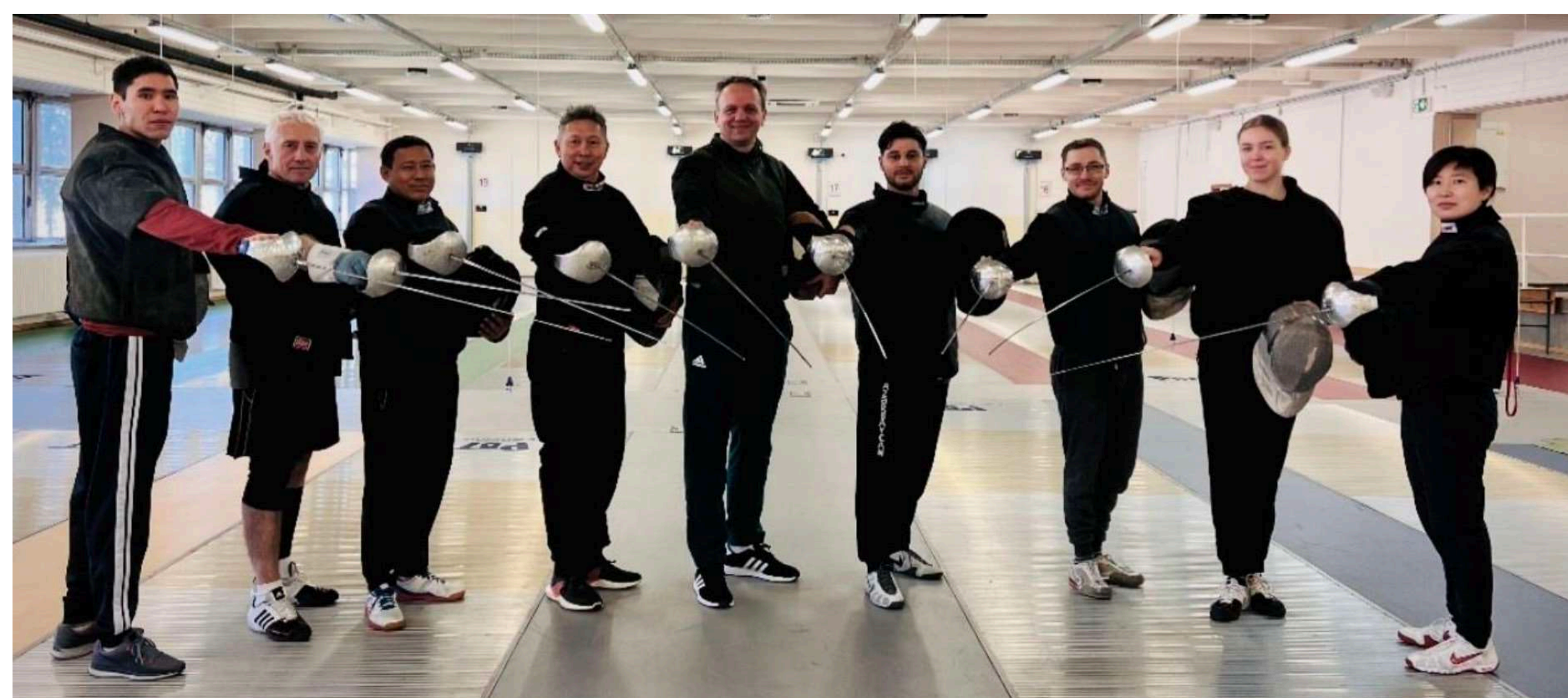
will receive an FIE-recognised diploma as well as a homologated diploma from the Hungarian University of Sports Science. The curriculum provided is a Level-2 course of study.

The FIE will provide accommodation, local transportation and full board for accepted participants. A subsidy of 300 CHF per student will be provided for participants to travel to Budapest. Other costs are covered by the individual participants.

**Each of the three Academy sessions is limited to eight students.**

Federations should submit completed applications with information listed above, including the candidate's signature, directly to [Ezequiel.abellonavas@fie.ch](mailto:Ezequiel.abellonavas@fie.ch)

For a full description and syllabus of the Academy curriculum, including course content, coaching principles covered, Hungarian University of Sports Education theory and the daily course schedule, [click here](#).





