

QUICK SUMMARY OF THE DECISIONS

TAKEN AT THE CONGRESS OF 4 DECEMBER 2004 IN PARIS (FRA)

1. ELECTIONS

a) Presidency:

Mr. René ROCH (FRA, MH) was re-elected President of the FIE with 78 votes against 30 for Mr. Alisher USMANOV (RUS).

b) The following 11 persons were elected to the Executive Committee :

 $\underline{\mathbf{P}}$: Place $\underline{\mathbf{V}}$: Number of votes

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	64	AL-THANI Saoud Bin Abdulrahman	QAT
2	55	JACOBS Peter	GBR
3	54	PASCU Ana	ROM
4	53	CRAMER Arthur	BRA
5	48	GONZALEZ FERRER Rafaela	CUB
5	48	HUSAIN Ali Youssef	KUW
7	43	SANCHEZ NARANJO Victor	ESP
7	43	WANG Wei	CHN
9	42	BA Abdoul Wahab Barka	SEN
10	37	GEUTER Max W.F.	GER
11 (*)	35	KATSIADAKIS Emmanuel	GRE

(*) An additional vote has been organised in order to settle the 11th position. Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE) obtained 48 votes against 30 for Mr. Mario FAVIA (ITA) and 25 for Mr. Sunil SABHARWAL (USA).

The following candidates were not elected:

12	35	FAVIA Mario	ITA
12	35	SABHARWAL Sunil	USA
14	34	BLONDEAU Jean-Claude	FRA
15	33	HSU Roger	TPE
16	31	SMITH Helen	AUS
17	29	LEE Kun Bae	KOR
17	29	SUAREZ GONZALEZ Myriam Leonor	COL
19	26	PARAMONOV Maxim	UKR
20	24	BYTCHKOV Youri	RUS
21	22	JORGENSEN J. Normann	DEN
22	20	VAN DE FLIER Bert M. J.	NED
23	19	KULCSAR Krisztian	HUN
24	17	IWANOFF Vladimir	SUI
25	13	LILJEGREN Lars	SWE

c) The 10 members listed below were elected to the following commissions:

REFEREEING

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	55	EL MOTAWAKEL Mohamed	EGY
2	50	SMITH Keith	GBR
3	46	KOLOMBATOVICH George	USA
4	41	SAKHVADZE Moris	GEO
5	40	JANKA Claus	GER
5	40	SALHI Férial Nadira	ALG
7	39	FERJANI Salah	TUN
8	38	PLASTERIE Serge	FRA
9	35	KIM Chang Gon	KOR
10 (*)	30	TANAKA Yumiko	JPN

^(*) In order to reach the quota of 20 % of representation of women in each commission, the 10^{th} position was attributed to the 2^{nd} woman with the highest number of votes in the list.

The following candidates were not elected:

11	34	COSTANZO Roberto	ITA
12	28	BARTISSOL ALVES Carmen Isaura	POR
12	28	LUO Pingbei	CHN
14	27	LOPEZ HERNANDEZ Andres	CUB
14	27	TROIS DE AVILA Régis	BRA
16	26	JORGENSEN J. Normann	DEN
17	25	LISEWSKI Adam	POL
17	25	ZIDARU Octavian-Petru	ROM
19	23	KOVACS Tamas	HUN
19	23	PASHAPOUR ALAMDARI Aliasghar	IRI
21	20	VILLAPALOS BONILLA Javier	ESP
22	18	BAR-JOSEPH Arthur	ISR
22	18	ERSEK Arpad	SVK
24	16	SENER Halim	TUR
24	16	WOLTHUIS Robert	NED
26	12	OSVATH Peter	AUS

DISCIPLINARY

Р	V	Name, surname, nationality	
1	59	HO Monica	TPE
2	46	ILLUECA HERRANDO Anibal	PAN
3	45	POURSALMAN Alireza	IRI

4	43	ALPERSTEIN Donald	USA
5	41	HU Xiaotian	CHN
6	39	MOUNIR Ayman	EGY
7	37	JAY Allan	GBR
7	37	MANGIAROTTI Edoardo	ITA
7	37	VALARINHO DE AZEVEDO Jose Julio	POR
10 (*)	35	SOMEROJA Marja-Liisa Tuulikki	FIN

^(*) In order to reach the quota of 20 % of representation of women in each commission, the 10^{th} position was attributed to the 2^{nd} woman with the highest number of votes in the list.

