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Attendance

The meeting opened at 10 a.m.

Were seated on the tribune:

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| • M. Maxim PARAMONOV (UKR) | Secretary General |
| • M. Giorgio SCARSO (ITA) | Vice-President |
| • M. Wei WANG (CHN) | Vice-President |
| • M. Peter JACOBS (GBR, MH) | Secretary-Treasurer |
| • Mme Nathalie RODRIGUEZ M.-H. | CEO |
| • M. Ioan POP | International Technical Director |

Absent :

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| • M. Alisher USMANOV (RUS) | President |
| • Mme Ana PASCU (ROU, MH) | Vice-President |

Members of the Executive Committee present:

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| • M. Max GEUTER (GER, MH) | |
| • Mme Velichka HRISTEVA (BUL) | |
| • M. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE, MH) | |
| • M. Guk-Hyeon KIM (KOR) | |
| • M. Frederic PIETRUSZKA (FRA) | |
| • M. Sunil SABHARWAL (USA) | |
| • Mme Ferial Nadira SALHI (ALG) | |
| • M. Per Palmstroem (SWE) | |
| • M. Omar Alejandro VERGARA (ARG) | |
| • M. Frantisek JANDA (CZE) | European Confederation President |
| • M. NDIAYE Mbagnick (SEN) | African Confederation President |
| • M. Jorge CASTRO REA (MEX) | Panamerican Confederation President |
| • Mme Helen SMITH (AUS, MH) | Oceanian Confederation President |
| • M. Celso DAYRIT (PHI, MH) | Asian Confederation President |

Absent :

- M. Ali Youssef HUSAIN (KUW)

Honourary Members present :

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| • M. Samuel CHERIS (USA, MH) | |
| • M. Jenö KAMUTI (HUN) | Vice-President of Honour |
| • M. Anibal ILLUECA (PAN, MH) | |

Federations present or represented

AFGHANISTAN	Ahmad Tariq Roshangar
SOUTH AFRICA	Novak Perovic
ALGERIA	Ferial Nadira Salhi
GERMANY	Claus Janka
	Wilfried Wolfgarten
	Lutz Schirrmacher
DUTCH ANTILLES	Raymond Jessurun
ARGENTINA	Victor Sergio Groupierre
ARMENIA	Armen Gregoryan
ARUBA	Thomas Austin Edison
AUSTRALIA	Helen Smith
AZERBAÏJAN	Yashar Mammadov
BANGLADESH	Islam Qamrul
BARBADOS	<i>Represented by Ecuador</i>
BENIN	Jacques Okoumassoun
BELARUS	Alexandre Romankov
	Guennady Kholiavsky
BOLIVIA	Erika Burgos Cuellar
BRAZIL	Gerli Dos Santos
	Ricardo Machado
BULGARIA	Tsveta V. Popova
BURKINA FASO	Vincent Sou Be
CAMBODGE	Sok Ang
CANADA	Stephen Symons
CHILE	Rodrigo Moreno Castro

CHINA	Xiangyang Yuan
CYPRUS	Yiannis Hadjarapis
CONGO	Hilaire Toualani-Ngouari
KOREA	Lee Kwang Kee
	Jae Sung Shim
COSTA RICA	Luis Alberto Cruz
IVORY COAST	Mekrokro Dosso
CAMEROON	<i>Represented by Romania</i>
CROATIA	Reno Marolt
	Kvesic Zeljko
DENMARK	Nini Kjeldner
EGYPT	Ismail Ahmed
EL SALVADOR	Delmy Roxana Cuellar de Arias
ECUADOR	Pedro Manzano Torres
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	<i>Represented by Iraq</i>
SPAIN	Marco A. Rioja Perez
	Antonio Garcia Hernandez
ESTONIA	Tonis Kaasik
UNITED STATES	Donald Alperstein
	Francisco Martin
FORMER-YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	
	Aleksander Anastasov
FINLAND	Kimmo Pentikainen
FRANCE	Frédéric Pietruszka
GABON	Issa Mabadi
GEORGIA	Archil Gogelia
	Yury Osipov
GREAT BRITAIN	Steve Higginson

GREECE	Emmanuel Katsiadakis
GUATEMALA	Jorge Soto Bonilla
GUINEA	Soriba Sylla
HOLLAND	Etienne V. Cann
HONDURAS	Marco Antonio Izaguirre
HONG-KONG	<i>Represented by China</i>
HUNGARY	Andras Fuleky
	Krisztian Kulcsar
	Eros Janos
VIRGIN ISLANDS	Joyce Bolanos
INDIA	Narinder Kumar
IRAQ	Adil Fadil Ali Jwir
IRELAND	Tom Rafter
ICELAND	Gudjon Ingi Gestsson
	Nicolay Mateev
ISRAEL	Yossi Harari
	Alexander Ivanov
ITALY	Giuseppe Cafiero
	Lioniero Del Maschio
LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA	Salem Zitouni Adel
	Ali Ben Khalifa Taaziz
JAPAN	Yuko Kadowaki
	Atsushi Harinishi
	Kazushige Hirano
JORDAN	Hakam Al Khalidi
KAZAKHSTAN	Oleg Peskov
KYRGYZSTAN	Osmonjan Kasymov
LATVIA	Erika Aze

	Klinta Aze
LIBAN	Ziad El-Choueiri
LEBANON	<i>Represented by Latvia</i>
LUXEMBURG	Pascal Tesch
MALAYSIA	Abu Hassan Rusni
MALI	Wahadou Zorome
MALTA	<i>Represented by Italy</i>
MOROCCO	Zouhir Bouchto
MAURITANIA	Mohamed Noueigued
MEXICO	Jorge Castro Rea
MOLDOVA	Olga Cojocari
MONACO	Georges Prat
MONGOLIE	Judger Otgontsagaan
NAMIBIA	Michael A. Dieterich
NEPAL	Shrestha Sunil Kumar
NICARAGUA	William Barberena Genet
NIGER	Ide Issaka
NORWAY	<i>Represented by Sweden</i>
NEW ZEALAND	Kenneth Claridge
UZBEKISTAN	Sabirjan Ruziev
	Alisher Kadirov
PALESTINE	Mitwali Dawoud
PANAMA	Anibal Illueca Herrando
	Pastor Garcia G.
PERU	Carlos Levi Cook
PHILIPPINES	Celso Dayrit
POLAND	Jacek Bierkowski
	Jacek Slupski

PORTUGAL	<i>Represented by Spain</i>
QATAR	Saleh Amer Al-Hemaidi Feriani Ziad
DOMINICAN RREPUBLIC	Miledys de Jesus Pacheco
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	<i>Represented by Czech Republic</i>
CZECH REPUBLIC	Frantisek Janda
ROMANIA	Octavian Zidaru Paul Novac Roxana Barladeanu
RUSSIA	Alexander Mikhailov Stanislas Pozdniakov Semen Rikhtman Ilgar Mamedov
SENEGAL	Mbagnick Ndiaye
SINGAPORE	Nicholas Kuo Wei Fang
SERBIA	Damir Baralic
SRI LANKA	Ushaan Abeywickrama Dinoosha Abeywickrama
SWEDEN	Lars Liljegren Pierre Thullberg Monica Gardstrom
SWITZERLAND	<i>Représented by Germany</i>
SYRIA	Abdul Basit Zakaria Khaled Alshalil
TADJIKISTAN	Suleimanov Tura Abdurakhmonovich Nasimov Khirsrav
CHINESE TAIPEI	Monica Ho

THAILAND	Somded Tongpiam
	Jakravudh Somapee
TOGO	Carlos Cossi d’Almeida
TUNISIA	Moncef Ben Jilani
TURKEY	Mustafa Kalender
TURKMENISTAN	Durdiev Bengech
UKRAINE	Serhiy Mischenko
	Vadym Guttsayt
URUGUAY	Luis Filardi
VIETNAM	Le Quang Phung

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1. Validation of attendance and proxies

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Dear friends, would you be so kind as to take your seats and we should start working in a few minutes.

Let's start working in a few minutes but we cannot start without our treasurer. As soon as he comes we start our agenda.

Mr. Peter Jacobs, please come up here.

Of course, we will start with the most important things: the validation of attendance. We have to know who has settled its fees and it is the treasurer that should submit this information.

Let's start with the most important things, the validation of the attendance and proxies. I give the floor to Mrs. Rodriguez.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I will call your countries and you will come to take a voting box that is here. So, please, come here and take a voting box and we will then explain how it works.

Afghanistan, Netherland Antilles, Netherland Antilles, not present? Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, is Austria here? Austria is not here? Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belgium, is Belgium here? Not here? Benin, Bolivia is here but it hasn't paid its fees and as far as I understand it cannot take part in the voting. No, Bolivia has settled its fees, they can take part in the voting. Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Congo, Chili, is Chili here? Chili is absent. China, Ivory Coast, the Democratic Republic of Congo is present here but it hasn't settled its fees and that is why it cannot take part in the voting. Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, is Cyprus here? Not here. Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Equator, Egypt, El Salvador, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, please, the representatives of Gabon, come up and take your voting box, Sir. Great Britain, Georgia, is Georgia present? Germany, Greece, Guatemala, is Guatemala present? It is absent. Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Is the representative of Indonesia present? Indonesia is absent. India, Ireland, Iraq, Iceland, Israel, Virgin Islands, Italy, Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Libya, Morocco, is Morrocco present? Malaysia, Moldova, Mexico, Mongolia, is Mongolia present? Mongolia is absent. Macedonia, Mali, Monaco, Mauritania, Namibia, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Nepal, is Nepal present? Niger, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, is Paraguay present? No. Peru, is Peru present? The Philippines, Palestine, Poland, Qatar, is Qatar here? Romania, South Africa, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, Slovenia, is Slovenia here? Slovenia is absent. Serbia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Syria, Thailand, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Togo, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan is in the back? Viet Nam.

Are there any countries that are not been called?

Which country? Guatemala was called but you were not here, I think. So Guatemala is present. Any other country that was not called?

Is Cyprus here? Cyprus. Ok, Cyprus is here.

Sorry? But I called Bolivia.

Any other country that was not called? Yes, which country? I called you but were not there.

Peru, please. Very well.

We distributed 100 voting boxes, is it correct?

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): While we are waiting for the number of votes, I would like to explain why our president is not present with us.

The president had an eye surgery three days ago. It was serious but it that was a success. At the moment, he is in rehabilitation and unfortunately he cannot be present at the Congress. He expresses his apologies for the fact that he cannot join us in person. I think that all of us will give applause to support our president. Thank you very much.

Applause

Thank you. Now we are waiting the final number of the voting boxes.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Did all the federations take a voting box?

We have 99 countries that are present. We are now going to do the validation of the proxies.

The countries that accept a proxy have to take a second voting box.

Cameroon gives proxy to Romania. Does Romania accept?

Hong Kong gives proxy to China. Does China accept?

Lithuania gives proxy to Latvia. Does Latvia accept?

Malta gives proxy to Italy. Does Italy accept?

Norway gives proxy to Sweden. Does Sweden accept?

Portugal gives proxy to Spain. Does Spain accept?

Switzerland gives proxy to Sweden but Sweden already has a proxy. The second country is Germany. Does Germany accept?

Slovakia gives proxy to Czech Republic. Does Czech Republic accept?

United Arab Emirates gives proxy to Iraq. Does Iraq accept?

And this is all for the list of proxies.

So, we have 99 federations present and nine federations represented, which is in total 108 federations present and represented.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): And now, dear friends, I would like to introduce you our distinguish guest, our famous athlete, Olympic champion and our friend, Pavel Kolobkov. I'm introducing him to you as deputy chairman of the sports ministry of the Russian federation.

Pavel Kolobkov (RUS): Thank you, Maxim.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the minister of sports, tourism and youth and on my own behalf, I would like to welcome you here, in my native city of Moscow and in Russia. It is a great honor to welcome here the top leaders of fencing. Fencing is one of the most popular sports in Russia. Our coaches and athletes have made their outstanding contribution to the world of fencing. Russia holds competitions of various levels. Recently, we had a championship in St Petersburg; we also had a youth championship of Europe. Every year, we holding here competitions of each category and we are always prepared to organize those competitions. Of great importance is the fact that Alisher Usmanov was elected president of the FIE in 2008. We believe that this is the recognition of our contribution to the world of fencing.

Dear participants of the conference, the year I spent fencing – I guess you want to know – was the happiest of my life and of course I care for the destiny of fencing. I'm confident that our sport should be further developed and become one of the most popular sports in the world. I'm confident that there are ways of further development and we must broaden the scopes of our sport. The quality of fencing should also be improved and that is why I wish all of us effective and efficient work. Enjoy your stay in Moscow. I'm sorry for the weather we are having in Moscow right now but I don't think that this will be an obstacle for your enjoyment and, again, your productive work.

Applause

2. Address by the Vice-president of the F.I.E.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): And now, the vice-president of the FIE, Mister Giorgio Scarso, will make the welcome speech on behalf of the President Usmanov.

Giorgio Scarso (ITA): Ladies and Gentlemen members of the Executive Committee and members of Honor,

Dear friends,

It is a great honor for me to present here the welcome of the President Alisher Usmanov who, due to illness, cannot be here and we would like to take this opportunity to wish the President a quick recovery.

During this congress, we will consider different topics that will improve the activities of the FIE, that is why I would like to call on you to make your contribution to the implementation of all the programs to be adopted at the congress.

The fact of our attendance here is the confirmation of the fact that all the national federations are aspiring to improve our sport worldwide. Our sport has recently organized a number of important competitions, primarily in Paris, that is why we would like to thank the national federation of France, the athletes, the technicians and officials for the organization of this wonderful championship.

We are happy to welcome here the new federations that have joined us: the Equatorial Guinea, Libya and other federations that must be confirmed as members today. And then, the number of recognized federations would be 142.

All this is flattering for our sport. The International Fencing Federation is not a little federation only present in Europe anymore; it is a big federation active on all the continents and we are going to promote more our sport.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and myself, I would like to thank all of you for your presence, your participation and your cooperation. My special thanks go to the members of all the commissions that have permanently worked for the benefit of our sport. I would also like to thank all the staff members of the FIE for the huge work they do. And my thanks go to the Russian Fencing Federation for the organization of this Congress. On behalf of the President Usmanov I would like to wish you a productive work.

Thank you very much.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Dear friends, if you agree I would like to thank the Russian Federation that organized this congress and his President, Alexander Mikhailov, for this warm welcome and for everything that has been done. I would also like to give him a present

on behalf of the FIE. It is a very prestigious book written by Gerard Thibault about the history of our coaches.

Alexander Mikhailov (RUS): Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Russian Fencing federation, I would like to welcome you in Moscow at this Congress. I am very happy that you have selected Moscow as the venue for this Congress and I believe that this is not your last visit here. We will always be happy to welcome you here. I would like to wish you a fruitful work here at the Congress and enjoy your stay in Moscow. All the best to you.

Applause

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): There is some news; Mrs. Rodriguez would like to make an announcement.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Barbados gives proxy to Ecuador. So, we have 100 federations present and 10 federations represented, which makes now 110 federations present and represented.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): We begin our work and I am giving the floor to Mrs. Rodriguez.

3. Ratification of the new federations

Nathalie Rodriguez: You have received information letters about new federations to whom the Executive Committee has provided provisional affiliation. It is the Equatorial Guinea, Libya and Nepal. In addition to these federations, yesterday, the Executive Committee has provided the provisional affiliation to five Latin American countries. I received this morning the final letter for Bermuda, that was missing yesterday. So, we have the Bahamas, Antigua and Barbuda, Bermuda, Dominica and Guiana. We have this year eight new federations to which we have provided provisional affiliation. That makes now 142 national federations being members of the FIE.

Does the Congress accept to ratify these provisional affiliations? Is there any objection to these affiliations?

So they are finally approved unanimously. Thank you very much.

4. Approval of the report of the 2009 Congress in Palermo (ITA)

Nathalie Rodriguez: We now come to the approval of the minutes of the 2009 Congress in Palermo. I did not receive any comment on this report. Do you have any objection or suggestion?

In this case, you will use the voting boxes now to vote on the approval of the minutes of the 2009 Congress.

The vote is open.

Has everybody voted?

The vote is closed.

The minutes of the 2009 Congress in Palermo are approved.

5. 2010 report of the Executive Committee (1st semester)

Nathalie Rodriguez: Then we come to our item 5 which is the annual report of the Executive Committee and I give the floor to Maxim Paramonov.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Dear friends, we always begin with the obituaries. I announce you that this year we have suffered the loss of several friends:

M. EDUARD TEODOROVICH VINOKUROV (RUS)
M. ROBERTO EDUARDO JOSÉ FERAUD (ARG)
M. ANDRAS FELKAY (HUN)
M. DARIO MANGIAROTTI (ITA)
M. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH TORELLO (ESP)

We express our deepest sympathy to the families and federations of the deceased and I would like to declare a minute of silence.

Minute of silence

So, a few words about the report. Of course, our bureau worked very well on this report and it contains useful information regarding the activities of the FIE. This report covers administrative activities, sports activities and also the support and development program of the confederations as well as the material and equipment supplies program and the coaching development program. I believe that we have done a lot and our work was successful this past year and we intend in the future to work the same way. As for the information related to the international activities of our federation, it will be published in our magazine so that you will be able to find out yourselves what our federation is doing to promote fencing all around the world.

If you have no objections, I would like to invite you to approve our report.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thank you, the report is approved.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Before going to our next item I would like to inform you that yesterday the Executive Committee discussed about one competition in the next calendar. As you know and unfortunately, the NOC of Kuwait is still suspended by the IOC. As a consequence, and until the suspension is restored by the IOC, the Kuwait federation is provisionally suspended in the FIE. You know that they were supposed to organize a competition of men's epee at the end of January. So, in order not to deprive the athletes of a World cup and a team competition we have searched for federations able to organize these competitions very shortly because it is in two months. One of the reserves at men's epee was Legnano, Italy.

And Italy has accepted to organize this competition, the World cup and team competition at men's epee on the 14-15-16 January, so the athletes are not deprived of two competitions. There will be an urgent letter informing the federations of this decision.

6. Financial report, study of the accounts for 2009/2010, report of the auditors

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now we move to item 6 and I leave the floor to Jacobs.

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen. As you will remember, normally up to now we have treated the accounts at the General Assembly but having changed our financial here, this time and in the future, they will be treated at the Congress. Because of the change in the financial year, the accounts on this occasion treat the period from 1st of October 2009 until the 30th of June 2010. You all received the financial documents together with the other Congress documents a month ago. I have not received any questions on the accounts in the period since then.

Dealing firstly with the profit and loss accounts, both expenditure and income were slightly above that budgeted but the balance of profit against loss was slightly better than was budgeted but just marginally. Within the details there are, as always, some considerable variations. But on balance we achieved our budgeted target quite closely.

I will not go through the details of the report because there are more than two pages of it and it goes in considerable detail and you have all received it. I will take the balance sheet also and then ask you if there are any question on the balance sheet, which is effectively positioned at the bank on 13th of June of this year and the end of the financial year. Again, it was close to plan and is correctly placed to maintain our long term reserve which the President has supported and with the income expenditure we have budgeted through to the end of the Olympic cycle to balance our books over that period. So the situation is, I think, as it should be.

I would ask if there are any questions to do with the accounts, please.

7. Approval of the accounts, discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): In that case, with no questions I would add to the fact that our auditors have given us a clean sheet of health in relation to our accounts and the declaration states that, as a result of their studies, they have no reason other than to believe that all our accounts are in conformity with Swiss law and financial requirements. Therefore, they have approved our accounts.

I would ask you therefore to vote now on approval of the accounts for 2009-2010 and to discharge the Executive Committee and the auditors from their obligations in relation to the accounts.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The accounts are approved.

8. Budget for 2011/2012

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Now we move to the budget for 2011-2012 which takes us from July 2011 to June 2012, just before the 2012 Olympic Games. The budget has been designed in conformity with what I said about the balance sheet to support the best finance and running of the FIE that we can arrange and maximize our support for the confederations and other new initiatives and to balance our books through the Olympic cycle while protecting the long term reserve. Basically, again, you have the figures in front of you for the budget for 2011-2012 which you have had the opportunity to study.

Therefore, I open the floor as to whether there are any questions on the budget, please.

No questions have come from the floor. I will therefore ask you to approve the budget for 2011-2012.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Is the vote is open?

Probably you have some comments on the budget.

Do you agree on the budget?

Ok, who is against the budget? Who is abstained?

So, the budget is approved.

9. Designation of the auditors

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Finally, I would ask you to approve, as auditors of the FIE, Ernst & Young in Lausanne to continue in this task. We are required to confirm our auditors every year.

Is anybody against continuation of Ernst & Young as auditors? Any abstentions? Thank you very much, Ernst & Young approved unanimously to continue as auditors.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): So, we haven't finished with money matters though I would like to invite the advisor to the President Usmanov, Mr. Vitaly Logvin, President of the Future of Fencing, who he will present his view on the assistance program to the confederations.

Vitaly Logvin (RUS): Dear colleagues, dear friends, dear members of the confederations,

We are in my beloved country, and the official language is Russian and that's why I will speak in Russian.

I will say what we tried to do for the benefit of fencing this year. The main task of the foundation Future of Fencing was the support given by the FIE, what we successfully completed in the year 2010. As you may know, the foundation is dealing with the personal finances of the FIE President, Mr. Usmanov. During this year, Mr. Usmanov has provided his support to the foundation transferring 1 108 000 US dollars. We used this money to provide support, on the suggestion of Mr. Usmanov, and we increased the number of prizes at all the competitions. We continued our charity program to the low budget national federation and took part in the payment of the annual Congress in Moscow, in particular for the prizes of the winners. For example, the foundation allocated 42 600 US dollars in Baku; in Leipzig it was 95 000 US dollars and in Paris, 570 000 US dollars. It was the personal initiative of Mr. Usmanov and the total amount of the prize money was 700 000 US dollars. Then, we provided our support to 23 countries. We dealt with the promotion of fencing on our website. We organized different presentations, interviews and we spent more than 12 000 US dollars. We spent 300 000 to the companies that provided their services for the organization of the annual Congress in Moscow.

I hope that you like the organization and you will work fruitfully during the Congress and spend a very nice time in Moscow.

I should like to underline that in the future, our foundation, together with the FIE, the continental confederations and national federations, we will use all the measures possible for the support and promotion of the international fencing.

Thank you.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thank you very much Vitaly. I think that in order to digest all these numbers we need a coffee break. So, coffee break.

Nathalie Rodriguez: a 15-minute break.

10. Proposals submitted to the Congress

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now we go to item number 10: Proposals submitted to the Congress concerning the modifications to the statutes and the rules with the opinion of the Commissions and the final opinion of the Executive Committee. We start with the statutes.

In order to pass a proposal we need at least 2/3 of the national federations present or represented at the Congress.

We start with **proposal number 1 submitted by the Executive Committee**. It relates to article **4.3.1**. The Legal Commission approved this proposal. Do you have any question related to this proposal? If there are no questions, let's start our voting on the proposal number 1.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 97 votes in favor.

Now, **proposal number 2**. It relates to the procedure of elections of the Athletes Commission. I think that Mr. Sunil Sabharwal would like to speak about this proposal which aims at improving the voting system. The Legal Commission approved this proposal.

Sunil Sabharwal: Thank you Nathalie. On behalf of the Executive Committee, I would like to present to all of you one of the topics that we have been discussing in terms of how to improve the functioning of our federation. If you go to the next page... you all know that we have attended the senior World Championships and at these Championships we called on all our athletes to vote to be a member of the FIE Athletes Commission. However, we have had some problems with participation and we have tried to understand what the problem is. One issue is that in our current statutes, you can only vote on the day you are fencing. So, if you think about it, it is the day you are fencing but you also have to vote, it is not on people's mind. The second issue we have had is that prior to the Fencing World Championships there is no communication about this topic, either by internet or some kind of note or letter to the federations. Even at the event it is not very visible, the signs, as to where you vote and how you can do that.

So, the proposed amendment that I would like you to vote in favor of is coming from the Executive Committee and that, first of all, we would like for all the fencers to be able to vote on all days from the very first day until the very last day. If you are there for 10 days, anytime you wish to vote you can make your vote.

The second proposal is that the athletes would elect six and then the Executive Committee would add another six in case there is some kind of an imbalance between the geographies, to ensure that we have full representation in the Athletes Commission in terms of men and women, in terms of all the weapons, which is not the case today.

The benefits of this proposal, we think, are that hopefully there would be increased participation and many more athletes voting. Secondly, that we have a well balanced composition reflecting all the weapons, the geographies and also men and women.

So, the next steps, if you approve this proposal of the Executive Committee, would be that we publicize this event well before and prior to the next World Championships. Once, in 2013, a new Athletes Commission is created the Executive Committee working together with this Commission would ensure that it becomes a more dynamic, more active body of our organization.

Thank you very much for your attention.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you Sunil. Now, we pass to voting. We will vote on proposal number 2.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 98 votes in favor.

And now, **proposal number 3**. This proposal is related to the use of electronic ballots during the elective Congress. Consequently, if this proposal is accepted we will use it as from 2012. The Legal Commission wanted it to be obligatory and the Executive Committee prefers to make it possible in case a technical problem arose the day of the Congress. So, the electronic voting at elective congresses is possible and we vote now on the original proposal from the Executive Committee.

Yes?

Marco Rioja Perez (ESP): Dear ladies and gentlemen, I would like to explain to you that the wish of this Commission, when they made this proposal, was also to suggest the alternative text to the Executive Committee's. I think it gives more guarantee to the free participation to the voting and to the participation to the secret ballot. I think that electronic ballot should be mandatory and only in exceptional cases we can use traditional ballots. I think the Executive Committee should take very clear decision on this matter in order to avoid the confusion. I think that only in the extraordinary circumstances we can use traditional ballots.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr. Rioja, I would like to remind you that the Executive Committee proposed the use of electronic ballot and we have been using it for two years now. The main purpose was to use it during the three congresses on the trial basis prior to the elective congress so that in 2012 we do not have any problems. But in any case, we can modify afterwards the text and make the electronic ballot compulsory. But we have to keep in mind that something can not work due to technical reasons. For example, the company GVI that provides electronic equipment for the ballots in our Congress could have missed its flight due to snow storms.

I suggest starting voting on proposal number 3.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 79 votes in favor.

We finalized the proposals submitted by the Executive Committee.

Now, we start discuss **the proposals of the Legal Commission.**

Proposal number 1 relates to the review and reformation of the disciplinary panel. There are two small mistakes in the text of this proposal. A sentence should have been deleted in the article **4.6.2**. Then, in **3.6.3**., in the third paragraph, we are not talking about the Legal Commission but we are talking about the Executive Committee. This is a complex proposal because, first of all, we have the initial proposal and then we have the amendments that were submitted by the Legal Commission during its meeting. And also, we have one more change submitted by the Executive Committee in the article **4.6.4**. That is why we will vote on the initial proposal with further amendments that were submitted by the Legal Commission and the Executive Committee. This is a very long proposal but the main aim is to reform the disciplinary panel and to nominate professionals who know very well the disciplinary matters. Do you have any questions related to this proposal?

We will vote for the initial proposal with further amendments submitted by the Legal Commission and the Executive Committee. If you don't have any questions we will start the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 95 votes in favor.

Proposal number 3 submitted by the Legal Commission. It has the aim to review the statute of the Members of Honor who would have an honorary position. It also has a mistake in article **4.1.2**. that says that we have to delete the article **5.5.9**. It is a mistake. This proposal consists of three parts: the initial part with the amendment given by the Legal Commission during its recent meeting and also another amendment, from the Executive Committee. Do you have any questions?

Yes?

Pascal Tesch (LUX) : Why did we skip proposal number 2? After proposal number 1 we started to discuss number 3.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes, I would like to apologize. We have to go back to proposal number 2. But let's finish proposal number 3 first.

The vote is closed. No?

Ok, the vote is open.

Yes, we are voting now on number 3, as I have said, and then we will come back to number 2. It was my mistake.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted and 96 votes in favor.

Now, we go back to **number 2**. We will talk about the measures suggested against the national federations whose National Olympic Committee was suspended from the Olympic movement due to an infringement of the Olympic Charter. We want to add an article **2.1.1**. The Executive Committee supported this change. If you have no questions, let's vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted and 90 votes in favor.

Now, we go to the **proposals of the Rules Commission**.

Both proposals have the aim to make more official World Veterans Championships and to reflect them in the statutes of the FIE.

Proposal number 1. The Legal Commission approved the proposal but they suggested changing the numbering of articles. Consequently, the Executive Committee supported this proposal that is why I open the vote on proposal number 1.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted and 92 votes in favor.

Proposal number 2 by the Rules Commission and it also relates to the Veterans Championships and the integration of the organization rules in the FIE statutes. The Legal Commission approved the proposal but they recommended changing the number of articles. The Executive Committee agreed with the opinion of the Legal Commission. I suggest voting on proposal number 2.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted and 93 votes in favor.

Now, I would like to say that we have finished the modifications of the statutes.

We go over to the proposals for the amendments of the rules. As you have already seen it there are lots of them. As I already said, concerning the amendments of the rules now the system has changed to the simple majority. This is the provision of our statutes for a proposal to pass.

First, we begin with the **proposals of the Executive Committee.**

Proposal number 1 that concerns the article **t.35.1**. The Rules Commission is in favor of it and so is the Refereeing Commission.

Therefore I propose to begin the vote on proposal number 1 of the Executive Committee.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 90 votes in favor.

This proposal will become valid as of the 1st of January 2011.

Proposal number 2, from the Executive Committee. It is the adaptation to the present rules of video refereeing. It is also a complex proposal because there is an initial proposal that was modified by the Rules Commission as well as the Refereeing Commission. The final conclusion of the Executive Committee was in favor of the opinion of the Rules Commission, who stated that some items were missing in the original proposal: the applicable events. That is why we are voting for the opinion of the Rules Commission and the final opinion of the Executive Committee that agreed with the Rules Commission. We begin the vote on this proposal.

The vote is open.

I also have to mention that this proposal includes the proposal of the United States that can be found at the end of the proposals.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 99 votes in favor.

Proposal number 3 aims at adapting the rules to reality. We are aware that the organization of the competitions face some problems in the round of pools and with the absent athletes. The Rules Commission is in favor of the proposal with some amendments. The Executive Committee was also in favor. We are voting on the original proposal amended by the Rules Commission as accepted by the Executive Committee.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 101 votes in favor.

Now, we go over to **proposal 4** that concerns changes in a number of articles that are interrelated. The Rules Commission has also proposed its own amendments. This also aims at helping the organizers. It would give you one more day to enter your fencers, after the deadline, until the Tuesday preceding the competition. Obviously with a fine, as usual. The pools are published later in order to take into account the announcement of the athletes after the deadline for entries.

I propose to start voting on articles **o.31.2** up to **o.54.2** with the opinion of the Rules Commission, supported by the Executive Committee.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 97 votes in favor.

Now, we go over to the proposals of the national federations. We begin with the **British Fencing Federation proposals**.

Proposal 1, concerning the rules for equipment. The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee. I propose to start voting.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 93 votes in favor.

Proposal 2. It concerns article **5.3.d)** The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee. They are all in favor of it.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 92 votes in favor.

Proposal 3. It concerns slight changes in article **m.8.5**, **16.5.b** and **23.5.b**. The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee. I propose to start voting.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 101 votes in favor.

Proposal 4, concerning articles **11.1.4** and **19.4.a** and **b** deals with slight changes in our equipment. The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 98 votes in favor.

Now, **proposal 5**, article **m.13.1**. The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 94 votes in favor.

We go over to **proposal 6** on article **m.24.2**. The Rules Commission is in favor of it but the SEMI is against whereas the Executive Committee is in favor of the opinion of the SEMI Commission. That means that the Executive Committee is not in favor of the opinion of the Rules Commission. Please, start the vote on proposal 6.

The vote is open.

If you are in favor of the proposal then you vote "yes". If you don't agree with it you vote "no", then you are against the proposal.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted. 49 votes is the majority as I have already told you federations in favor. If you are in favor of the proposal then you vote "yes". If you don't agree with it you vote "no", then you are against the proposal. I also said in the very beginning, when we began to vote for the Rules proposals, that the proposal is accepted if the majority voted in favor of it. If we have a total number of 100 votes, half of it is the majority. It was not the total number of the federations present or represented but the total number of those taking part in the vote. 47 federations were against it and we do not take into consideration any abstention. They are not included in the majority. It is not the majority of the federations present and represented but the majority of those taking part in the vote.

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Let me explain in English. Our rules are quite different for the votes on changes to the statutes where it has to be 2/3 of the federations present or represented in the hall. For the rules, it has to be the majority in the hall. It doesn't matter how many abstentions there are. If we have one vote for and no votes against and everybody else abstains it is still approved when it comes to the rules. I hope that it is clear. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: it was the same voting system as last year for the statutes and for the rules.

Proposal number 7 refers to article **m.27.3**. The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee. We now begin the voting process on proposal 7.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 85 votes in favor.

Proposal 8 refers to the addition of notes below several diagrams. The Rules Commission is in favor of it. The SEMI Commission is also in favor as is the Executive Committee. Let's start the vote on proposal 8.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 93 votes in favor.

That is the end of the British Fencing Federation proposals. Now, we go over to the proposals of the **German Fencing Federation**.

