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Elective Congress



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Attendance

The meeting opened at 9.00 a.m. under the chairmanship of Mr. René ROCH, President of the F.I.E.

Were seated on the tribune :

• Mr. René ROCH (MH)	President
• Mr. Mario FAVIA (ITA, MH)	Secretary General
• Mr. Peter JACOBS (GBR, MH)	Secretary-Treasurer
• Mrs Rafaela GONZALEZ (CUB, MH)	Vice-President
• Mr. Max GEUTER (GER, MH)	Vice-President
• Mrs Nathalie RODRIGUEZ M.-H.	Administrative Director
• Mr. Ioan POP	International Technical Director

Members of the Executive Committee present :

- Mr. Jean-Claude BLONDEAU (FRA)
- Mr. Arthur CRAMER (BRA, MH)
- Mr. Ali Youssef HUSSAIN (KUW)
- Mrs Ana PASCU (ROM)
- Mr. Samuel CHERIS (USA, MH)
- Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE)

Honorary Members present :

- Mr. Rolland BOITELLE (FRA, MH) – Honorary President
- Mr. Wolf G. DIEFFENBACH (GER, MH)
- Mr. Edoardo MANGIAROTTI (ITA, MH)

Presidents of Confederations present :

• Mr. Jenő KAMUTI (HUN)	President European Confederation
• Mr. Abderrahmane LAMARI (ALG)	President African Confederation
• Mr. Anibal ILLUECA (PAN)	President Pan-American Confederation
• Mrs Helen SMITH (AUS)	President Oceanian Confederation
• Mr. Young-Soo CHANG (KOR)	President Asian Confederation

Federations present or represented :

SOUTH AFRICA	George Ruijsch Van Dugteren
ALGERIA	Gennady Tyshler
	Abderrahmane Lamari
GERMANY	Ferial Salhi
	Gordon Rapp
	Wilfried Wolfgarten
	Claus Janka
	Frank Vogel
	Erika Dienstl
	Lutz Schirrmacher
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES	<i>Represented by the Netherlands</i>
SAUDI ARABIA	Bandar Bin Othman Al Saleh
	Nezha Mouadab
ARGENTINA	Victor Sergio Groupierre
	Omar Vergara
ARMENIA	Armen Grigoryan
ARUBA	Austin Edison Thomas
AUSTRALIA	Helen Smith
	Peter Andersen
	Peter Harmer
AUSTRIA	Benny Wendt
AZERBAIJAN	Yashar Mamedov
BAHRAIN	<i>Represented by Peter Jacobs</i>
BARBADOS	Robert Kiss
BELARUS	Serguei Prikhodko
	Henadz Khaliauski
BELGIUM	Alexandre Walnier
	Jean-Marie Soudan
BOLIVIA	<i>Represented by Arthur Cramer</i>
BRAZIL	Gerli Santos
	Régis Trois de Avilla
BRUNEI	<i>Represented by Qatar</i>
BULGARIA	Velitchka Hristeva
BURKINA FASO	<i>Represented by Tunisia</i>
CANADA	Stephen Symons
	Mayer Gabriella
	Marie-France Dufour
CHILE	Rodrigo Moreno Castro
	Maria Eberl Lopez
CHINA	Wei Wang
	Xiaotian Hu
CYPRUS	Yiannis Hadjarapis
COLOMBIA	Myriam Leonor Suarez Gonzalez
CONGO	Kembe Sorel-Arthur
SOUTH KOREA	Kun Bae Lee
	Young-Soo Chang
	Kim Guk Hyeon
	Won Suk Oh
	Chang Gon Kim
	Shim Jae Sung

COSTA RICA	Yu Mi Seo
CROATIA	<i>Represented by Panama</i>
CUBA	Bojan Mijatovic
	Barbara Fernandez
DENMARK	Julio Cesar Gonzalez
EGYPT	Normann Jorgensen
	Abdelmouniem El Houssieny
<i>EL SALVADOR</i>	Mohamed El Motawakel
<i>ECUADOR</i>	<i>Represented by Colombia</i>
SPAIN	<i>Represented by Brazil</i>
	Marco A. Rioja Perez
	Antonio Garcia Hernandez
	Javier Villapalos Bonilla
	Jose Antonio Quevedo Seises
	Victor Sanchez Naranjo
	Alberto Martinez Vassallo
ESTONIA	Tonis Kaasik
USA	Nancy Anderson
	George Kolombatovich
	Jeffrey Bukantz
	Daniel Dechaine
	Donald Alperstein
	Sunil Sabharwal
	Carl Borack
	Megan Van Dran
FINLAND	Marja-Liisa Someroja
FRANCE	Pierre Abric
	Serge Plasterie
	Eric de Coninck
	Catherine Defoligny
	Bernard Gauthier
	Jean-Pierre Kessler
	André Pinelli
	Gérard Rousseau
	Kate d'Oriola
GEORGIA	Juri Osipov
	Moris Sakhvadze
GREAT BRITAIN	Keith Smith
	Steve Higginson
	Clare Halsted
	Nick Halsted
	Allan Jay
	John Ramsay
GREECE	Emmanuel Katsiadakis
	Dimitrios Kontos
GUATEMALA	Arnaldo Vazquez Martinez
GUINEA (<i>without voting right</i>)	Soriba Sylla
NETHERLANDS	Patrice Masson
	Wiebe Mokken
	Bert Van der Flier
	Robert Wolthuis
HONDURAS	Marco Antonio Izaguirre
HONG KONG	<i>Represented by Macao</i>
HUNGARY	Tamas Kovacs
	Ildiko Mincza-Nébald