The following candidates were not elected:

11	36	KONTOS Dimitrios	GRE
12	35	KLIOUA Mourad	ALG
13	34	KIM Guk Hyeon	KOR
13	34	ZOUARI Abdelaziz	TUN
15	31	VOGEL Frank	GER
16	28	NEBALD György	HUN
17	27	VAN DE FLIER Bert M. J.	NED
18	21	PINELLI André	FRA

LEGAL

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	71	CHERIS Samuel	USA
2	64	RIOJA PEREZ Marco Antonio	ESP
3	61	VERGARA Omar Alejandro	ARG
4	53	IONESCU Anca Ioana I.	ROM
5	49	HALSTED Nicolas	GBR
6	48	FERNANDEZ ALEGRET Barbara Maria	CUB
7	47	LEMBO Massimo	ITA
8	46	BYTCHKOV Youri	RUS
9	46	KESSLER Jean-Pierre	FRA
10	43	MINCZA-NEBALD Ildiko	HUN

The following candidates were not elected:

11	40	PALMSTROM Per	SWE
12	35	BERNARD Yann	CAN

MEDICAL

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	54	RUIJSCH VAN DUGTEREN George	RSA
2	53	MARSH Ann	USA
2	53	MUSTAFA MURAD Maha	EGY
4	51	RODRIGUEZ-REY Ezequiel-Ramon	PAN
5	50	HALSTED Clare	GBR
6	48	WOLFGARTEN Wilfried	GER
7	44	NAGHAVI Seyed Hamid Reza	IRI
8	43	DEFOLIGNY-RAYAUME Catherine	FRA
8	43	KAMUTI Jenö	HUN
10	41	HARMER Peter	AUS

The following candidates were not elected:

11	39	CASCAIS Maria Joao	POR
11	39	QUEVEDO SEISES Jose Antonio	ESP
13	37	DAL ZOTTO Luciano	ITA
14	33	SZCZEPANSKI Ryszard	POL
15	24	CANKUR Simsek	TUR
16	23	POPESCU Mihaela	ROM

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	61	EL HUSSEINY Abdel Monein	EGY
2	52	HRISTEVA Velitchka	BUL
3	43	BORACK Carl	USA
4	41	JANDA Frantisek	CZE
5	39	AL-SALEH Bandar Uthman	KSA
6	36	GROUPIERRE Victor Sergio	ARG
7	35	SUAREZ GONZALEZ Myriam Leonor	COL
7	35	WENDT Benny	AUT
9	34	OTHMAN Muhannad	IRQ
10 (*)	33	MORAIS BATISTA Florindo Eugénio	POR

^(*) An additional vote has been organised in order to settle the 10th position. Mr. Florindo Eugénio MORAIS BATISTA (POR) obtained 53 votes against 28 for Mr. Fazlollah BAGHERZADEH (IRI).