Proposal 1. Delete the obligation to use the transparent visor mask at all weapons. The Rules Commission believes that given that at the moment it is not possible to guarantee the safety of the mask with the transparent visor it should be forbidden at all three weapons. The SEMI Commission did not agree with the initial proposition because it believes that in sabre competitions and in training transparent masks can be used on same rules that apply today. The Promotion Commission is in favor of the proposal. The Medical Commission is in favor of the German Fencing Federation proposal. The Executive Committee was in favor of the SEMI Commission's opinion. Any questions on this proposal?

Ioan Pop: Excuse me, I would like to draw your attention to the following fact: if this proposal is accepted and implemented in the London Olympics the IOC will take into consideration the changes since Beijing. The IOC was supporting very actively the modern image and demonstrated during the sabre competitions. Since the President of the IOC was present in Beijing at the men's sabre competition he did like that modern image of the competitors with the transparent masks and with the wireless signal system. I believe that if we give up the transparent masks at all weapons, including at sabre, the IOC might be disappointed and think that we are making a step backwards. I do not think that this decision would be in line with the ambitions of our federation, especially since the mask at sabre is now more secure because of the second special protective visor. That is why I would invite you to think about this proposal, especially in view of our request for 12 medals for the 2016 Olympics. That has to be thought over before you take a decision. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr. Pozdniakov, the floor is yours.

Stanislav Pozdniakov (RUS): Dear colleagues, I would like to comment this proposal of the German Fencing Federation. First of all, it would not be fair if one of the three weapons will have transparent masks and the other two weapons will have traditional masks. I think it may be a danger to make differences between the three weapons; the sabre would have its own way of promotion and development. I don't think it would be too serious if all three weapons will have similar masks during the next Olympic Games. I don't know whether the IOC leaders will visit the fencing competitions but if they come to foil or to epee competitions, what will be the reactions if they do not see the masks? But then, my other argument is as follows. We have talked a lot and we have discussed a lot the plastic masks. The plastic mask covers a certain space and there are some confusing situations where all the spectators watch the hit but there is no light. This is one of the arguments that goes against the transparent masks because we do not face this problem either in foil or in epee. Another issue is the cost of the mask; it is twice as expensive as the traditional mask and if we talk about the support that we are going to give to the small federations and the confederations we have to take it into account as well. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr. Bierkowski.

Jacek Bierkowski: I would like to add a comment, Marcello Baiocco was a member of the special commission on the mask. Mr Baiocco is not here, but there was also George Van Dugteren. Please, because it is important.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr. Janka wanted to take the floor.

Claus Janka (GER): Our motivation for this proposal was clear. It was to weight our opinions; we have to weight the advantages, what we have to spread out and face from the IOC and the risk that we have inside for the fencers. Unfortunately, we have had in the past incidents in all three weapons, including sabre. Luckily, we haven't had really great incidents endangering the life of athletes but I cannot accept to have a different rule for the three weapons. If we have an incident, for example, in sabre, the justice will be applicated in the same manner. Then, we have made a proposal that covers all the weapons in the same manner.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Someone wants to make a comment?

Barna Heder (HUN) : I'm sorry my name is Barna Heder, we already met. I am the director producer of the fencing events for all Olympic Games since 1996 in Atlanta. I just would like to say a few words on the plastic masks because it was me in 1994 who suggested to the federations for the World Olympic broadcast to wear plastic masks for a very simple reason: I am not talking about risking fencers – I was a fencer myself. It is a television issue the reason why I proposed it, to see the fencers, to make heroes for the international viewers out of fencers. Fencing needs faces to be recognized. If fencers are always hidden behind the masks no one will know them. Obviously, in case we talk about the risk for the health of fencers there is no doubt that plastic masks should not be used but if you have tests already made. If you know that there is a different risk for sabre, for foil or for epee my proposal, from

the television view... because America liked their sabrists to be on screen as they were and we know that for the US it is very important for the growth of the sport itself. If you think that there is no risks for the sabrists, for them to use plastic masks, I definitely would like to propose to keep at least for sabrists because it is good for the image of the sport. Thank you very much.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Yes?

Lutz Schirrmacher (GER): I think that it is very important to know what we are deciding, what is the most important point of view for us: is it that we are popular in television; or is it important for us to protect our fencers against accidents. This is the reason why we have made the proposition.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thank you. Who else wants to speak? We have another speaker.

Samuel Cheris (MH, USA): We have to clear whether a yes vote is in favor of the German Fencing federation proposal or of the SEMI Commission recommendation.

Nathalie Rodriguez: No, it is clear. We are dealing with the proposition itself. The proposition is to delete the obligation to use the transparent visor masks at all three weapons. You are voting on this proposition.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): I am asking for the next ones who want to speak to please introduce yourself.

Mekrokro Dosso (CIV): I am Mr. Dosso and I am the chairman of the Ivory Coast Federation. I suggest that these changes are possible but we also have to think about small federations and every time when we buy equipment we are told that after a month or two everything will be changed and it means that we spend a lot of money that is why I want you to think about small federations. The rule that was accepted for the sabre, let it stay as it is.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Mr. Katsiadakis, please.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Mr. Vergara wanted to speak.

Omar Alejandro Vergara (ARG): I will speak Spanish. This is a safety matter, no doubt but safety it is the opinion of the Safety Commission if we use transparent masks it is an advantage but at the same time we have to stick to the safety rules as long as possible. I suggest supporting the opinion of the SEMI Commission because it is our opinion safety and security that goes in the first hand and I want to support this proposal only for sabre. As far as the financial matters are concerned the use of transparent masks is, of course, more expensive and we have to think about it.

Osmonjan Kasymov (KGZ): Osmonjan Kasymov, Kyrgyzstan. I want to support Mr. Pozdniakov. We first have to consider the safety and security of the fencers. We need to maintain traditional masks and as far as the television is concerned, in any case, and before and after the match the TV will show the fencer and he will be recognized. I agree with Mr.

Pozdniakov, who is a famous sabrist. When we use a transparent mask the rule of the hit is violated. If there is a valid hit but it is not calculated, it is not taken into account.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Mr. Katsiadakis, you are the last speaker and then we pass to the voting.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis (GRE): After all this discussion I think we should know exactly what we vote because for instance me, as a member of the Executive Committee, I am in favor of the SEMI Commission decision and that means that I don't agree to continue with the transparent masks in foil and epee but I agree to continue in sabre. So, we must exactly know: if we vote "yes" means that we agree with the opinion of the Executive Committee and SEMI, that means we continue in sabre and not in foil, or if we vote "no" it is the opposite. Because if we vote "yes" for this proposal it means we cut all the masks.

Nathalie Rodriguez: As I said from the beginning we have the proposition, which is to delete the obligation to wear the transparent mask at the three weapons. If you vote "yes" it means that the obligation for the transparent masks for all weapons will be eliminated. If you vote "no" it means that we stay as we are now, that is we have foil and epee that are forbidden – provisionally forbidden but now it is forbidden – and in sabre it is mandatory. If you vote "yes" you delete the transparent masks for the three weapons. If you vote "no" we stay with the current situation which is foil and epee provisionally forbidden and sabre mandatory. So, it is clear.

Emmanuel Katsiadakis: It is clear, thank you very much.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Last speaker.

William Genet Barberena (NCA): Good afternoon, my name is William and I am the president of the Nicaraguan Federation.

Four months ago approximately, we were finally able to buy a transparent mask for the sabre. It cost more than 1000 dollars and it is a lot of money for us, for small federations that have difficulties to buy expensive equipment of this kind.

But I would like to try clarifying the proposal we are voting on, that is to delete the obligation to wear the transparent mask at all weapons. As I understand, we are voting on the proposition of the German Federation. We, and especially me as a representative of my country, support the proposition but I would like to try clarifying something: delete the obligation to use the transparent mask at the sabre doesn't mean we cannot use it, regardless of whether it is transparent or not. In other words, we can use both. Those who can afford to buy a transparent mask can use it and those who can't would simply use the traditional mask. Thank you.

Mi nombre es William, soy el presidente de la Federación nicaragüense de esgrima. Hasta hace cuatro meses aproximadamente pudimos adquirir una careta de sable con visor transparente. Costó más de 1000 dólares y para nosotros es mucho dinero, federaciones pequeñas que tenemos dificultades para adquirir un equipo de esta naturaleza.

Pero quiero intentar aclarar que la propuesta que estamos votando es la de suprimir la obligación de utilizar la careta con visera transparente en todas las armas. Estamos votando por la propuesta de la Federación alemana, así lo entiendo. Nosotros, yo en particular como representante de mi país, apoyo la propuesta de la Federación alemana pero quiero hacer un intento de aclaración: suprimir la obligación de utilizar la careta con visera en el sable no niega la posibilidad de utilizarla, independientemente que sea con o sin visera transparente. En otras palabras, se pueden utilizar las dos. El país que tenga posibilidad de utilizar una visera transparente puede hacerlo y el que no pueda simplemente utiliza una careta con visera convencional. Muchas gracias.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The proposition is to delete the obligation, not to delete the transparent masks. We have to be clear: to delete the obligation to use the transparent masks for the three weapons. What does it mean? If you vote “yes”, as for the moment foil and epee are forbidden, it means that at sabre it will be optional. It is to delete the obligation; it is not to forbid you to use the masks. For the moment, at foil and epee the transparent mask is forbidden.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Before we vote, I would like to say something concerning the position of the IOC with regard to this matter. The IOC knows about the situation and they are in favor of the transparent masks and we have been told that we have to think about safety of our equipment in general. We have to think about the safety of all our equipment and not only masks. They are working very hard in this direction and we use the second visor that gives additional protection and I can tell you that it is as safe as a traditional mask. Speaking about the costs, yes, these masks are more expensive but we are working with the manufacturers and they promised us that they will propose reasonable pricing in the future. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to go on with the vote.

Ioan Pop: Just a clarification: the proposal will be formulated as follows: if transparent masks become optional it means that those who use them have an advantage because the space for hitting is increased and the opponent if he is not wearing the transparent mask.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We will now vote. The proposition is to delete the obligation to wear the transparent masks at all three weapons. If you vote “yes” the obligation will be eliminated. I remind you that foil and epee, for the moment, as a provision, the transparent mask is forbidden and it is mandatory for sabre. So, is it clear on which proposition we are voting? Fine. So we will now pass to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal is accepted with 52 votes in favor.

Now, I suggest breaking for lunch but before lunch I would like to remind you of the group photo of the Congress participants. So, if you can please go in the hall and you will be led to the

place where the photo will be made. Then, you will have lunch and then afterwards we come back to the Congress.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We continue now our work. I give the floor to Giorgio Scarso.

Giorgio Scarso (ITA): I would like to draw your attention to the proposal we accepted before the lunch break.

But first of all, I would like to thank and congratulate Nathalie for her great job and well done too.

Applause

We have made the decision to delete the obligation of using transparent masks. So, the fencer can choose either to use the traditional mask or the transparent one. What is going to happen if one of the fencers uses the traditional mask and the other one uses the transparent one. The conditions are not equal. That is why all the athletes will start to use the transparent mask because this gives them certain advantages. That is the problem. The Congress must state clearly its opinion because we cannot accept propositions and people don't know what to do. In reality, what we voted is the following: athletes can continue using the transparent mask. We must make sure that all the athletes will use it because that would give them additional advantages and it has less white than the traditional one. I would like you to think about it a little. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I would like to inform you that Mongolia has joined us now. Thus, we have 111 countries present and represented here.
Mongolia, please, take your voting box.

We know move to the **proposals of the Rules Commission.**

Proposal 1 concerning non-combativity. Again here, you have the original proposition plus the opinion of the Rules Commission during its meeting then the opinion of the Promotion and Refereeing Commissions that are in favor. Then, the final opinion of the Executive Committee that is in favor of the Rules Commission's opinion. So, we are voting on the original proposition plus the amendments. No questions? So we will move to the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 95 votes in favor.

Now, **proposal 2** which relates to article **0.81.3**. The opinion of the Executive Committee is in favor and that is why I propose to start voting on proposal 2.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 97 votes in favor.

Proposal 3. Here we should speak about **o.81.3.** rather than **o.81.2.** The Executive Committee is in favor and that is why I propose to start voting on proposal 2.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 96 votes in favor.

Proposal 4 which relates to article **t.37.6.** The point is that the Refereeing Commission is not in favor of this proposal whereas the Executive Committee is in favor. Now, I propose to start the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 67 votes in favor.

Proposal 5. This is the initial proposal plus opinion of the Rules Commission, the Refereeing Commission is not in favor of the proposal but the Executive Committee is in favor.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 80 votes in favor.

Proposal 6 which relates to article **t.37.7.** We have the opinion of the Rules Commission, the Refereeing Commission is not in favor. However, the Executive Committee is in favor of it. We start the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 82 votes in favor.

Proposal 7 which relates to article **o.32.2.** The Rules Commission made a small amendment to the proposal by adding “for 5 hits” after “a barrage”. The Refereeing Commission is in favor of it and the Executive Commission is in favor of the Rules Commission’s opinion. Now, we begin the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 81 votes in favor.

Proposal 8 which refers to article **t.86.4**. The Refereeing Commission is in favor of the proposal but they want to reduce the time period to 5 minutes. The SEMI Commission is against the proposal and the Executive Committee is in favor of the SEMI Commission opinion. We start the vote on proposal 8.

So, either you vote for the original proposal and then you press “yes” or you vote against it and press “no”.

We are speaking here about a 10-minute period.

The vote is closed.

Laughter

The proposal has been accepted with 56 votes in favor. No, of course, it is a mistake. The proposal is not accepted because 56 federations voted against. I am just used to see all the federations voting “yes”.

Now, we go over to proposal 9.

Pascal Tesch (LUX): We decline the original proposal but we are going to vote for the amendments?

Nathalie Rodriguez: The final opinion of the Executive Committee was in favor of the SEMI Commission that wasn't in favor of the proposal.

Pascal Tesch (LUX): Yes, but there were people supporting the Executive Committee's opinion.

Nathalie Rodriguez: But we voted against this proposal and that is in accordance with SEMI Commission and the Executive Committee. So, we have voted against the opinion, following the SEMI Commission and the Executive Committee's opinion.

Now, **proposal 9**. I would like to say that from this proposal on the modifications and amendments are related only to the Veterans Championships.

Proposals from 9 to 20 are the Rules Commission's proposals and we are only speaking about the Veterans World Championships, which, as you might remember, acquired an official status in our statutes. These proposals only deal with Veterans World Championships and not any other event.

Proposal 9 relates to rule **o.4** from the organizational rules. The Executive Committee did not support the initial proposal because otherwise it would mean additional financial expenditures for the organizers of the Veterans World Championships. So, this proposal was changed a little bit and the Executive Committee added the words “World Championships” before “Junior and Cadet”. This is something that should be added here. It is why we must include here the words “World Championships” before “Junior and Cadet”.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 51 votes in favor.

Proposal 10 which relates to article **57.3** of the Rules. The Executive Committee is in favor of this proposal. We start the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 91 votes in favor.

Proposal 11. Article **o.88.2** but in fact we have to change the numbering. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 88 votes in favor.

Proposal 12 with regard to article **o.89.1**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 79 votes in favor.

Proposal 13 with regard to article **o.89.2**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 83 votes in favor.

Proposal 14 with regard to articles **o.90.2** and **o.90.3**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposals. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 94 votes in favor.

Proposal 15 with regard to article **o.90.4**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 86 votes in favor.

Proposal 16 with regard to article **o.90.5**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 87 votes in favor.

Proposal 17 with regard to article **o.91**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 90 votes in favor.

Proposal 18 with regard to article **o.93.5**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 87 votes in favor.

Proposal 19 with regard to article **o.94**. The Executive Committee is in favor of the proposal. We open the vote.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 71 votes in favor.

Last proposal in this section relating to the Veterans World Championships. The SEMI Commission supports this proposal as well as the Executive Committee. We open the vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 79 votes in favor.

We finalized with the proposals related to Veterans World Championships.
We pass to the proposals submitted by the **US Fencing Federation**.

Proposals 1 and 3 are withdrawn by the US Fencing Association since they were already dealt with.

As for **proposal 2** submitted by the American Fencing Federation is related to the amendments on the equipment. The SEMI Commission recommends introducing the system of marking. The Executive Committee agrees with the SEMI Commission. Let's start voting for the second proposal submitted by the American Fencing Federation.

Yes, Steve? We will vote on both proposals.

The vote is closed.

The proposal has been accepted with 75 votes in favor.

This means that we finalized the proposals because the last proposal was withdrawn by the American Fencing Federation.

Mr. Bierkowski wanted to say something.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): Thank you. It was a very good job, Nathalie. Congratulations. After the approval of propositions 4 and 5 of the Rules Commission I ask the FIE to prepare the necessary software to use during our competitions. The question is: if we don't have this software until the Junior World Championships what do we do? We continue with the current situation?

Nathalie Rodriguez: We know the main two softwares which are Ophardt and En Garde are working on this. Ophardt has already started and we know that there are some modifications to be done on the software and also En Garde. They should normally be ready for the World Championships because it is not something that is complicated.

Jacek Bierkowski (POL): Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Since we worked so well we are taking a break.

Nathalie Rodriguez: We will give you now the date of application of certain modifications in the rules that were decided because you have to be informed of the date of application.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): I am only looking at the changes to the rules. For the first proposal of the Executive Committee I would suggest the 1st of January 2011. For the second proposal for the World Junior Championships in Easter next year, that is the video refereeing. The third proposal, which has to do with balancing the pools if anything goes wrong, can be immediate. In the same way, I think the proposal 4 can be immediate. All the proposals by the British federation can be immediate - they don't make any radical changes.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes, Sir.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): I think we are beginning of December and if you put the 1st of January instead of immediate it doesn't make a big difference and it is much easier for everybody.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I agree because we have some competitions now and if you agree it will be 1st of January.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): For the non-combativity, it would certainly be the 1st of January. The proposal 2 from the Rules Commission can be immediate because there is no change in the text. It is mainly placing one sentence. Rules Commission proposal 3, I think, there is no reason why that shouldn't be as immediate as possible. Clearly, 4 and 5 that have to do with the selection of referees depends on how quickly the software can be prepared so we would have to wait on that. That was for 4, 5 and 6.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I think these propositions are related to the World Championships.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): Which ones?

Nathalie Rodriguez: Proposition 4.

Stephen Higginson: If it is only for the World Championships then clearly that could be for the next World Championships. I thought it was for all FIE competitions.

Nathalie Rodriguez: t.37 is Olympic Games and World Championships.

Stephen Higginson: Fair enough.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The proposition 4, page 37 in the rules is the Olympic Games and World Championships so the date of application is the next World Championships.

Stephen Higginson: Yes, fine. I think all the proposals about introducing the veterans into the rules really as soon as it is practicable because... so 1st of January is not a problem. The barrage instead of going on the world ranking, should that be for next season? Should it be from the 1st of January? I am not sure. I would suggest that it is from the 1st of January, the same as the others but I would understand that somebody might object to that.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Let's say for the moment 1st of January.

Stephen Higginson: Ok. Apart from that there is proposal 2...

Nathalie Rodriguez: Steve, proposition 8 was refused. It did not pass.

Stephen Higginson: Yes, that is why I didn't mention it.

Ioan Pop: And 7 also.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): No, 7 was voted in with 81 votes to 12 against and 5 abstentions.

Nathalie Rodriguez: I suggest that for the Veterans we will say the next Veterans World Championship.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): Yes, fine. Which leaves really just signifying the dates on transparent masks. There, I would imagine it would be as soon as the manufacturers can be persuaded but I don't know about the time delay for us.

Immediate? That means that a lot of things that have been manufactured already immediately become illegal. Is that what we want? I think that should possibly be a bigger time warning.

1st of January? Too soon?

Peter Jacobs (MH, GBR): Steve, they already have a date. The date is registered. So it is from now on for manufacturers I think because there is already a date, there is already a time limit.

Stephen Higginson (GBR): So, 1st of January? Not a problem. And I am not sure about dating the chamfering of the sabre blade tip. We would need to talk about it I think. So, the American proposal 2, the second part of it, should be for the next season with effect in September 2011. That is it.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thank you very much, Steve.

11. Urgent decisions

Nathalie Rodriguez: We go now to item 11 relating to urgent decisions that you have already received during the World Championships in Baku. They refer to modifications of the ranking taking into account the number of competitions. These modifications already apply since we had to start them for the junior ranking from the beginning of the season. We ask you to approve them. Let's vote.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The urgent decisions have been approved with 73 votes in favor.

12. Voting to award the World Championships

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now, we go over to item 12, which is voting to award the World Championships for the Juniors and Cadets in 2012, Senior in 2013, Veterans in 2011-2012 and teams in 2012.

As for the Juniors and Cadets in 2012, we have Russia as a candidate. We received a full file for the city of Moscow. Would the representatives of Moscow like to say something? No. Ok.

Let's start voting on the candidacy for Moscow as a candidate for Juniors and Cadets World Championships in 2012.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

The bid from Moscow has been approved with 77 votes in favor. These Championships of 2012 for Juniors and Cadets will be organized in Moscow.

Applause

Now, we go over to the 2013 Senior World Championships and we received the bid from Budapest. Budapest, would you like to say something?

Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN): Dear friends, we had a long day so I will be brief. I will be brief also because this is the second year in row that Budapest is on the agenda of the Congress so you all might remember its main features and also because Budapest has no competitors this time. You can find all the important details in this booklet so instead of repeating the simple facts I will share our key messages with you.

As you well know, Budapest was running for the 2011 World Championships but was defeated by Catania. From our side, this is the first opportunity to publicly congratulate our Italian friends for the great work they have done and wish them a successful organization. At the same time, since Palermo I have been approached by many of you asking the Hungarian federation to resubmit the bid so here we are.

Budapest hosted the Fencing World Championships three times in history: in 1959, 1975 and 1991. So, after 22 years, Hungary is prepared to organize this event again. The FIE will celebrate its centenary year in 2013. Hungary is a founder member of the FIE and with regards to the all times success records the 3rd, following Italy and France. Fencing is also by far the most successful Olympic sport in Hungary so, trust me, we will do our best to meet the high expectations and to celebrate well the anniversary of the FIE.

Last week, I sent an e-mail to many of you with the following question: why do you think that Budapest would be a good host? Now, let's see in order of appearance the answers I received and my personal emotional reactions. Next slide, please.

So, Julius responded in 10 minutes. He highlighted, the good location, the reasonable prices and the capital status of Budapest. Next slide.

So, this is how I was feeling upon receiving this e-mail.

The second answer I got was from the US. He was also supportive and underlined the rich fencing culture, the safe location and the good public transportation. That was really good to read. Next slide.

So, Bert Van de Flier gave me a very detailed answer. He emphasized our experience and commitment, the geographical location of Budapest, the cheap prices and the advantage of having a two-time Olympic champion epee fencer as the president of the country. Next slide.

I felt the victory was close. Actually, that is me on the picture, on the left side. Next slide.

And then, the answer of the Mayor arrived. He was worried about the manpower we have in our federation. I am ok by now but let me assure all of you that we will allocate the necessary human resource to the task.

My worries disappeared in the end when I received the supporting e-mail of the president of the EFC. Mr. Janda highlighted the geographical location as well, the popularity of fencing and the technical conditions as well as the price advantage. So, what else could come? Next.

Without disclosing who the sender is, this e-mail referring to the beauty of the Hungarian ladies and the good food is the last slide I share with you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: This is not in the handbook of regulations for the World Championships.

Laughter

Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN): Thank you. So, I kindly ask for your support.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: After this presentation we will vote on the Budapest bid for the 2013 Senior World Championships.

The vote is open.

Giorgio Scarso (ITA): I am sorry Nathalie. Before voting, I would like to draw your attention to the date of the World Championships, I don't know if it's possible to imagine an earlier date because November is not a perfect timing for championships. If you have no objections, it would be perfect to organize them in October because in November athletes are very busy preparing the event. We have to take into account that in 2013 a very intense season starts. That is why I would like to ask our Hungarian friends to organize this competition a little earlier.

Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN): With my friend Giorgio, we discussed during the coffee break. What I think with respect of that one is that we are certainly ready to talk about that and discuss with the FIE next year about the concrete details of the dates. Thank you.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thanks a lot Krisztian.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The vote is closed.

94 votes in favor of Budapest.

Applause

Now, let's go over to the Veterans World Championships. We have already spoken a lot about the veterans when we were discussing proposals. With regret, I can say that there are not very many bids for this championship with the exception of probably someone willing to do it today.

Yes, please.

Zouhir Bouchto (MAR): Good afternoon. I am the vice-president of the Moroccan Fencing Federation. For the kingdom of Morocco, it would to be a great honor to host these Championships in 2011. Morocco has all the necessary sports facilities. We have got great experience in organizing events of this level and we have organized already a number of events or specific competitions in fencing, you all remember the World Cup we organized in Morocco. We would be very happy to welcome you. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, Mister, this is an official and formal bid.

Zouhir Bouchto (MAR): Yes, Madam.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Can we vote on the bid?

Zouhir Bouchto (MAR): Yes, Madam.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Thank you. So, we have a bid from Morocco for the organization of the Veterans World Championships for 2011 but so far we have no one for 2012. So, let's vote for Morocco.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

93 votes in favor of Morocco.

Applause

Now, we have the Teams World Championships in weapons that are not included in the Olympic Games program and we have the bid from Kiev, Ukraine. Will the representatives of Ukraine like to speak?

Serhiy Mischenko (UKR): Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to start my presentation a bit unconventionally. Since we are in Moscow in a Russian federation I think it would be a pleasure for everyone to congratulate the Russian sports community on winning the right to hold the World Soccer Championships 2018. I think it is a great event and we should congratulate our Russian friends.

Applause

Now, back to Ukraine. I am pleased to present the city of Kiev as a candidate to hold the World Team Championships 2012. As you know, we have held successfully a European Senior Championships in Kiev in 2008 but since not everyone of you comes from Europe there are other continents that will be participating in 2012. I would like to ask you to have a look at a short presentation of Kiev, our city and the site for the World Team Championships 2012.

I also would like to tell you that every one of you has got this presentation in the small package we have been distributing this morning so you have it in your disks, in your packages.

Video

Applause

Serhiy Mischenko (UKR): This was a very short presentation of the city and the country. Thank you very much.

Just a few words about the palace of sports, the main venue, it was the venue that hosted the European Senior Championships. It is going to be reconstructed since it is going to host after the championships the press center for the European soccer championship, which Kiev together with our friends from Poland are going to have in 2012. So, the palace will be reconstructed and will be the principal venue.

I am also very pleased to announce that we have got supporting letters from the Minister of Ukraine for Family, Youth and Sport, who stresses that “as the sports development programs are of high importance for the Ministry I can guarantee full support in holding the World Championships at the highest level and I do hope that all participants will enjoy the competitions and the ancient capital of Ukraine”.

As well, a letter of support is here from Mr. Sergey Bubka, the President of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, who stresses that “on behalf of the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, I would like to support the Ukrainian Fencing Federation in its intention to organize the World Fencing Championships 2012 in Kiev, Ukraine”. Thank you very much. I will pass these letters to our Secretary General.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now, we are going to vote for the host of the World Teams Championships 2012 our friends from Ukraine.

The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

96 votes in favor of Kiev.

Applause

13. Voting to award the 2011 Congress

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now, we pass to item 13 in our agenda, the venue of our next Congress in 2011. We have two candidates. We received the written candidature from Philadelphia, United States, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

I would like to ask Mr. Sunil Sabharwal to represent the candidature of United States of America.

Sunil Sabharwal (USA): Thank you very much. I address you all on behalf of the US Fencing Association and to present our candidacy for the Congress of 2011 in the city of Philadelphia.

I would like to read for you the letter of the President of the US Olympic Committee and then I would like to introduce the city of Philadelphia in a few minutes since not everyone is fully familiar with this beautiful city.

First of all, the letter of Larry Probst.

*"Dear President Usmanov,
Dear Member of the FIE Executive Committee,
Dear presidents and representatives of the national fencing federations,*

On behalf of the United States Olympic Committee I would like to confirm our cooperation and support of the United States Fencing Federation in hosting the 2011 FIE Congress in the city of Philadelphia.

Philadelphia was the first city in the Western hemisphere to host a fencing World Championships in 1958 and on this occasion we would like to build on the tradition by being the first US city to host the FIE Congress. You have already received the excellent program that Philadelphia has put together for this event and I am sure you are well aware of the initiative that US fencing has done within the FIE and the Pan American Fencing organizations. I can assure you that the US Olympic Committee strongly supports its proposal and should you honor us the ability to host this event to global fencing family 2011. You will find a highly professional and extremely welcome reception in Philadelphia, the city of Brotherly Love.

Larry Probst, chairman of US Olympic Committee"

And if you give me now a few minutes I would like to present to you in a few slides the city of Philadelphia. Next slide, please.

Philadelphia, you may know, is one of the largest cities in the United States. It is on the East coast and is the second largest one behind New York City. It is the third most popular downtown, where downtown would mean center of the town; the fourth largest media market and the fifth largest city in the US. Next page, please.

Not everyone may know where exactly Philadelphia is so I thought a small map would be helpful. Philadelphia is located right between New York City and Washington DC. About an hour, an hour and a half train drive from both. I don't want to go through all the details on this page but the main point for you, international visitors, is that it has a very modern new airport where direct flight to 35 international cities and the airport is within 15 km of the city with a direct train 10 minutes from downtown and the hotel or, of course, a short car ride. Next page, please.

We propose to hold a welcome reception at the National Constitution Center. One of the interesting things about Philadelphia is that it was the original capital of the USA and in 1776 the Liberty bell, where the constitution was read, was here in Philadelphia and this Constitution Center is basically a part of that complex where the Liberty bell is located. So, we will all be able to see that. Next slide, please.

Philadelphia, for all the sports fans, is not just famous for fencing but we also have professional teams in basketball, American football and ice hockey. So, when we would be there, at the beginning of December, both the hockey and the basketball season would be in force so perhaps we would all be able to go and catch a game as well. Next slide, please.

For the headquarters hotel and for the meeting of the Congress and the gala reception dinner we have made reservations at the Four Seasons hotel, which, as many of you know, is the top hotel possibly in the world and certainly in Philadelphia. Next page, please.

And with that I would like to thank you for your attention. I hope we get your support to bring this prestigious event of the fencing family to the United States for the first time. Thank you very much.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Does Gerli Dos Santos want to speak for the Brazil candidature?

Gerli Dos Santos (BRA): Dear friends, members of the FIE, thank very much you for giving us the opportunity to present the candidature of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. We hope you will appreciate the skills of our city and the great experience of Brazil in organizing these events.

In 2011, we will organize the World Cup in woman épée and the Military World Championships in Rio de Janeiro. Then, other events like the America Cup and the Soccer World Championships. We are also going to organize the Olympic Games. We understand that the arguments submitted by our American friends are strong, they have advantages, and of course, we are withdrawing our candidature for the 2011 Congress is concerned. Everything will depend on the decision of our federation. However, we express our great interest in organizing the 2013 Congress and we would be thankful to you for your positive decision. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So, Brazil is withdrawing its candidature in favor of the United States of America and they indicated that they can organize the Congress of the FIE in 2013. So, we

have only one candidate: the city of Philadelphia in the United States of America. I suggest starting voting.

Giuseppe Cafiero (ITA) : On behalf of the Italian federation, I think we should thank the Brazilian federation for this sensibility and I would like to record in our minutes that we recommend officially that the 2013 Congress should be held there. Thank you.

Applause

Nathalie Rodriguez: Yes?

Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN): Dear friends, with all your respect to the Italian federation and to the Brazilian federation I would like to draw your attention on the fact that we decide where we organize the Congress in 2013 is not on the agenda. I had to say that the risk of spoiling the ambiance, it is not my goal, but you all have to understand that 2013 is a very important year in the FIE. It is going to be the centenary year for the FIE and we, Hungarians, and maybe others as well, might be happy to host the congress that year. So, I would kindly ask you to consider that before making any decision relating to 2013.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thank you, Krisztian. Our friends from Brazil said that they are in disposal of the FIE to organize the congress in 2013 but, of course, other candidates are welcome. Now, we will vote on the venue for the 2011 Congress.

Nathalie Rodriguez: The vote is open.

The vote is closed.

Philadelphia is approved as the venue for the 2011 Congress of the FIE with 94 votes in favor.

Applause

14. Miscellaneous items

Nathalie Rodriguez: Now, we go to item 14, miscellaneous, and we have only one matter here. I would like to ask Mr. Janda to come on the stage.

Frantisek Janda (CZE): Dear Members of the fencing family,

As the President of the European Fencing Confederation, I would like to shortly inform you about how Europe implements the new FIE trends into practice.

During the last season, all European championships were recording breaking concerning the number of the participant countries as well as in absolute number of the participants. The main goal of the EFC administration is the care for the future of our sport and this future lies in the development of the cadet category. In the last season, there were 4 457 cadets from 37 European and American countries participating in the European cadet circuit. Two years ago, we had in Europe 800 cadet licenses. Now, we have more than 4 400. However, we consider the European under 23 circuit as our biggest success. During last season, this circuit has been the pilot project and the practical experience shows that the need of such circuit is not for Europe only. Overall, there were 11 non-European countries regularly participating in the circuit. Yes, it is a success for Europe but Europe wants to invite the fencers from all continents to participate in our events.

Europe wants to create even better conditions for the participation of non-European countries in our competitions because the main goal of the continental or zonal administrations is to be some service organization for the member federations. We create some information and organization service for the fencers, this is our main goal. We have also created information internet portal and we successfully work on the internet television where we broadcast all the competitions with video arbitration held on the European continent.

