

**LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE**

Ladies and gentlemen,

Decisions of the Executive Committee

The FIE Executive Committee was consulted on January 19, 2004 on the items hereunder and it made the following decisions :

a) Affiliation

The Somali Fencing Federation (SOM) has received the provisional affiliation of the FIE. The number of national federations affiliated in now of 114.

b) 2003-2004 calendar

Senior men's foil (VEN)

The venues being unavailable, the Fencing Federation of Venezuela will organise its senior men's foil tournament of July 3rd and 4th, 2004 in the Island of Margarita (State of Nueva Esparta) instead of Caracas.

Senior men's foil  
Individual + team (CHN)

The venues being unavailable, the Chinese Fencing Federation will organise its team men's foil competition in Shanghai on March 6 instead of March 8, 2004, and its individual men's foil competition on March 7 and 8 instead of March 6 and 7, 2004. The dates of the women's foil competition remain unchanged.

Team men's sabre (GER)

The German Fencing Federation will organise its team men's sabre competition on February 21, 2004 instead of February 22nd, 2004, since the German television has decided to broadcast both the sabre competition in Eisingen and the final at individual women's épée in TBB held on February 22nd (both competitions were held the same day in 2 different cities).

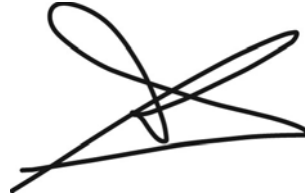
All weapons, ind. + teams (CUB)

The venues being unavailable, the Cuban Fencing Federation will organise its 6 senior competitions + teams in Havana according to the following calendar:

- Individual and team women's épée: unchanged;
- Men's épée : **18-19 June** instead of 21-22 June ;
- Women's foil : **21-22 June** instead of 22-23 June ;
- Individual men's foil: **21-22 June** instead of 19-20 June ;
- Team men's foil : **23 June** instead of 21 June ;
- Women's sabre : **24-25 June** instead of 19-20 June ;
- Men's sabre : **24-25 June** instead of 22-23 June.

The official calendar on the FIE Web site has been modified accordingly.

René Roch  
President

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