The following candidates were not elected:

11	33	BAGHERZADEH Faziollah	IRI
12	31	GAUTHIER Bernard	FRA
13	29	PARAMONOV Maxim	UKR
14	26	RAPP Gordon	GER
15	24	DUMAS-JOHANNESSON Geneviève. S. M.	ISL
15	24	ISSAKOV Igor	RUS
17	23	ROUDANE Naïma	MAR
18	22	GAI Hongyan	CHN
18	22	JANOSI Zsuzsanna	HUN
18	22	TIBERI Francesco	ITA
21	19	SUTTHENT Nopporn	THA
22	14	RAMSAY John	GBR
23	12	LETENAYOVA Kristina	SVK
23	12	SOBCZAK Ryszard	POL
25	8	KEMBE Sorel-Arthur	CGO
26	5	ApSIMON John	CAN

RULES

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	61	EL ARABY Tamer	EGY
2	52	SMITH Helen	AUS
3	49	GONZALEZ TIRADOR Julio Cesar	CUB
4	46	THULLBERG Pierre	SWE
5	45	ASSADOURIAN Sarkis	IRI
6	44	DI BLASI Antonio	ITA
7	42	CARLESCU-BADEA Laura-Gabriela	ROM
7	42	HIGGINSON Stephen	GBR
9	39	BUKANTZ Jeffrey	USA
10 (*)	37	SCHIRRMACHER Lutz	GER

^(*) An additional vote has been organised in order to settle the 10^{th} position. Mr. Lutz SCHIRRMACHER (GER) obtained 57 votes against 20 for Mr. Jae Sung SHIM (KOR).

The following candidates were not elected :

11	37	SHIM Jae Sung	KOR
12	32	ROUSSEAU Gérard	FRA
13	31	BELMONTE Manuel	CAN
14	30	HIRANO Kazushige	JPN
14	30	MESZAROS Jozsef	HUN
16	27	KHARKHALOUP Valery	RUS
17	22	CEDERQUIST Carin A.	DEN
18	20	SHKLAR Vladimir	ISR
19	18	HATZISARANTOS Ioannis	GRE
19	18	YAMAC Haluk	TUR

<u>SEMI</u>

Р	٧	Name, surname, nationality	
1	55	DOS SANTOS DIAS SILVESTRE CORREIA José Eduardo	POR
2	53	DE CHAINE Daniel	USA
3	49	HARINISHI Atsushi	JPN
4	46	BAIOCCO Marcello	ITA
5	43	KARAMETE Mehmet	TUR
6	40	BIERKOWSKI Jacek	POL
7	39	RIKHTMAN Semen	RUS
8	38	OH Won Suk	KOR
9	37	MAYER Gabriela	CAN
10	36	EBERL LOPEZ Maria Wilda	CHI

The following candidates were not elected :

11	34	AZIZI Ali Mohammad	IRI
12	32	KRALIK Julius	SVK
13	29	ABRAHAMSON Göran	SWE
14	28	NEMETH Arpad	HUN
15	27	MOREJON VIZCAINO José Miguel	CUB
16	26	DE CONINCK Eric	FRA
17	24	CISNEROS-STOIANOWSKI Jose Antonio	MEX
17	24	YUAN Xiangyang	CHN
19	22	GESTSSON Gudjon Ingi	ISL
20	20	MESTER Simon	BRA
21	9	MARTIN Richard	AUT

d) The following persons were elected as Presidents of Commissions at the commissions meetings held on 5 December 2004 in Paris (FRA):

Refereeing: Mr. George KOLOMBATOVICH (USA) was elected with 7 votes

against 3 for Mr. Serge PLASTERIE (FRA).

Disciplinary: Mr. Edoardo MANGIAROTTI (ITA) was elected with 8 votes against 1

for Mrs Monica HO (TPE) and 1 for Mr. Xiaotian HU (CHN).

Legal: Mr. Samuel CHERIS (USA) and Omar Alejandro VERGARA (ARG)

obtained twice 4 votes each. Mr. Samuel CHERIS (USA), being the

youngest candidate, was elected.

Medical: Mr. George RUIJSCH VAN DUGTEREN (RSA) was unanimously

elected.

Promotion and Publicity: Mr. Carl BORACK (USA) was unanimously elected.

Rules: Mr. Stephen HIGGINSON (GBR) was elected with 6 votes against 1

for Mr. Julio Cesar GONZALEZ TIRADOR (CUB) and 1 for Mr. Lutz

SCHIRRMACHER (GER).