However, for all these projects we need additional financial sources. It is very pleasant to talk about achievements but we often forget the fact that all these positive changes, all these development proceedings in the FIE are only possible because of the personal generosity of Mr. Usmanov. This is a fact that must be repeated. It is also necessary to say publicly thank you to M. Alisher Burkanovich Usmanov. We are now in a unique situation for our sport. The last World Championships in Paris that were seen in the whole world on Eurosport is a proof of this. We are obliged to use all financial and material sources to maximize efficiency. Europe, as well as all other continents, must cooperate in order to achieve that fencing becomes a marketable product.

We are well on the way but we cannot stop. It is necessary to adopt changes in the rules that will make our sport more attractive for the audience. We have to explore and try. We all in the hall want the same and I am convinced that nobody wants to return to an era of confrontation. We want cooperation for the future of our sport. Thank you very much.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Thank you Frantisek. With pleasure, I would like to inform you that we have exhausted our agenda and I would like to thank you for your very constructive work. Despite the fact that the agenda has been exhausted, the Congress has not been exhausted.

We don't have much to do in the first part of tomorrow but our program stays. The lunch is planned in the same place as today from 1pm until 2.30pm. The lunch will be served in the same restaurant. After that, approximately at 3pm, the buses will be waiting for you in front of the hotel so that we could go sightseeing the Kremlin. Then, we will come back to the hotel, we will not be walking back to the hotel, it is winter in this country. We will come by bus and have a gala dinner in the restaurant of the hotel, the Russkiy. It is in the same hotel.

Of course, I would like to thank the team of interpreters for their brilliant work. Thank you very much.

Applause

I would also like to remind you that it is necessary to leave on the table your headphones and your ballot boxes.

Nathalie Rodriguez: Please, leave them on the table and take your mobile phones with you.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): Now, Mr. Scarso wants to say something.

Giorgio Scarso (ITA): I think we have to clarify one thing. We all came here to speak about the future of our sport, however, I understood that as far as masks are concerned not everything has been clarified and we have to talk about masks. The decision that we have taken today is to withdraw the obligation to use the transparent masks and I think that fencers should have the right to choose. This is very important because many people are worried about this problem; they are concerned with this problem. I think this is a very important thing we have to come back to. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez: So far, the transparent mask is forbidden for épée and foil.

Maxim Paramonov (UKR): The Congress is over. Thank you very much again.

Applause



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

CONGRESS

04-05 DECEMBER 2010

MOSCOW (RUS)

111 federations took part in the Congress, among which 101 were present and 10 were represented.

1) GENERALITIES

1.1 APPROBATION OF THE REPORT ON THE 2009 CONGRESS IN PALERMO (ITA)

The report on the 2009 Congress has been approved.

1.2 2010 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (1ST SEMESTER)

The 2010 annual report of the Executive Committee has been approved.

1.3. FINANCIAL REPORT, AUDIT OF THE 2009/2010 ACCOUNTS, AUDITOR'S REPORT

The financial report, the audit of the 2009/2010 accounts and the auditor's report have all been approved.

1.4. APPROBATION OF THE ACCOUNTS, AND QUIETUS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND TO THE AUDITORS

The accounts, and discharge to the Executive Committee and to the auditors have all been approved.

1.5. 2011/2012 BUDGET

The 2011/2012 budget has been approved.

1.6. NOMINATION OF THE AUDITORS

Ernst and Young have been renewed for another year.

1.7. ATTRIBUTION OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

- VETERANS 2011: Morocco
- J/C 2012: Moscow (RUS)
- VETERANS 2012: no candidate
- TEAMS 2012: Kiev (UKR)
- SENIORS 2013: Budapest (HUN)

1.8. ATTRIBUTION OF THE 2011 CONGRESS

The organisation of the 2011 Congress has been attributed to Philadelphia (USA).

The federation of Brazil informed of its candidature for 2013 and the Federation of Hungary announced that it might also be candidate for 2013.

1.9. NEW FEDERATIONS (TOTAL 142)

The Congress pronounced the definitive affiliation of the following national federations:

EQUATORIAL GUINEA (GEQ)
LIBYA (LBA)
NEPAL (NEP)
ANTIGUA-AND-BARBUDA (ANT)
BAHAMAS (BAH)
BERMUDA (BER)

DOMINICA (DMA)
GUYANA (GUY)

2) AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

The following amendments to the articles in the Statutes have been adopted and come into force immediately, except when indicated otherwise:

2.1.1 Add in article 2.1.1. the following text:

“In case that the IOC has taken measures of sanction or injunction against a NOC for the protection of the Olympic movement and because of Olympic Charter violations, the FIE COMEX may adopt interim measures it considers appropriate in defence of the principles and values underlying its statutes, including the suspension, total or partial, of its membership, with the consequences and scope they deem appropriate, in relation to the National Federation of the NOC. In any case, the measure shall be adopted after the affected national Federation has the opportunity to be heard and must be endorsed by the next Congress. The FIE COMEX shall have the right to look for any arrangements for the fencers and referees who had been representing that National Federation.”

2.1.2 Members of Honour a) Nomination

Delete:

~~Besides the Member Federations the F.I.E. may also include Members of Honour.~~

All candidatures must be presented by a national federation or by a member of the Executive Committee, three months before the Congress which follows the Elective Congress.

Upon the proposal of the Honours Commission the Congress may grant the title of Member of Honour to any person who, through a long and loyal service to international fencing has proved his or her constant commitment to the F.I.E. This is granted as a mark of appreciation towards this person and also in order to secure for the F.I.E., in all its activities, the enlightened advice of that person.

b) Procedure

Before **the Congress which follows the Elective Congress**, the Bureau may single out one or more persons with the intention of proposing their nomination as Members of Honour at the Congress.

The Central Office must seek the approval of the Executive Committee before presenting its proposals to the Honours Commission.

The Honours Commission is made up of:

- **the Secretary General, Chairman of the Commission**
- ~~• 4 representatives of member federations present at the Congress, designated by proposition of the President at the beginning of the Congress~~
- the Members of Honour present at the Congress

The Commission meets **during the Congress which follows the Elective Congress** and decides, by a secret vote, whether or not to present the candidate(s) to the Congress.

The Members of Honour may lose their membership of the F.I.E.:

- by resignation
 - by expulsion
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2.2.2 Rights and Duties of Members of Honours

a) The Members of Honour of the F.I.E. are present by right at the Congresses of the F.I.E.

If they are not delegated by their national federations **to represent it**, they only have an advisory role, **i.e. they cannot vote**.

b) They also have the right to be present at the meetings of all the Commissions of the F.I.E., but in an advisory capacity only.

3.3.3 Proxies and mandates

Scratch the line in italics and underlined:

a) The right to vote at a Congress can be delegated to another federation or a Member of Honour. This proxy must be signed by the President of the member federation, and the mandate can be imperative for all statutory modifications.

In no instance may a proxy agent have more than one mandate for another member federation.

b) The only valid proxies are those received by the F.I.E. before the opening of the Congress: the proxy must bear the signature of the President of the member federation.

When a Member Federation or Member of Honour has already received a proxy, and now receives another proxy from another Member Federation, it must inform the latter that it cannot accept the proxy.

Every proxy may identify one or several other Member Federations or Members of Honour who could receive that proxy, in order of preference, should the Member Federation or Member of Honour receiving the proxy be prevented from taking it.

3.6.2 The voting for the President, the Executive Committee and the commissions is conducted by secret ballot.

The Executive Committee may decide that the vote be conducted by electronic ballot, in which case it will inform the member federations.

If the vote is not conducted by electronic ballot, it must take place in a separate polling booth, to which the delegates of the federations go one after another to complete their voting slips and place them in one or more closed ballot-boxes.

Application 2012 Congress.

4.1.2 Delete “*or by a Member of Honour*”, “*- only one candidate may be proposed by each Member of Honour for each post.*” and “*or by a Member of Honour*”.

4.1.3. Delete paragraph 4.1.3

4.3.1 A member of the Executive Committee, elected as such, cannot be president of a zonal confederation ~~or member of a commission~~.

Add :

Members of the Executive Committee (according to articles 5.2.1 and 5.2.4 definitions), cannot be member of a commission of the FIE.

Application 2012 Congress.

4.4.2	Delete the mention of the Disciplinary Commission from 4.4.2
4.5.8	<p>One single ballot box will be provided for all weapons throughout all the competitions of each of the six individual weapons.</p> <p>Application at the elections at the 2013 World Championships.</p>
4.5.9	<p>The voting will be open for all weapons during the time each individual weapon is being fenced, from the beginning of the eliminations and will begin at noon local time on the first day of the World Championships, and will end at noon local time on the last day of the World Championships.</p> <p>Application at the elections at the 2013 World Championships.</p>
4.5.12	<p>The Executive Committee, at its first meeting after these Open World Championships, will select an athlete per weapon nominate up to 6 athletes, always among the list of athletes submitted by their national federations. The athletes are nominated for a four year term, it being noted that each country can only have one representative on the Athletes Commission If the submitted candidacies allow it, all 6 weapons and four zones – Europe, America, Africa and Asia/Oceania – must be represented within the commission.</p> <p>Application at the elections at the 2013 World Championships.</p>
4.6	<p>Add a new 4.6 title “Selection of the Disciplinary Panel”</p> <p>Application 2012 Congress.</p>
4.6.1	<p>Members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be individuals who have been practicing as a lawyer, judge, arbitrator, magistrates or professor of law.</p> <p>Application 2012 Congress.</p>
4.6.2	<p>Candidates for the D.P. may be proposed by either an F.I.E. Member Federation or by a Member of Honor, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - only one candidate may be proposed by each Member Federation for the D.P. only one candidate may be proposed by each Member of Honor for the D.P. - a candidate for the D.P. can only be presented by the Member Federation of the candidate or by a Member of Honor with the agreement of the Member Federation of the candidate. - No candidate may be a member of the Executive Committee of the FIE, nor a member of one of its Commissions. <p>Application 2012 Congress.</p>
4.6.3	<p>All candidatures for selection to the D.P. must reach the administrative office of the F.I.E., in writing, at least two months before the Elective Congress.</p> <p>The candidature must be presented by means of a form signed under oath provided by the FIE (one single page of A4 format). The form must include the languages spoken as well as the degrees or other qualifications for the D.P.</p>

The head office of the F.I.E. will include the list of all of the candidates, as well as the CVs that have been received for candidates for the D.P. and present them to the meeting of the Executive Committee held the day following the Elective Congress.

Application 2012 Congress.

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- 4.6.4 The Executive Committee will examine the candidacies and establish the list of members (without restrictions as to how many) who fulfil the requirements of articles 4.6.1 and 4.6.3. If possible, this list will include at least two women, and one representative of each zone.

The chosen candidates shall be members of the Disciplinary Committee up until the Congress which follows the Elective Congress.

Application 2012 Congress.

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- 4.6.5 When it is necessary to engage a Disciplinary Tribunal, the Legal Commission, or a sub-committee thereof selected for this purpose, will eliminate those members of the D.P. who have a conflict of interest, either because of the countries represented in the controversy or because of involvement in the incident in another role (e.g. DT, Arbitrage, etc.). It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not available or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal. The Legal Commission shall designate the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal. Any member of the Tribunal selected by the Legal Commission shall have the responsibility to disclose any relationships with the parties and to refuse to accept any assignment to a Tribunal where there is a conflict of interest.

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- 4.6.6 The D.P. is responsible for handling all offences against the Rules, discipline or sportsmanship within the purview of the F.I.E., in conformity with the Disciplinary Code of the F.I.E. (cf. chapter 7), except the specific dispositions with respect to the discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114ss of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E.

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- 4.6.7 The proceedings of the D.P. and the Legal Commission with regard to any complaint shall be strictly confidential until a decision is rendered. No copies of the complaint shall be sent to anyone other than the parties involved, the D.P. and the Legal Commission.

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- 6.1.1 In 6.1.1 eliminate **Disciplinary Commission**.

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- 6.1.3 **There is established a permanent Disciplinary Panel** (see 4.6).

Application 2012 Congress.

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- 6.5.4 Delete current 6.5.4

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- 6.7 **The Disciplinary Panel**

6.7.1	The Disciplinary Panel is charged with the handling of all infractions against the Rules (with the exception of anti-doping cases), the discipline or sportsmanship within the International Fencing Federation (FIE) pursuant to the disciplinary code of the FIE (See chapter 7) subject to the specific provisions regarding discipline taken at the site of the competition appearing in articles t.114 et seq. of the Rules for Competitions of the FIE.
Chapter VII	Change Disciplinary Commission to Disciplinary Panel . (7.1.2 (2 times), (7.1.4 after (d) change Commission to Tribunal – 3 times), 7.1.7 (2 times), 7.2.1, 7.2.2, 7.2.4, 7.2.6 (b) 2., 7.2.11 change Commission to Legal Commission , 7.2.12 (3 times)
7.1.1	The Disciplinary Panel, selected by the Executive Committee, ... Application 2012 Congress.
7.2.2	The Disciplinary Tribunal is chosen in conformity with Article 4.6 above. Application 2012 Congress.
7.2.3	Delete 1 st 6 paragraphs of existing 7.2.3. The head office of the F.I.E. shall send to the president of the Disciplinary Tribunal within 15 days, the complaint, which was filed with the F.I.E. The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will, within 15 days, transmit a copy of the complaint to the person (s) designated therein.
7.2.5	Delete existing 7.2.5. The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal will notify the defendant, the complainant and their federations of the decision (with justification and penalty) of the Disciplinary Tribunal. The notification is made by certified mail, with acknowledgement of receipt requested. The president of the Disciplinary Tribunal shall also send copies of the decision to the President of the FIE and the president of the Legal Commission.
10.2.1	<i>Candidatures for a World Championship, add:</i> h) Requests to undertake the organisation of the Veteran World Championships for the following years, must reach the head office of the F.I.E two years before the organising of the competition.
10.5	THE VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS
10.5.1	<i>Organization and rules</i> The Organization Rules, the Technical Rules and the Competition Rules of Veterans Championships are defined in specific sections of the respective Rules. Rules related to all categories are applicable when not otherwise specified in those sections.

3) AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES

The following amendments to the articles in the Rules have been adopted and come into effect on January 1st, 2011, except when indicated otherwise:

3.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATION RULES

o.4. The **Central Office of the FIE** controls the activities of the Directoire Technique at the Olympic Games, ~~and at~~ the World Championships and ~~at~~ the Junior and Cadet World Championships, as described in Article o.63.

o.12.1 In **all competitions for which the formula includes a round of pools**, these pools will consist of **7** fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 7. ~~If not they will consist of 6 fencers if the number of participants is divisible by 6.~~ Otherwise the pools will be of 7 and 6. **In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.**

If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the organisers must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

o.31.2 **The day before the competition, the organizers must publish the pools, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest at 3:00 p.m. (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE Web site at the latest the day before the competition.**

o.31.3 ~~Confirmation of the presence of the exempted fencers is made at the time the fencers are entered.~~ The **16 fencers actually present entered**, who are **ranked highest in the most recent official FIE classification**, are exempt from the preliminary phase.

o.32.2 **After the round of pools, the 16 fencers ranked highest on the general index (cf o.19) are exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table. Should there be a tie between two or more fencers for the 16th place, there will be a barrage for 5 hits to decide who is ranked 16th.**

o.33.3 **Should one of the seeded fencers who had been entered** ~~in accordance with the Rules~~ not present himself to fence (Cf. o.31)...

o.54.3 **Substitution of a fencer**
Until the Monday Tuesday preceding the competition (**midnight Lausanne time**), a fencer may be replaced by another. To do this, the national federation must send the FIE, by fax or e-mail, a written request to substitute the fencer.

o.54.4 **Addition of a fencer after the deadline**
However, until the Monday Tuesday preceding the competition (**midnight Lausanne time**) one or more fencers may be added after payment to the FIE of a penalty (cf. o.86 table of financial penalties and fine(s)) for each additional entry.

o.57.3 **Veterans World Championships**

The Directoire Technique for Veterans World Championships is composed of three members of different nationalities, one of whom must represent the organising country.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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- o.81.3 Insert: '*The additional referees required (not less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee.*' after the words '...will not have to provide any referees.' and the following sentence begin with '*All the referees will be....*'.

'The Supervisor must.....application of this article.' should be moved to be the final line of o.81.2.

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- o.87 **VETERAN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**
The organisers must submit the programme of events to the Executive Committee for its approval.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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- o.88 *Entries for competitions*
Entries must be sent to the organisers by the competitors' national federation.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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- o.89 At the Veterans World Championships, entries for the individual events are limited to four fencers in each category per gender, per weapon and per nation.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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- o.90 *Composition of the pools*
When drawing the pools, the Directoire technique will take into account the following orders of strength:

1. The 32 highest ranked in the previous year's Championships, irrespective of age category changes;
2. The 32 highest ranked in the last Zone championships, irrespective of age category, if available;
3. All other fencers in order of age, starting from the youngest.

The allocation of fencers in the pools must be made in such a way as to place fencers of the same nationality in different pools, as far as possible (decalage).

If in any category there are fewer than ten competitors, the competition is held as a poule unique.

If in any category there are fewer than 6 competitors, they will fence with an adjacent age category. A separate ranking for this category will be extrapolated from the other category at the end of the competition.

If in any category there is only one competitor, the event in that category is cancelled.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

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- o.91 *Duration of the matches*

The direct elimination bouts are for 10 hits or end when two periods of three minutes, with one minute rest between the periods, have passed. As an exception, at sabre, the first period ends either at the expiry of the three minutes or when one of the fencers has scored five hits.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

o.92

Referees

Participating countries must notify at least one month in advance whether they will either bring the required number of referees or pay the penalty, in order to allow enough time to the organizers to recruit other referees.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

o.93

Invitations for international officials

1. Any proposed candidature for organising the World Championships must be studied at the venue concerned by a delegate designated by the Executive Committee, at the invitation of the candidate federation.

2. The organising committee of the World Championships, who will receive all the entry fees from the participating delegations, must, at their own expense, invite the following international officials (tourist-class return air fare, accommodation and daily allowances):

a) The President of the FIE or his representative, who presides over the World Championships and, in particular, controls the smooth running of the Directoire Technique.

b) Three members of the Directoire Technique appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE, one of whom must belong to the organising country.

c) One member of the SEMI Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

d) One member of the Refereeing Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

e) One member of the Medical Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee of the FIE.

Application 2011 Veteran World Championships.

Diagrams Add a note below each diagram stating that **This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence.**

Diagrams affected concern the articles mentioned hereafter: Valid target (at foil t.47, at epee t.62 and at sabre t.71).

t.35.1 ***The Referee***

All bouts at fencing are directed by a referee who must be an FIE referee licensed for the current season. For practical reasons, national referees who have paid and announced their candidature for FIE refereeing exams are authorised to referee at the **satellite competitions**.

t.37 That the heading before **t.37** be altered to **Attribution of referees and video-refereeing consultants**.

The video-consultant must:

- a) be a referee holding an FIE licence for the year in question;
- b) have been trained to assist with the video;
- c) be of a different nationality from the fencers on the piste;
- d) be of a different nationality from the main referee.

Application 2011 Junior/cadet World Championships.

t.37.6 **The drawing of lots is done with the help of a computer for the whole of the competition right through to the final. The computer programme must record each drawing of lots so that it is possible to know which referees were submitted for each draw. The computer programme should also be able to indicate whether the draw for any round was subsequently redone.**

Application 2011 Junior/cadet World Championships.

t.37.7 **In conformity with articles t.37.2 and t.37.3, the designation of the video-consultant must be made by drawing lots using a computer programme. The name and nationality of the video-consultant must also be written on the pool or match sheet, beside those of the referee.**

Application 2011 Junior/cadet World Championships.

t.42 **3 Video-refereeing**

a) Video-refereeing is compulsory at all three weapons at **Grand Prix, Senior World Cup individual and team competitions, the World Championships and Olympic Games, Zonal Championships and qualification events for the Olympic Games. It is optional at the Veteran World Championships.**

i) For **World Cup individual, Grand Prix competitions, Zone Championships and qualification events for the OG**, video-refereeing is compulsory and must be used as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes, and in any case, from the table of 64.

ii) For World Cup team competitions, video-refereeing is compulsory **as soon as ~~from the table of 32 onwards~~ the timetable allows the competition to be run on only 4 pistes** including the match for 3rd place, but excluding the other ranking matches.

iii) For individual and team competitions of the open World Championships, video-refereeing is obligatory **~~in all three weapons~~ as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 8 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing.**

iv) For individual competitions of the Junior and Cadet World Championships, video-refereeing is compulsory **~~in all three weapons~~ as soon as the timetable allows the competition to be run on a maximum of 4 pistes, all equipped for video-refereeing.**
For team competitions in the conventional weapons, video-refereeing is compulsory from the table of 16. In epee, video-refereeing is compulsory from the table of 8.

v) For individual and team events at the Olympic Games, the video-refereeing system is mandatory in all three weapons, at all stages of the competition.

b) Appeals

Both in team and individual events, only the fencer on the piste has the right to request a video review.

i) In the individual events, the fencer has:

- in **pools**, **~~in which the video-refereeing system is used~~**, one possible appeal during each bout;
- in **direct elimination** bouts, two possible appeals.

Should **the referee agree with the fencer** who appealed for the video-refereeing, the latter is entitled to retain the right of appeal.

ii) In team events, the fencers have one possible right to appeal to the video-refereeing per relay and they are entitled to retain this right should the referee agree with the appeal.

iii) In the case of an appeal for video-refereeing, the referee will walk over to **~~the refereeing delegate~~ the video consultant**, they will watch the video together and after having **analysed the action**, the referee will give his final decision.

c) There shall only be a maximum of 4 repetitions of the action. The referee can choose to review the action in real time or in slow motion, at any speed he wishes.

d) At all weapons and at any time, the referee may consult his monitor before making a decision.

e) If the fencers' scores are equal at the end of the match, for the decisive hit, the referee must use the video-refereeing **before even giving his decision, except in the case specified in article t.42.3.d.**

f) ~~The refereeing delegate~~ The video consultant may at any time request that the referee **~~review his decision~~ use the video-refereeing.**

g) Once the referee, together with the video consultant, has analysed the action, whether it is :
- **at the referee's initiative**
- **at the request of the athlete**
- **in case of a tied score, before the decisive hit**

- at the video consultant's request

the decision given by the referee is final and no other review of the same action can be requested.

~~h) The video consultant(s) monitoring the referee's decisions do not have to be members of the Refereeing Commission. They can also be members of the group of referees trained for video refereeing. For the World Championships and the Olympic Games, the delegate from the Refereeing Commission who is in charge, will designate this or those person(s) the video consultant(s). For "Grand Prix" other FIE competitions, the delegate from the Refereeing Commission will designate this or those persons.~~

t.87

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

Clear unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

~~If two of the criteria below are combined, there is unwillingness to fight:~~

- ~~1. criterion of time : one minute of fencing without a hit~~
- ~~2. absence of blade contact~~
- ~~3. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge).~~

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time : approximately one minute of fencing without a hit
2. absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during at least 15 seconds.

5. Individual events

a) If during the two first periods of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee ~~will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two fencers and~~ will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

~~b) If the offence is repeated, the Referee will each time award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.~~

b) ~~e)~~ When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, **the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing.** This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

~~i) if there has been no occurrence of the offence during the preceding periods, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each fencer, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

~~ii) if the offence has already been committed during the course of the preceding periods, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the fencers, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

6. Team events

a) If both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** during a team match, the Referee ~~will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two teams and~~ will proceed to the next bout.

~~b) If the offence is repeated, the Referee will each time award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the teams and will proceed to the next bout, and so on up to the last bout.~~

b) ~~e)~~ If both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** during **the last bout**, **the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing**. This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

~~i) if there has been no occurrence of the offence during the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the teams, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

~~ii) if the offence has already been committed during the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the teams, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

t.120

Delete ligne 1.1.8 of the table.

Diagrams Add a note below each diagram stating that **This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence.**

Diagrams affected concern the articles mentioned hereafter: Dimensions and flexibility (at foil m.8.5, at epee m.16.5 and at sabre m.23.5c), épée design of pointe d'arret (m.19.1), épée details of tip of point (m.19.1.c), conductive jacket (foil m.28.7 and sabre m.34.5).

m.2.3 Begin the 2nd sentence with: **For foil and epee, the guard must contain a padding or cushion...**

m.5.2 a) Begin the 1st sentence with: **For foil and epee, inside the guard there must be a cushion (padding)** sufficiently wide to...

m.5.3. d) Add: **In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.**

m.8.5 b) Add **'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'** after "A 200 g weight".

m.11.4 Add: **The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.**

m.13.1 Delete the words **'as well as the pommel or the rear extremity of the handle,'**

m.16.5 b) Add **'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'** after "A 200 g weight".

m.19.4 a) Add: **The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.**

m.19.4 b) Add: **The gauge used should have a tolerance of a maximum of +/- 0.05mm.**

m.23.2 The end of the blade must be folded over onto itself or be fashioned in one piece to form a button which, viewed end on, must have a square or rectangular section of 4 mm minimum and 6 mm maximum. The maximum dimensions must be not more than 3 mm from the end of the blade. **The edges of the folded-over tip or button must be chamfered to a radius of 0.5mm (minimum) so as to remove all sharp edges.**

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m.23.5 b) Add **'(tolerance +/- 1 g)'** after "A 200 g weight".

m. 24.2 Add the word **'longitudinal'** between the words 'the' and 'axis' – ie., **'being parallel with the longitudinal axis of the gauge'.**

m.27.3 To read:

Means of connection: the electrical contact between the conductive jacket and the bib of the mask must be ensured by means of a white-coloured or clear covered wire with two crocodile clips. The wire must be attached to the bib of the mask with one crocodile clip and to the jacket with the other. This wire must be between 30cm and 40cm long.

m.29.1 b) Add: **In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.**

m.31.2 Add: **In the absence of a security device being fitted to the weapon, a security device must be fitted to the plug of the bodywire.**

m.32.5 Add: **The wire must be white-colored or clear.**

m.44. 7 **The wireless apparatus is optional at the Veteran World Championships.**

ANNEX A

2.1.2 MASKS WITH A TRANSPARENT VISOR

1. General

1.1 **The wearing of the transparent mask is optional at all three weapons and in all FIE competitions.**

NB not included into the Rules: cf. FIE urgent letter 3-10 of February 8, 2010 still in force.

1.2 Veteran World Championships

The wearing of the transparent mask is optional at the Veterans World championships, at all three weapons.

2.1.2 3. Safety Standards

- Because of ageing of the plastic material, the polycarbonate visor must only be used for two years after its manufacture and, therefore, the date of manufacture **using the format of month (two digits) and year (four digits) e.g. 10-2010** must be indicated on it very clearly.

3.4 URGENT DECISIONS

Entries

o.65

1. At the **Open World Championships**, entries are limited to four fencers per weapon per nation for the individual events and one team per weapon per nation for the team events.
 - ~~2. The number of teams qualified is limited to 16 teams, according to the FIE Official Ranking, plus 16 teams allocated between the different zones, according to the FIE Official Ranking as follows: six from Europe, four from America, four from Asia/Oceania and two from Africa.~~
- ~~Should the organising country not have a team qualified, it will automatically have a place among the 16 teams allocated between the different zones.~~
- ~~In case of non-participation of a team, the next one in the ranking qualifies.~~

Referees — A Grade and Candidate A Grade competitions and Grand Prix

o.81

- 1 **The number** of FIE A or B Grade **referees** (cf. t.35) that must accompany teams to A Grade **junior** competitions is:

1–4 fencers	No obligation to provide a referee
5–9 fencers	One referee
10 or more fencers	Two referees
- 3 **For A Grade**, Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions, 7 referees, proposed by the Refereeing Commission ~~and in consultation with the organisers~~, will be designated by the Executive Committee, and delegations will not have to provide any referees. These 7 referees will be at the expense of the organisers, who will in return keep the entry fees.

Team World Cup

o.82

- 2 **Principles**
 - a) The Team World Cup tournament is composed of a maximum of **five integral competitions** (through to the first place), **organised, if possible, on all continents** ~~two competitions will be organised in Europe, one in Asia/ Oceania, one in America and one in Africa.~~ Points will be allocated at the end of each competition. ~~One of the continents may add one additional competition within the limits of six competitions per weapon.~~

Individual World rankings

o.83

- 1 **Official FIE individual ranking**
 - a) **Principles**

The official Open ranking of the FIE takes into account the best **five** results of the World Cup, Grand Prix or Satellite competitions in which the fencer has participated, **irrespective of continent**, plus the World Championships or Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.
 - b) **The official Junior ranking of the FIE** takes into account the best six results of the World Cup competitions in which the fencer has participated, **irrespective of continent**, plus the World Championships and the Zonal Championships.

2 Scale of points

- b) Points obtained in an **individual A Grade World Cup** competition are multiplied by a factor of 1.0.
- c) Points obtained in a **Grand Prix** competition of the FIE and a **Zonal Championship** are multiplied by a factor of **1.5**.
- d) Points obtained in the individual events of the **Open World Championships** ~~or the Olympic Games~~ and in the Junior **World Championships** are multiplied by a factor of **2.5**.
- e) **Points obtained in the individual events of the Olympic Games are multiplied by a factor of 3.** At the **Olympic Games**, **fourth** place is awarded 54 points.

o.84

1 Official team ranking of the FIE

a) Principle

The official team ranking of the FIE takes into account a team's **best four results** in the Team World Cup competitions, **irrespective of continent**, plus the Open World Championships or the Olympic Games and the Zonal Championships.



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

This Annual Report covers the first semester of 2010.

The International Fencing Federation has suffered the loss of several friends:

M. EDUARD TEODOROVICH VINOKUROV (RUS),

He passed away on February 10, 2010, at the age of 67. He was a great soviet sabre fencer, twice Olympic gold medallist in 1968 and 1976, and Olympic silver medallist in 1972, in the team event. He was also team World Champion six times between 1966 and 1973, and twice team Vice-World Champion in 1966 and 1973. He also won the USSR Championships several times.

M. ROBERTO EDUARDO JOSÉ FERAUD (ARG)

Born on June 1st, 1926, he passed away on March 9, 2010, at the age of 83.

Fencer, administrator and former President of the "Club Français" of Buenos Aires, he was also a member of the Executive Commission of the Argentinean Fencing Federation for a long period, notably as its Vice-President. He was equally a member of the FIE SEMI Commission.

M. ANDRAS FELKAY (HUN)

He passed away in Budapest, on March 10, 2010, at the age of 77.

A talented foilist, he won the Hungarian Championships in 1962. Andras Felkay was Vice-President of the Hungarian Fencing Federation for many years. He participated regularly in FIE official tournaments, World Championships and Olympic Games as a referee. Between 1965 and 2000, he was often a member of the Technical Directory at Junior, Senior and Veteran World Championships. Between 1976 and 2000, he was a member of various FIE Commissions, initially being part of the Refereeing Commission, then later the Legal Commission. He also presided over the Italo Santelli Foundation which has been helping young Hungarian fencers for 20 years.

M. DARIO MANGIAROTTI (ITA)

He passed away on April 9, 2010, at the age of 94. An excellent epeist, he was Olympic Champion in the individual event, and silver medallist in team at the 1952 Olympic Games. He also won the silver medal at the 1948 Olympic Games. He was crowned individual World Champion in 1949, as well as four times team World Champion between 1937 and 1953. Dario, brother of Edoardo, was an exceptional coach as well.

M. JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH TORELLO (ESP)

He passed away on April 21, 2010, at the age of 89. He had a brilliant political career, in particular as Spanish Ambassador in USSR and in Mongolia, before becoming International Olympic Committee President in 1980, a position he held until 2001. During his tenure as President, Mr. Samaranch initiated many improvements and innovations for the Olympic Movement, including the improvement of the IOC's financial situation, as well as the creation of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and of the World Anti-Doping Agency. In 1991, Juan-Carlos, king of Spain, bestowed him the title of Marquis of Samaranch.

We express our deepest sympathy to the families and federations of the deceased.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

1.1 MANAGEMENT

The management activities of the FIE have continued with intensity.

The Executive Committee met on February 6, 2010 in Lausanne (SUI), and on June 19, 2010 in Madrid (ESP).

The yearly **General Assembly** of the FIE took place on April 1st, 2010, in Baku (AZE).

18 Executive Committee consultations were conducted by fax and email throughout the first semester of the year, when urgent decisions were needed.

The measures adopted by these decision-making bodies were regularly communicated to the FIE members, via **8 Information Letters** and **13 Urgent Letters**.

The letters and their annexes were sent to the National Federations, the Members of Honour, the Members of the Executive Committee and the Presidents of the Confederations by electronic mail.

The various rankings of the FIE were also sent to the National Federations by electronic mail.

1.2 CALENDAR

181 World Cup tournaments took place during the 2009/2010 season, 72 of these were junior tournaments, 81 senior tournaments (including 28 GP) and 28 team tournaments, as well as 34 satellite tournaments.

1.3 REFEREEING EXAMS

The following refereeing exams were organised:

Continent	City	Dates	Examiners
Europe	Budapest (HUN)	3-5 January 2010	I. Mamedov. / M. Siesto
Americas	Houston (USA)	1-20 March 2010	D. Cotton / M. Siesto
Asia	Manila (PHI)	1-5 March 2010	D. Cotton
	Dammam (KSA)	22-24 June 2010	M. El Motawakel

The results of these exams were:

City	Zone	Weapons	Candidates	Passes
Budapest (HUN)	EU	3	24 E / 25 F / 15 S	23 E / 23 F / 13 S
Houston (USA)	AM	3	14 E / 4 F / 6 S	11 E / 4 F / 5 S
Manila (PHI)	AS	3	7 E / 8 F / 6 S	5 E / 5 F / 4 S
Dammam (KSA)	AS	3	13 E / 9 F / 7 S	2 E / 6 F / 3 S

1.4 ANTI-DOPING

The fight against doping continued throughout the season and there were **0** case of doping in FIE competitions.

