



LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

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1) Affiliation

Madam President, Mister President,

The FIE Executive Committee approved the provisional affiliation of the Fencing Federation of Tajikistan (TJK). The FIE has now 123 national member federations.

2) Ranking at men's sabre

A certain number of fencers pointed out that during the Olympic qualification period (1 May 2007 – 31 March 2008), the GP and team competitions at men's sabre were all taking place in Europe :

Madrid	ESP	27.05.07 / 27.05.07
Padoue	ITA	03.06.07 / 03.06.07
Athens	GRE	03.02.08 / 03.02.08
Budapest	HUN	10.02.08 / 10.02.08
Plovdiv	BUL	02.03.08 / 02.03.08

This situation implies that at men's team sabre, only two competitions instead of four can be taken into account in the FIE team ranking, during the Olympic qualification period.

In order not to penalise too much this weapon, the FIE Executive Committee wished to suggest national federations to restore some balance with the other weapons by adding to the 2007-2008 calendar an additional Grand Prix (and a Team World Cup) in replacement of an A-grade competition and thus not modifying the calendar. This would allow to take into account 3 competitions in the FIE team ranking and could be done in two different ways :

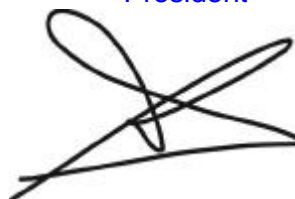
1) remove a Grand Prix competition in Europe and allocate one to Kish Island (IRI, 12-13/01/2008) or Tunis (TUN, 14-15/03/2008) or Algiers (ALG, 22-23/03/2008) ;

2) not remove any Grand Prix competition in Europe and allocate one to Kish Island (IRI, 12-13/01/2008) or Tunis (TUN, 14-15/03/2008) or Algiers (ALG, 22-23/03/2008).

I would appreciate it very much if you could kindly let us know your choice by means of the attached consultation form, which must be sent back to us by **25 June 2007, at the latest**, by :

- fax : + 41 21 320 31 16 or
- e-mail : info@fie.ch

René Roch
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke at the bottom, positioned to the left of a vertical line.