	Gyorgy Nébald
	Arpad Nemeth
	Zsuzsanna Janosi
	Jozsef Meszaros
	Krisztian Kulcsar
INDIA	<i>Represented by Saudi Arabia</i>
INDONESIA	<i>Represented by Max Geuter</i>
IRAN	Dr. Fazlollah Bagherzadeh
	Sarkis Assadourian
	Alireza Poursalman
	Seyed Hamid Reza Naghavi
IRAQ	Muhannad Othman
IRELAND	Tom Rafter
	Nuala Mc Garrity
ICELAND	Gudjon Gestsson
	Nicolay Mateev
	Sophie Dumas-Johannesson
ISRAEL	Dr. Shklar Vladimir
	Arthur Bar-Joseph
ITALY	Antonio Di Blasi
	Roberto Costanzo
	Francesco Tiberi
	Marcello Baiocco
	Massimo Lembo
	Lionero Del Machio
JAPAN	Atsushi Harinishi
	Yumiko Tanaka
	Kazushige Hirano
JORDAN	<i>Represented by Kuwait</i>
KAZAKHSTAN	Oleg Anaatolievitch Peskov
	Andre Pavlovitch Alefirenko
KUWAIT	Nasser Al Seihan
	Shaker Assenacir
KYRGYZSTAN	Eshim Kutmanaliev
LATVIA	Vladimirs Aleksejevs
	Irina Beregova
LEBANON	<i>Represented by the USA</i>
LITHUANIA	<i>Represented by Iceland</i>
LUXEMBOURG	Pascal Tesch
MACAO	Fat Meng Lam
	Hui Tomé
MALAYSIA	<i>Represented by Taipei</i>
MALI	Mamadou Diulo Ndiaye
MALTA	Juan Formosa
	Alex Micallef
MOROCCO	Said Izgua
	Ali Laaroussi Tribek
MEXICO	José Antonio Cisneros
	Maria Antonieta De La Rosa
MOLDOVA	<i>Represented by Romania</i>
MONGOLIA (without voting right)	Ayur Zangad
NIGER	<i>Represented by Mali</i>
NIGERIA	<i>Represented by Great Britain</i>
NORWAY	<i>Represented by Denmark</i>
NEW ZEALAND	Martin Brill

UZBEKISTAN	Sabir Ruziev
	Elena Lavrova
<i>PALESTINE</i>	<i>Represented by Egypt</i>
PANAMA	Anibal Illueca
PARAGUAY	Pedro Cornet Rodas
<i>PERU</i>	<i>Represented by Argentina</i>
PHILIPPINES	Celso Dayrit
POLAND	Adam Lisewski
	Jacek Bierkowski
PUERTO RICO	Gregorio Lima
PORTUGAL	Florindo Batista de Moraes
	José E. Correia Dos Santos
QATAR	Sheikh Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani
	Mohd Mahadi Al-Yami
	Belhaj Ali Ben Abderrahmen
	Fahad Abdulla Al-Mulla
	Dr. Harald Vervaecke
	Farukh Khan
	Mushen Jassim Ali Awad
	Patrick Doty
<i>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</i>	<i>Represented by Paraguay</i>
REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	Anastasov Alkeksandar
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Pavol Swiec
	Julis Kralik
	Arpad Ersek
	Kristina Letenayova
CZECH REPUBLIC	Frantisek Janda
ROMANIA	Ana Pascu
	Zidaru Octavian
	Laura Carlescu-Badea
RUSSIA	Alisher Usmanov
	Youri Bytchkov
	Valery Kharkhaloup
	Semion Rikhtman
	Igor Issakov
	Marina Nazarenko
<i>SAN MARINO</i>	<i>Represented by Mario Favia</i>
SENEGAL	Abdoul Wahab Barka Ba
	Mbagnick Ndiaye
	Cecile Faye
SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO	Miodrag Nikolic
	Goran Marjanovic
<i>SIERRA LEONE</i>	<i>Represented by Senegal</i>
<i>SINGAPORE</i>	<i>Represented by the Philippines</i>
SLOVENIA	Sergei Smirnovski
SWEDEN	Lars Liljegren
	Göran Abrahamson
	Per Palmstrom
	Pierre Thullberg
SWITZERLAND	Olivier Carrard
	Antoine Campiche
	Hans Notter
	Vladimir Iwanoff
TAIPEI	Roger Hsu
	Monica Ho