- **398 doping controls were carried out** during the 2009/2010 season at World Cup competitions (not including the World Championships and Zonal Championships), including:
 - **144** controls during Junior World Cups
 - **162** controls during Senior World Cups
 - **58** controls during Team World Cups
 - **34** controls during Satellite Competitions
- The FIE conducted out-of-competition doping controls on **20 athletes in 2010**.

1.5 ANTI-DOPING EDUCATION

The Athletes Awareness Program (AAP), a joint effort from the WADA and the FIE, aims at educating the athletes regarding clean sport. As the FIE anti-doping team clearly targets the younger generation of fencers, the FIE implemented this program at the FIE Cadet/Junior World Championships in April 2010, in Baku (AZE).

Objectives

- Promotion of a clean sport
- Anti-doping awareness in the fencing environment: fencers, coaches, medical teams, organisers and fencers support personnel.

Main data

Fencers	Coach/Med.	Countries	Days	Cost	PL	AG	Quiz on paper	Quiz Number of Players
300/965	16	30/87	3	433	100	10	130	100

Approximately 100 participants, mainly fencers, coaches or national team medical personnel, took the 2010 version of the Anti-doping Quiz. Many "group sessions" were organised with 2-5 additional participants per player. Based on this observation, 300 to 350 key targeted fencing stakeholders have probably participated in this program.

Moreover, thanks to 16 individual meetings with people in charge, i.e. national team coaches or doctors, this awareness program seems to have clearly exceeded its objectives, reaching not only the fencers, but also support personnel who play an essential role regarding clean sport education.

List of countries reached: (30/87 present)

Azerbaijan	Dominican Rep.	Iran	Mexico	Senegal
Belarus	France	Ireland	Holland	South Africa
Canada	Germany	Israel	Poland	Spain
China - Macao	Greece	Italy	Portugal	Sweden
Cuba	Hungary	Japan	Romania	Ukraine
Denmark	India	Korea	Russia	USA

Meetings with National Federations

Difficulties regarding anti-doping were discussed during these meetings with national federations and targeted NFs.

Conclusions

- The AAP has successfully reached its main objectives
- Proportionally, the AAP reached approximately 1/3 of the fencers present
- More importantly, the AAP reached 1/3 of participating countries
- At almost 1, the "Cost-to-Person/target reached" rate is excellent. This seems to prove the efficiency of such an education program. In comparison, this cost is equivalent to the cost of only one anti-doping control (48 controls were done in Baku).
- The meetings with the national federations allow the FIE to progress efficiently on touchy subjects such as the submission of localisation information on which the planning of out-of-competition controls is based.

1.6 WEBSITES

2 new pages have been added to the www.fie.ch site, in the In Brief menu: Fencing and Records.

Statistics:

	Total	J/C WCH
Visits	798.636	135.487
Pages visited	7.009.905	1.047.011
Pages visited most	Calendar, rankings, fencers profiles	
Key words	fie, fencing, escrime	
Search engines	Google, Yahoo, MSN	
Site referencing	Google and Yahoo: 1 of the top 10	

1. SPORTING ACTIVITIES

2.1 WINNERS OF THE 2009-2010 OFFICIAL RANKINGS

Junior Official Rankings

Women's epee		Men's epee	
1 HURLEY Courtney	USA	1 GLAZKOV Nikita	RUS
2 BERGDAHL Johanna	SWE	2 CUPR Michal	CZE
3 FIAMINGO Rossella	ITA	3 BARDENET Alexandre	FRA
4 REMBI Lauren	FRA	4 BRUTTINI Lorenzo	ITA
5 PAJU Nelli	EST	5 GYORGYI Levente Tamas	HUN
6 FERNANDEZ Clementine	FRA	6 ADAMOV Anton	RUS
7 SEREGINA Eugeniya	RUS	7 MAKIYENKO Yevgeniy	UKR
8 BUDAI Dorina	HUN	8 ROSELLO Pau	ESP
Women's foil		Men's foil	
1 DERIGLAZOVA Inna	RUS	1 WILLETTE David	USA
2 MONACO Beatrice	ITA	2 EL SAYED Alaa El Din	EGY
3 CALISSI Olga Rachele	ITA	3 LUPERI Edoardo	ITA
4 LYCZBINSKA Hanna	POL	4 TRANI Francesco	ITA
5 VOLPI Alice	ITA	5 GATAI Robert	HUN
6 PRESCOD Nzingha	USA	6 GAROZZO Daniele	ITA
7 BLAZE Anita	FRA	7 NAKIS Theodoros	GRE
8 IVANOVA Anastasia	RUS	8 KROEPLIN Moritz	GER
Women's sabre		Men's sabre	
1 GALIAKBAROVA Dina	RUS	1 SCHROEDTER Sebastian	GER
2 VARHELYI Anna	HUN	2 WAGNER Benedikt	GER
3 BESBES Azza	TUN	3 SZILAGYI Aron	HUN
4 BUJDOSO Alexandra	GER	4 ILIASZ Nikolasz	HUN
5 ILLARIONOVA Anna	RUS	5 SBRAGIA Stefano	ITA
6 OZOLINA Alina	RUS	6 KONOPATSKIY Stanislav	UKR
7 GREGORIO Rossella	ITA	7 IBRAGIMOV Kamill	RUS
8 KHARLAN Olga	UKR	8 MARINO Fabrizio	ITA

2.2 2010 Junior / Cadet World Championships

These Championships took place in **Baku (AZE), April 2-10, 2010**. The officials and referees designated by the FIE were:

Officials:

Bernardini	Raniero	ITA	President of the Technical Directorate
Kralik	Julius	SVK	Member of the Technical Directorate
Tsoukhlo	Evgueni	RUS	Member of the Technical Directorate
Groupierre	Victor	ARG	Member of the Technical Directorate /Head of Protocol
Loo	Luan Luan	SIN	Member of the Technical Directorate
Picot	Patrick	FRA	Member of the Technical Directorate
Kalender	Mustafa	TUR	Member of the Technical Directorate
Defoligny-Renault	Catherine	FRA	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Shafaat	Davood Reza	IRI	Delegate of the Medical Commission
Bierkowski	Jacek	POL	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Huggins	Janet	GBR	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
Lopez	Maria Eberl	CHI	Delegate of the SEMI Commission
El Motawakel	Mohamed	EGY	Head Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Smith	Keith	GBR	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Siesto	Marco	ITA	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Ferjani	Salah	TUN	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Wael Aya	Husain	KUW	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission
Nakata	Reiko	JPN	Delegate of the Refereeing Commission

Referees:

ALG	Mezaghcha	Samir	HUN	Gatai	Robert
TUR	Palabiyik	Cihan	IRI	Poursalman	Alireza
AUS	Baker	David	ISR	Ivanov	Alexander
AUT	Csar	Barbara	ITA	Riontino	Raffaele
AZE	Valiyev	Fikrat	JPN	Hashimoto	Hiroshi
AZE	Mardukhayev	Piotr	KOR	Choi	Myoung Jin
BLR	Lahotska	Maksim	KUW	Rashed	Shabab Al Shmali
BUL	Milenchev	Vasil	MDA	Paghiev	Mihail
CAN	Cantin	Pascal	MEX	Rios Rivera	Juan Carlos
CHN	Jiang	Yeifei	POL	Sznajder	Rafal
CUB	Mola Fuentes	Walfrido V.	ROU	Gheorghe	Florin Sebastian
EGY	Abel Fattah	Hussein	RUS	Feoktistov	Valerian
ESP	Casares	Ignacio	SEN	Toure	Pape Khassoum
FIN	Groenholm	Peter	SIN	Leong	Dennis Kok Seng
FRA	Guenet	Jean-Marc	SWE	Holmstroem	Joakim
GEO	Sakhvadze	David	TUN	Ferjani	Mohamed Ayoub
GER	Denzer	Benjamin	TUR	Cihan	Palabiyik
GBR	Sach	David	UKR	Guttsayt	Vadym
GRE	Douvis	Andreas	USA	Washburn	Charles
HKG	Zheng	Kang Zhao	VEN	Liendo	Juan

Results - Cadet Individual Events

Women's epee	Men's epee
1. SANTUCCIO Alberta ITA 2. LEE Hye Won KOR 3. TATARAN Amalia ROU 3. LIN Sheng CHN 5. HOLMES Katharine USA 6. BAKHAREVA Yulia RUS 7. MONARCA Agnese ITA 8. RADFORD Amy GBR	1. BODOCZI Nikolaus GER 2. JUNG Byeungchan KOR 3. SVICHKAR Roman UKR 3. FRIELICH Yuval Shalom ISR 5. KRUK Tomasz POL 6. CIOVICA Lucian ROU 7. RUBES Martin CZE 8. NOVOTNY Ondrej CZE
Women's foil	Men's foil
1. KIEFER Lee USA 2. MANCINI Camilla ITA 3. LUPKOVICS Dora HUN 3. WANG Lianlian CHN 5. ALEXEEVA Viktoria RUS 6. SPEZZAMONTE Irene ITA 7. SHAITO Mona USA 8. SUN Jing CHN	1. MASSIALAS Alexander USA 2. LUPERI Edoardo ITA 3. IMBODEN Race USA 3. LICHAGIN Kirill RUS 5. CHOUPENITCH Alexander CZE 6. NISTA Lorenzo ITA 7. TSORONIS Alexander DEN 8. GYORGYI Antal HUN
Women's sabre	Men's sabre
1. KOMASHUK Alina UKR 2. SEMENKO Maryna UKR 3. MARTON Anna HUN 3. SEO Ji Yeon KOR 5. EGORIAN Yana RUS 6. WATOR Angelika POL 7. MUSCH Anja GER 8. ANTONOVA Dar'Ya RUS	1. HUEBERS Richard GER 2. KINDLER Maximilian GER 3. AFFEDE Leonardo ITA 3. OKUNEV Artur RUS 5. AKULA Mikhail BLR 6. SIRBU Dragos ROU 7. SZATMARI Andras HUN 8. SCHROEDTER Robin GER

Results - Junior Individual Events

Women's epee	Men's epee
1. BERGDAHL Johanna SWE 2. REMBI Lauren FRA 3. XU Anqi CHN 3. FERNANDEZ Clementine FRA 5. SUN Yujie CHN 6. KOLOBOVA Violetta RUS 7. STAEHLI Laura SUI 8. VAGGO Emma SWE	1. GLAZKOV Nikita RUS 2. BARDENET Alexandre FRA 3. SUN Qi CHN 3. CUPR Michal CZE 5. GYORGYI Levente Tamas HUN 6. TIMOSHENKO Philipp RUS 7. ROSELLO Pau ESP 8. DE METS Bert BEL
Women's foil	Men's foil
1. DERIGLAZOVA Inna RUS 2. BLAZE Anita FRA 3. VOLPI Alice ITA 3. LYCZBINSKA Hanna POL 5. KIEFER Lee USA 6. THIBUS Ysora FRA 7. MONACO Beatrice ITA 8. SHI Yun CHN	1. EL SAYED Alaa El Din EGY 2. MEINHARDT Gerek USA 3. WILLETTE David USA 3. LUPERI Edoardo ITA 5. MASSIALAS Alexander USA 6. GATAI Robert HUN 7. LEFORT Enzo FRA 8. KONTOCHRISTOPOULOS Nikolaos GRE
Women's sabre	Men's sabre
1. KHARLAN Olga UKR	1. ILIASZ Nikolasz HUN

2. VARHELYI Anna	HUN	2. SCHROEDTER Sebastian	GER
3. GALIAKBAROVA Dina	RUS	3. SZILAGYI Aron	HUN
3. BESBES Azza	TUN	3. KONOPATSKIY Stanislav	UKR
5. OZOLINA Alina	RUS	5. IBRAGIMOV Kamill	RUS
6. VORONINA Olena	UKR	6. SZABO Matyas	GER
7. LEE Ra Jin	KOR	7. HOMER Daryl	USA
8. KEDZIORA Katarzyna	POL	8. STEARNS Max	CAN

Results - Junior Team Events

Women's epee	Men's epee	Women's foil	Men's foil	Women's sabre	Men's sabre
1. EST	1. HUN	1. RUS	1. USA	1. UKR	1. GER
2. USA	2. ITA	2. KOR	2. ITA	2. POL	2. CAN
3. RUS	3. SUI	3. POL	3. FRA	3. ITA	3. USA
4. ISR	4. UKR	4. USA	4. GER	4. TUN	4. KOR
5. SWE	5. CHN	5. FRA	5. GBR	5. RUS	5. BLR
6. CHN	6. GER	6. ITA	6. RUS	6. HUN	6. ITA
7. HUN	7. KAZ	7. CHN	7. HUN	7. KOR	7. RUS
8. UKR	8. DEN	8. HUN	8. DEN	8. ESP	8. FRA

Table of the junior medals

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Russia	3		2	5
Hungary	2	1	1	4
Germany	1	1		2

Table of the cadet medals

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	2	1		3
United States	2		1	3
Italy	1	2	1	4

Junior Nations' Grand Prix

1. Russia **292**
2. Hungary **242**
3. France **238**

Participation

Number of fencers	1077
Number of countries	82

Weapon	Cadets	Juniors	
	Nb fencers	Nb fencers	Teams
Women's epee	82	98	20
Men's epee	93	142	30
Women's foil	79	86	16
Men's foil	85	109	24
Women's sabre	59	76	17
Men's sabre	76	92	22
Total	474	603	129

2.3 2010 CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2.3.1 Junior Panamerican Championships

These Championships took place in **Puerto Vallarta (MEX), May 4-5, 2010**. The officials and referees designated by the FIE were:

Officials:

TD President Monica Ho (TPE)
Refereeing Delegate Atilio Tass (USA)

Referees :

R. Vázquez (CHI)
Juan Carlos Ríos (MEX)
Romao (BRA)
R. Moreno (CHI)
Cortés (MEX)
Dias Luis Orlando (CUB)
Hristov Hristo (USA)

Results - Individual Events

Women's epee	Men's epee
1. HURLEY Courtney USA 2. BASSA Francesca USA 3. TERAN Alejandra MEX 3. SIMEAO Amanda BRA 5. BARNA Isabella USA 6. MARCANO Jossibel VEN 7. PIOVESAN SILVA Patrizia VEN 8. COUTINHO Ana BRA	1. QUINTERO ALVAREZ Ringo CUB 2. NICKEL Rolf CHI 3. ROTHFELD Andre BRA 3. FERREIRA Nicolas BRA 5. SANDOVAL Daniel MEX 6. DIAZ Gerardo MEX 7. LOCKHUART G. Jose R. DOM 8. MORALES Gerber GUA
Women's foil	Men's foil
1. MICHEL Nataly MEX 2. BULCAO Ana Beatriz BRA 3. REBOLLEDO Melissa MEX 3. FLORES Alejandra CHI 5. OLIVEIRA Augusta BRA 6. JIMENEZ Isis VEN 7. MANSUR Fernanda BRA 8. FERNANDEZ Marissa MEX	1. WILLETTE David USA 2. SOUZA Pierre BRA 3. TOLDO Guilherme BRA 3. PRADES ROSABAL Redys H. CUB 5. GOMEZ David MEX 6. LINALDI Alberto MEX 7. MIRANDA Oscar CHI 8. FIGUEROA Carlos MEX
Women's sabre	Men's sabre
1. GONZALEZ Ursula MEX 2. LARA Karen MEX 3. YSABEL Heyddys DOM 3. PASTRAN Milagros VEN 5. AGUILAR FLORES Angelica MEX 6. RODRIGUEZ Alba MEX 7. CARRENO Maria VEN 8. KAMBER Ilana USA	1. SPEAR Will USA 2. BELLO Rafael VEN 3. RONDON Mayerwing VEN 3. BERMEJO Oscar MEX 5. WESTER REYES Rafael DOM 6. MORALES Jesus MEX 7. AYALA Julian MEX 8. MOCH Stephen USA

3. AID FROM THE FIE TO THE NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND CONFEDERATIONS

Within the framework of the Confederations Development Plan, the FIE organised and financed various actions for a total budget of **3.055.000 CHF, including:**

I. Actions specific to each Confederation: 1.588.700 CHF

For 2009-2010, each Confederation defined its own specific priorities within its Confederation Development Plan, which were subsidised by the FIE:

The budget for these actions amounted to the following sums:

Europe: 540.000 CHF
Africa: 238.000 CHF
Americas: 349.600 CHF
Asia: 381.600 CHF
Oceania: 79.500 CHF

These amounts included the FIE's subsidy for the participation of:

- the President of each national federation at the Palermo Congress;
- the President of each national federation at the Baku General Assembly; and
- 2 athletes for each national federation at the 2010 Baku J/C World Championships.

II. Other actions

Help in equipment	455.000 CHF
Training course for athletes	160.000 CHF
Schools and courses for trainers	375.000 CHF
Prizes from the Foundation for the Future of Fencing	42.000 USD

The 54 following federations received material aid:

Europe: BLR, CRO, CZE, GEO, GRE, HUN, ISL, ISR, LAT, LTU, MDA, MKD, POL, ROU, SRB, SLO, SUI, SVK, UKR.

Americas: BOL, HON, ECU, CRC, GUA, CHI

Asia: LIB, MYA, IRQ, PHI, KGZ, AFG, BAN, KAZ, UZB

Africa: NAM, TOG, CIV, MTN, MAR, NIG, CGO, SLE, GAB, BOT, MLI, NGA, BUR, TUN, RDC, RSA, GUI, SEN

Oceania: AUS, NZL.

Prizes:

In partnership with the "Foundation for the Future of Fencing", the medallists in each cadet weapon and each junior weapon at the 2010 J/C World Championships received an equipment voucher from FIE's partner Allstar/Uhlmann. **These prizes amounted to a total of 42,000 USD.**

Fencer ranked 1st: 1500 USD voucher

Fencer ranked 2nd: 1000 USD

Fencer ranked 3rd: 500 USD

III. Assistance de la FIE's aid to sport development

1. Fencers training camp

In accordance with the FIE Development Program, we organized an international training camp in Baku as preparation the week before the Junior and Cadet World Championships.

26 fencers from 26 different countries and from the four geographical zones were invited: Nicaragua, El Salvador, Togo, Kazakhstan, Iceland, Lithuania, Latvia, Chile, Indonesia, Kirghizstan, Moldavia, Jordan, Argentina, Mexico, Peru, Porto Rico, South Africa, Egypt, Ecuador, Tunisia.

Cuba, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Turkmenistan, Senegal and Vietnam were absent (for various reasons: visa obtained too late, no response from the federation, and so on).

All these athletes were totally taken care of on site: lodging with full pension at the brand new Ramada hotel, situated on the shore of the Caspian Sea. The training took place in two halls of the hotel, equipped with pistes and scoring apparatus. One big hall was equipped with three pistes, while two pistes were installed in a second smaller hall. Two training sessions per day were organized.

The FIE contributed a fixed amount to the plane tickets (600 euros for the Americas, 500 euros for Asia, 400 euros for Africa and 300 euros for Europe). The fencers arrived in Baku on March 26, 2010, and their training continued until the end of the individual event of the weapon in which they were registered. During the World Championships, the coaches in charge of the training camp were the ones coaching the athletes who participated in it.

The FIE coaches-experts who gave this training camp were:

Sabre : Krzysztof Grzegorek (POL), head coach of the Polish national Team for 20 years;

Epee: Ivan Trevejo (CUB), Olympic silver medallist in epee, and assistant at the fencing master school;

Foil: Maksym Petrov (UKR), Ukrainian National Team coach.

This training camp proved to be a resounding success. The participants even created a small booklet in which they unanimously expressed very favourable comments about this training camp. Some National Federation Presidents (ARG, LAT) as well as a participant from Iceland, thanked the FIE in writing for this very successful and useful training camp.

2. Coaches continental training, in all weapons

In 7 months (January-July), 68 countries participated in these courses. 143 coaches were educated: 38 from Europe, 50 from Asia-Oceania, 47 from Americas, 8 from Africa, Overall, these courses represented 7.5 months.

The main objectives of these courses were as follows: being able to teach the fundamentals of fencing correctly, and the ability to make conscious use of the pedagogical method. The workload was 30 hours of training per week, spread on 10 sessions. At the end of the course, the participants had an exam and were given diplomas. Similar training courses have been organised in all continents, and in all weapons.

All on site and training costs were paid by the FIE.

2.1 Europe

1. Epee Coaching Course, Zagreb (CRO), 22.02-28.03. 2010

24 participants from 12 European countries (Croatia, Finland, Netherlands, Sweden, Great-Britain, Serbia, Slovenia, Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, Belgium, Macedonia) took part in this course.

The course was supervised technically by the following experts:
Octavian Zidaru (ROU), President of the Coaching Commission of the European Confederation, former epee champion and National team coach, professor and doctor in sports.

Alex Mazur (UKR): Fencing Professor at the Kiev Sport University

2. Sabre Coaching Course, Budapest (HUN), 17.05-20.06.2010

13 participants from 11 different countries (Turkey, Great-Britain, Serbia, Romania, Greece, Macedonia, Georgia, Iceland, Holland, Israel) and Egypt, invited on an exceptional basis.

Experts:
Laszlo Szepesi (HUN), Fencing Professor at the Budapest Sport University, author of several reference books on sabre, former national team coach in France, and current Head Coach of the Hungarian Team.

Akos Patocs, training assistant

2.2 Asia - Oceania

1. Foil Coaching Course, Doha (QAT), 28.03-03.05.2010

25 participants from 19 countries from Asia and Oceania (Jordan, Malaysia, Qatar, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, India, Iran, Japan, Hong-Kong, Thailand, Australia, New-Zealand, Iraq, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Syria, Taipei, Afghanistan) took part in this coaching course.

The course was supervised technically by the following experts:
Hugues Leseur (FRA), Professor of Sports, former Director of the Fencing Master School in Chatenay-Malabry (France)
Petru Kuki (ROU), Professor of Sports, former foil champion, former National Team Coach of Romania.

2. Epee Coaching Course, Beijing (CHN), 24.06-30.07. 2010

25 participants from 21 different countries (Jordan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, India, Iran, Japan, Hong-Kong, Thailand, Australia, New-Zealand, Iraq, Syria, Taipei, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Vietnam, Kirghizstan, Lebanon, China) took part in this coaching course.

The course was supervised technically by the following expert:

Daniel Levavasseur (FRA), former National Team Coach of France, and world-renowned epee specialist.

2.3 Americas

1. Sabre Coaching Course, Buenos Aires (ARG), 15.04-30.05.2010

24 participants from 16 American countries took part in this course: Colombia, Canada, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Peru, El Salvador, Mexico, Uruguay, Costa Rica, Cuba, Guatemala, Venezuela.

The course was supervised technically by the following experts:

Raul Peinador (ESP), former international fencer from Spain, Director of the Fencing Coaches School in Spain.

José Luis Alvarez (ESP), Fencing Master, and Professor at the Madrid Fencing Master School.

2. Foil Coaching Course, San Salvador (ESA), 05.07-08.08.2010

23 participants from 17 American countries took part in this course

Aruba, Colombia, Canada, Ecuador, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Peru, Panama, El Salvador, Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago.

The course was supervised technically by the following experts:

Hugues Leseur (FRA), Professor of Sports, former Director of the Fencing Master School in Chatenay-Malabry (France)

Petru Kuki (ROU), Professor of Sports, former foil champion, former National Team Coach of Romania.

3. Training and professional development schools for fencing masters and continental centres

3.1 In Dakar, the Coaching School, created in 1999, perfectly fulfils its mission. One can even say that without this school, fencing development in Africa would have remained mission impossible. Initially, this school had the following objectives:

- train new fencing masters for new African Fencing Federations;
- refresh African Fencing Masters knowledge;
- facilitate the implementation of new federations;
- train high level African fencers.

So the EIMA (International Fencing Master School) opened its doors to a new yearly class (the 5th) in October 2008. On June 23-24, 2010, the eight students of this class - Senegal (2), Ivory Coast (2), Congo D. R. (2), Niger (1), and Tunisia (1) - all passed the final exam.

The first year of study was totally dedicated to learning fencing, as well as some anatomy and physiology concepts, necessary to correctly teach fencing as a fencing master.

The second training year started in October 2009.

The learning focused on fencing pedagogy, research and high level training, refereeing and complementary modules pertaining to sport psychology, marketing and knowledge of the Olympic Movement.

It ended with a final exam, supervised by FIE experts, to obtain the FIE Fencing Master diploma.

The school was supervised technically by the following experts:

- Pape TOURE (SEN), and John KAMATE (RDC), sabre
- Julien OUEDRAOGO (BUR), foil
- Seydou COLY (SEN) taught epee during the first year, but, after he left the EIMA, he was replaced by Baytir Sidy DIOP (SEN).

3.2 In Melbourne, a centre for Oceania

Attendance at FIE Coach Training Courses

Australia

Sabre (Japan) - David McFadgen

Foil (Doha) - Robert DiPasquale

Epee (Beijing) - Paul Crook

New Zealand

Foil (Doha) - Dave Barson and Yuan Ping in Doha

Epee (Beijing) – Daniel Chan

The coaches who participated in these excellent training courses will be holding weekend camps or seminars organised by OFMA for other coaches later this year to disseminate what they have learnt.

OFMA Coaching Courses

So far in 2010, OFMA has coordinated the running of two Level 1 Coaching Courses in different States of Australia: they were held in Melbourne (state of Victoria) and Sydney (state of New South Wales).

Olympic Solidarity Coaching Course

Funding was sought from Olympic Solidarity via ONOC for a Coaching Course to be held in 2010. Unfortunately, the application was not successful, for the first time in many years.

OFMA Coach Assessments and Coach Accreditations

9 coaches have been accredited or reaccredited so far this year.

Level 1: 7

Level 2: 2

Level 3: 0

Total number of coaches currently holding accreditation with OFMA & the Australian Sports Commission.

Level	Number of coaches accredited
1	73
2	17
3	13
TOTAL	103

Dissemination of Coaching Information

The National Coaching Director (funded by OFMA) keeps all accredited coaches informed of events, opportunities and information related to Fencing and coaching in general by means of regular email communications.

Oceania Championships 2010

The Oceania Junior Championships will be held in Christchurch, New Zealand in July and the Oceania Veteran Fencing Championships will be held in Sydney, Australia in November 2010.

These Championships are a good opportunity for coaches from the Oceania countries to get together informally to share their ideas about fencing and approaches to coaching fencing.

Junior Training Camps Program

Three two-day Junior Training Camps were held in Melbourne and Sydney in March 2010. They were funded by the FIE subsidy to the OFC. The camps were programmed & delivered by the National Epee, Foil and Sabre Coaches of Australia and were deemed to be very successful by the participants. They were attended by a total of 60 fencers invited from Australia and New Zealand: 20 in each weapon for each Camp.

Both Australia and New Zealand will probably hold a training camp before the Commonwealth Championships in September 2010.

Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO) Conference

The OFC President attended the Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania (OSFO) Conference in Nadi, Fiji in March 2010.

4. Olympic Solidarity Courses

- **Georgia (GEO)**

Weapons: Sabre and Epee

Targeting: coaches

Date: 11-18.04.2010

Designated experts: Garik Davidian (UKR) and Igor Tsikiniov (SWE)

- **Panama (PAN)**

Epee Technical Course:

Targeting: coaches and instructors

Date : June 21 to 27, 2010,

Designated expert: Cesar G. Llorens (ESP)

<h2 style="text-align: center;">5. Administrative Courses</h2>
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FIE administrative course for Asia

Beijing (CHN), 24 to 26 May 2010

19 Asian countries took part in this seminar which brought together 25 participants: AFG, BAN, CAM, CHN, HKG, INA, IND, IRI, IRQ, KAZ, KGZ, MGL, PHI, SYR, THA, TJK, TPE, UAE, VIE

The FIE met all the costs of the seminar, including the participants' transport, accommodation and food costs.

The 3 day seminar treated the following issues:

- The FIE and its bodies' operations
- The fundamentals of administration
- The internet tools and the use of the FIE's internet site

Speaker: Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H., FIE CEO

Lecturer on the creation of a national federation: Mrs Ana Pascu, FIE Vice-President

Seminar Coordinator: Ms Jie Ao, FIE Competition Manager

Each participant also received working material presented by the FIE.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2009-10

21 September, 2010

Mr President,
Ladies and Gentlemen Members of Honour,
Ladies and Gentlemen Presidents of Federations,
Ladies and Gentlemen attendees of the Congress,

I am pleased to submit for your approval the profit and loss account and the balance sheet for the financial year ending on 30 June, 2010, as well as the proposed budget for the financial year July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012.

You will recall that this financial year 2009-10 has been reduced from 12 months to 9 months in order to adjust our financial cycle to conform to the decisions of the Palermo congress.
I hope this document helps you understand the balance sheet and the profit and loss account.

1. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

SUMMARY

The profit and loss accounts for the financial period submitted for your approval show a excess of income over expenditure of CHF374,900.

After taking account of the funds assigned to the special long-term reserve, the excess of expenditure over income was CHF 661,100.

These balances are CHF 38,825 better than budgeted, with both expenditure and income slightly above budget.

The significant decline in the value of the euro against the Swiss Franc (CHF), our bookkeeping currency (and thus a reduction in the CHF value of the euros in our bank account) resulted in a major item on the expenditure side but this was considerably offset by budget under-spends, in particular on personnel, the PDC and media.

EXPENDITURE

- 1) Depreciation, **CHF 54,138**; below budget.
- 2) Personnel costs: **CHF 741,669**; 13% below budget due to a reduction of one in staff numbers and transfer of some tasks to subcontractors (see below).
- 3) Office costs, **CHF 287,700**, 13% over budget, due to some personnel costs transferred to subcontracting (translating and the new Sports Event Manager).
The main categories are:

Office rental	CHF 58,733
Fees	CHF 36,356
Translation services	CHF 31,741
Insurance	CHF 25,876
Postal and telecommunications	CHF 24,829
Maintenance and repair	CHF 16,543
Other subcontracted services	CHF 16,440
Sports event manager	CHF 16,124
Travel	CHF 14,144
Purchases	CHF 13,077
Duty and tax	CHF 12,859
Other rental	CHF 5,857
- 4) Junior/Cadet World Championships – at **CHF 117,502**, 17.5% over budget – hotel and travel costs greater than expected.
- 5) Senior World Championships in Antalya plus the Veterans' Championships in Moscow – **CHF 117,687**, 22% below budget – prices below levels expected.

- 6) Masters, Grand Prix and Zonal Championships: **CHF 84,722**, much below budget due to reduced Grand Prix video refereeing costs – originally budgeted to include épée competitions, which were ultimately excluded - and below anticipated costs for representation at Zonal Championship.
- 7) Palermo Congress and Baku General Assembly – **CHF 110,785**, 11% over budget, largely above-expected General Assembly costs.
- 8) Central Office ('Bureau') and Executive **CHF 181,814**, 24% below budget.
- 9) Commissions, **CHF 112,126**, 87% over budget, largely due to the holding of supplementary Rules and Legal Commission meetings and a special meeting on transparent masks :-
 - Refereeing, 2 meetings. **CHF 48,261**
 - Discipline; No activities. **-**
 - Legal. One unbudgeted meeting. **CHF 15,372**
 - SEMI. No meeting, limited sundry expenses. **CHF 2,211**
 - Medical/doping. Attendance at Conferences and out-of-competition dope testing. No meeting, **CHF 15,257**
 - PP. No meeting. **-**
 - Rules. One unbudgeted meeting. **CHF 19,072**
 - Special Commission. One unbudgeted meeting. **CHF 11,953**
- 10-17) Development plan, NF/CONF (PDC) – **CHF 2,490,877**, 18% under budget. This is due to:-
 - a 22% under-run on equipment aid, due to very late and/or absence of requests from the confederations.
 - a 11% under-run on courses for coaches, due to the reduction in course duration from 8 weeks to 5 weeks.
 - Under-spend on the contingency set aside for reimbursement of federation costs for the cancelled Kuwait Grand Prix/team World Cup competition.
 - Withholding of the general grant to the Panamerican Confederation.
 - Absence of a pre-World Championship training camp at Antalya.
- 18) Revue - at **CHF 170,166**, 13% over budget, due to increases in postal costs.
- 19) Media, **CHF 76,048**, below budget due to the deferral of anticipated projects to 2010-11.
- 20) Adjustments in currency values, **CHF 1,200,368**. This unrealised loss results from the slump in the value of the euro against the Swiss Franc (CHF), our bookkeeping currency, and thus a reduction in the CHF value of the euros in our bank account. Over half of this drop occurred between 5 May and 30 June.
- 21) Exchange losses, **CHF 36,866**, above budget.
- 22) Financial costs, **CHF 12,232** - bank charges, below budget.
- 23) Provisions and losses, **CHF 5,055**. An adjustment in the provision for debtor federations.

