

Information letter n°1-2005
20 January 2005

1) 2004 Elective Congress

Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Mr. Marcello Baiocco (ITA) resigned from the SEMI Commission. He is replaced by Mr. Azizi Mohammad (IRI), (article 6.3.1 of the Statutes).
- All members of the Executive Committee and Commissions must be holder of a FIE international licence valid for the current season (article 9.1.2 of the Statutes).

2) General Assembly

Please find attached herewith the documents regarding the annual FIE General Assembly to be held in Linz (AUT) on 22 March 2005 at 16h00, prior to the Calendar meeting :

- **agenda** (approved by the Executive Committee, which has met on 14 January 2005 in Doha (QAT))
- **annual report of the Executive Committee** (approved by the Executive Committee, which has met on 14 January 2005 in Doha (QAT))
- **entry form** : to be sent back to the FIE either by e-mail (info@fie.ch) or by fax before March 15, 2005.
- **proxy form** : for the Federations, which will not be able to attend the Assembly, to be sent back to the FIE either by e-mail (info@fie.ch) or by fax before March 15, 2005.

Other relevant documents will be sent to you later.

Reminder : the **2004/2005 annual membership fee** must be paid by March 15, 2005. In case of failure of payment by a Federation, fencers from this Federation will not be allowed to participate in the World Championships, and the Federation will be banned from voting at the General Assembly.

3) 2005 Junior/Cadet World Championships

Please find attached herewith the following documents, which have been approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting of 14 January 2005 in Doha (QAT) :

- **The Programme** of the Junior/Cadet World Championships competitions scheduled to be held in Linz (AUT) from 23 to 30 March 2005.
- **The Designations** of the referees, delegates of Commissions and Directoire Technique for these championships.

a) Entries

Entries of fencers and teams of National Federations must be done exclusively via the FIE Web-site www.fie.ch **at least 8 days before the beginning of the competition** (article 0.53 of the FIE Rules).

b) Payments

- The **entry fees** must be paid directly to the Organising Committee.

c) Licences

- Each fencer, official or referee must be holder of a **FIE international licence valid** for the current season.

4) Decisions of the Executive Committee

At its meeting held on 14 January 2005 in Doha (QAT), the Executive Committee has approved the attached documents and taken the following decisions:

a) Elections

Ms Ana Pascu (ROM) and Mr. Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani (QAT) have been elected FIE Vice-Presidents.

b) 2005 meetings

Table of meetings for the year 2005.

c) 2004-2005 Refereeing Examinations

The 1st Refereeing Examination (at Sabre) will take place on 16 and 17 April 2005 in Bucharest (ROM).

20 candidates, whose names will be communicated later, will participate in a seminar/training day on the 16th and the examination will take place on the 17th of April 2005.

Relevant details concerning this examination will be communicated to you later on.

d) Grand-Prix and Team Competitions

- The **list** of Referees and Refereeing Delegates designated for the GP and Team competitions.

- the modified **handbook of regulations** for Grand-Prix competitions.

- Entries

Reminder article 0.54 « the entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made 15 days before the competition at the latest via the FIE Web-site »

Urgent decision : Starting from the deadline for the entries indicated on the FIE Web-site, and before the Tuesday preceding the competition, a fencer can be replaced by another one, but no additional entry can be registered. To do so, National Federations must send a written request of fencer's replacement to the FIE (by e-mail or fax). Should a fencer be injured, the rules for the World Championships are applicable.

For the team entries, the names of the fencers making the team can be modified, with the organiser, until the day before the competition, 12.00 am.

e) Material and equipment

- **Transparent mask** : The wear of transparent mask is compulsory starting **from 1st March 2005**, at Men's and Women's Sabre for all Grand Prix and Team competitions as well as the World Championships (all categories).

It will be compulsory at all weapons for Grand Prix and Team competitions as well as the World Championships (all categories) **starting from the 2005 Leipzig World Championships.**

- **Wireless apparatus** : We remind you that the wireless apparatus must be used in all Grand Prix and Team competitions at Sabre from the table of direct elimination. Exceptionally and for the current season only, organisers will receive a subvention of EUR 2'000 for the use of these apparatus.

The fencers must equip themselves with the "special wireless" T-shirt which is sold by fencing equipment manufacturers.

For this season, the lamps in the mask, which are part of the apparatus, are at the organiser's expense.

Application from 1st March 2005.

- **Contact time at Foil** : The contact time at Foil is the same for valid and non-valid hits. **Urgent decision. Immediate application.**
- **Breast protectors/chest protection** : The use of breast protectors/chest protection at Foil is authorised for Men and Women providing that they are worn directly on the skin for Men and over the T-shirt for Women. **Urgent decision. Immediate application.**

f) Satellite tournaments

Organisers of Satellite tournaments are authorised to carry out only one anti-doping test, instead of the three provided by the FIE Anti-doping Code. This unique test will be carried out on one of the four first fencers. **Urgent decision. Immediate application.**

g) Confederations

The amounts of the annual subventions allocated to the Confederations are as follows :

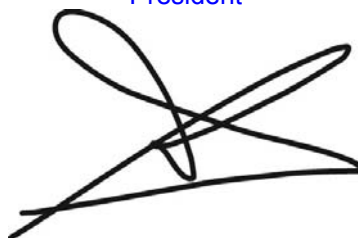
- Europe / Americas / Asia : 15,000 US \$
- Africa : 10,000 US \$
- Oceania : 5,000 US \$

This represents an increase by about 50%.

5) 2004-2005 calendar

After the cancellation of the Grand Prix and team competitions at **senior women's epee** that were scheduled to be held in Taipei, the Fencing Federation of China will organise these two competitions in **Nanjing** at the following dates: Grand Prix competition on May 13-14, 2005, team competition on May 15, 2005.

René Roch
President

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