



Death of Professor Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele (ITA, MH)

Dear President,

The FIE is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Professor Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele on 15 April. He was nominated Member of Honour of the FIE by the Congress in 2017.

He was also named Member of Honour of the Italian Fencing Federation and was a recipient of the International Fencing Federation's Centenary Medal.

Born on 18 April 1937 in Palermo (ITA), Professor Emanuele devoted a significant part of his life to the development and promotion of fencing.

Having practiced fencing from a very young age, he excelled in sabre and foil, achieving outstanding results at national and regional levels. Later, as President of the Club Scherma Roma from 1988 to 1995, he contributed directly to the club's successes, notably securing four Italian team championship titles (Nedo Nadi Trophy).

His commitment also took the form of concrete and sustained support for the promotion of fencing. Through his leadership of the Fondazione Roma and the Fondazione Terzo Pilastro – Italia e Mediterraneo, he financed and supported numerous initiatives, including the organization of the FIE Congress gala dinner in 2014, fencing development programmes in socio-economically disadvantaged areas, and projects in favour of Paralympic fencing. He notably contributed to the development of this sector in Italy and to the funding of the Paralympic Fencing World Championships held in Rome in 2017.

Alongside his involvement in the world of fencing, Professor Emanuele pursued an outstanding professional and academic career.

A lawyer at the Supreme Court, economist, and banker, he held numerous leadership positions in the financial, institutional, and university sectors. A professor of public finance in several Italian and international universities, he was also the author of numerous works on economics, politics, and culture.

Deeply committed to the cultural field, he held prominent positions in artistic and international institutions. He was notably appointed Ambassador to UNESCO on behalf of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and held numerous responsibilities within leading cultural organisations, actively contributing to the promotion of art and heritage.

Throughout his career, he received numerous national and international distinctions in the fields of culture, economics, philanthropy, and sport.

Professor Emanuele provided tireless and dedicated support to the growth and prestige of our sport, as well as to its promotion and development.



His work in support of fencing earned him the highest distinctions, including the “Elsa d’Oro,” the most prestigious award of the Italian Fencing Federation, as well as several national honours related to sport and community engagement.

The FIE extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Professor Emmanuele Francesco Maria Emanuele, to the Italian Fencing Federation, and to the European Fencing Confederation, and expresses its deepest sympathy during this difficult time.

Abdelmoneim ElHusseiny
Interim President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Abdelmoneim ElHusseiny".