INCOME

- 1) Gifts: the President's gift. **CHF 3,880,000**
- 2) President's gift destined for the long-term reserve.. **CHF 1,036,000**
- 3) Annual membership fees, as budgeted. **CHF 50,325**
- 4) Organisation fees (World Cup competitions), slightly below budget due to cancellations. **CHF 188,000**
- 5) International licences. Marginally above budget. **CHF 267,615**
- 6) Referee exam entry fees; slightly above budget. **CHF 16,050**
- 7) Revue sales and advertising, on target. **CHF 37,143**
- 8) Sponsorship; on budget. **CHF 166,261**

9) World Championship TV rights plus internet rights.	CHF 25,312
10) IOC Programme for development.	CHF 53,606
11) Interest, significantly below budget due to the continuation of extremely low interest rates.	CHF 47,422
12) Other receipts: 18% over budget. Predominantly piste homologation fees and fees for late entry of fencers for competitions.	CHF 48,496
13) Release of provision (unbudgeted) against exchange rate gains	CHF 315,000
14) No income this year	
15) Income from previous years; cancellation of provisions for legal and other liabilities on resolution of these issues	CHF 43,425
16) No income this year	
17) Surplus. The excess of income over expenditure for the year was: This is CHF 38,825 above budget. After taking account of the funds assigned to the special long-term reserve, the excess of expenditure over income is CHF 661,100.	CHF 374,900

2: BALANCE SHEET

SUMMARY

Our balance sheet is correctly placed to maintain the long-term reserve requested and supported by the President and, with the income and expenditure budgeted over the forthcoming period, to balance our books through the Olympic cycle.

ASSETS

Fixed assets

- Office and computer equipment - The gross value of this equipment reflects an increase of **CHF 121,774**. Our redesigned website and the development by Swiss Timing of our portal and video You Tube account for the bulk of this investment.
- Office furniture – increase in gross value of **CHF 1,308**.
- Sporting equipment – no change to the gross value.
- General equipment – increase in gross value of **CHF 7,755**, with the purchase of a new telephone system.
- Other fixed assets - no change to the gross value.

Deposits and guarantees – a decrease in gross value of CHF 3,840.

Circulating assets

- Debtor federations. At **CHF 95,418**, a major increase over 2008-9, probably largely due to the moving forward of the end of the financial year to near to the end of the main competitive season. The provision against this sum has been increased by CHF 5,055 to **CHF 8,529**.
- Accrued income (*Produits à recevoir*), **CHF 107,187**, which represents payments owed to the FIE. Most of this has now been received.
- Other clients, **CHF 38,165** - payments due for invoices issued during the last financial year, the majority consisting of CHF 20,000 of television rights, CHF 5,750 for advertising in our magazine and CHF 5,000 for website advertising.
- Prepayments (*Charges payées d'avance*), **CHF 266,412**: Main categories were:-

Singapore Youth Olympics	CHF 122,041
Paris World Championships	CHF 47,947
Courses, schools	CHF 32,871
Social security charges	CHF 23,946
Insurance	CHF 12,542
Maintenance and guarantees	CHF 8,035

Office rents	CHF 6,485
Computer equipment	CHF 4,508
Annual subscriptions	CHF 3,790

- 5) Sundry debtors: **CHF 52,615**, relates to tax paid in advance.
- 6) Banks and cash: **CHF 12,784,092**, of which CHF 11,371,371 represents the long term reserve that the President wished to create.

LIABILITIES

1) Equity (*'Fonds propres'*)

The 'capital as at 1.10' represents the FIE's financial position at the start of the financial year.

The excess of expenditure over income (CHF 661,100) is the outcome of the profit and loss account described above, excluding the receipt for the long-term reserve. This results in capital as of 30 June 2010 of CHF 1,442,532.

This is augmented by the long-term reserve of CHF 11,371,371, including receipts in this financial year of CHF 1,036,000, giving a figure for "TOTAL EQUITY" of **CHF 12,813,903**.

- 2) The provision against potential loss of gains of CHF 315,000 resulting from changes in the exchange rates of our bank accounts has been removed.
- 3) Creditors and accruals (*Fournisseurs et Charges à payer*) totalled **CHF 501,862** of which the bulk was:

Equipment aid	CHF 200,803
Video refereeing	CHF 166,878
Singapore Youth Olympics	CHF 29,010
Tax and social security	CHF 20,050
Computer Equipment	CHF 15,385
Provisions	CHF 14,500
Fees	CHF 13,535
Sub-contracting	CHF 9,732
Travel	CHF 7,821
The Revue	CHF 5,962
Courses/schools	CHF 4,784
- 4) Social security creditors, **CHF 14,726**.
- 5) Deferred income (*Produits encaissés d'avance*) – **CHF 191,099:-**
 Income for the 2010-11 financial year received before the end of June, of which the great majority was:

Youth Olympics, mainly IOC contribution to travel/hotels	CHF 160,140
2010-11 FIE subscriptions/organising rights	CHF 20,337
Advertisements in the Revue	CHF 6,976
- 6) Other creditors - VAT payments, **CHF 15,500**.

May I thank our administrative staff who, under the direction of our CEO, Mme Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H., have handled the administration of our finances with great efficiency and patience.

COMPTE DE RESULTAT DU 1er OCTOBRE 2009 AU 30 JUIN 2010 FRANCS SUISSES (CHF)

	DEPENSES				RECETTES		
	2008-2009 résultat	2009-2010 budget	2009-2010 résultat		2008-2009 résultat	2009-2010 budget	2009-2010 résultat
1 - Amortissements	67'445	65'000	54'138				
2 - Frais de personnel	1'028'634	850'000	741'669	1 - Dons du Président	4'505'000	3'895'000	3'880'000
3 - Frais de bureaux	352'700	255'500	287'700	2 - Dons du Président pour réserve à long terme	1'086'000	1'036'000	1'036'000
4 - Championnats du Monde J/C	71'346	100'000	117'502				
5 - Champ. du Monde Seniors	19'600	150'000	117'687	3 - Cotisations Fédérations	66'000	50'325	50'325
6 - Masters, Grand Prix, Ch. de Zone	115'119	160'000	84'722	4 - Droits d'organisation	177'250	190'950	188'000
7 - Organisation Congrès/AG	344'745	100'000	110'785	5 - Licences internationales	260'330	265'000	267'615
8 - Bureau et Comité Exécutif	318'154	240'000	181'814	6 - Droits d'examen arbitre	23'940	15'000	16'050
9 - Commissions	218'704	60'000	112'126				
Plan de développement FN / CONF	1'878'759	3'055'000	2'490'877	7 - Revue Escrime	42'286	37'500	37'143
10 - Subventions aux confédérations	65'791	110'000	96'754	8 - Sponsoring	93'721	165'400	166'261
11 - Matériel aux fédérations	481'756	455'000	353'807	9 - Droits de télévision	3'086	18'000	25'312
12 - Ecoles, formation Maîtres d'armes	259'663	675'000	601'170				
13 - Stages d'entraînement des athlètes	216'702	350'000	286'458	10 - Subvention CIO aide au développement	65'327	46'650	53'606
14 - Stages de perfect. aux championnats	70'311	160'000	73'030				
15 - Aide à l'innovation, développ. et organ.	86'269	195'000	100'035	11 - Intérêts	131'010	80'000	47'422
16 - Arbitrage - entraînement/examens	57'447	160'000	132'448	12 - Autres recettes	53'870	41'250	48'496
17 - Aides aux fédérations	640'820	950'000	847'175	13 - Dissolution de provision	0	0	315'000
				14 - Gain de change	145'896	0	0
18 - La Revue	141'365	150'000	170'166	15 - Produit Ex. Antérieurs	3'360	0	43'425
19 - Media	57'927	275'000	76'048				
20 - Ajustements de valeur des monnaies	0	0	1'200'368	16 - Recettes Jeux	9'249'371	0	0
21 - Perte de change	21'230	20'000	36'866	17 - Excédent de recettes/-dépenses	11'178'794	336'075	374'900
22 - Frais financiers	91'925	17'000	12'232				
23 - Provisions/pertes	0	7'500	5'055	Attribution à la réserve à long terme	-10'335'371	-1'036'000	-1'036'000
				Excédent net de réserve	843'423	-699'925	-661'100
TOTAL	4'727'653	5'505'000	5'799'755	TOTAL	4'727'653	5'505'000	5'799'755

BILAN 2009-2010 ARRETE AU 30 JUIN 2010 EN FRANCS SUISSES (CHF)								21.sept.10
ACTIF	Au 30.06.10			au 30.09.09 Valeur Nette	PASSIF	AU 30.06.10	AU 30.09.09	
	Valeur Brute	Amortissement Dépreciation	Valeur Nette					
IMMOBILISATIONS					FONDS PROPRES			
Matériel de bureau	633'963	503'498	130'465	40'088				
Mobilier de bureau	34'269	30'407	3'862	4'142	Capital au 01.10	2'103'632	1'260'209	
Matériel sportif	305'675	255'894	49'781	66'032	Excédent net de - dépenses/recettes	-661'100	843'423	
Installations générales	7'755	1'939	5'816	0	Capital au 30.06	1'442'532	2'103'632	
Autres immobilisations	28'458	28'458	0	185	Réserve à long terme	11'371'371	10'335'371	
Tot.immobilisations corporelles	1'010'120	820'196	189'924	110'447	TOTAL FONDS PROPRES	12'813'903	12'439'003	
Dépôt et Cautionnements	11'805	0	11'805	16'145				
TOTAL IMMOBILISATION	1'021'925	820'196	201'729	126'592	PROVISION			
					Gains de change	0	315'000	
ACTIF CIRCULANT								
Fédérations débitrices	95'418	8'529	86'889	29'790				
Produits à recevoir	107'187		107'187	41'791	DETTES A COURT TERME			
Autres clients	38'165		38'165	83'751				
Charges payées d'avance	266'412		266'412	253'009	Fournisseurs et charges à payer	501'862	419'262	
Débiteurs divers	52'615		52'615	36'799	Créanciers sociaux	14'726	6'017	
TOTAL ACTIF CIRCULANT	559'797	8'529	551'268	445'140	Produits encaissés d'avance	191'099	1'547'635	
					Autres créditeurs	15'500	0	
BANQUES					TOTAL	723'186	1'972'914	
HERVET	0		0	2'203				
BCV	12'768'047		12'768'047	14'133'722				
TOTAL BANQUES	12'768'047		12'768'047	14'135'925				
CAISSES								
Lausanne	16'045		16'045	19'260				
TOTAL CAISSES	16'045		16'045	19'260				
TOTAL ACTIF	14'365'814	828'725	13'537'089	14'726'917	TOTAL PASSIF	13'537'089	14'726'917	

ANNEXE AUX COMPTES AU 30 JUIN 2010
Francs Suisses

EVALUATION EN MONNAIES ETRANGERES

Les cours des monnaies étrangères sont ajustées mensuellement en fonction des fluctuations des marchés monétaires.

A la clôture, les monnaies étrangères ont été converties aux cours suivants :

	<u>30.06.2010</u>	<u>30.09.2009</u>
	CHF	CHF
- Francs suisses	1 CHF = <u>1.0000</u>	<u>1.0000</u>
- Euro	1 EURO = <u>1.3240</u>	<u>1.5110</u>
- Dollars américains	1 USD = <u>1.0850</u>	<u>1.0360</u>

ANNEXE AUX COMPTES AU 30 JUIN 2010
Francs Suisses

VALEUR D'ASSURANCE INCENDIE

Assurance incendie conclue
le 11.12.1998, valeur d'inventaire

30.06.2010
CHF

223'000.00

30.09.2009
CHF

223'000.00

	DEPENSES					RECETTES			
	Oct 2009 - Juin 2010 résultat		Juillet 2010 - Juin 2011 Prévision			Oct 2009 - Juin 2010 résultat		Juillet 2010 - Juin 2011 Prévision	
1 - Amortissements	54'138	100'000	100'000						
2 - Frais de personnel	741'669	1'000'000	1'020'000		1 - Dons du Président	3'880'000	5'200'000	5'200'000	
3 - Frais de bureaux	287'700	625'000	655'000		2 - Dons du Président pour la réserve à long terme	1'036'000	0	0	
4 - Championnats du Monde J/C	117'502	100'000	110'000						
5 - Champ. du Monde Seniors	117'687	200'000	220'000		3 - Cotisations Fédérations	50'325	68'813	72'050	
6 - JO Jeunesse, JO qualifications	0	75'000	20'000		4 - Droits d'organisation	188'000	127'200	127'200	
7 - Masters, Grand Prix, Ch. de zone	84'722	165'000	165'000		5 - Licences internationales	267'615	205'000	205'000	
8 - Organisation Congrès/AG	110'785	100'000	100'000		6 - Droits d'examen arbitre	16'050	25'000	25'000	
9 - Bureau et Comité Exécutif	181'814	300'000	310'000						
10 - Commissions	112'126	310'000	280'000		7 - Revue Escrime	37'143	50'000	50'000	
					8 - Sponsoring	166'261	210'000	210'000	
					9 - Droits de télévision	25'312	20'000	20'000	
Plan de développement FN / CONF	2'490'877	2'527'500	2'577'500						
11 - Subventions aux confédérations	96'754	82'500	110'000		10 - Subvention CIO aide au développment	53'606	67'200	67'200	
12 - Matériel aux fédérations	353'807	380'000	382'500						
13 - Ecoles, formation Maîtres d'armes	601'170	800'000	800'000		11 - Intérêts	47'422	40'000	40'000	
14 - Stages de perfect. aux championnats	73'030	150'000	150'000		12 - Autres recettes	48'496	60'000	60'000	
15 - Aide à l'innovation, dévelop. et orga	100'035	100'000	80'000		13 - Provisions	315'000	0	0	
16 - Arbitrage - entraînement/examens	132'448	290'000	290'000		14 - Produit Ex. Antérieurs	43'425	0	0	
17 - Aides aux fédérations (1)	1'133'633	725'000	765'000						
18 - La Revue	170'166	230'000	230'000						
19- Media	76'048	350'000	350'000						
20 - Ajustements de valeur des monnaies	1'200'368	0	0		15 - Excédent de recettes/-dépenses	374'900	-75'287	-122'050	
21 - Perte de change, net	36'866	40'000	35'000						
22 - Frais financiers	12'232	16'000	16'000		Attribution à la réserve à long terme	-1'036'000	0	0	
23 - Provisions/pertes	5'055	10'000	10'000		Excédent net de réserve	-661'100	-75'287	-122'050	
TOTAL	5'799'755	6'148'500	6'198'500		TOTAL	5'799'755	6'148'500	6'198'500	
(1) Inclus le poste 'Stages d'entraînement des athlètes'									

Au Congrès des membres de la
Fédération Internationale d'Escrime, Lausanne

Lausanne, le 11 octobre 2010
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Rapport de l'organe de révision sur le contrôle restreint

En notre qualité d'organe de révision, nous avons contrôlé les comptes annuels (bilan, compte de profits et pertes et annexe) de la Fédération Internationale d'Escrime portant sur la période du 1^{er} octobre 2009 au 30 juin 2010.

La responsabilité de l'établissement des comptes annuels incombe à la direction alors que notre mission consiste à contrôler ces comptes. Nous attestons que nous remplissons les exigences légales d'agrément et d'indépendance.

Notre contrôle a été effectué selon la Norme suisse relative au contrôle restreint. Cette norme requiert de planifier et de réaliser le contrôle de manière telle que des anomalies significatives dans les comptes annuels puissent être constatées. Un contrôle restreint englobe principalement des auditions, des opérations de contrôle analytiques ainsi que des vérifications détaillées appropriées des documents disponibles dans l'entreprise contrôlée. En revanche, des vérifications des flux d'exploitation et du système de contrôle interne ainsi que des auditions et d'autres opérations de contrôle destinées à détecter des fraudes ne font pas partie de ce contrôle.

Lors de notre contrôle, nous n'avons pas rencontré d'élément nous permettant de conclure que les comptes annuels ne sont pas conformes à la loi (art. 957 et ss. CO).

Ernst & Young SA



Serge Clément
Expert-réviseur agréé
(Réviseur responsable)



Roland Perriard
Expert-réviseur agréé

Annexe

- Comptes annuels (bilan, compte de profits et pertes et annexe)

Report of the FIE Refereeing Commission

4th/5th September, 2010, in Lausanne.

Present:- The FIE Refereeing Commission members plus Mr Manolis Katsiadakis (FIE Executive Member), Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez (FIE CEO), Miss Ao Jie (FIE Competition Manager) and Mr Ioan Pop, (FIE International Technical Director).

Mr Wael Hussein was absent from the meeting.

1. Welcome

Mohamed El Motawakel welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanked them for their hard work over the past season and said that we had a great deal of hard work to do to ensure that refereeing was of a high quality throughout the world.

2. Report on the Senior European Championships

Salah Ferjani, who had been the delegate, gave a report on these championships. The refereeing was generally of a good standard and the referees had been very co-operative but he felt more sabre referees needed to be designated. Also only the video delegate should be at the video monitor.

3. Report on the Asian Championships

Chang Gon Kim had been the delegate as at the last moment Derek Cotton could not attend. He gave a written report on the championships. He asked that in future some neutral non Asiatic referees were designated to these championships.

4. Singapore Youth Olympic Games

Mohamed El Motawakel gave a written report and thanked the delegates (Marco Siesto, Ilgar Mamedov and Keith Smith) for all their hard work. We had worked with 11 FIE designated referees plus referees from Singapore. The refereeing had gone very well. Mr Lyberopolos from Greece had not arrived in Singapore owing to a passport problem.

5. Rules Clarifications

Salah Ferjani had proposed several rules clarifications and improvements to the Rules Book. The commission agreed to his proposals and asked him to make contact with the Rules Commission to bring about these improvements. It was pointed out that rules changes had to be proposed to the Congress in 2011.

6. Study of the Propositions for the FIE Congress

The Refereeing Commission and the Rules Commission met together to study the propositions that had been sent to the two commissions by the FIE executive

Committee. There was a lengthy and in depth discussion and then the commissions voted separately on each proposition.
Refereeing Commission opinions:-

A) Executive Committee Proposals

Proposition 1

The Refereeing Commission **was in favour** with the addition that candidates who were successful in the FIE refereeing exams would be given a P licence and would be observed for two years in FIE Junior competitions.

Proposition 2

The Refereeing Commission **was in favour**, but with the following additions

e) Add “before giving his decision.

h) Add “the video consultants may be members of the Refereeing Commission or may be members of the group of referees trained for video-refereeing.”

h) Add at the end “the referee and video consultant must be from different nations to the fencers in the match and the referee and video-consultant should be from different nations whenever possible.”

B) Italian Federation Propositions 1, 2 and 3.

The Refereeing Commission **was in favour** of establishing a working group, who would carry out extensive testing. They hoped that the representative from the Refereeing Commission would consult the Refereeing Commission regularly for their views during this process. The commission noted the Working Group had already been established.

C) Rules Commission Proposals

Proposition 1

The Referee Commission **was in favour**, but with an amended text. Salah Ferjani would communicate this text to the Rules Commission and the Congress. In particular the commission wanted “approximately one minute” and “at least 15 seconds.”

Proposition 4

The Referee Commission was not in favour of this proposal.

Proposition 5

The Referee Commission was not in favour of this proposal.

Proposition 6

The Referee Commission was not in favour of this proposal.

Proposition 7

The Referee Commission was in favour of this proposal provide it involved only two fencers.

Proposition 8

The Referee Commission was in favour but wanted the time period reduced to 5 minutes.

The Proposals from the USA Federation had been dealt with under the previous proposals from the Executive Committee and the Rules Committee.

7. Study of the Proposals for Refereeing Reform

The Referee Commission studied these proposals at length. The Commission was in favour of the vast majority of the proposals but wanted to make some significant amendments. Manolis Katsiadakis was to make further contact with Mohamed El Motawakel and then circulate the whole commission with an updated/modified set of proposals as soon as possible. The commission agreed that it was a top priority to improve the standard of refereeing throughout the world.

8. Refereeing Examinations

The Referee Commission would wait to be informed by the FIE executive about the dates and locations of the examinations for 2010/11, once the Zonal Confederations had formally asked the FIE for examinations.

9. Referee Seminars

The commission wanted to organise seminars for new referees and also established referees in each continent. This would need time and the also the preparation of the materials for the seminars and a budget to realise these projects. The commission also wanted to work closely with the Zonal Confederations and their Referee Commissions.

10. Paris World Championships

In conjunction with Mr Ioan Pop, the commission looked at the pre world championships seminar and also the working system in Paris. In particular the need for very efficient organisation of the refereeing as we had two Tableau of 64 each day with the same weapon. This would need a minimum of 16 good referees each day.

11. Designation of Referees and Delegates for the FIE GP and Senior World Cups 2010/2011.

The commission spent a great deal of time designating the referees for all the Senior competitions for the 2010/11 season and also reserves for each competition. These proposals are to be sent to the FIE executive for their approval.

12. Ratification of the proposed referees for the Junior European Championships

The commission approved the list of referees submitted by the European Zonal Refereeing Commission. This will now be sent to the FIE executive for final approval.

13. Any other business

- a) A budget working group of Claus Janka, Derek Cotton and Salah Ferjani was established to present a budget to the FIE executive. The working Group had one week to prepare this budget as requested by the FIE Treasurer.
(please see attached budget that the commission wishes to present to the FIE).

14. Date and Location of the next meeting

The commission agreed to meet for their next meeting on the weekend of 15th/16th January in Cairo.

The meeting closed at 4pm on Sunday 5th September.

Keith Smith
Secretary to the Refereeing Commission



**REUNION DE LA COMMISSION JURIDIQUE
MEETING OF THE LEGAL COMMISSION
REUNION DE LA COMISION JURIDICA**

Lausanne, 11-12 / 09 / 2010

Présents / Present / Presentes :

RIOJA PEREZ Marco Antonio (ESP), **Président**
CHERIS Samuel (USA)
IONESCU Anca Ioana I. (ROU)
KESSLER Jean-Pierre (FRA)
PALMSTROEM Per (SWE)
RAPP Gordon (GER)

VERGARA Omar (ARG), Représentant du Comité Exécutif

RODRIGUEZ M.-H Nathalie CEO

Absents excusés / Absent excused / Ausentes disculpados
:

AFRICA Victor (PHI)
ALCIATI Maria Margherita (ITA)
BERNARD Yann (CAN)
MINCZA-NEBALD Ildiko (HUN)

Le Président ouvre la séance et remercie les participants de leur présence. Aucun autre point n'étant à l'ordre du jour, la Commission a traité l'étude des propositions pour le Congrès.

The President opens the meeting and thanks the participants for their presence. As there is no other item on the agenda, the Commission dealt with the study of the propositions for the Congress.

El Presidente abre la sesión y agradece a los participantes por su presencia. Como ningún punto se encuentra en el orden del día, la Comisión ha tratado el estudio de las propuestas para el Congreso.



**PROPOSITIONS DE MODIFICATIONS DES STATUTS
PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENTS OF THE STATUTES
PROPUESTAS DE MODIFICACIONES DE LOS ESTATUTOS
CONGRES / CONGRESS / CONGRESO 2010**

**Propositions du Comité Exécutif
Proposals of the Executive Committee
Propuestas del Comité Ejecutivo**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable avec les modifications suivantes :

- 3.5.1** Majorité
Les décisions du Congrès sont prises à la majorité simple des suffrages exprimés.
- Lorsqu'un Congrès dans des cas exceptionnels doit délibérer sur des questions qui ne sont pas à l'ordre du jour, et non prévues aux statuts, les décisions ne peuvent être prises que par vote à la majorité des $\frac{3}{4}$ des ~~des voix effectivement représentées~~ **suffrages exprimés**, et ne peuvent jamais porter sur une modification des statuts.
- 3.5.3** Les décisions du Congrès concernant les modifications aux Statuts sont prises à la majorité des $\frac{2}{3}$ **suffrages exprimés. Celles concernant les modifications aux Règlements sont prises à la majorité simple des suffrages exprimés.**
- 3.5.6** Ajouter **“ou représentés”** après **“présents”**.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour with the following modifications:

- 3.5.1** *Required majorities*
- The decisions of the Congress are reached by a simple majority vote of the votes cast.
- If in exceptional cases a Congress must decide on matters which are not on the agenda and not provided for by the Statutes, the decisions can only be made by a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of **the votes cast** and may never involve a modification of the Statutes.
- 3.5.3** The Congress decisions concerning modifications to the Statutes are valid with a majority of $\frac{2}{3}$ **of the votes cast. The decisions regarding modifications to the Rules are reached by a simple majority the votes cast.**
- 3.5.6.** Add **“or represented”** after **“present”**.

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : A favor con las siguientes modificaciones:

3.5.1 Mayoría

Las decisiones **del Congreso** son tomadas por mayoría simple de **los sufragios ejercidos**

Cuando un Congreso en casos excepcionales debe deliberar sobre cuestiones que no están en el orden del día y no previstas en los Estatutos, las decisiones sólo pueden ser tomadas por voto mayoritario de $\frac{3}{4}$ de **los sufragios ejercidos** en el Congreso y nunca pueden efectuarse sobre una modificación de los Estatutos.

3.5.3 Las decisiones del Congreso relativas a las modificaciones de los Estatutos son tomadas a la mayoría de los 2/3 de **los sufragios ejercidos. Aquellas que conciernen las modificaciones a los Reglamentos son tomadas a la mayoría simple de los sufragios ejercidos.**

3.5.6 añadir al final de la frase: **“o representados”**, después de presentes.

Proposition 2

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable.

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour.

Propuesta 2

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : A favor.

Proposition 3

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable.

Proposal 3

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour.

Propuesta 3

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : A favor.

Proposition 4

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable au texte suivant:

- 3.6.2 Le vote concernant le Président, le Comité Exécutif et les Commissions permanentes se fait au scrutin secret.
Le vote se déroule sur le lieu du Congrès, et par voie électronique.
~~Il doit intervenir dans un isolement où les délégués des fédérations se rendront l'un après l'autre pour remplir leurs bulletins de vote qui seront ensuite déposés dans une ou plusieurs urnes fermées.~~

Proposal 4

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour of the revised text:

- 3.6.2 The voting for the President, the Executive Committee and the commissions is conducted by secret ballot.
The vote is conducted on the site of the Congress, and by electronic ballot.
~~It must take place in a separate polling booth, to which the delegates of the federations go one after another to complete their voting slips and place them in one or more closed ballot boxes.~~

Propuesta 4

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : a favor del texto siguiente

- 3.6.2 El voto concerniente al Presidente, al Comité Ejecutivo y las comisiones permanentes debe efectuarse de manera secreta.
El voto se emite en el lugar del congreso y de manera electrónica.
~~Debe efectuarse en una cabina electoral en donde los delegados de las Federaciones entrarán uno detrás de otro para llenar sus boletines de voto que serán depositados a continuación en una o varias urnas cerradas.~~

**Proposition de la Commission des Entraîneurs
Proposal of the Coach Commission
Propuesta de la Comisión de Entrenadores**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Voir l'opinion de la Commission sur la proposition italienne sur le même sujet.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: See the opinion of the Commission on the Italian proposal on the same subject.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Ver la opinión de la Comisión sobre la propuesta italiana relativa al mismo asunto.

**Propositions de la Fédération Française d'Escrime
Proposals of the French Fencing Federation
Propuestas de la Federación Francesa de Esgrima**

Proposition 1

FRA

I- Création d'un Comité des entraîneurs selon la configuration suivante :

La France demande la création d'un Comité des entraîneurs.

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Voir l'opinion de la Commission sur la proposition italienne sur le même sujet.

Proposal 1

ANG

I - Creation of a Coaches Committee

France wishes to form a coaches committee.

Opinion of the Legal Commission: See the opinion of the Commission on the Italian proposal on the same subject.

Propuesta 1

ESP

I - Creación de un Comité de entrenadores

Francia pide la creación de un Comité de los entrenadores.

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Ver la opinión de la Comisión sobre la propuesta italiana relativa al mismo asunto.

Proposition 2

FRA

II - Adoption d'un code d'éthique sur la base des réflexions de la commission juridique de la F.I.E. (*cf. document joint*)

Avis de la Commission Juridique :

Selon l'article 1.2.8, La FIE reconnaît les principes fondamentaux de la Charte Olympique, l'application du Code d'Ethique du Comité International Olympique à la Fédération Internationale d'Escrime, ainsi que la compétence de la Commission d'Ethique du Comité International Olympique.

La Commission propose que l'éthique et la bonne gouvernance soient traitées de manière spécifique lors du Congrès 2011.

Proposal 2

ANG

II - Adoption of an Ethics Code based on the considerations of the F.I.E Legal Commission (*see attached document*)

Opinion of the Legal Commission:

According to article 1.2.8:

The FIE recognises the fundamental principles of the Olympic Charter, the application of the Code of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee and the competence of the Commission of Ethics of the International Olympic Committee.

The commission proposes the issue of ethics and good governance be specifically discussed at the 2011 Congress.

Propuesta 2

ESP

II- Adopción de un Código de ética sobre la base de las reflexiones de la Comisión Jurídica de la FIE (*cf. Documento adjunto*).

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica :

De acuerdo con el artículo 1.2.8, la FIE reconoce los principios fundamentales de la Carta Olímpica, la aplicación del Código Ético del Comité Olímpico Internacional y la competencia de la Comisión de Ética del Comité Olímpico Internacional.

La comisión propone que la ética y buen gobierno sean tratados de manera específica en el Congreso de 2011.

Code d’Ethique de la F.I.E
F.I.E Code of Ethics
Código de Ética de la F.I.E

FRA

CODE D'ÉTHIQUE DE LA F.I.E. / CODE DE DÉONTOLOGIE DE LA F.I.E.

Le Code d'éthique de la F.I.E. est basé sur le Code d'éthique du CIO. Il a pour objet de préserver les valeurs et les principes éthiques qui sous-tendent la Charte olympique et qui doivent en tout temps inspirer tous les actes des membres de la «famille de la FIE» interprétée dans son sens le plus large.

La famille de la FIE se compose des administrateurs, des agents et des membres de la FIE, des fédérations nationales et confédérations affiliées reconnues par la FIE, des organisateurs ou membres des comités organisateurs, ainsi que les représentants des villes candidates à l'organisation des championnats officiels de la FIE, ainsi que tous les tireurs et autres membres des délégations nationales participant à toute compétition ou à tout événement organisé sous les auspices de la FIE.

Les administrateurs, agents et membres de la FIE, les fédérations nationales et confédérations affiliées et leurs dirigeants, et la famille de la FIE dans son entier, doivent respecter et assurer le respect des règles suivantes, surtout en ce qui a trait à l'organisation et au développement de toutes les compétitions, de toutes les activités et de tous les événements officiels reconnus par la FIE.

I.- Dignité :

1. La dignité de tous les intervenants doit être préservée. Ce principe est une exigence fondamentale de l'olympisme et de la FIE.
2. Il ne doit y avoir aucune discrimination entre les participants à cause de leur race, de leur sexe, de leur religion, de leurs opinions politiques ou philosophiques, ou de leur statut familial ou autre.
3. Aucune pratique violant l'intégrité physique ou mentale des participants ne sera tolérée. Tout procédé de dopage, à quelque niveau que ce soit, est absolument interdit. Les prescriptions édictées dans le Code mondial antidopage seront scrupuleusement observées.
4. Toutes les formes de harcèlement physique, psychologique, professionnel ou sexuel sont interdites.
5. Les organisateurs des compétitions doivent assurer aux participants, aux officiels et à toute la famille de l'escrime, des conditions de sécurité, de bien-être et de soins médicaux favorables à leur équilibre physique et moral.

II.- Intégrité :

1. Ni la famille de l'escrime, ni ses représentants ne doivent, directement ou indirectement, solliciter, accepter ou proposer aucune rémunération, aucune commission, aucun avantage ni service occultes, sous quelque forme que ce soit, en relation avec l'organisation de championnats officiels ou avec leur fonction d'officiel de la FIE, ou à titre de représentants de quelque membre que ce soit à un congrès de la FIE.

Toute rémunération, commission, avantage ou service non sollicité, de quelque forme que ce soit et dont la valeur totale dépasse 150 €, reçu par un agent de la FIE, doit être déclaré par écrit au bureau de la FIE dans les trente (30) jours après sa réception.

Le comité d'éthique examinera les cas déclarés et pourra décider que la FIE doit bénéficier de ces avantages, ou qu'ils doivent être rendus à leur donateur.

2. Seuls pourront être offerts ou acceptés, en témoignage de considération ou d'amitié, par les membres de la famille de la FIE, des cadeaux de valeur inférieure à 150 €, conformes aux usages locaux. Tout autre cadeau devra être remis par le bénéficiaire à l'organisation dont il est membre. Si le bénéficiaire est membre de plusieurs organisations, le comité d'éthique décidera de la destination finale des cadeaux en question.

Tout cadeau dont la valeur excède 150 € doit être déclaré par écrit au bureau de la FIE, et le comité d'éthique décidera de sa destination finale.

3. L'hospitalité accordée aux membres, agents et administrateurs de la famille de la FIE, ainsi qu'aux personnes qui les accompagnent, ne doit pas excéder les normes du pays hôte. Les invitations de voyage offertes par les organisateurs de compétitions ou d'événements, ou par les fédérations membres (sauf celle dont la personne est membre), et qui ne découlent pas d'une entente de coopération entre les organisateurs et la fédération en question ou la FIE, doivent être déclarées au comité d'éthique avant que le voyage soit entrepris. Le comité d'éthique peut suggérer au bénéficiaire de décliner cette invitation si elle est contraire au code d'éthique.
4. Les membres de la famille de la FIE doivent éviter les conflits d'intérêts entre l'organisation à laquelle ils appartiennent et toute autre entité reliée au mouvement olympique. En cas de conflit d'intérêts ou de risque de conflit d'intérêts, les parties doivent informer le Comité exécutif de la FIE, qui prendra les mesures appropriées.
5. Les membres de la famille de la FIE devront s'acquitter de leur mission avec diligence et attention. Elles s'abstiendront de tout comportement susceptible de porter atteinte à la réputation de l'escrime et du Mouvement olympique.
6. Les membres de la famille de la FIE ne devront pas être liées à des entités ou à des personnes dont l'activité serait incompatible avec les principes définis par la Charte olympique et le présent Code.
7. Les membres de la famille de la FIE ne devront ni donner, ni accepter de mandat impératif de vote, ni intervenir de quelque manière que ce soit, dans les instances de la FIE.
8. Le mode de désignation des officiels et arbitres à l'occasion des coupes du Monde, championnats du Monde, Jeux olympiques doit reposer sur des règles équitables et prédéfinies, et les désignations se faire en toute transparence.

