

1) Elective Congress in Paris

2) Extraordinary Congress

**LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE**

**Dear Mr/ Madam President,**

**a) Candidatures**

Please find attached the list of candidates for the 2008 FIE elections. The candidatures were examined and then validated by the Executive Committee during its meeting in Paris (FRA) on 18 October 2008. The candidates' forms and resumes will be sent to you by post.

**b) FIE Gala Dinner**

The Gala Dinner at the end of the Congress will be held at **8.15 pm** on 6 December 2008 at **Petit Journal Montparnasse**, 13 rue du Commandant Mouchotte, 75014 Paris. We will leave from the lobby of the Méridien Montparnasse Hotel on foot at 8 pm.

In accordance with Article 5.5.3 of the Statutes, the FIE Executive Committee has decided to convene an Extraordinary Congress at 9 am on 6 December 2008, before the Elective Congress held at 10 am.

During its meeting of 18 October 2008, the Executive Committee was asked to consider the following two modifications to the Statutes:

***1) to grant the Presidents of the Confederations the status of ex-officio members of the FIE Executive Committee, with the right to vote within the Executive Committee.***

The main argument put forward in favour of this request is that the Presidents of the Confederations represent member countries of the FIE, and for this reason their votes should be taken into account.

***2) to increase from 11 to 15 the number of members of the Executive Committee elected (provided that, in compliance with the Statutes, they are of different nationalities and comprise 20% women).***

The principle argument put forward in favour of this request is that the number of countries affiliated to the FIE has nearly doubled in sixteen years, but the number of Executive Committee members presented by the member federations has not. The other international federations, who take this criterion into account, regularly increase the number of their Executive Committee members accordingly.

The Executive Committee was unanimously in favour of these proposals, which have been submitted to the President of the Legal Commission and will be submitted to the Extraordinary Congress.

The Extraordinary Congress will pronounce itself on both of the above proposals which, if passed, will be effective from the 2008 Elective Congress onwards.

Please find attached the agendas of the Extraordinary Congress and the Elective Congress, the proposals relating to the modifications to the Statutes and the modified meetings schedule.

### 3) Senior World Championships in Antalya (TUR)

Further to the requests made by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), with whom the FIE signs a contract every four years which relates to the sale of television rights for the World Championships, EBU will broadcast six days of competition (which must include the finals).

The Senior World Championships 2009 will therefore take place from 30 September to 8 October 2009: elimination rounds from 30 September to 2 October, finals from 3 to 8 October.

### 4) 2008-2009 Calendar

a) Further to our Urgent Letter 12-08, regarding the Grand Prix competitions in Havana, we kindly ask the national federations who are interested to come forward as candidates for the organisation of a Women's Epee and/or Women's Foil Grand Prix event in order to replace those in Havana.

b) Further to our Urgent Letter 11-08, in which we announced the cancellation of the Women's Sabre Satellite contest scheduled to take place in Helsinki (FIN), the Executive Committee has decided to reallocate this contest to the Azerbaijan Fencing Federation, upon their request. The Satellite contest will therefore take place in Baku on 23 May 2009.

c) **The Junior and Senior Zonal Championships, as well as the Veteran World Championships are FIE competitions.** For this reason, these competitions must entirely respect the FIE Rules, particularly with regard to the transparent mask, wireless fencing, video refereeing, costs of the designated FIE officials covered and anti-doping tests. The dates, place and organisation details of these competitions are determined by the FIE.

Failure to observe these rules will lead to the competitions involved losing their status.

Yours sincerely,

René Roch  
President