# OBITUARIES

In memory of:



## Nicolas Lullien

FRA

**1947-2024**

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Feb. 19, 2024** – The FIE is saddened to learn of the passing of Maitre Nicolas Lullien (FRA) on July 25 at the age of 77. Under his leadership, his club, Tour d'Auvergne, won 14 medals at World Championships, multiple victories in World Cup competitions and three world championship titles in different categories by his students, Olivier Lambert, Antoinette Willard and Laurent Bel. Five Olympic athlete selections resulted from his coaching.

Lullien was awarded the Medal of Honour of the French Fencing Federation for his “remarkable human and pedagogical qualities and the brilliant results obtained by the licensees of his only club, the Tour d'Auvergne in Paris”, presented in 2023.

Following retirement, in 2023 his club was quoted about his award: “We are happy, proud and grateful that

the French Fencing Federation honors a man who has embodied excellence in the world of fencing. Nicolas Lullien is a fencing master and an exceptional man, whose talent and passion have left an unforgettable mark on the history of the club and on all the students and colleagues who have had the chance to meet him and benefit from his teaching.”

In all, with his club, more than 109 medals, including 35 titles, were won by Laurent Bel, Christophe Bel, Antoinette Willard, Cyril Lacroix, Christina Cerny, Julie Anne Gross and Xavier Ali, among other members.

Lullien was also called a “literary man passionate about ancient and artistic fencing, and he set up ‘La Salle d’Armes’ at the Tour d'Auvergne, which became the leading club in France for artistic fencing.”

The FIE extends its sincere condolences for their loss to Nicolas Lullien’s family and friends, the French Fencing Federation and the European Fencing Confederation, and expresses its deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

In memory of:



## Dr. Bassam Abbas Muhammad

IRQ

**1950-2024**

**LAUSANNE, Switz., Nov. 22, 2024** – The FIE is saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Bassam Abbas Muhammad (IRQ). Born in 1950, he was Vice President of the Iraqi Fencing Federation and a national team fencer from 1974 to 1980.

According to an announcement from the Iraqi Fencing Federation, Bassam “was a prominent figure in the world of Iraqi fencing, as he contributed his efforts and ex-

perience to developing fencing and enhancing its position in Iraq. His loss represents a great loss not only to family, but also to everyone who knew and worked with him in the field of sports.”

The FIE extends its sincere condolences for their loss to Dr. Muhammad’s family and friends, the Iraqi Fencing Federation and the Asian Fencing Confederation, and expresses its deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

# OBITUARIES

In memory of:



**Peter Westbrook**

USA

**1952-2024**



**LAUSANNE, Switz., Dec. 6, 2024** – The FIE is saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Westbrook (USA, HOF) on November 29, at the age of 72. He competed in five Olympic Games in men’s sabre, and earned an individual bronze medal at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles.

He was born on April 16, 1952, in St. Louis, Missouri, and grew up in Newark, New Jersey. He began fencing at the Essex Catholic High School and then competed while attending New York University. Between 1974 and 1995, Westbrook

won 13 USA national men’s sabre titles, including eight consecutively between 1979 and 1986. He became a member of the FIE Hall of Fame in addition to being inducted into the USA Fencing Hall of Fame, New York University Athletics Hall of Fame, Sports Hall of Fame of New Jersey and International Sports Hall of Fame.

Following his competitive career, he founded the Peter Westbrook Foundation, a non-profit organisation that helped develop fencing athletes from underdeveloped communities in New York City. His programme has produced

numerous nationally and internationally ranked athletes, including Olympians Akhi Spencer-El, Ibtihaj Muhammad, Daryl Homer, Curtis McDowald, Khalil Thompson and Lauren Scruggs. Scruggs most recently won two medals at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

USA Fencing Chair of the Board of Directors Damien Lehfeldt said that Westbrook was “one of the most influential figures in the history of American Fencing. You cannot tell our history without Peter’s on-strip accomplishments, nor can you tell them without his contributions via his foundation.”

Westbrook published a personal memoir in 1997, titled “Harnessing Anger: The Way of an American Fencer,” which was the story of his childhood and how his experiences influenced his success as an Olympic fencer and was inspirational in the founding of his Foundation.

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

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