III.- Ressources :

1. Les ressources de la FIE ne pourront être utilisées qu'à des fins d'escrime ou olympiques.
2. Les recettes et dépenses de la FIE devront figurer dans ses livres comptables tenus conformément aux règles en usage. Elles feront l'objet d'un contrôle par un commissaire aux comptes indépendant.
3. La famille de la FIE reconnaît l'importance de la contribution apportée au développement et au rayonnement du Mouvement olympique dans le monde par les diffuseurs, sponsors, partenaires et autres soutiens aux manifestations sportives. Toutefois, leur concours doit demeurer, par leurs modalités, compatible avec les règles du sport et les principes définis dans la Charte olympique et le présent Code. Ils ne doivent pas intervenir dans le fonctionnement des institutions sportives indépendantes. L'organisation et le déroulement des épreuves sportives relèvent du seul pouvoir des organisations sportives indépendantes reconnues par le CIO.

IV. Candidatures :

Les membres de la famille de la FIE doivent respecter scrupuleusement les prescriptions des statuts et règlements de la FIE en vue de la sélection de la ville hôte des championnats ou compétitions officiels, dont les statuts et règlements demeureront assujettis aux règles établies à cet effet par le CIO.

V.- Relations avec les États :

1. Les membres de la famille de la FIE doivent s'efforcer d'entretenir des relations harmonieuses avec les autorités des États, conformément au principe d'universalité et de neutralité politique. Cependant, l'esprit d'humanisme, de fraternité et de respect des droits de la personne qui inspire l'idéal olympique exige que les gouvernements des États où ont lieu les compétitions officielles ou d'autres événements de la FIE garantissent le respect scrupuleux des principes de la Charte olympique et du présent Code.

2. Les membres de la famille de la FIE sont libres de participer à la vie publique de l'État auquel ils appartiennent. Ils ne sauraient toutefois exercer aucune activité, ni se réclamer d'aucune idéologie qui seraient contraires aux principes et règles définis dans la Charte olympique et par le présent Code.
3. Les membres de la famille de la FIE doivent veiller à la sauvegarde de l'environnement à l'occasion de toutes les manifestations qu'ils organiseront sous les auspices de la FIE. Ils s'obligent à respecter, dans le cadre de ces activités, les normes généralement reconnues en matière de protection de l'environnement.

VI.- Confidentialité :

Les membres de la famille de la FIE ne doivent pas révéler les informations qui leur seraient confiées à titre confidentiel. La divulgation de quelque information que ce soit ne doit pas donner lieu à un profit ou un gain personnel, ni être faite dans le but de nuire à la réputation d'une personne ou d'une organisation.

VII.- Mise en oeuvre :

1. Les membres de la famille de la FIE doivent veiller à l'application des principes et règles édictés par la Charte olympique et le présent Code.
2. Les membres de la famille de la FIE doivent informer le comité d'éthique de toute violation du présent Code.
3. Tous les ans, le comité d'éthique de la FIE doit soumettre au Comité exécutif de la FIE un rapport portant sur l'application du présent Code, en précisant toute infraction à ses modalités. Le comité d'éthique proposera au Comité exécutif les sanctions à prendre à l'encontre des fautifs.
4. Le comité d'éthique peut préciser les objectifs et recommandations relatifs à la mise en oeuvre du présent Code.

VIII.- Composition du comité d'éthique :

Le comité d'éthique se compose du secrétaire général de la FIE, d'un membre votant du Comité exécutif, élus par ses membres, et du président de la Commission juridique, devant tous les trois provenir de pays différents, ainsi que de tout autre membre élu par les trois personnes susmentionnées.

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F.I.E. ETHICAL CODE / F.I.E. CODE OF ETHICS

The FIE Code of Ethics is based on the IOC Code of Ethics and aims to preserve the ethical values and principles that inspire the Olympic Charter and which must, in any case, the actions of the members of the "family FIE" understood in the broadest way.

The FIE family comprises: directors, officers and members of the FIE, the affiliated National Federations or Confederations recognized by the FIE, organizers or members of Organizing Committees and representatives of candidate cities to the Organization of official championships, as well as the fencers and other members of national delegations participating in any competition or event developed under the umbrella of the FIE.

The FIE managers, its officers and members, the affiliated national federations and their managers, and in general the FIE family, are obliged to respect and ensure respect for the following rules, particularly with regard to the Organization and development of any official competition, event, or activity recognised by the FIE.

I.- Dignity:

1. It must safeguard the dignity of any person as a fundamental requirement of Olympism and the FIE.

2. There will be no discrimination among participants because of race, sex, religion, political or philosophical opinion, family or any other status.
3. No practice that violates the physical or mental integrity of the participants will be tolerated. Any practice related to doping, at any level, is absolutely prohibited. The anti-doping rules contained in the World Anti-Doping Code will be scrupulously observed.
4. All forms of physical, psychological, professional or sexual harassment are prohibited.
5. Competition organizers will ensure participants, officials and the fencing family in general necessary conditions of security, welfare and health care to promote their physical and mental balance.

II.-Integrity:

1. Neither the FIE family nor their representatives may, directly or indirectly, request, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with the organisation of official Championships or their function as FIE official, or as representatives for any members in FIE congresses
Any unsolicited commission, compensation, benefit or service of any nature, that is received by an officer of the FIE, must be declared in writing to the FIE office within 30 days of its receipt, when their total value exceeds € 150.
The Ethics Committee will review the declared cases and may decide that the beneficiary of such benefits is the FIE, or that they must be returned to their source.
2. Only gifts whose nominal value is less than 150 €, according to local customs, can be given and accepted by the members of the FIE family, as a sign of respect and friendship. Any other gift must be delivered to the Organization to which the beneficiary belongs. If the beneficiary belonged to several organizations, the Ethics Committee shall decide its final destination.
Any gift worth more than € 150 must be declared in writing to the FIE Office, and the Ethics Committee will decide on its final destination.
3. The hospitality shown to members, officers and directors of the FIE family and their companions, may not exceed the normal standards used in the hosting country. Invitations for trips offered by the Organizers of competitions or events, or the member Federations (except the one of which the officer is member), that are not based on a cooperation agreement between the Organizer and the Federation or the FIE, must be declared to the Ethics Committee before the trip occurs. The Ethics Committee may suggest that such person decline the invitation if it is contrary to the code of ethics.
4. The FIE family members must avoid any conflict of interest between the Organization to which they belong and any other related to the Olympic movement. If a conflict of interest arose or would risk to appear, parties shall inform the Executive Committee of the FIE, which shall take appropriate measures.
5. The FIE family members shall act with care and diligence required to perform their duties, not acting in any way to harm the reputation of fencing and the Olympic movement.
6. The FIE family must not be complicit nor have any relationship with entities or individuals whose activity is inadequate, conflicting or inconsistent with the principles of the Olympic Charter and this code.
7. The FIE family members will never give nor accept instructions to vote or to intervene in a given or preestablished manner within the FIE bodies or organs.
8. Le mode de désignation des officiels et arbitres à l'occasion des coupes du Monde, championnats du Monde, Jeux Olympiques doit reposer sur des règles équitables et prédéfinies, et les désignations se faire en toute transparence.

III.- Resources:

1. FIE resources may be used only for fencing and Olympic purposes.
2. Revenue and expenditures of the FIE will be recorded in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and those accounts shall be audited by an independent auditor.
3. The FIE family recognizes the important contribution that the media, sponsors, partners and other supporters of sports events make for development and the prestige of the Olympic movement around the world. However, said support must be appropriate and consistent with the rules of the sport and the principles defined in the Olympic Charter and this code. Also, they should not interfere with the development of independent sports institutions. The organization and conduct of sports competitions is the sole responsibility of the independent sports organizations recognized by the IOC.

IV.- Candidatures:

The FIE family members shall respect all aspects of the FIE statutes and rules adopted relating to candidate cities for the organization of official championships or competitions which statutes and rules will remain subordinate to the rules established in this respect by the CIO.

V.- Relationships with States:

1. The FIE family members will work to maintain harmonious relations with State authorities, in accordance with the principles of universality and political neutrality. However, the spirit of humanism, fraternity and respect for human rights that inspires the Olympic ideal requires Governments of states where official competitions and other events of the FIE take place, to ensure the principles of the Olympic Charter and this code are scrupulously respected.
2. The FIE family members are free to develop public functions in the countries to which they belong. However, may not engage in any activity or follow an ideology which impliedly contradicts the principles and rules defined in the Olympic Charter or those laid down in this code.
3. The FIE family members undertake to protect the environment in any event organized under the auspices of the FIE, committing to maintain these activities in generally accepted environmental standards.

VI.- Confidentiality:

The FIE family members will keep secret any information received in confidence. Disclosure of any information must not be for personal benefit, nor be done maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organization.

VII.- Implementation:

1. The FIE Family shall ensure that observance of the principles and rules of the Olympic Charter and this code are implemented.
2. The FIE family members shall inform the Ethics Committee of any breach of this code.
3. Each year, the Ethics Committee will issue a report to the Executive Committee of the FIE relating to the application of this code, noting any breach of its rules. The Ethics Committee will propose to the Executive Committee sanctions that should be taken against those responsible.
4. The Ethics Committee may set out the goals and recommendations for the implementation of the present Code.

VIII.- Composition of the Ethics Committee:

The Ethics Committee is composed of the General Secretary of the FIE, one voting member of the Executive Committee, elected by its members, the President of the Legal Commission, each being from a different country, and other member of this commission elected by the above members.

ESP

CODIGO DE ETICA DE LA F.I.E. / CODIGO DE DEONTOLOGIA DE LA F.I.E.

El Código de Ética de la FIE está basado en el Código de Ética del COI. Tiene por objetivo preservar los valores y los principios éticos que son el fundamento de la Carta Olímpica y que todo el tiempo deben inspirar todos los actos de los miembros de la “familia de la FIE” interpretada en su más amplio sentido.

La familia de la FIE se compone de administradores, agentes y miembros de la FIE, de las federaciones nacionales y confederaciones afiliadas reconocidas por la FIE, organizadores o miembros de los comités

organizadores, así como de los representantes de las ciudades candidatas a la organización de los campeonatos oficiales de la FIE, así como todos los atletas y otros miembros de las delegaciones nacionales que participen en cualquier competencia o en cualquier evento organizado bajo los auspicios de la FIE.

Los administradores, agentes y miembros de la FIE, las federaciones nacionales y confederaciones afiliadas y sus dirigentes, y la familia de la FIE en su totalidad, deben respetar y garantizar el cumplimiento de las reglas siguientes, sobre todo en lo concerniente a la organización y al desarrollo de todas las competencias, de todas las actividades y de todos los eventos oficiales reconocidos por la FIE.

I.- Dignidad :

1. Debe preservarse la dignidad de todos los participantes. Este principio es una exigencia fundamental del olimpismo y de la FIE.
2. No debe haber ninguna discriminación entre los participantes a causa de su raza, de su sexo, de su religión, de sus opiniones políticas o filosóficas o de su estatuto familiar u otro.
3. No se tolerará ninguna práctica que viole la integridad física o mental de los participantes. Cualquier procedimiento de dopaje, a cualquier nivel, está absolutamente prohibido. Las prescripciones establecidas en el Código mundial antidopaje serán respetadas escrupulosamente.
4. Están prohibidas todas las formas de acoso físico, psicológico, profesional o sexual.
5. Los organizadores de las competencias deben garantizar a los participantes, a los oficiales y a toda la familia de la esgrima, condiciones de seguridad, de bienestar y de cuidados médicos favorables a su equilibrio físico y moral.

II.- Integridad :

1. Ni la familia de la esgrima, ni sus representantes deben, directa o indirectamente, solicitar, aceptar o proponer ningún salario, ninguna comisión, ninguna ventaja ni servicios ocultos, de la forma que sea, con relación a la organización de campeonatos oficiales o con su función de oficial de la FIE o como representantes de algún miembro en un congreso de la FIE.

Cualquier remuneración, comisión, ventaja o servicio no solicitado, de cualquier forma y cuyo valor total sobrepase 150 Euros, recibido por un agente de la FIE, debe ser declarado por escrito a la oficina de la FIE en los treinta (30) días después de su recepción.

El Comité de ética examinará los casos declarados y podrá decidir que la FIE deba aprovechar estas ventajas o que sean devueltos a su donador.

2. Sólo podrán ser ofrecidos o aceptados, como testimonio de consideración o de amistad, por los miembros de la familia de la FIE, regalos de un valor inferior a 150 Euros, conforme a las costumbres locales. Cualquier otro regalo deberá ser remitido por el beneficiario a la organización de la cual es miembro. Si el beneficiario es miembro de varias organizaciones, el Comité de ética decidirá la destinación final de los regalos concernidos.

Cualquier regalo cuyo valor excede 150 Euros debe ser declarado por escrito a la oficina de la FIE y el Comité de ética decidirá su destinación final.

3. La hospitalidad acordada a los miembros, agentes y administradores de la familia de la FIE, así como a las personas que los acompañan, no debe exceder las normas del país huésped. Las invitaciones de viaje ofrecidas por los organizadores de competencias o de eventos, o por las federaciones miembros (excepto la de la persona miembro) y que no resultan de un acuerdo de cooperación entre los organizadores y la federación en cuestión o la FIE, deben ser declaradas al Comité de ética antes de que se realice el viaje. El Comité de ética puede sugerir al beneficiario rechazar esta invitación si es contraria al Código de ética.

4. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deben evitar los conflictos de intereses entre la organización a la cual pertenecen y cualquier otra identidad ligada al movimiento olímpico. En caso de conflicto de intereses o de riesgo de conflicto de intereses, las partes deben informar al Comité Ejecutivo de la FIE, que tomará las medidas apropiadas.
5. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deberán cumplir su misión con diligencia y cuidado. Se abstendrán de cualquier comportamiento susceptible de perjudicar la reputación de la esgrima y del Movimiento olímpico.
6. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE no deberán estar ligados a entidades o a personas cuya actividad sería incompatible con los principios definidos por la Carta Olímpica y el presente Código.
7. Los miembros de la familia FIE no deberían dar o aceptar mandato imperativo de voto, ni intervenir de la manera que sea, en las instancias de la FIE.
8. El modo de designación de los oficiales y árbitros para las copas del mundo, campeonatos del mundo, juegos olímpicos debe basarse en reglas equitativas y predefinidas, y las designaciones se hacen de manera transparente.

III.- Recursos :

1. Los recursos de la FIE no podrán ser utilizados más que a fines de esgrima u olímpicos.
2. Las ganancias y gastos de la FIE deberán figurar en sus libros contables llevados conforme a las reglas de uso. Serán sujetos a un control por un auditor de cuentas independiente.
3. La familia de la FIE reconoce la importancia de la contribución que se aportó al desarrollo y al esplendor del Movimiento Olímpico en el mundo a través de los transmisores, patrocinadores, socios y otros apoyos a las manifestaciones deportivas. Sin embargo, su participación debe seguir siendo, con sus modalidades, compatible con las reglas del deporte y los principios definidos en la Carta Olímpica y el presente Código. No deben intervenir en el funcionamiento de las instituciones deportivas independientes. La organización y el desarrollo de las pruebas deportivas conciernen el único poder de las organizaciones deportivas independientes reconocidas por el COI.

IV. Candidaturas :

Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deben respetar escrupulosamente las prescripciones de los estatutos y reglamentos de la FIE, con vista a la selección de la ciudad huésped de los campeonatos o competencias oficiales, cuyos estatutos y reglamentos estarán sujetos a las reglas establecidas a este efecto por el COI.

V.- Relaciones con los Estados :

1. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deben esforzarse por mantener relaciones armoniosas con las autoridades de los Estados, conforme al principio de universalidad y de neutralidad política. Sin embargo, el espíritu de humanismo, de fraternidad y de respeto de los derechos de la persona que inspira el ideal olímpico exige que los gobiernos de los Estados en donde se efectúan las competencias oficiales u otros eventos de la FIE garanticen el respeto escrupuloso de los principios de la Carta Olímpica y del presente Código.
2. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE son libres de participar en la vida pública del Estado al cual pertenecen. Sin embargo no podrán ejercer ninguna actividad o proclamar ninguna ideología que sean contrarias a los principios y reglas definidos en la Carta olímpica y por el presente Código.
3. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deben vigilar la protección del medio ambiente durante todas las

manifestaciones que organizarán bajo los auspicios de la FIE. Se obligan a respetar, en el marco de sus actividades, las normas generalmente reconocidas en materia de protección del medio ambiente.

VI.- Confidencialidad :

Los miembros de la familia de la FIE no deben revelar informaciones que se les hayan dado de manera confidencial. La divulgación de cualquier información no debe dar lugar a una ventaja o ganancia personal, ni ser hecha con el objetivo de perjudicar la reputación de una persona o una organización.

VII.- Instauración :

1. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deben vigilar la aplicación de los principios y reglas dictadas por la Carta olímpica y el presente Código.
2. Los miembros de la familia de la FIE deben informar al Comité de ética de cualquier violación del presente Código.
3. Todos los años, el Comité de ética de la FIE debe someter al Comité Ejecutivo de la FIE un informe relativo a la aplicación del presente Código, precisando toda infracción a sus modalidades. El Comité de ética propondrá al Comité Ejecutivo las sanciones que se toman en contra de los culpables.
4. El Comité de ética puede precisar los objetivos y recomendaciones relativos a la puesta en obra del presente Código.

VIII.- Composición del Comité de ética :

El Comité de ética se compone del Secretario general de la FIE, de un miembro votante del Comité Ejecutivo, elegido por sus miembros y del presidente de la Comisión Jurídica, los tres provenientes de países diferentes, así como de otro miembro electo por las tres personas arriba mencionadas.

**Propositions de la Fédération Italienne d'Escrime
Proposals of the Italian Fencing Federation
Propuestas de la Federación Italiana de Esgrima**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable, avec les modifications suivantes :

Chapitre VI-B- Comités

6B.1. Comité des entraîneurs.

Ce Comité est nommé par le Comité Exécutif.

La Commission Juridique étudiera, pour le prochain Congrès, les critères, modalités de constitution et buts de ce comité qui seront présentés par le Comité Exécutif.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour with the modifications above:

Chapitre VI-B- Committees

6B.1. Coaches committee

This Committee is named by the Executive Committee.

The Legal Commission will study for the next Congress the selection criteria, the functioning and goals of this committee.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Favorable con las modificaciones siguientes:

Capítulo VI-B- Comités.

6B.1. Comité de Entrenadores

Este Comité es designado por el Comité Ejecutivo.

La Comisión Jurídica estudiará, para el próximo Congreso los criterios de selección, el funcionamiento y los objetivos de este comité, que serán presentados por el Comité Ejecutivo.

**Propositions de la Commission Juridique
Proposals of the Legal Commission
Propuestas de la Comisión Jurídica**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable, avec les modifications ci-dessous selon l'avis du Comité Exécutif. Si l'on veut que les candidats soient impliqués dans l'escrime, il faut l'exiger pour toutes les organes de la FIE et pas seulement pour ce comité.

4.6.1 Les membres du comité disciplinaire doivent avoir de l'expérience de la pratique du droit, à titre d'avocats, de juges, d'arbitres, **de magistrats** ou de professeurs de droit.

4.6.3 Modifier la phrase comme suit : « La candidature doit être présentée par l'entremise du formulaire fourni par la F.I.E. (une page de format A4), **signé par le candidat, qui certifie sur l'honneur l'exactitude des informations. Le formulaire** doit préciser les langues parlées par le candidat, ainsi que ses diplômes et autres qualifications relatives au comité disciplinaire. »

4.6.4 La Commission juridique étudiera les candidatures et établira la liste des candidats **(sans limitation de nombre) qui répondent aux exigences des articles 4.6.1 et 4.6.3. Cette liste comprendra, si possible, au moins deux femmes et un représentant de chaque zone. Cette liste sera soumise au Congrès qui se tient l'année qui suit le Congrès électif. Le Congrès aura le droit d'accepter ou refuser la liste dans sa totalité.**

Les membres choisis siégeront au comité disciplinaire jusqu'au Congrès qui suit le congrès électif ou bien jusqu'à ce que leurs successeurs soient approuvés par le Congrès.

4.6.5 Ajout dans la phrase : « Le remplaçant siégera au Tribunal si on détermine qu'un des trois membres initialement choisis **n'est pas disponible ou** a un conflit d'intérêts qui l'oblige à être écarté du Tribunal. »

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: The proposal was revised according to the Executive Committee remarks. If the candidates have to be involved in fencing, then this should be required for all candidates for all FIE bodies, and not only for this Panel.

4.6.1 Members of the Disciplinary Panel shall be individuals who have been practicing as a lawyer, judge, arbitrator, **magistrates** or professor of law.

4.6.3 Modify the sentence as follows: "The candidature must be presented by means of a form **signed under oath** provided by the FIE (one single page of A4 format). **The form must** include the languages spoken as well as the degrees or other qualifications for the D.P."

4.6.4 The Legal Commission shall review the candidatures and establish the list of candidates **who meet the requirement of articles 4.6.1 and 4.6.3. This list shall include if possible at least two women and a representative from each zone. This list shall be submitted to the Congress following the elective Congress. The Congress will have the right to accept or reject the list in total.**

These candidates shall be members of the D.P. until the Congress which follows the Elective Congress or until their successors are approved by the Congress.

4.6.5 : add in the sentence : “It will then select the 3 members of the Disciplinary Tribunal by lots to be designated as the Tribunal, plus one additional person, also selected by lots, to be the alternate, who shall be substituted on the Tribunal if one of the 3 persons originally chosen is not **available** or shall be determined to have a conflict of interest which causes that person to be eliminated from the Tribunal.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : La propuesta ha sido revisada de acuerdo con las sugerencias del Comité Ejecutivo. Si los candidatos deben estar involucrados con la esgrima, entonces este requisito debería ser exigido para todos los candidatos a cualquier órgano de la FIE, y no sólo para este comité.

4.6.1. Los miembros del comité disciplinario deberán tener experiencia en la práctica del derecho como abogados, jueces, árbitros, **magistrados** o profesores de derecho.

4.6.3. Modificar la frase de la manera siguiente: “ La candidatura deberá ser presentada por medio de un formulario facilitado por la FIE (una página en formato A4), **firmada por el candidato que certificará por su honor la exactitud de la información**. El formulario incluirá las lenguas habladas por el candidato, así como su titulación u otra cualificación para formar parte del comité.

4.6.4. La comisión jurídica estudiará las candidaturas y establecerá la lista de candidatos (**sin limitación de número**), **que cumplan las exigencias de los arts. 4.6.1. y 4.6.3. Esta lista incluirá, de ser posible, al menos dos mujeres y un representante de cada zona. Esta lista será sometida al Congreso que sigue al Congreso electivo. El Congreso tendrá el derecho de aceptar o rechazar la lista en su totalidad.**

Los miembros escogidos pertenecerán al comité disciplinario hasta el congreso que al próximo congreso electivo o bien hasta que les sea designado sucesor.

4.6.5. Añadir en la frase: “El reemplazante formará parte del Tribunal si uno de los escogidos **no está disponible** o si se determina que uno de los tres miembros inicialmente escogidos tiene un conflicto de intereses que lo obliga a ser descartado del Tribunal.”

Proposition 2

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable.

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour.

Propuesta 2

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : A favor.

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable, et souhaite ajouter les modifications suivantes :

2.1.2 Membres d'honneur
a) Nomination

Toute candidature peut être présentée par une fédération ou un membre du Comité Exécutif, trois mois avant le Congrès qui suit le Congrès électif.

b) Procédure

Avant **le Congrès qui suit le Congrès électif**, le Bureau peut retenir une ou plusieurs personnalités en vue de proposer leur nomination comme membre d'honneur au Congrès.

Le Bureau doit solliciter l'approbation du Comité Exécutif avant de présenter ses propositions à la Commission des Honneurs.

La Commission des Honneurs est composée :

- **du Secrétaire général, qui préside la Commission**
- ~~De quatre représentants des fédérations présentes au Congrès et désignés sur proposition du Président au début du Congrès,~~
- Des membres d'honneurs présents au Congrès.

La Commission se réunit **durant le Congrès qui suit le Congrès Electif** et prend la décision de présenter ou non la (les) candidature(s) au Congrès par un vote à bulletin secret.

2.2.2 Droits et devoirs des membres d'honneur

a) Les membres d'honneur de la F.I.E. assistent de droit aux Congrès de la F.I.E.

S'ils ne sont pas délégués par leur fédération nationale, ils n'ont qu'un rôle consultatif, **c'est-à-dire qu'ils ne peuvent pas voter.**

b) Ils assistent, de même, de plein droit, aux séances de toutes les Commissions de la F.I.E., mais à titre consultatif exclusivement.

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour and wishes to add the following modifications:

2.1.2 Members of Honour
a) Nomination

All candidatures must be presented by a national federation or by a member of the Executive Committee, three months before the Congress which follows the Elective Congress.

b) Procedure

Before **the Congress which follows the Elective Congress**, the Bureau may single out one or more persons with the intention of proposing their nomination as Members of Honour at the Congress.

The Central Office must seek the approval of the Executive Committee before presenting its proposals to the Honours Commission .

The Honours Commission is made up of:

- **the Secretary General, Chairman of the Commission**
~~• 4 representatives of member federations present at the Congress, designated by proposition of the President at the beginning of the Congress~~
- the Members of Honour present at the Congress

The Commission meets **during the Congress which follows the Elective Congress** two of the Congress sessions and decides, by a secret vote, whether or not to present the candidate(s) to the Congress.

2.2.2 Rights and Duties of Members of Honours

a) The Members of Honour of the F.I.E. are present by right at the Congresses of the F.I.E.

If they are not delegated by their national federations, they only have an advisory role, **i.e. they cannot vote.**

b) They also have the right to be present at the meetings of all the Commissions of the F.I.E., but in an advisory capacity only.

Propuesta 3

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : A favor, y desea añadir las modificaciones siguientes:

2.1.2 Miembros de honor

a) Nominación

Cada candidatura puede ser presentada por una Federación o un miembro del Comité ejecutivo, tres meses antes del Congreso siguiente al Congreso electivo.

b) Procedimiento

Antes **del Congreso siguiente al Congreso electivo**, la Mesa Directiva puede elegir a una o varias personalidades en vista de proponer su nominación como miembro de honor al Congreso.

La Mesa Directiva debe solicitar la aprobación del Comité Ejecutivo antes de presentar sus propuestas a la Comisión de honores.

La Comisión de Honores está compuesta:

*** Por el Secretario General que preside la Comisión**

~~* Cuatro representantes de las federaciones presentes en el Congreso y designados bajo la propuesta del Presidente al inicio del congreso.~~

* Los miembros de honor presentes en el Congreso.

La comisión se reúne **durante el congreso siguiente al Congreso electivo** y toma la decisión para presentar o no la(s) candidatura(s) al Congreso, mediante voto secreto.

« 2.2.2 Derechos y obligaciones de los miembros de honor

a) Los miembros de honor de la F.I.E. asisten de derecho a los Congresos de la F.I.E.

Si no son delegados por su federación nacional, sólo tienen un rol consultativo, **es decir que no pueden votar.**

b) Asimismo, asisten de pleno derecho, a las sesiones de todas las comisiones de la F.I.E., pero exclusivamente a título consultivo.

**Propositions de la Commission des Règlements
Proposals of the Rules Commission
Propuestas de la Comisión de los Reglamentos**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable, mais doit être l'article 10.2.1.h)

Proposal 1

ANG

Avis de la Commission Juridique : In favour but has to be numbered 10.2.1. h)

Propuesta 1

ESP

MODIFICACIONES CONEXAS A LOS ESTATUTOS

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Favorable, pero debe ser numerado como artículo 10.2.1. h)

Proposition 2

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable mais les articles doivent être numérotés 10.5 et 10.5.1

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour but the articles should be 10.5 and 10.5.1

Propuesta 2

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Favorable pero los artículos deben ser numerados como 10.5 y 10.5.1.

Propositions de la Fédération Russe d'Escrime
Proposals of the Russian Fencing Federation
Propuestas de la Federación Rusa de Esgrima

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Voir l'avis sur la proposition de l'Italie.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: See opinion on the Italian proposal.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Ver la opinión sobre la proposición italiana.

Propositions de la Fédération Américaine d'Escrime
Proposals of the USFA
Propuestas de la Federación de Esgrima de Estados Unidos

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission Juridique : Favorable à la proposition du Comité Exécutif. Mais s'agissant de la recommandation 2, la Commission est en faveur d'un représentant au sein du Comité Exécutif, mais que son éventuel droit de vote relève de la décision du Congrès.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Legal Commission: In favour of the proposition of the Executive Committee. However, with respect to recommendation 2, the commission is in favour of a representative being at the Executive Committee but leaves the question regarding the right to vote to the decision of the Congress.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión Jurídica : Favorable a la proposición del Comité Ejecutivo. En cualquier caso, respecto a la recomendación 2, la comisión está a favor de un representante en el Comité Ejecutivo, pero su eventual derecho de voto deberá ser decidido por el Congreso.

Minutes of the FIE Medical Commission Meeting
September 11, 2010
Hotel de la Paix, Lausanne, Switzerland
Submitted by Peter Harmer (AUS), Recording Secretary

Members present: Wilfried Wolfgarten (GER; President), George Ruijsch van Dugteren (NED), Catherine Defoligny-Renault (FRA), Clare Halsted (GBR), Peter Harmer (AUS), Antonio Fiore (ITA), Davood Reza Shafaat (IRI).

Absent: Maha Mustafa Mourad (EGY), Ryszard Szczepanski (POL), Jeno Kamuti (HUN).

Ex-officio: Ana Pascu, MH (Executive Committee liaison) (ROU)

Ex-officio: Stephan Mottaz (Anti-doping coordinator; FIE office liaison)

Meeting called to order at 9:00am on Saturday, September 11, 2010, by Commission President Wolfgarten (GER). Meeting concluded at 7:10pm.

***Summary of decisions and recommendations
of the 2010 Medical Commission meeting***

(details of discussions related to each item, as well as additional issues, are presented at the end of this section)

Proposal from the German Federation to delete the obligatory use of the transparent mask (forwarded from COMEX for input from the Medical Commission):

Resolution: The Medical Commission supports the proposal of the German Fencing Federation to remove the obligatory requirement for transparent masks in all weapons, including sabre.

A) Medical Issues

Action item: FIE is requested to direct all National Federations to set up a mechanism for reporting any death or major traumatic injury in practice or competition in their country to the Medical Commission. Halsted (GBR) will provide a template of a recording form with contact information (i.e., where the form is to be sent). (Submitted from 2009 meeting)

Action item: The FIE must develop a death investigation protocol: (i) The Medical Commission president must be informed immediately the FIE is notified of a death or catastrophic injury on the piste and (ii) a Medical Commission delegate must be sent to investigate in a timely manner. (Submitted from 2009 meeting)

Action item: The Medical Commission recommends that the FIE provides funding to support the development of a Medical Task Force under the direction of the Medical Commission to provide medical care for all nations at World Championships to ensure a standard level of care.

Action item: FIE is to direct all competition software suppliers and developers to include in the competition software commands to indicate in the results when an athlete abandons a competition because of injury. (Submitted from 2009 meeting)

Action item: The FIE office is requested to add the following items to Supervisor Reports:
Section 5 Medical – 5.1 Medical:

- i) Did any athlete withdraw because of injury in this competition (yes/no)
 - ii) Name, nationality and email/telephone number of each athlete who withdrew because of injury.
- (Submitted from 2009 meeting).

Action item: COMEX is requested to support dissemination of the work of the Medical Commission (investigations, reports and recommendations) by providing a location on the FIE website. (Submitted from 2007, 2009 Medical Commission meetings).

B) Anti-Doping Issues

Action item: Anti-doping educational outreach program be continued at the 2011 Cadet/Junior World Championships in Jordan via financial support from the FIE. COMEX to coordinate with van Dugteren (NED).

Action item: Changes are recommended for the Supervisor Reports related to doping control forms handling and submission to the FIE. New wording in keeping with the 2010 Anti-Doping Rules will be supplied to COMEX by van Dugteren (NED).

C) Administrative Issues

Action item: The Medical Commission recommends that COMEX modify the substitution rule for team events in the Olympic Games to allow one (1) substitution for any reason (injury or tactical) during the course of the competition (also recommended in 2009 Report).

Action Item: The following delegate assignments are recommended to COMEX:

- i) 2011 Cadet & Junior World Championships – (JOR): Wolfgarten (GER), Harmer (AUS)
- ii) 2011 World Championships – (ITA): van Dugteren (NED), Defoligney-Renault (FRA)
- iii) 2011 Veterans World Championships – (TBA): Shaafat (IRI)
- iv) 2012 Cadet & Junior World Championships – (TBA): Kamuti (HUN), Szczepanski (POL)
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D) Additional Recommendations and Action items not addressed by COMEX from previous (2007, 2009) Medical Commission meetings

Action item: Request for COMEX to assign an additional Medical Commission delegate (for a total of 3) to Senior and Junior/Cadet World Championships (reasoning presented in Minutes of 2007 meeting).

