

LETTRE URGENTE DE LA FIE

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Death of Rolland Boitelle (MH, FRA)

Dear President,

It was with deep sadness that the International Fencing Federation learned of the passing away of Mr Rolland Boitelle, on 11 December, at the age of 83.

Rolland Boitelle was the FIE President of Honour and the President of the International Fencing Federation for two successive mandates; he was elected by the Congress in Milan in 1984 for the 1985-1988 period, and was then re-elected by the Congress in Madeira for the 1989–1992 period.

He was appointed FIE Member of Honour by the 1986 Congress. In 2002, Rolland Boitelle was awarded the International Grand Prix of Fair Play, the Jean Borotra Trophy.

From 1982 to 1988, he held the posts of Secretary General and then Vice-President of the French Olympic and Sports Committee. He was made 'Officier' of the Legion of Honour, 'Officier' of the National Order of Merit and 'Commandeur' of the Sporting Merit.

In the 50s, he was Sabre Champion of Paris, and was then an International referee for over 30 years. Captain of the French Foil Team from 1955 to 1976, he then occupied the position of Secretary General with the French Fencing Federation between 1978 and 1981, before being their President from 1981 to 1984.

The FIE sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to his wife, his friends and relatives, and the French Fencing Federation.

Sincerely,

René Roch
President