SEMI: Mr. José Eduardo DOS SANTOS DIAS SILVESTRE CORREIA

(POR) was elected in the 2nd ballot with 7 votes against 3 for Mr. Marcello BAIOCCO (ITA). The candidates had both obtained 5

votes each in the 1st ballot.

e) At the Executive Committee held on 5 December 2004 in Paris (FRA), the President designated:

Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE)
Mr. Peter JACOBS (GBR)
Secretary General
Secretary Treasurer

f) At the Executive Committee held on 5 December 2004 in Paris (FRA), the Executive Committee designated the following representatives of the Executive Committee to the FIE Commissions:

Refereeing: Arthur CRAMER (BRA)
Disciplinary: Max W.F. GEUTER (GER)
Legal: Peter JACOBS (GBR)
Medical: Ana PASCU (ROM)

• **PP**: Saoud Bin Abdulrahman AL-THANI (QAT)

Rules: Abdoul Wahab Barka BA (SEN)SEMI: Rafaela GONZALEZ FERRER (CUB)

2. NOMINATIONS BY THE HONOURS COMMISSION

• Members of Honour: Ms Erika DIENSTL (GER), Ms Ana PASCU (ROM), Mr. Abdoul

Wahab Barka BA (SEN), Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE).

3. NEW NATIONAL MEMBER FEDERATIONS

The Congress ratified the following applications for FIE membership which had been accepted provisionally by the Executive Committee: the Fencing Federations of the Barbados and Yemen. The FIE now has 115 national member federations.

4. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following candidatures for the World Championships were accepted :

2006 Junior/Cadet Championships: Izmir (TUR) and Jeonju City (KOR).

• 2007 Junior/Cadet Championships : no candidature.

• 2007 Senior World Championships: Plovdiv (BUL) and St-Petersburg (RUS).

The vote to attribute the Championships will take place during the 2005 General Assembly scheduled to be held in Linz (AUT) during the Junior/Cadet World Championships.

5. URGENT DECISIONS

The Congress ratified the following urgent decisions of the Executive Committee regarding the Rules:

MATERIAL RULES

Annexe 1, fencers'weapons, blades, 6.9, 'Fatigue Resistance Test' Page 32 of the Material Rules, immediate application

In order to examine the behaviour of the blades during normal fencing activity, the blades to be tested must undergo a test of their resistance to metal fatigue, with a special apparatus, either mechanical (Baiocco model) or pneumatic (Husarek/Sofranel model). Plans of these two machines may be obtained, on demand, from the SEMI Commission.

The test consists of bending the blade without exceeding the limit of elasticity of the material, i.e. to the point where the bend in the blade is the equivalent of a shortening of the blade by approximately 0.25 m. and then allowing it to straighten, in alternate directions (i.e. first in one direction, then in the other).

The test machine must be able to allow the bending and straightening of the blade at a frequency of 1 Hz (1 hertz = 1 cycle per second).

The test benches are designed to reproduce the stresses to which a blade is subjected in normal fencing activity. The stresses do not go beyond the limits of the elasticity of the blades; a permanent deforming of the blade should not take place. The number of bends to which a blade is subjected before breaking defines its resistance to metal fatigue.

The test benches can be used for bending either without impact (with the end of the blade attached to a revolving support) or with impact (with the end of the blade unattached).

The test should continue until the blade breaks. For the result to be acceptable, it must be ascertained that the blade does not break before :

- 18,000 cycles for foil blades;
- 7,000 cycles for épée blades.

Clothing, 3 - Resistance of cloth against perforation Test', introduction added Page 39 of the Material Rules, immediate application

For the manufacture of fencing clothing it is obligatory to use material which is able to resist perforation by a force of at least 800 Newtons. This resistance must be verified by the tests defined in the following paragraphs.

ORGANISATION RULES

Article o.31

The competition consists of two phases, a preliminary phase and a main phase, each of which are run on one day.