Action item: Request for COMEX to establish a Medical Commission budget for educational activities (annual medical symposium, educational outreach at competitions, etc) (reasoning presented in Minutes of previous meeting).

Action item: Request to COMEX and Arbitrage Commission to indicate to referees that priority of medical care of athletes on the piste should be given to the medical personnel of the athlete's team (when available), rather than the medical team of the organizers, provided this does not unduly disrupt rapid resolution of the problem or the smooth running of the competition (reasoning presented in Minutes of 2007, 2009 meeting).

Point-by-point report on discussions within the Medical Commission

1. Review of activities since the last meeting June 23-24, 2009

1.1 COMEX aspects (Pascu (ROU))

FIE vice-president Pascu (ROU) reported on the FIE office declining to support the Medical Commission medical symposium at the 2010 World Championships in Paris. The members expressed to Pascu their dismay at this situation as the symposium had already been arranged based on preliminary assurances that there was support. The need for financial support for medical symposia from the FIE is an issue that needs further discussion for the Medical Commission to meet one of its obligations. Additional discussion on why COMEX had not addressed Medical Commission recommendations from previous reports and how to bring important recommendations to the COMEX agenda.

1.2 General aspects (Wolfgarten (GER))

Discussion of the need for improved communication within the Commission. Wolfgarten noted that applications for medical issues to be on the agenda for the Congress in Palermo were declined.

1.3 Congress Palermo Nov. 21-22, 2009 (Wolfgarten (GER))

No issues of importance to the Medical Commission were on the agenda at the Congress in Palermo.

1.4 International meetings

1.4.1 IF Medical Commission Chairpersons meeting Lausanne Oct. 31, 2009 (Wolfgarten (GER))

28 sports federations were represented. Major issues for IF medical commissions to work with are injury epidemiology and prevention and nutrition for athletes. Following discussion among our members, it was decided that 3-D analysis of hip structures in fencers should be forwarded to the IOC Medical Commission for research as the long-term negative effects of the asymmetrical aspects of fencing seem to be becoming more evident.

1.4.2 WADA TUEC Symposium Dec. 2009 Lausanne (Halsted (GBR))

Declaration of Use (DoU) protocol needs to be better understood, especially for asthma. The FIE Anti-Doping Commission must expand its educational efforts to help athletes to understand when a TUE is required or a DoU.

1.4.3 FIMS Puerto Rico April 2010 (van Dugteren (NED))

Major issue was discussion of the Olympic Medical Code. In particular, consideration of protection of physicians and medical staff at competitions, including their emotional

and physical wellbeing and liability.

1.5 International competitions

1.5.1 World Championships 2009 Antalya (Harmer (AUS), Mourad (EGY))

There were considerable problems with pre-event communication with the organizers regarding medical preparation for the competition. Overall, the major problem was lack of local medical support personnel who spoke languages other than Turkish, and lack of local medical staff with specific sports medicine experience. Inadequate medical signage; difficulty of adequately monitoring the multiple areas within the venue because of the lay-out. The Turkish medical staff, however, were commended on the excellent job they did related to a serious injury to an official. The rapid stabilization of the injury, transportation to hospital and surgical treatment contributed significantly to the patient's recovery.

1.5.2 Cadet/Junior World Championships Baku 2010 (Defoligny Renault (FRA), Shafaat (IRI))

Pre-event communication was lacking, local medical support staff were inadequately equipped and lacked specific sports medicine experience. There was no supervising physician, only nursing staff. The communication within the venue was very difficult. Inadequate medical signage; difficulty of adequately monitoring the multiple areas within the venue because of the lay-out. There was a significant problem with doping control coordination and the DCO has failed to meet her responsibilities by not supplying the Doping Control Forms to the FIE. This matter is referred for appropriate resolution. Recommendation that a member of the Medical Commission accompany the FIE Technical Director to pre-event evaluation of the venue and medical support services to avoid such problems in the future.

1.5.3 Youth Olympic Games Singapore (Fiore (ITA))

Well-organized event and the small number of competitors contributed to the smooth running of the competition. However, the local medical staff was young and inexperienced and the organization of doping control was very poor – too many athletes to be tested at the same time (8 sports were reporting to the same testing center) and too few DCOs and female chaperones. The directive by the organizers/charter of the Games for officials to be “young” to fit the theme of the Games needs to be re-evaluated to ensure that the appointed officials have appropriate experience.

Based on the continuing problems of organizers of World Championships failing to follow the medical *cahier des charges* without penalty and to the detriment of the athletes in the competitions, Fiore (ITA) recommended that the FIE support the Medical Commission establish a cadre of physicians and therapists to travel to these competitions to provide a consistent level of care.

1.6 Anti-Doping Education - Athletes Outreach Program Baku 2010 (Mottaz (FIE), van Dugteren (NED))

The Outreach Program conducted at the World Junior and Cadet Championships in Baku was successful with approximately 33% of fencers reached and 1/3 of countries, coaches and medical staff. The administration cost was low on a per person reached basis and the education program was considered effective.

Additional work needs to be carried out to enhance the reach and impact of the program: a) better visibility in the venue (promotional banners, information in the program, etc), b) better booth appeal, c) better communication with key stakeholders, e.g., national coaches.

The Outreach will have a presence at the Senior World Championships in Paris (3 sessions covering New Rules, ADAMS, and General Anti-Doping information). 100 USB keys with all of the FIE Anti-Doping regulations and the Quiz will be distributed to national coaches and medical staff.

Recommendation that an Outreach Program be scheduled for the 2011 Jr/Cadet World Championships in Jordan.

2. Review of Items 2009 Medical Commission Meeting - Lausanne (June 23-24)

No report from Messmer (GER) regarding testing of glove materials. Reviewed discussions on injury reporting. As noted in the Minutes of the 2009 meeting, the FIE needs to develop an injury surveillance system for FIE competitions. Recommend changes to competition software to indicate abandonment due to injury, and changes to Supervisor reports to gather details of such abandonment. Discussions with competition software providers have indicated this is easy to do.

Catastrophic injury and deaths in fencing – the FIE must incorporate a death investigation protocol. The Medical Commission president must be informed immediately the FIE is notified of a death on the piste and a Medical Commission delegate must be sent to investigate in a timely manner. Action item: Information and investigations related to medical issues, especially those related to death or catastrophic injury must involve the Medical Commission.

3. Safety Aspects

3.1 Broken visor on transparent mask at the European Junior Championships in Odense (01.11.09)

Further discussion on this issue, independently and in consultation with the SEMI Commission. Information emerged that FIE standards were not being met in the manufacture of transparent masks and that there had been additional penetrations not previously reported. In light of the information of lack of oversight of standards by some manufacturers, and the inability to assure accurate evaluation of the integrity of transparent masks in use, the Medical Commission voted to support the proposal of the German Federation that use of the mask no longer be obligatory for any weapon (including sabre). SEMI indicated there is no evidence to indicate that sabre should be treated differently from the point weapons (that is, if the mask is not safe for foil or epee, it is not safe for sabre)

3.2 Penetration of gloves by unbroken sabres

Harmer (AUS) reports additional cases of penetrating injuries in the hand caused by unbroken saber blades continue to accumulate. This issue has been introduced by the Medical Commission to SEMI Commission twice. As yet no studies have been conducted by SEMI. The suggestion by SEMI for prevention is to develop standards for the integrity of gloves. Harmer (AUS) suggests that investigation of changing the shape of the sabre tip is required. Further research and discussion is warranted but a resolution must be found soon.

4. Injuries

4.1 Review of injuries in FIE competitions

No progress has been reported on the recommendations of the Medical Commission to

COMEX from the 2009 meeting related to improved injury surveillance and reporting. These recommendations will again be passed on to COMEX or the FIE administration offices for action.

4.2 Review of cramp rules

Discussion of impact of the modification t.33 related to cramps. An article on the issue by Harmer (AUS) was published in *Escrime* to explain the rule for all FIE members. Reports indicate that as referees, fencers, and coaches have had more experience with the limitations of the application of the rule, there have been fewer problems with inappropriate appeals for time. Recommendations from the Medical Commission is for medical staff at competitions, including Medical Commission delegates at World Championships, to meet with referees prior to the beginning of competitions to clarify the application of the rule.

5. Anti-Doping activities (van Dugteren (NED))

5.1 New anti-doping coordinator

Stephane Mottaz was introduced as the new FIE Anti-Doping Co-ordinator

5.2 Atypical findings

Once again, there were very few atypical findings for fencing, supporting the view that it is a low risk activity. However, this may be a reflection of the efficient testing program. WADA survey indicates FIE Anti-doping Program is Code-compliant. In-competition testing was conducted at all FIE events during the last year. Only 2 Anti-Doping Rule Violations were reported since January 2009: 1 for cannabis (sanction 3 months), 1 for cocaine (sanction 2 years).

5.3 ADAMS system/RTP pool

Extensive discussions on the problem with missed out-of-competition testing by fencers in the Registered Testing Pool. Athletes must be familiar with the requirements, register on ADAMS and keep their whereabouts current. Any combination of three whereabouts violations in 18 months (missed test or filing failure) will result in sanctions. Currently some athletes, coaches and NFs do not seem to understand the implications despite extensive efforts by the FIE Anti-Doping Commission to contact and inform them.

5.4 Anti-doping rules 2010 - FIE compliance with WADA Code

As noted above, the FIE is currently WADA-compliant. A summary of changes to the FIE Anti-Doping Rules for 2010 was presented by van Dugteren (NED), will be forwarded to Commission members and added to the anti-doping section on the FIE website. Important features include:

Art 5.2.5: Emphasizes need for an FIE Anti-Doping Officer at every competition.

Art 5.7: Fencers notified for In-Competition Tests are required to **report** to the Doping Control Station **immediately** they are notified but may request permission for a delay in actually completing the test (the automatic 60 minutes to report is no longer allowed).

Art 5.9: Doping Control Form – fencer must declare any medication taken in the last 7 days.

5.5 TUE / DoU new aspects

Few TUEs have been processed during 2010 as the new FIE rules require non-RTP TUE applications to be processed by NADOs. Discussion of the new provisions that Declarations of Use (DoU) for inhaled Salbutamol & Salmeterol as well as

Glucocorticosteroids must be made on Doping Control Forms when fencers are tested.

6. Education program

6.1 IOC consensus statement for children (Halsted (GBR))

The IOC has emphasized the well-being of children in sport. The implications of the consensus statement include the need for the FIE to develop an injury surveillance system for children. This would fit with the Medical Commission's previous recommendations (2009) that changes in competition software and supervisor reports be made to begin collecting injury information from all FIE-sanctioned events,

Additionally, the need to ensure that coaches are adequately screened and qualified was emphasized. Discussion of supporting continuing development of coaching seminars and classes on a continental basis. Thus, the Medical Commission encourages this program of the FIE.

6.2 FIE education program (van Dugteren (NED))

Anti-Doping education: the annual "Outreach" program in Baku was successful due to: (a) education of fencers and coaches via anti-doping Quiz, and (b) personal interaction with National Federation officials responsible for anti-doping. Plans are being made to provide access to the "Real Winner" education program for RTP fencers, and to run a modified Outreach during the Paris World Championships.

6.2.1 FIE website

No progress has been made in securing space on the FIE website for provision of Medical Commission work, including a repository for scientific papers on fencing and medical articles printed in *Escrime*. Further discussions with the FIE administration to acquire this access is recommended.

7. Proposition for Congress 2010

7.1 German Fencing Federation transparent masks

Following significant discussion of the extant cases of failed masks and the implications, and following discussion and additional information from the SEMI Commission, the Medical Commission voted to support the proposal of the German Fencing Federation that transparent masks are not obligatory for any weapon, including sabre. The information of some manufacturers not following manufacturing guidelines, inability of technical staff to adequately determine the integrity of masks being used and the lack of mitigating evidence to indicate that sabre should be exempt for this proposal, led the Medical Commission to its conclusion.

7.2 Miscellaneous

7.2.1 Library of scientific papers on fencing

Following the decision of the Medical Commission in our previous meeting to develop a library of scientific papers on fencing that would be housed on the FIE website, no progress had been made in securing space for Medical Commission work on the FIE website. As an alternative, the project will be moved to *Schermaonline* (hosted by Fiore (ITA)). The Commission will continue to apply to the FIE webmaster for at least a link on the FIE site to this library of fencing research, including medical articles printed in *Escrime*.

8. Medical meeting/seminar during World Championships Paris

8.1 Meeting Medical Commissions FIE -EFC during the 2010 World Championships in Paris

Following the failure of funding from the FIE for a Medical Symposium at the World Championships in Paris, Medical Commission members attending the competition will meet with members of the EFC Medical Commission informally to discuss issues of mutual interest in protecting the health and safety of competitors.

9. Member assignments for 2011/2012.

The Medical Commission elected to recommend the following appointments to COMEX:

- i) 2011 Cadet & Junior World Championships – (JOR): Wolfgarten (GER), Harmer (AUS)
- ii) 2011 World Championships – (ITA): van Dugteren (NED), Defoligny-Renault (FRA)
- iii) 2011 Veterans World Championships – (TBA): Shaafat (IRI)
- iv) 2012 Cadet & Junior World Championships – (TBA): Kamuti (HUN), Szczepanski (POL)
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10. Various topics

Extensive discussion on the need to modify the substitution rule for team events in the Olympic Games. The current rule is an incentive for teams to manipulate the rule regarding injury to the detriment of the sport, their own integrity and unfairly brings into question the professional behavior of the FIE Medical delegates. The Medical Commission recommends that the rule be changed to allow one (1) substitution for any reason (injury or tactical) during the course of the competition (also recommended in 2009 Report).

The question of the conditions under which the medical delegate can require an athlete to withdraw from competition was debated. The consensus was reached that there is no foundation for this with an adult but the situation is less clear with children. The possibility appears to vary across countries. Consultation with an adult with the authority to act for the child is recommended. The Commission concluded that more direction from the Legal Commission is needed.

Recommendation that medical articles submitted to *Escrime* for publication be reviewed by a member of the Medical Commission to ensure the work is of appropriate quality.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE PROMOTION (P.P.) COMMISSION

Lausanne, September 04th - 5th, 2010

Present:

Frantisek JANDA (CZE)	President of the Promotion Commission
Velichka HRISTEVA (BUL)	Representative of the Executive Committee
Kimmo PENTIKÄINEN (FIN)	Secretary of the Promotion Commission
Gholamhossein ASGARI (IRI)	
Erika AZE (LAT)	
Cécile FAYE (SEN)	
Victor Sergio GROUPIERRE (ARG)	
John MAKELA (CAN)	
Nikolay MATEEV (ISL)	
Sabirjan RUZIEV (UZB)	

Marcos Lorenzo

FIE Head Press

Absent:

Nahedh AL-MURDHI (KUW)

OPENING OF THE MEETING

President of the commission Mr. Janda welcomed all participants and opened the meeting.

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting and evaluation of the tasks.
2. Discussion about the proposals for the changes of rules, which the FIE COMEX gave to the individual Commissions for the evaluation.
3. Discussion about the usage of new communication technologies for the promotion of fencing:
 - Formulation of the common position of all continents on the development of the common strategy for fencing promotion;
 - Discussion about the creation of "the internet television;"
 - Formulation of the proposal for the FIE.
4. Various.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND EVALUATION OF THE TASKS

The Commission unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

Evaluation of the tasks:

Mr. Janda informed that the recommendations proposed by the commission for the executive committee during the last meeting were not accepted by the executive committee. The situation with the enforcement of commission's ideas will improve now as the president of the commission is also the president of the zonal confederation and the member of the FIE COMEX.

The commission discussed the new concept of escrime magazine. Mr. Janda said that the new escrime magazine has improved thanks to the effort of Mr. Lorenzo. The commission encouraged that the electronic version should be better promoted in the fencing community.

Mr. Janda stated the competition calendar confirmed at the General Assembly included major changes. It has some problems especially with women's epee calendar which has too tight schedule of competitions in four weeks period in different continents.

Ms. Aze stated that the present calendar with extensive travelling is expensive for fencers.

Mr. Janda stated that the problem does not concern only the finance. The healing period for athletes is intolerable with such extensive travelling. Another problem concerns the organizers of the big competitions. On one hand, it is our interest that the organizer would fulfil his role on 100% and the annulment of the competitions would not appear. On the other hand, such events as the World Cup or Grand Prix are the perfect opportunities to promote our sport. Due to the reductions of the calendar, the amount of these events significantly decreased. It would be helpful to prepare the proposal which would allow for each season and for each weapon to have one flexible date – this would allow having one tournament in various places. Several European federations are willing to organize good competitions - but not every year. It has been proposed that there should be the circulating model of the competitions, i.e. the competitions would be organized at the same date of the year but in different countries. For instance, one season in Sydney and another in Havana.

Mr. Janda noted that the new calendar will be fixed minimum for the next two seasons. We cannot change the system during the qualification season. The present calendar was a difficult decision and the result is a compromise between different points of views. But we could use this time to find better variants.

Mr. Janda stated that the reports of the observers are crucial to evaluate the level of competitions. If the observer's report says that the competition is fine, despite the competitors and coaches do not agree with it, it would be difficult to make any changes.

III. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROPOSALS FOR THE CHANGES OF RULES, WHICH THE FIE COMEX GAVE TO THE INDIVIDUAL COMMISSIONS FOR THE EVALUATION

III.1 GERMAN FENCING FEDERATION PROPOSAL

Delete the obligation to use the transparent visor mask for all weapons

Argument:

The mentioned mask was created with the goal to offer more emotions of the fencer for the audience.

After several discussions, tests, expert opinions, labels, essays of the producers and incidents over past years, we have a situation, which is absolutely not satisfied.

On the one hand is the effect of the visor in a controversial position to judge. On the other hand, we have had some grave incidents, which only with a lot of luck did not create a human catastrophe. Despite of all well-meant recommendations and all good will and attention of the fencers during the handling of the mask nobody can absolutely secure the necessary mechanical and chemical conditions for the visor. This opinion is meanwhile shared by the great majority of manufacturers who are worried, that a grave incident can destroy partly the base of their business.

In weighing the advantage and the fundamental risks for our sport we have made our proposal.

In the same context we propose that the goal to offer more emotions during the competitions have to be maintained. The way can be to make a fresh attempt over an adjusted interpretation of several articles of the regulation which permit that fencers and officials can move from sterile constraint behaviour to more emotional and spontaneous actions still respecting the regulation. The Rules- Referees- and Promotion Commission should make recommendations for certain articles of our regulation.

Opinion of the Executive Committee: to be submitted to the Rules, SEMI, Promotion and Medical Commissions. The Executive Committee thinks that sabre should not be included in this proposal and wishes a complete study to be done by the SEMI Commission, on the German proposal.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: in favour.

The decision was agreed unanimously.

Discussion

Mr. Janda stated that we are aware about at least 4-5 transparent mask accidents. There was a serious accident during European Juniors Championships. The plastic visor was broken in foil competition to Latvian fencer. The mask was inspected by a laboratory. The report stated that the plastic was not Lexan as it should have been. Since we cannot guarantee 100% safety, thus we cannot have the masks obligatory. Secondly, the transparent mask is extremely unpopular among fencers. We would need the mask for the cameras to have eye contact to transfer the moment. It is a good idea but as we cannot 100% guarantee safety we cannot have it as obligatory. I agree with the proposal.

Mr. Makela stated that he agree with the proposal. We have to support SEMI commission's opinion because they are experts in this field. Personally, I have not liked it and fencers do not like it as well. It can create an accident also with sabre. The armourer cannot test whether the plastic is in proper condition and it has been produced by a right producer.

Mr. Mateev noted that everybody agree at the commission that transparent mask should not be used in epee or foil, but what about sabre? Should it be allowed for one year more that the manufacturers can develop it further?

Mr. Janda stated that we want to cancel the obligation to use these masks. However, if the sabre fencers want to use them, they can.

III.2. RULES COMMISSION PROPOSALS

4. When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee will immediately call 'Halt!'

Clear unwillingness to fight (non-combativity)

~~If two of the criteria below are combined, there is unwillingness to fight:~~

- ~~1. criterion of time : one minute of fencing without a hit~~
- ~~2. absence of blade contact~~
- ~~3. excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge).~~

If one of the two criteria below is present, there is unwillingness to fight:

1. criterion of time : one minute of fencing without a hit
2. absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during 15 seconds.

5. Individual events

a) If during the two first periods of a direct elimination bout both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight, the Referee ~~will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two fencers and~~ will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.

~~b) If the offence is repeated, the Referee will each time award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the two fencers and will proceed to the next period, without the minute rest.~~

b) ~~c)~~ When both fencers make clear their unwillingness to fight during the **third period** of a direct elimination bout, **the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing.** This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

~~i) if there has been no occurrence of the offence during the preceding periods, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each fencer, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

~~ii) if the offence has already been committed during the course of the preceding periods, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the fencers, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

6. Team events

a) If both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** during a team match, the Referee ~~will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the two teams and~~ will proceed to the next bout.

~~b) If the offence is repeated, the Referee will each time award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the teams and will proceed to the next bout, and so on up to the last bout.~~

b) ~~c)~~ If both teams make clear their **unwillingness to fight** during **the last bout**, **the Referee will proceed to a last minute of fencing.** This last minute, which will be fenced in its entirety, will be decisive and will be preceded by a drawing of lots to decide the winner should the scores be equal at the end of the minute.

~~i) if there has been no occurrence of the offence during the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a warning (yellow card) against each of the teams, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

~~ii) if the offence has already been committed during the preceding bouts, the Referee will award a penalty hit (red card) against each of the teams, and will proceed to a last minute of fencing;~~

Modify article t.120 accordingly.

Motivation : The Commission believes that we should return to the original position adopted, i.e.: - that non-combativity should not be penalized with yellow/red cards, that if it occurs, the referee stops the fight and moves on to the next phase of a direct elimination bout, without the minute rest, or to the next relay in a team match.

The Commission also discussed the definition of non-combativity. While it is true that a good referee "knows" when there is non-combativity, we are not happy with the fact that two of the criteria (being out of distance and having no blade contact) are likely to be essentially the same, which means that the referee could ignore the time criterion (1 minute with no hit) and declare non-combativity far too subjectively.

We therefore suggest the addition of a time element to the second criterion ('if there is no blade contact and/or excessive distance during 15 seconds); this should prevent unduly idiosyncratic application by the referee.

Opinion of the Executive Committee : the Executive Committee is in favour of the proposal. To be submitted to the Rules, Refereeing and Promotion Commissions.

Opinion of the Promotion Commission: in favour.

The commission proposes the following adjustment to the text:

"2. absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during a minimum of 15 seconds.

The decision was agreed unanimously.

Discussion

Mr. Janda stated that referees had to have the feeling when the fencers do not want to fence.

Mr. Mateev stated that he also agree with the proposal. In Leipzig, there were too many matches which had no action for a long time.

Mr. Makela proposed that the proposal should be rephrased that absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward-lunge) during a minimum of 15 seconds. Mr. Makela stated that the obligation to have blade contact and/or excessive distance will inform fencers that they are obligated to have action. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ABOUT THE USAGE OF NEW COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE PROMOTION OF FENCING

Formulation of the proposal for the FIE

The Commission supports EFC initiative to move forward on creating an internet television.

The decision was agreed unanimously.

Discussion

Mr. Janda informed that during European Championships in Leipzig, the EFC started pilot live video broadcasting through the internet. The competition included 40 European countries and 416 fencers altogether. 112 journalists from all European countries have been accredited. There was also live TV broadcasting to Russia, France, Switzerland, Italy and also Germany. ZDF Sport Channel rating was 10,2% (great number when considering Tour de France and British Open in Golf, which took place at the same time). The result of video broadcasting was brilliant: 18 million accesses to the websites. We must use the new technologies to promote fencing. Compared to the traditional TV broadcasting, the watching of the videos of the internet broadcasting is not dependent on location. The live broadcasting of the competition was provided with a commentary of the ex-Olympic winner Claudia Bokel. It is obvious that this is brilliant media to promote our sport.

The European continent organizes the majority of FIE competitions. During these competitions we can usually use the signal from the referee's video cameras. We have tapes from each match from the table 32 onwards. We can publish the videos also without commentators and also we want to create the video archive of the competitions. For the organizers of Grand Prix, the broadcasting does not increase their costs. There are only the costs for signal processing and transmission. Technically it is possible to organize live broadcasting from all FIE competitions on the European continent.

Europe is coming with new activity and it needs support from other continents. The EFC website is a good way to access the fencing videos on the internet. It is also important to know that each weekend there are over 200 fencing competitions of all levels on the European continent. These include from small competitions to Grand Prix competitions. It is important for our sport to highlight this fact. Advertisers should be aware of the opportunity.

Ms. Faye stated that she agrees with the idea of an internet television. During the Olympic Games we had wonderful opportunity to see the fencing competitions live. Nevertheless, considering the Africa it is crucial to have more awareness of fencing and to have more competitions on this continent. We need support from FIE. We are not against the live broadcasting on the internet but it is not a top priority for the African countries. The basic development of fencing as the sport still remains the biggest problem of the African continent.

Mr. Makela stated that people are looking for this. Advertisers are looking for the media on the internet.

Mr. Mateev proposed that the broadcasting of fencing tournaments on the internet should be one of our goals for the future.

Mr. Pentikäinen supported Mr. Mateev's proposal and rephrased it as follows: "the promotion commission proposes that the strategic focus area of promoting for the season 2010/2011 will be in the internet broadcasting of fencing tournaments."

Mr. Makela said that we have high class product which we can sell. There is no reason why we could not promote fencing more. Our mission is to promote fencing. Live broadcasting is the best media to use on the internet.

Mr. Pentikäinen requested that we should gather more detailed estimate of the value of the income from selling the advertisements on the internet.

Mr. Lorenzo noted that Tissot is the only sponsor at the moment. This company pays 400.000 CHF per year. It is a fixed contract. Compared to other sports, we are behind in many aspects.

Mr. Pentikäinen proposed the following: commission's opinion is that fencing has great opportunities as a sport but we are losing the momentum of media attention which can be dangerous for the future of the fencing.

Mr. Janda stated that we have to make changes in the strategy of promoting fencing.

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Mr. Janda asked the members of the commission whether they will support the idea of an internet television. He stated that it is absolutely necessary for our sport. Sponsoring and advertising should be opened for our sport. The internet as a communication tool is used by younger generation. This idea is important for all continents.

Ms. Faye agreed that it is important, but there are other more important issues to develop fencing than media promotion. Nevertheless, it is important to have a TV internet but it is not the priority for the African continent.

Mr. Makela proposed the following: the commission supports creating of the internet television broadcasting of fencing events. Reasoning: this will increase our profile on the internet. It will open up fencing to worldwide audience. It will increase our promotion and marketing possibilities and will be a tool to secure sponsor increase and revenues. This revenue can be used to further promotion of fencing globally.

Mr. Janda inquired from the members of the commission whether they will support the EFC activity to create internet television broadcasting from the FIE competitions held in Europe. To execute this plan, EFC will need financial support from FIE. We will create a databank of all matches and videos from the World Cups.

Mr. Pentikäinen presented an estimation of possible revenues from online advertising based on statistics at the European Championship Competitions. It is necessary to say that this number is the total of all accesses of four portals which broadcasted the competitions.:

Average price for a click on the banner	0,15 Euro
European Championships	18 000 000 pages hits
Estimate	0,1 visitors will hit a banner
Revenue	270 000 Euro
Sales costs	-30 %
Profit	189 000 Euro

Mr. Janda proposed the following decision: the Commission supports EFC initiative to move forward with the creation of the internet television. The proposal was agreed unanimously.

Mr. Makela proposed that it would be beneficial for our objectives to have the commission's meetings during major competitions. It will give an opportunity to review the level of promotion at the competition.

Mr. Asgari stated that FIE will have great opportunities to find sponsors for fencing and more efforts should be done in this field.

V. VARIOUS

The Commission requests that Executive Committee will give a written response if it does not accept a proposition of the Commission.

The commission will request FIE office to have available observer's reports for the members of the commission. Before each meeting of the commission the FIE office should prepare statistic information from the reports that the commission can follow the development of promotion activities.

Decisions were agreed unanimously.



RULES COMMISSION MEETING

Lausanne, September 4-5, 2010

Present:

SCHIRRMACHER, Lutz (GER), President
ASSADOURIAN, Sarkis (IRI)
BELMONTE, Manuel (CAN)
CAFIERO, Giuseppe (ITA)
HIGGINSON, Stephen (GBR)
KULCSAR, Krisztian (HUN)
LAMON, Janine (SUI)
SHIM, Jae Sung (KOR)
THULLBERG, Pierre (SWE)

SALHI, Férial, Executive Committee Representative

RODRIGUEZ M.-H., Nathalie, CEO

Absent excused:

CARLESCU-BADEA, Laura (ROU)

The Commission met on September 4th and 5th, 2010 at the Hôtel de la Paix in Lausanne.

The President opened the session, and welcomed the members of the Commission, as well as Mrs. Rodriguez and Ms Salhi. He asked Steve Higginson to take notes for the Commission's meeting report.

The Commission then studied the proposals submitted for presentation at the Congress.

I. Various points about the Rules

a) Parallel to this meeting, the Rules Commission and the Refereeing Commission have met to discuss jointly of the proposals submitted to both commissions.

b) Also, the Refereeing Commission asked that the following omissions to article t.120 be corrected:

Line 1.13, (in French) replace « coup porté » with « touche portée »

Line 1.16, "get dressed and..." is missing

Line 3.24, "t.92.6" is missing

The Rules Commission agreed unanimously to make these corrections.

c) The Refereeing Commission also indicated that articles t.28 and t.102 do not correspond to one another, rather that they are ambiguous and contradictory.

Therefore, the Rules Commission modified these articles as follows, and submits their new version to the COMEX for an urgent decision:

t.28

1. A competitor who crosses one of the lateral boundaries of the piste with one or both feet is penalised according to article t.102.

t.102

A competitor who crosses the lateral boundaries of the piste with one or both feet resumes the bout at a correct fencing distance from his opponent, then is penalised by the loss of one metre of ground. (cf. t.25).

II. Study of the proposals

1) Some proposals pertaining to the World Championships are postponed and will be studied by the Veterans Council. See **annex prop reg veterans suspendues pour conseil vet 3L.doc**

2) The other proposals submitted for study of the Commission are attached in the annex entitled **prop. REGLEMENTS congres 3L.doc**

III. Other business

Situations and proposals submitted by Sarkis ASSADOURIAN (IRI)

The Commission studied the question of uneven odds for the fencers, coming from the fact that the indicators are uneven as some of the first round pools are composed of 7 fencers, and some other pools are composed of 6 fencers only.

The first indicator (V/M) already favours those who only fenced 5 bouts in a pool of 6, versus those who have fenced 6 bouts in a pool of 7. For example, two fencers may have won 3 bouts, but 3/5 (0.60) is a better indicator than 3/6 (0.50). And when one considers the second indicator (HS-HR), the fencer who had the possibility of scoring more hits is advantaged. For example, if both fencers won all their bouts 5:4, the fencer who fenced 6 bouts has a +6 hit indicator, while the fencer who only fenced 5 bouts has a +5 hit indicator, which is lower.

Obviously, one can argue that the standings in the direct elimination table does not represent these two fencers in a fair and just manner.

It is hard to imagine how one can compensate for the V/M indicator problem, as it already is expressed as a percentage. On the other hand, M. Assadourian suggested (and he has illustrated his point with many examples) that if the hit indicator were a percentage of the hits actually scored and received versus the total number of possible hits, one would have a fairer ranking.

It is of course impossible to reach a perfectly fair situation for everyone. For this to take place, it would be necessary to have the same number of fencers in each and every pool at any given event. But the proposed solution would be a step towards ideal fairness.

This would also be fairer for situations in which, beside pools of 7, we finally end with one or several pools of 5 (for example a pool of 6 in which one injured fencer had to withdraw).

The Commission has been told that it would be easy to adjust the competition management software in order to make this change. There would be no problem as far as the competition organisation and flow are concerned.

M. Assadourian will apply his method, as a test, to real competition results, in order to demonstrate the fairness of his proposal.

In the meantime, the Commission is in favour of the ideas presented.

All the points on the agenda having been dealt with, the President adjourned the meeting and thanked all participants for their excellent and productive work.

**PROPOSITIONS DE MODIFICATIONS DU REGLEMENT
PROPOSALS FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE RULES
PROPUESTAS DE MODIFICACIONES DEL REGLAMENTO**

CONGRES – CONGRESS – CONGRESO - 2010

**Propositions du Comité Exécutif
Executive Committee Proposals
Propuestas del Comité Ejecutivo**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Il sera par conséquent nécessaire de former d'avantage d'arbitres FIE, qui pourront ainsi officier dans les compétitions juniors.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour – but it will be necessary in consequence to train more FIE referees, who will be needed to referee the Junior competitions.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Por consiguiente será necesario formar más árbitros FIE que así podrán arbitrar en las competencias juniors.

