

# **RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION SEMI DE LA FIE** **FIE SEMI COMMISSION REPORT** **INFORME DE LA COMISIÓN SEMI DE LA FIE**

<b>Date, lieu et heure de la réunion :</b> <b>Date, place and time of the meeting:</b> <b>Fecha, lugar y horario de la reunión:</b>	<b>7 July 2023 1.00 CET VIDEO</b> <b>8 July 2023 1.00 CET VIDEO</b>
<b>Participants:</b> <b>Participants:</b> <b>Participantes:</b>	1. Donald ANTHONY JR 2. Giandomenico VARALLO 3. Baiba BRANDULE 4. Luis Alberto CRUZ 5. Maria Wilda EBERL LOPEZ 6. Gudjon Ingi GESTSSON 7. Islam Bilel HADI 8. Samer HASHEM 9. Zhingang HOU 10. Janet HUGGINS 11. Zeyad SALEEM
<b>Absences (indiquer si l'absence avait été annoncée) :</b> <b>Absent (indicate if the absence had been announced):</b> <b>Ausencias (indicar si la ausencia fue anunciada):</b>	NONE

## **INTRODUCTION** **INTRODUCTION** **INTRODUCCIÓN**

Meeting opened by Donald Anthony Jr and Giandomenico Varallo

## **RAPPORT DE LA RÉUNION** **MEETING REPORT** **INFORME DE LA REUNIÓN**

### **Point 1 / Item 1 / Punto 1:**

Designation of the SEMI member appointed for the next season

Olympic Games	Giandomenico Varallo	Janet Huggins	Gudjon Getsson
Junior and Cadet World Championships	Biba Brandule	Samer Hashem	Zeyad Saleem
Veteran World Championships	Luis Alberto Cruz		
	If a second SEMI is permitted by Comex Maria Wilda EBERL LOPEZ		

### **Point 2 / Item 2 / Punto 2:**

Proposals concerning the Statutes

Decisions of the SEMI shown on separate document

### **Point 3 / Item 3 / Punto 3:**

Proposals concerning the Rule books

Decisions of the SEMI shown on separate document

#### **Point 4 / Item 4 / Punto 4:**

Proposals from SEMI for congress 2024.

Giandomenico Varallo asked if anyone had any proposals for congress 2024. None were forthcoming. Proposals should be made by mid- March 2024 another meeting can be arranged in February 2024 to discuss any proposals.

#### **Point 5 / Item 5 / Punto 5:**

Report of the Junior and Cadet World Championships in Plovdiv.

Report given by Gudjon Gestsson

1. No bags were available to transport fencers equipment from the call room to the piste
2. Use of volunteers in weapon control room and call room. The volunteers were rotated frequently so every new group of volunteers had to be trained each time.
3. Due to inexperience of volunteers in weapon control some items that did not comply were passed in error.

NOTES and suggestions

1. It would be helpful if further training of Weapon Control and Call Room Staff was made available. This would considerably reduce waiting times for the fencers and improve the running of the event.
2. At major events at least 4 lines of controls should be set up
3. Not all countries have the necessary sets of test equipment. Each test line would require (Gabarit for dimensions and flexibility/Electrical resistance testers for controlling lame material and blades)
4. Would it be possible for the FIE to budget for the provision of 2 complete sets for use by countries running competitions.

#### **Point 6 / Item 6 / Punto 6:**

##### **Flexibility of the blades**

It has been observed that some foil blades have been produced are failing as being too stiff.

At the recent European Games, a large proportion of foil blades tested failed for this reason (26%) these were almost all manufactured by Blaise Frères (BF). A further 15 brand new BF unsold blades (the stock of a local retailer) were tested and 7 failed. A report by the European SEMI was sent to FIE SEMI for information.

Giandomenico Varallo has spoken to the owner of BF on many occasions and has been told that they are being manufactured at the request of fencers who like the stiffer blades. However, these blades fall outside the parameters set in the FIE Rules.

A further check on the stiffness of foil blades will be made at the forthcoming World Championships in Milan and details of failures will be noted.

To ensure that blades are produced within the permitted limits Giandomenico Varallo may need to take further action which could result in withdrawing homologation.

It is essential that blades that are too stiff should not be used for safety reasons.

#### **Point 7 / Item 7 / Punto 7:**

##### **Advertising and checks by the SEMI Commission**

A great amount of time is taken up in weapon control explaining to fencers with equipment failures due to infringement against the publicity code. It would be useful if a member of the Promotion Communication and Marketing Commission could be available in the weapon control at major events to deal with these cases

A request was made for a joint meeting with SEMI – PCM – ATHLETS to discuss how this could work and to help educate fencers in what is permitted (suggested a diagram of the athlete showing permitted positions and size.)

**Point 8 / Item 8 / Punto 8:**

Any other business

A. Maraging sabre blades

Solution not yet reached but 2 manufacturers have sabre blades at the development stage

B. Revision of FIE Material Rules

The text has been translated from English to French and 20 points need clarification for the translation. As Janet Huggins and Giandomenico Varallo are both scheduled to be at the World Championships in Milan in July they will meet to confirm any required alterations. When finished the completed PDF and the XL sheet will be sent out to the members of the SEMI.

C. WIRELESS SYSTEM and its use at the Paris Olympics.

The present wireless system from StM does not meet the European (and USA) Regulations  
The requirement to cancel out the signal from the metallic piste cannot be obtained within permitted levels. StM must provide a successful test of their system if it is to be used at the Olympics

An alternative system is being investigated whilst using conventional spools and wires but incorporating lights in the fencer's masks.

This system has the following properties

Reduction in the sound made by the spool and wires for TV

Signal from score machine to light in mask 5mili seconds via encrypted radio transmitter signal  
cCompatible with Swiss Timing protocol with a battery life 48hrs about.

A test of this system is expected at the World Championships in Milan

D. New manufacturers from China

Zhigang Hou was asked to assist with education of these companies regarding the specification of equipment specifications. A suggestion was made that he could attempt as translation of the material rules into Chinese.

A similar idea was raised by Samer Hashem and Zeyad Saleem regarding the possible translation of the rules into Arabic.

Giandomenico Varallo

Janet Huggins

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10<sup>th</sup> July 2023