The 16 fencers actually present who are classed highest in the most recent official FIE classification are exempt from the preliminary phase. Confirmation of the presence of the exempted fencers is made with the entering of the fencers (with the organisers in the case of a category A competition or on the FIE internet site for World Championships, Grand Prix or A-grade Team competitions).

Should a fencer or team who have been entered not present themselves to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine of CHF750/500 euros except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.

In the case of a tie in the official FIE ranking between two or more fencers for the 16th exempt place, lots will be drawn to decide which of these fencers will benefit from exemption from the preliminary phase.

Article o.33

The main phase consists of an integral direct elimination table, which is fenced on four pistes, one quarter of the table per piste. The first round of the table of 64 may, however, if required for the organisation of the competition, be fenced on eight pistes.

The seeded fencers exempted from the preliminary phase occupy places 1–16 in this table, drawing lots in pairs in the order of their official FIE classification.

Should one of the seeded fencers who had been entered either with the organisers, in the case of a category A competition, or on the FIE internet site, for Grand Prix not present himself to fence (cf.o.31), his position in the table will remain empty and his federation will be required to pay a fine of CHF750/500 Euros to the FIE. This penalty will not apply if his absence is caused by circumstances duly justified as being outside his control.

The 16 fencers who have the highest indices after the round of pools and who are thus exempt from the preliminary direct elimination table will take places 17–32, classified in the order of their indices (in the case of a tie on indices, the fencers will be separated by drawing lots).

The 32 fencers qualifying from the preliminary direct elimination table will occupy places 33–64, classified according to their indices after the round of pools.

Article o.54

Entries of fencers by name for World Cup competitions

For Grand Prix competitions and team World Cup competitions, the entry of the names of the fencers and all possible replacements, and the entry of teams, must be made 15 days before the competition at the latest (1st October 2004).

The entries are to be made via the FIE web-site. As the referees are designated by the FIE, the delegations are no longer required to provide referees (Cf. Article o.31).

Confirmation of the presence of the fencers and teams is made with the entering of the fencers and teams.

Should a fencer or team who has been entered not present himself to fence, their federation will be penalised with a fine of CHF750/500 Euros, payable to the FIE, except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.

For the other World Cup Competitions delegations are advised to send their entries announcing their intention to compete at least three weeks before the competition.

The names of those entered must reach the organisers no later than midnight, local time, of the Tuesday preceding the weekend on which the competition is taking place. The name of the team manager must be identified on this document, as well as the name and category of each referee being brought.

The confirmation of the presence of the fencers is made with the entering of the fencers with the organisers.

Should a fencer who has been entered not present himself to fence, his federation will be penalised with a fine of 500 euros/CHF750, payable to the FIE, except if the federation concerned has warned the organisers by the Tuesday preceding the competition at the latest.

The organisers of all official competitions must, at risk of a penalty of a 1500 CHF / 1000 euro fine, refuse the entry of any fencers not appearing on lists conforming with the above, any entry not requested by a federation and any entry of either fencer or referee not in possession of an FIE licence valid for the current season.

Article o.85, the current text is repalced by the following text:

 $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\scriptsize w}}}$ The Directoire Technique shall consist of 3 suitable members from the organising country or invited by it. $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{\tiny w}}}$

Article o.91, FIE official individual ranking, a) principle, 3rd paragraph, after:

- For both open and junior rankings, the ranking is kept up to date; that is, a competition in one year cancels out the corresponding competition of the previous year, and the points allocated for a competition cancel out the points attributed to the same competition in the previous season.

Add the following sentence:

« If a competition does not take place in the current season, the points obtained at the same competition in the previous season are suppressed on the anniversary of the competition».

TECHNICAL RULES

Article t.86

- Before the start of the pool, the team match or the bouts of direct elimination (individual or team)

When a fencer or complete team do not present themselves to the Referee at his first call, **ten minutes before the time indicated to come onto the piste** for the start of the pool or team match, or the start of the bouts of direct elimination (**cf. Article t.43**), the fencer or team concerned will receive a **Black Card.**

A team is considered complete when at least three fencers are present.