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable, avec les modifications suivantes :

- La proposition des USA a déjà été intégrée à la proposition du Comité Exécutif au point 3.d.
- 3.a) iii) et iv) supprimer « **aux trois armes** »
- 3.b), ajouter avant le i) : « **En individuel et par équipes, seul le tireur en piste a le droit de demander un recours à la vidéo-arbitrage.** »
- 3.b) i), après « dans les poules » supprimer « **lorsque l'arbitrage vidéo est utilisée** ».
- 3. e). ajouter après « ...à l'arbitrage-vidéo » : « **, avant même de donner sa décision, sauf dans le cas spécifié à l'article t.42.3 d).** ».
- 3.h) ce paragraphe (qui doit être complètement reformulé, complété et détaillé) ne doit pas figurer dans cette section, mais à l'article t.37. En effet, le concept de « consultant-vidéo » n'existe pas encore dans le règlement, et il faut l'introduire. La Commission l'a fait (voir proposition 5 modifiée de la Commission des Règlements). De plus, la commission a un avis un peu plus marqué sur la provenance des consultants-vidéo.

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour, with the following modifications:-

- the USA proposal has already been incorporated into the Executive Committee's proposal, in 3.d.
- 3.a.iii) and iv): delete '**in all three weapons**'
- 3.b: add before i) '**Both in team and individual events, only the fencer on the piste has the right to request a video review.**'
- 3.b.i): after 'in the pools', delete '**in which the video-refereeing is being used**'
- 3.e: add after '...the video-refereeing', '**before even giving his decision, except in the case specified in article t.42.3.d.**'
- 3.h: This paragraph, which will have to be completely rewritten and amplified in greater detail, should not appear in this section, but in article t.37. Effectively, the concept 'video-consultant does not yet exist in the Rules and needs to be introduced. The Commission has done this (cf the modified Proposal no. 5 by the Rules Commission). Moreover, the Commission has a somewhat more specific opinion concerning the provenance of the video-consultant.

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor con las siguientes modificaciones :

- La propuesta de Estados Unidos ya fue integrada a la propuesta del Comité Ejecutivo en el punto 3.d.
- 3.a) iii) y iv) suprimir « **en las tres armas** »
- 3.b), añadir antes de i) : « **En individual y por equipos, sólo el tirador en la pista tiene derecho a solicitar un recurso al video-arbitraje.** »

- 3.b) i), después « en las poules » suprimir « **cuando se utiliza el video-arbitraje**».
- 3. e). añadir después « ... al video-arbitraje » : « **antes de dar su decisión, excepto en el caso especificado en el artículo t.42.3 d).** ».
- 3.h) este párrafo (que debe ser totalmente reformulado, completado y detallado) no debe figurar en esta sección, sino en el artículo t.37. Efectivamente, el concepto de “consultante-video” todavía no existe en el reglamento, y hay que introducirlo. La Comisión lo hizo (ver propuesta 5 modificada de la Comisión de los Reglamentos). Además, la Comisión tiene una opinión un poco más marcada sobre la proveniencia de los consultantes-video.

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable, avec les modifications suivantes :

- ajouter, à la fin du premier paragraphe : « En aucun cas les poules ne peuvent être de moins de 6 tireurs ».

- Toutefois, si suite à l'absence d'un ou plusieurs tireurs, une ou plusieurs poules se trouvaient réduites à 5 tireurs ou moins, l'organisateur doit alors ajouter à ces poules un ou des tireurs provenant d'autres poules de 7 ~~du même tour de poules~~, en tenant compte du classement initial du tireur remplacé.

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour, with the following modifications:

- Add at the end of the first paragraph: 'In no case may the pools be of fewer than 6 fencers.'

- If, however, as the result of the absence of one or more fencers, one or more pools were to be reduced to 5 or fewer fencers, the organisers must add to these pools one or more fencers from other pools of 7 fencers, taking into account the initial ranking of the fencer(s) being replaced.

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : Favorable, avec les modifications suivantes :

- añadir al final del primer párrafo : « En ningún caso las poules pueden ser de menos de 6 tiradores ».

- Sin embargo, si después de la ausencia de uno o varios tiradores, una o varias poules se encuentran reducidas a 5 tiradores o menos, entonces el organizador debe añadir a estas poules uno o varios tiradores provenientes de otras poules de 7 ~~de la misma ronda de poules~~, tomando en cuenta la clasificación inicial del tirador remplazado.

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable, avec les modifications suivantes :

- o.31.2

La veille de la compétition, l'organisateur doit publier les poules ainsi que la liste des exemptés au plus tard à 15h (heure locale). Pour ce faire, il doit télécharger, au plus tard la veille de la compétition, le fichier des inscriptions, depuis le site internet de la FIE.

- o.54.3 et o.53.4 : remplacer « mercredi » par « **mardi** ».

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour, with the following modifications:

- o.31.2

The day before the competition, the organizers must publish the pools, as well as the list of exempt fencers, at the latest at 3:00 p.m. (local time). To do so, they must download the entry file from the FIE Web site at the latest the day before the competition.

- o.54.3 and o.54.4: replace 'Wednesday' with '**Tuesday**'.

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor con las siguientes modificaciones

- o.31.2

El día anterior a la competencia, el organizador debe publicar las poules, así como la lista de los exentos a más tardar a las 3:00 pm (hora local). Para esto, debe descargar, a más tardar el día anterior a la competencia, el fichero de las inscripciones, en la página internet de la FIE.

- o.54.3 y o.53.4 : remplazar « miércoles » por « **martes** ».

**Propositions de la Fédération Britannique
British Fencing Federation Proposals
Propuestas de la Federación Británica**

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Proposition 2

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Propuesta 2

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Proposition 3

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : favorable.

Proposal 3

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Propuesta 3

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Proposition 4

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : favorable

Proposal 4

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Propuesta 4

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Proposition 5

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Proposal 5

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Propuesta 5

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Proposition 6

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Proposal 6

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Propuesta 6

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Proposition 7

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Le fil doit-il obligatoirement être « de couleur blanche ou claire » ? Si ce n'est pas obligatoire, ces mots doivent être supprimés dans cet article ainsi que dans celui pour le sabre.

Proposal 7

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

Does the wire really have to be 'white-coloured or clear'? If it is not necessary, these words should be deleted both here and in the article relating to sabre.

Propuesta 7

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

El hilo debe ser obligatoriamente « de color blanco o claro » ? Si esto no es obligatorio, estas palabras deben ser suprimidas en este artículo, así como en el del sable.

Proposition 8

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable.

Les dessins correspondants devront être mis à jour.

Proposal 8

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour.

The corresponding drawings must be updated.

Propuesta 8

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor.

Los dibujos correspondientes deberán ser actualizados.

Proposition de la Fédération Allemande d'Escrime
German Fencing Federation Proposal
Propuesta de la Federación Alemana de Esgrima

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Etant donné qu'actuellement, il n'est pas possible de garantir la sécurité du masque à visière transparente, celui-ci devrait être interdit aux 3 armes. La dernière partie de la proposition devrait être traitée par la Commission de Promotion.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : Given that at present, it is not possible to guarantee the safety of the mask with a transparent visor, it should be forbidden at all 3 weapons. The last part of the proposition should be dealt with by the Promotion Commission.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : Debido a que actualmente no es posible garantizar la seguridad de la careta con visera transparente, esta deberá prohibirse en las 3 armas. La última parte de la propuesta debería ser tratada por la Comisión de Promoción.

Propositions de la Fédération Italienne d'Escrime
Italian Fencing Federation Proposals
Propuestas de la Federación Italiana de Esgrima

Avis du Comité Exécutif : un groupe de travail composé d'un membre des Commissions : Arbitrage, Entraîneurs, Règlements et SEMI, devra effectuer des tests puis présenter un rapport complet au Comité Exécutif.

Opinion of the Executive Committee : a working group composed of one member of each of the following Commissions : Refereeing, Coaches, Rules and SEMI, shall make tests and then present a full report to the Executive Committee.

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : Un grupo de trabajo compuesto de un miembro de las comisiones de Arbitraje, Entrenadores, Reglamentos y SEMI deberá efectuar algunas pruebas y después presentar un informe completo al Comité Ejecutivo.

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : La Commission est satisfaite qu'un Groupe de travail ait été constitué afin d'effectuer des tests. Cependant, elle regrette que le choix des personnes au sein de ce Groupe de Travail n'ait pas été fait en concertation avec les commissions concernées. Elle souhaiterait être informée des diverses étapes et conclusions de ces tests.

Opinion of the Rules Commission : The Commission is pleased that a working group has been set up to conduct these tests. However, it regrets that the choice of the people nominated for this working group was not made in consultation with the commissions concerned. It wishes to be kept informed of the various stages and results of these tests.

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : La Comisión está satisfecha con que se haya constituido un grupo de trabajo con el fin de efectuar los tests. Sin embargo, lamenta que la nominación de las personas miembros de este grupo de trabajo no se haya hecho en concertación con las comisiones concernidas. Desearía ser informada sobre las diversas etapas y conclusiones de estos tests.

Propositions de la Commission des Règlements
Rules Commission Proposals
Propuestas de la Comisión de los Reglamentos

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements :

- supprimer le mot « manifeste » partout dans le texte (6 fois)
- t.87.4, effectuer les deux ajouts suivants :
 1. critère de temps : **environ** une minute de combat sans touche
 2. absence de contact de fer ou distance excessive (supérieure à la distance d'un marché-fente) pendant **au moins** 15 secondes
- la Commission a proposé à la Commission d'Arbitrage un geste à effectuer par l'arbitre pour indiquer qu'il y a non-combativité.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission :

- Delete the word 'Clear' in 4., the heading for the definitions of the criteria.
- t.87.4: make the following two additions:
 1. time criterion: **approximately** one minute of fencing without a hit;
 2. either absence of blade contact or excessive distance (greater than the distance of a step-forward/lunge) for **at least** 15 seconds.
- The Commission has suggested to the Refereeing Commission a gesture to be made by the referee to signal non-combativity.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : suprimir la palabra “manifiesta” en todo el texto (6 veces)

t.87.4, añadir las dos cosas siguientes :

1. criterio de tiempo : **aproximadamente** un minuto de combate sin tocado
2. ausencia de contacto del arma o distancia excesiva (superior a la distancia de un paso y a fondo) durante **al menos** 15 segundos

La Comisión propuso a la Comisión de Arbitraje un gesto a efectuar por el árbitro para indicar que hay no combatividad.

Proposition 2 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 2 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 2 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 3 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 3 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 3 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 4 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Non favorable.

Proposal 4 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : Not in favour.

Propuesta 4 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : No está a favor.

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : En plus de la proposition ci-dessus, la Commission, suite à son avis concernant la proposition 1 du Comité Exécutif sur la vidéo-arbitrage, reformule et déplace en t.37 l'ancien paragraphe h) comme suit :

Le consultant-vidéo doit :

- a) être un arbitre titulaire d'une licence FIE valide pour la saison en cours ;
- b) avoir été formé à l'assistance par la vidéo ;
- c) doit être d'une nationalité différente de celle des tireurs en piste ;
- d) doit être d'une nationalité différente de celle de l'arbitre principal.

Le Congrès pourrait aussi décider de placer cet article en t.35, en créant un article t.35.3 nommé « Consultant-vidéo ».

Opinion of the Rules Commission : As well as the above proposal, and in consequence of its opinion concerning Proposal 1 by the Executive Committee on video refereeing, the Commission wishes to reformulate and move to t.37 the former paragraph h. as follows:-

The video-consultant must:

- a) be a referee holding an FIE licence for the year in question;
- b) have been trained to assist with the video;
- c) be of a different nationality from the fencers on the piste;
- d) be of a different nationality from the main referee.

The Congress may also decide to place this article in t.35, creating an article t.35.3 titled 'Video Consultant'.

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : Además de la propuesta de arriba, la Comisión, después de su opinión relativa a la propuesta 1 del Comité Ejecutivo sobre el video-arbitraje, reformula y desplaza al t.37 el antiguo párrafo h) de esta manera :

El consultante-video debe :

- a) ser un árbitro titular de una licencia FIE válida para la temporada en curso ;
- b) haber sido formado para la asistencia en el video ;
- c) debe ser de nacionalidad diferente de la de los tiradores en la pista ;
- d) debe ser de nacionalidad diferente de la del árbitro principal.

El Congreso también podría decidir de colocar este artículo en t.35, creando un artículo t.35.3 nombrado "consultante-video".

Proposition 6

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Afin d'éviter la répétition de textes déjà existants, la proposition est reformulée comme suit :

Conformément aux articles t.37.2 et t.37.3, la désignation des consultants-vidéo doit être effectuée par tirage au sort à l'aide d'un logiciel informatique. Le nom et la nationalité du consultant-vidéo doit être également inscrit sur la feuille de poule ou de match, aux côtés de celui de l'arbitre.

Proposal 6

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In order to avoid repetition of already existing texts, the proposal is reformulated as follows:

In conformity with articles t.37.2 and t.37.3, the designation of the video-consultant must be made by drawing lots using a computer programme. The name and nationality of the video-consultant must also be written on the pool or match sheet, beside those of the referee.

Propuesta 6

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : Con el fin de evitar la repetición de los textos ya existentes, la propuesta se vuelve a formular así :

Conforme a los artículos t.37.2 y t.37.3, la designación de los consultantes-video debe efectuarse por sorteo con ayuda de un logicial informático. El nombre y la nacionalidad del consultante-video debe estar escrito también en la hoja de poule o de match, al lado del del árbitro.

Proposition 7

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : La Commission ajoute « en 5 touches » après « un barrage ».

Proposal 7

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : The Commission wishes to add 'for 5 hits' after 'a barrage'.

Propuesta 7

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : La Comisión añade “en 5 tocados” después de “un asalto de desempate”.

Proposition 8

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : La Commission ajoute à sa motivation qu'il semble logique d'adopter la même période de temps que celle accordée en cas de blessure.

Proposal 8

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : The commission adds to its motivation that it seems logical to adopt the same time limit as is allowed for injury.

Propuesta 8

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : La Comisión añade a su motivación que parece lógico adoptar el mismo periodo de tiempo que el acordado en caso de lesión.

Proposition 9

FRA

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 9

ANG

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 9

ESP

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 10

FRA

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 10

ANG

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 10

ESP

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 11

FRA

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 11

ANG

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 11

ESP

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 12 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 12 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 12 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 13 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 13 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 13 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 14**FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.**Proposal 14****ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.**Propuesta 14****ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.**Proposition 15****FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.**Proposal 15****ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.**Propuesta 15****ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 16 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 16 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 16 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 17 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 17 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 17 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 18 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 18 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 18 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 19 **FRA**

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 19 **ANG**

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 19 **ESP**

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Proposition 20

FRA

Avis du Comité Exécutif : Favorable.

Proposal 20

ANG

Opinion of the Executive Committee : In favour.

Propuesta 20

ESP

Opinión del Comité Ejecutivo : A favor.

Propositions de la Fédération américaine d'escrime
Proposals by US Fencing Federation
Propuestas de la Federación de Esgrima de Estados Unidos

Proposition 1

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable à sa propre proposition.

Proposal 1

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour of its own proposal.

Propuesta 1

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor de su propia propuesta.

Proposition 2

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Voir l'opinion de la Commission sur la proposition allemande concernant la suppression du masque à visière transparente. En cas de maintien du masque, cette proposition relève de la Commission SEMI.

Proposal 2

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : See the opinion of the Commission on the German proposal for the suppression of the transparent mask. Should this mask be retained, this proposal concerns the SEMI Commission.

Propuesta 2

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : Ver la opinión de la Comisión sobre la propuesta alemana relativa a la supresión de la careta con visera transparente. En caso de mantener la careta, esta propuesta concierne la Comisión SEMI.

Proposition 3

FRA

Avis de la Commission des Règlements : Favorable à la proposition du Comité Exécutif qui a intégré le texte proposé.

Proposal 3

ANG

Opinion of the Rules Commission : In favour of the proposal by the Executive Committee which has incorporated the proposed text.

Propuesta 3

ESP

Opinión de la Comisión de los Reglamentos : A favor de la propuesta del Comité Ejecutivo que integró el texto propuesto.

FIE SEMI Commission 2010 meeting.

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Minutes of the LAUSANNE MEETING

11th AND 12th SEPTEMBER 2010 - HOTEL DE LA PAIX

COMPTE RENDU DE LA REUNION SEMI

Present:

Mr. WANG Wei (CHN) representative of the COMEX

Ms. SHAO Jing (CHN) translator of Mr. Wang Wei

Mr. Ali Mohammad AZIZI (IRI) Member

Mr. Jacek BIERKOWSKI (POL) Member and Coordinator of the Meeting

Mr. Daniel DE CHAINE (USA) Member

Mr. Gamil ELZEFTAWI (EGY) Member

Mr. Atsushi HARINISHI (JPN) Member

Ms. Janet HUGGINS (GBR) Member

Ms. Maria Wilda Eberl LOPEZ (CHI) Member

Mr. Gianandrea NICOLAI (ITA) Member and Secretary of the Meeting

Mr. Semen RIKHTMAN (RUS) Member

Absent: Mr. José Eduardo DOS SANTOS (POR) President, excused.

Guests: asked and were authorized to attend with a consultant voice: Mr. Nicolino Alvaro (Nasycon)

1. Welcome words of the representative of the COMEX and Vice President of the FIE, Mr. Wang Wei.

Mr. Wang wishes a good work session, remembering how fencing is growing in new countries and emphasizes how important is the weapons' control and the calling room that are in the responsibility of SEMI Delegates and the SEMI Commission. Mr. Wang informs the SEMI Commission that in China there are at this moment seven Manufactures of fencing products; most of these firms came into existence in recent years, and now produce to high standards of quality.

2. The Agenda.

The President of the SEMI Commission, Eduardo Dos Santos sent, some days before the date of this meeting, the Agenda, and adds a new point concerning the topics proposed by mail on Friday 10th by the General Secretary of FIE, Maxim Paramonov.

3. Proposals of the Federations.

a. British Fencing Federation Proposals.

Proposal 1: 1. Articles m.2.3/m.5.2, padding inside the guard, for consistency. The proposal is approved by the SEMI Commission.

Proposal 2: 2. Article m.5.3.d, to ensure secure retention of body wires. The proposal is approved by the SEMI Commission.

Proposal 3: 3. Articles m.8.5, 16.5.b, 23.5.b: Weights: Provide tolerances in the specifications of the 200 g weight used to check the flexibility of blades. The proposal is approved by the Commission, the tolerance +/- 1 g is correct for the weight of 200g, in order to check the flexibility of blades.

Proposal 4: 4. Articles m.11.1.4 and m.19.4.a/b: Gauges for foil and épée points, (tolerances: +/- 0,05 mm to be moved from t.44 to m.11.1). The proposal is approved.

Proposal 5: 5. Article m.13.1, insulation of foil pommel not needed. The SEMI Commission agrees that modern electronic components used in apparatus can record valid hits, even if the pommel is put in contact with electrical jacket. The proposal is approved.

Proposal 6: 6. Article m.24.2, sabre guard size and control. In the opinion of the SEMI Commission, it is not necessary to modify this rule if the control is done in the correct way. The proposal is not approved.

Proposal 7: 7. Article m.27.3: Mask wire at foil. The SEMI Commission approves the proposal and informs Comex that, in the same time, it is necessary to modify the article m.32.5 for sabre rules. The SEMI Commission proposes to add to the article m.32.5 the following words: "The wire must be white-colored or clear".

Proposal 8: 8. Diagrams, add a note below each diagram stating that 'This diagram is for guidance purposes only. In case of any doubt the wording of the appropriate text takes precedence'. The proposal is approved and the SEMI Commission recommends that in any case, if there are different interpretations, the written version is the official fencing rule and the diagram is for reference. The French version is the official text of FIE Rules.

b. German Fencing Federation Proposal.

Proposal 1: Delete the obligation to use the transparent visor mask for all weapons.

The proposal is not approved by the SEMI FIE Commission, because SEMI Competition thinks that, for sabre competitions and training, transparent masks might

be used in the future with the same rules that are used at this moment. In the SEMI Commission's opinion, a new complete study is not necessary: there was some years ago a special Commission for Transparent Masks; the chairman was Marcello Baiocco, who was at that time the President SEMI FIE Commission, and members of the Commission for Transparent Masks were persons belonging to Medical and SEMI Commissions. The SEMI Commission can collect old and recent reports, studies and tests done with transparent masks, in order to obtain the complete history and why the Commission agrees to stop using the transparent mask in foil and épée, but continuing to use transparent masks for sabre competitions.

c. Italian Fencing Federation Proposals.

Proposal 1: Characteristics of Scoring Apparatus, time for foil, new time of 500 ms (± 25 ms tolerance) to ignore all signals for subsequent hits.

Proposal 2: Characteristics of Scoring Apparatus, time for foil, new contact time of 8 ms (± 1 ms tolerance).

Proposal 3 Characteristics of Scoring Apparatus, time for sabre, new time of 250 ms (± 10 ms tolerance) to ignore all signals for subsequent hits.

From a technical point of view, all the solutions presented are available and can be done, changing in the apparatus an internal chip, not expensive – only few Euro. So the SEMI Commission cannot give an opinion, but works with other Commissions actually involved: first of them are Refereeing and Coaches Commissions. Tests will be done for foil and sabre in Budapest, next week, 18th and 19th September, with Magyar fencers; a new electronic apparatus made by Italian Firm Favero can manage two different timings. Marcello Baiocco, Membre d'Honneur and Past President of the SEMI FIE Commission will be present, invited by Comex. The results of this test will be transmitted to SEMI Commission.

d. United States Federation Proposals.

Proposal 1: To clarify the date of fabrication on the transparent visor. The SEMI Commission recommends the following system: Month (two digits), Year (four digits). Example: 09-2010.

Proposal 2: To ensure that there are no sharp edges on the tip which could injure opponents, tear their uniforms, or damage the transparent visor, the edges should be chamfered to 0,5 mm. The SEMI Commission approves.

4. Rules Commission Proposals.

Proposal 8: Add to t.86.4: "Should a fencer for any reason need another weapon or body-wire, the referee may allow him a maximum of 10 minutes to procure the necessary equipment. If the fencer is unable to obtain the equipment within that time, he or his team will be eliminated from the competition.

satisfy the conditions laid down for testing (cf. m.28.5).”

The SEMI Commission voted not to recommend this proposal.

Instead the SEMI Commission recommends to COMEX to create rules for the Call Room regarding the minimum of equipment required for fencers; for example the SEMI Commission suggests the minimum number of three weapons, three body wires, two electric jackets, two gloves. If this condition does not exist, the SEMI Commission Delegate or the Observer FIE must inform Directoire Technique, who will make the decision to remove the fencer or not.

5. Other proposals.

Proposal 1 : “Transparent masks are not compulsory in saber and they are forbidden in foil and epee”. The SEMI Commission agrees and suggest to add a second part to the phrase: “Those sabre fencers using visor masks must accept full responsibility for the care, maintenance and conformity with the regulations. See Annex A to the Material Rules 2.1.2 transparent masks, 3. Safety standards”.

Proposal 2 : “Wireless, video arbitrage, plasma displays are not compulsory”.

The SEMI Commission agrees to this for international competitions, except for the Olympic Games and World Championships.

6. Presentation of Nasycon products by Mr Nicolino Alvaro.

The SEMI Commission listened to the presentation given by Mr. Alvaro and received a general idea about the plastic weapons (foil, épée and now also sabre) and had an opportunity to view many different types of plastic masks. Even if at the moment the SEMI FIE Commission is not involved for these plastic products, maybe in the future for safety of young fencers SEMI Commission will be asked to control and give an homologation for plastic weapons and masks.

7. Presentation concerning the weapons’ control at the Youth Olympic Games in Singapore, by Gamil Elzeftawi.

The SEMI Commission listened to the report presented by the SEMI Delegate at the first edition of Youth Olympic Games 2010 and thanks him for the job well done.

8. Report from EFC SEMI Commission from Leipzig in July, by Jacek Bierkowski.

The SEMI Commission listened to the report presented by the President of SEMI EFC/FEE Commission. The SEMI Commission thanks the President of the European SEMI Commission and hopes to receive more detailed information when the European Meeting will take place. Two new apparatuses were presented by the

German firms Ingenieurburo GmbH, Gravis AG, and IB Electronic GmbH; in each case it was a first prototype, a second version will be ready at the beginning of next new year.

9. Information from the Russian Federation.

Semon Richtman informed the SEMI Commission about three new projects that are currently been studied and financed by the Russian Federation.

- a. A new gabarit using electronic testing and including currents of Foucault;
- b. A new apparatus to test scoring machines;
- c. A new apparatus to test the entire resistance from the weapon tip to the scoring machine

These apparatuses will be used in Russia during the next international competitions, at the beginning GP FIE, later European Junior Championship, Universiades and Senior European Championship.

10. Meeting of the two Commissions: Medical and SEMI.

SEMI and Medical Commission Members had a meeting in the SEMI Commission Conference Room. Jacek Bierkowski asked the President of Medical Commission, Wilfried Wolfgarten, to introduce the two topics: transparent masks and gloves.

Jacek Bierkowski, as chairman of Commission for investigation of transparent masks following the accident in the Foil competition in the European Junior Championship in Odense DK, November 2009. He described the studies done but explains that the investigation is not yet completed. Sabic, a Dutch Firm, made studies and investigations, analyzing the broken transparent masks. Also others independents experts, firms sent own comments – opinions that the material (polycarbonic) which were used is not a Lexan. Starting with February 2010 FIE Comex stopped the use in training and foil competitions of the transparent mask. At least five accidents took place in recent last years using transparent masks in foil and épée. Comparison between mesh masks accidents and transparent masks shows that in the same period no accidents happened with traditional mesh masks.

Gloves accidents, the SEMI Commission prefers at the present time not to introduce new or changed rules about material, strength, and so on.

11. Discussion of topics proposed by Gamil Elzeftawi.

The SEMI Commission received some Material Rule Proposals from the Colleague Gamil Elzeftawi. The SEMI Commission approves the following proposals, should be presented to COMEX:

- The line before m.28.1; should read “Conductive jacket and conductive t-shirt”;
- m.28.4 Add: “And the foil conductive jacket must have a conductive flap, minimum 2cm to 3 cm in the middle of the back, just below the collar, to which the crocodile clip from the mask can be attached”;
- Add m.28.8: ”For compliance of T-shirt electric resistance with STM requirements -maximum electric resistance:
 - a. between any two points of the electrically conductive belt on the T-shirt (including both flaps for crocodile clip connection) should be not more than 15 Ohm;
 - b. between any two points on the electrically conductive fabric-belt portion of the T-shirt (including both flaps for the alligator - clip connection) and any point of the electrically conductive fabric on the sleeves or on the neck, should be not more than 50 Ohm.
- m.34. 1. The fencer must wear, over his jacket, a conductive over-jacket, the conductive surface of which must cover entirely and without omission the valid surface of the body above a horizontal line which, when the fencer is on guard, joins, round the fencer’s trunk, the upper points of the creases formed by the thighs. At wireless sabre the fencer must wear a conductive t-shirt. The conductive part is made of a conductive fabric with maximum electric resistance between any two points of electrically conductive t-shirt fabric (including both flap for alligator clips connection) should be not more than 15 Ohm.
- m.34.2 add: “minimum” between the words “flap” and “2 cm”.

Management Proposals.

The SEMI Commission decided to transmit to COMEX a request to modify the FIE Observer Report:

- 1- To modify the report of the FIE observer via FIE web site to include the new question regarding the wireless system especially in foil & sabre.
- 2- All these data to be sent to the SEMI Commission to be analyzed and to be sent to STM for feedback and comment.

“Black list” for Manufacturers who not comply with FIE regulations:

The SEMI Commission proposes a system to organize and manage a sort of “black list” for suppliers who are proved not to comply with FIE Rules and who use the FIE logo without any permission. But before taking any action, the SEMI Commission asks the COMEX to request advice from the FIE Legal Commission.

12. Discussion of topics proposed by Jacek Bierkowski.

To Jacek Bierkowski received a letter from Mr. Wladimir Husarek, asking that his position as corresponding member of the SEMI Commission will continue. The

SEMI Commission recognized his expertise in non-destructive controls for blades and agreed to continue his position, as corresponding member of SEMI. Furthermore the SEMI Commission requests to COMEX and the Organizing Committee that **Courants de Foucault testing will be utilized in Weapons' Control at the World Championship and at the Olympic Games.**

Jacek Bierkowski noted that the Internet FIE site has a section called "Handbooks of specification"; in this section there are information and rules, for example, to television, press and medical activities. He says it is necessary that the SEMI Commission should write a "Handbook for Technical Requirements". The SEMI Commission agrees and asks to Members to think about this new Handbook, and each Member could prepare a proposal of contents. Before the end of this year, 2010, a draft will be prepared by a Group; Daniel De Chaine will be the person who can receive ideas from Colleagues and he will write a first draft.

New CD/DVD for Weapons' Control.

The SEMI Commission agrees that a DVD be made containing all procedures for weapon control in order to help the organizers to understand the procedure if they do not have enough experience. Janet Huggins will write a draft plus DVD DEMO and will send it to SEMI Commission Members. This will include such items as a rejection list, submission list, instructions for each control table, procedures, etcetera.

The SEMI Commission recommends to COMEX that:

1. one month before the World Championships and Olympic Games the chief of the SEMI Team should visit the Venue;
2. the chief or a member the SEMI Team should give a session about Weapons' Control to the Control Staff and must ensure that there will be necessary equipment to perform a proper Weapons' Control;
3. Local Organizers must prepare and send to the SEMI Commission plans, with details and dimensions.;
4. The SEMI Commission must approve (or create) the necessary forms for control;
5. Three days before the beginning of the World Championship the chief of the Semi Delegation must be on the place and to ensure that all preparations (weapon control room, instruments to weapons control, staff of weapon control and etc.) are correct and complete.

13. Nomination of SEMI Delegates at Competitions.

In Jordania, 4th – 14th April 2011, there will be Junior and Cadets World Championship; the SEMI Commission proposed that Officials for SEMI will be Ali Mohamed Azizi (Asia, Iran), Gamil Elzeftawi (Africa, Egypt), Gianandrea Nicolai (Europe, Italy); reserve Maria Wilda Eberl Lopez (America, Chile).

14. Topics proposed by Maxim Paramonov.

The SEMI Commission received the day before the meeting an e-mail sent by the General Secretary FIE, with three questions.

The SEMI Commission discussed the first question, white lamps in foil competition. As a first consideration, the SEMI Commission observed that the question of white lamps in foil concern the philosophy of foil fencing, and therefore the SEMI Commission cannot accept the responsible for changing FIE rules of foil fencing or introduce a sort of a “new weapon”, without the consent of Congress. Our responsibility is to produce the technical requirements for any approved system. Furthermore, the SEMI Commission would like to observe and underline that most white lamps are due to the bad quality of the material used by fencers; so for the personal material, the responsibility remains with each fencer; the Weapons’ Control checks material, but after only few minutes an approved body wire can fail. And a third consideration concerns the wireless system: the high resistance of the general electric circuit can produce the lighting of the white lamps.

Concerning the second point presented by Maxim Paramonov, the Semi Commission is informed by Semen Rikhtman what he observed, while looking at the Kabcom system used in World Junior Championship (2010) in Belfast. He observed that this system does not conform to the FIE rules, well defined in articles m.45, m.51.2 and .3, m.59.1.6. There is an FIE certification for this Kabcom apparatus, but the SEMI Commission doesn’t know which Institute controlled this Kabcom apparatus. As the apparatus made by Kabcom does not conform to these FIE Rules, the FIE Commission suggests to the COMEX that they do not use the Kabcom system and apparatus in the Official FIE Competitions, unless Kabcom can make changes so as to conform to the current FIE Rules.

The last point requested by the General Secretary concerns the homologation procedure for material. The SEMI Commission agrees that all activities involved in homologation must be revisited; but the SEMI Commission thinks that all homologations requested by Manufacturers (blades year 2010 and 2011, masks) must continue to be tested by the SEMI Commission, and it would not be correct to postpone any homologation processes. In order to organize a rapid work, Daniel De Chaine will write a draft for testing procedure for personal material of fencers and Semen Richtman will prepare a procedure for testing scoring apparatuses before homologation. Gianandrea Nicolai can organize and collect and the requirements for the testing of other materials. The objective for the SEMI Commission is to prepare a draft version of testing procedures before the end of the year 2010, and later, during the first months of 2011, to send to COMEX a document with the Homologation Procedures. At the same time the SEMI Commission will produce questions to be

sent to the CE Commission for Safety in the Sport, in order to assist the FIE and SEMI Commission to organize and write correct Homologation Procedures.

16. Other topics.

Semen Richtman noted that for Olympic Games there is a General Contractor for Fencing for London 2012, IOC has assigned this task to Swiss Timing. **The SEMI Commission asks to COMEX, in consideration of the importance of the Olympic Games, to put pressure on the IOC to insure that Swiss Timing will choose the best firms for each of the requirements in order to guarantee the highest quality of each of these services, for example, pistes , scoring apparatuses, information systems, etcetera.**

Also, Semen Richtman informed us that the wireless apparatus and the "black box" of STM system was controlled about ten years by Marcello Baiocco and by himself, and it was found a resistance over 20 ohms, would cause the system too malfunction. Also he demonstrated a system for checking the apparatus on the piste, using variable resistances. He also proposed making random tests for foil and épée.

Gamil Elftezawi proposed that SEMI meet at least two times every year. The SEMI Commission decided to ask COMEX for this second meeting. Jacek Bierkowski proposed a meeting between FIE SEMI and EFC/CEE SEMI Commissions at Klagenfurt (Austria), during the European Cadet Championship, from 28th February to 6th March 2011. EFC/CEE will pay the expenses for Jacek Bierkowski and Semen Richtman at this meeting.

Mr. Wang closed our meeting and congratulate for a successful and useful job for our sport.

Gianandrea Nicolai

Secretary of the Meeting