

Urgent Letter 8-08  
18 April 2008

a) 2007-2008 Calendar

**LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE**

**Mr President/ Madam President,**

- The senior men's foil and sabre competitions initially due to be held in Valencia-Carabobo (VEN) will take place in San Juan de los Morros (Estado Guarico, VEN). The dates remain the same.

- The Vietnamese Fencing Federation has just informed us that it is obliged **to cancel** its senior women's sabre competition scheduled for 24-25 May 2008, due to the 2008 Vietnam National Games taking place on these days.

- The Egyptian Fencing Federation has just informed us that due to financial problems, **it cancels** its individual and team competitions at men's and women's foil that were to be held on May 23, 24 and 25, 2008.

b) Executive Committee decisions

The FIE Executive Committee, which held a meeting on 12 April 2008 in Acireale (ITA) on the occasion of the Junior/Cadet World Championships, took the following decisions:

1) Video-refereeing

For foil and sabre competitions as well as for team competitions, the video-refereeing system will be used from the table of 32 onwards.

Many federations requested its use for épée competitions but this remains optional.

The following text has been added to the section in the Administrative Rules relating to video-refereeing:

*Following a request by one of the fencers to check the video, the decision given is final and his opponent cannot ask for the same action to be checked again.*

2) Electric bib in foil

Following the decisions taken by the 2007 Congress, and at the request of the manufacturers, the new bib in foil will be mandatory as of 1 January 2009 for senior competitions, and as of 1 October 2009 for the junior competitions.

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3) Wild cards for the 2008 Games

The FIE will have 6 wild cards, which will be attributed by the Tripartite Commission.

4) 'Women and Fencing' Commission

Following the report by Ms Helen Smith, President of the Oceania Fencing Confederation, after her participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> IOC World Conference on Women and Sport in Jordan from 8 to 10 March 2008, the FIE Executive Committee decided to create an ad hoc 'Women and Fencing' Commission.

5) 2008 Congress

The Elective Congress will be held in Paris on 6 December 2008. Further information will be given to you at a later date.

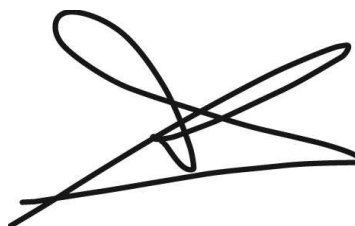
6) Supervisor

The following has been added to the list of supervisors' responsibilities found in Article 9.5.3 of the Administrative Rules, after the sentence "By accepting his designation as supervisor, the latter formally accepts the following role:"

*- Be the chief of protocol*

Sincerely,

René Roch  
President

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