In a team match only those members of the team (the fencers, the team captain and one trainer – cf. Article t.92) who are present at the referee's first call ten minutes before the time indicated for the start of the match may take part in the match.

- In the course of the competition, individual or team

In the course of the competition, individual or team, when a fencer does not present himself on the piste, **ready to fence**, when ordered to do so by the Referee:

- The fencer or team member not present will be penalised with a yellow card;
- A second call will be made, one minute after the first call, followed by a red card for the fencer or team member not present;
- A third and last call will be made, one minute after the second call, followed by a black card (exclusion from the competition) for the fencer not present in an individual competition **or** for the whole team in a team competition.

Should a fencer abandon a bout by leaving the piste (cf. t.18/3), he will be penalised as specified in Articles t.114, t.116, t.120.

During a team match, should there be a modification in the order of bouts in the match, either intentionally or unintentionally, the team which has made the modification loses the match (cf. t.120, o.44).

Article t.87, last paragraph

Immediately after the end of a pool, the fencers must sign the **pool score sheet**, under the responsibility of the Referee who must check the accuracy of the results on this score sheet. Before **the score sheet** is returned to the Directoire Technique, the Referee must indicate in writing if a fencer refuses to sign it. No subsequent appeal relating to the results will be allowed.

Article t.105

A competitor who, while fencing, commits certain violent or vindictive actions against his opponent, or who does not fence to his utmost ability, or who profits from a fraudulent agreement with his opponent, may be excluded from the competition.

A competitor who is excluded from a competition may not continue to take part in that competition, even if he is already qualified for promotion to the next round. He loses the right to his individual classification and all the fencers ranked after the disqualified fencer move up one place in the results of the competition. If necessary the 2 third places are decided according to their ranking for the composition of the table. Under all circumstances, only fencers who have actually received points in the competition can move up a place in the competition's results.

Nevertheless, the points obtained by the fencer up to the moment of his expulsion remain valid for the classification of the team in the team event, providing that he actually takes part in that team event.

Article t.128: to be deleted

Article t.129

- (a) Doping is forbidden by the FIE. Any breaking of this rule will incur disciplinary action.
- (b) Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Articles 2.1 through 2.8 of the F.I.E. Anti-doping Rules.
- (c) The F.I.E. has committed itself to the Wada Anti-Doping Code. The FIE Anti-Doping Rules are based on the WADA 'Models of Best Practice' and adopt in their entirety the 'mandatory clauses' of the above document. The F.I.E. also adopts in full the WADA 'Prohibited Classes of Substances and Prohibited Methods' document.
- (d) The F.I.E. reserves the right to conduct doping control during competitions that is, at any competition organised under its control as well as out-of-competition.
- (e) The International Licences issued by the FIE shall stipulate that licence holders undertake not to use prohibited substances or prohibited methods, and agree to submit to any doping control, whether in- or out-of-competition. These licences must be signed by the holder.
- (f) All the details concerning the doping controls at official FIE competitions, as well as out of competition, are to be found in the Articles of the Anti-doping Rules of the F.I.E.
- (g) The penalties and consequences of the penalties arising from violations of the anti-doping rules are those laid down in Anti-doping Rules of the F.I.E.
- (h) Fencers found to have contravened these anti-doping rules will be subject to the procedures provided for in the Anti-doping Rules. The publication of test results and decisions relating to application of penalties will be announced by the Central Office of the FIE which alone has the right to bring them to the notice of all member Federations.
- (i) Doping offences committed and penalised in one of the member countries of the FIE will be taken into account and the penalties ('sanctions') will be applied by all member countries of the FIE.
- (j) Modification of the FIE Anti-doping Rules falls within the competence of Executive Committee.

Annexe 1 deleted