THAILAND	Lt. Gen. Surarit Chandratip
	Col. Nopporn Sutthent
TUNISIA	Abdelaziz Zouari
	Salah Ferjani
TURKMENISTAN	Dourdiev Begench
TURKEY	Halim Sener
	Cemal Burnaz
	Haluk Yamac
	Mehmet Karamete
UKRAINE	Sergiy Mischenko
	Maxim Paramonov
	Vadym Gutsayt
URUGUAY	<i>Represented by Chile</i>
VENEZUELA	<i>Represented by René Roch</i>
VIETNAM	<i>Represented by China</i>
YEMEN	<i>Represented by Morocco</i>

Agenda

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- 11.** Commission of Honours
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1. Speech of the President

René Roch (MH) : I am pleased to welcome you here in Paris on behalf of the International Fencing Federation. I am indeed very pleased to see that we are numerous, this proves the interest that each of you has in our sport. This is an encouragement for the future of our sport whoever will be elected. We now start the Elective Congress. I will not speak any longer as it could be interpreted as propaganda or tendentious words. So, if you don't mind, we start immediately with the agenda as you have received it, without any additional remark from me. I inform you that during the elections, the meeting will be chaired by Mr. Edoardo Mangiarotti, Member of Honour and in a way senior member of our Federation.

2. Ratification of new federations, validation of proxies and attendance

Nathalie Rodriguez : Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Belgium, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Congo, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Denmark ? Could you please get hold of him please ? He is coming ! Egypt, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea is not here ! Honduras, Honduras is not here ! Hungary, Iran, Ireland, Iraq, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Latvia, Luxembourg, Macao, Morocco, Mexico, Mongolia, Mongolia ? No ! Mali, Malta, Monaco, Monaco ? No ! Netherlands, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Senegal, Slovenia, Switzerland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, USA, Uzbekistan. Did I call Colombia ? Yes. Is Chile present ? Yes. Is the Republic of Macedonia present ? Good !

Nathalie Rodriguez : Did I miss some countries ? I called Korea ? Yes.

Before moving to the validation of proxies, we shall ratify the provisional affiliations of federations. The Executive Committee provisionally ratified, on 27 September 2004, the Fencing Federation of Barbados, which is among us today, and at its meeting dated 3 December 2004, which was yesterday, the Executive Committee ratified the Fencing Federation of Yemen. Does the Congress agree to ratify these two federations, Barbados and Yemen ? **The Federations are affiliated.**

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez : So, for the verification of proxies, Mr. Cheris, who already made a first verification, and Mr. Jenö Kamuti are both kindly requested to proceed with the verification as soon as we list them. Mr. Jenö Kamuti and Mr. Sam Cheris.

Nathalie Rodriguez : I am going to call the roll of the countries. Mr. Cheris is going to check the list of these proxies and Mr. Kamuti will check the proxies themselves and their conformity. There is a proxy from the Netherlands Antilles to the Netherlands, Ireland or Czech Republic. To the Netherlands. There is a proxy from Bolivia to Mr. Arthur Cramer. Does Mr. Cramer accept it ? The proxy goes then to Mr. Arthur Cramer. There is a proxy from Bahrain to Qatar or to Mr. Jacobs. To Mr. Jacobs ? Then the proxy from Bahrain is assigned to Mr. Jacobs. We have Brunei to Qatar. Does Qatar accept it ? We have a proxy from Burkina Faso to Tunisia ? Does Tunisia accept it ? We had a proxy from Chile to Mrs Rafaela Gonzalez but Chile is present. The proxy is therefore cancelled. We have a proxy from Costa Rica to Colombia or Panama. What is the decision ? Panama, very good. We have a proxy from the Dominican Republic to Panama or Paraguay, Panama having already a proxy, does Paraguay accept it ? Well. We have a proxy from Ecuador to Brazil. Does Brazil accept it ? Yes. We have a proxy from El Salvador to Colombia. Does Colombia accept it ? We have a proxy from Hong Kong to Macao. Does Macao accept it ? Yes. We have a proxy from India to Saudi Arabia. Does Saudi Arabia accept it ? Yes. We have a proxy from Indonesia to Mr. Max Geuter or to Germany. Mr. Geuter accepts. There is a proxy from Jordan to Kuwait. Does Kuwait accept it ? There is a proxy from Lebanon to René Roch or to the USA. The USA accept. Malaysia to Taipei or to the Philippines. Taipei accepts.

Moldova to Romania. Does Romania accept it ? Niger to Mali. Does Mali accept it ? Nigeria to Great Britain. Does Great Britain accept it ? Norway to Denmark. Does Denmark accept it ? Peru to Argentina. Does Argentina accept it ? Palestine to Egypt. Does Egypt accept it ? Singapore to the Philippines. Do the Philippines accept it ? Sierra Leone to Senegal. Does Senegal accept it ? San Marino to Mr. Mario Favia. Does Mr. Mario Favia accept it ? Uruguay to Argentina, which already has a proxy, or to Guatemala. Does Guatemala accept it ? Yes, there is also Guatemala. You took the proxy from Peru. Yes sorry, you have Argentina, Guatemala and Chile. Then, does Chile accept the proxy ? Venezuela to René Roch or to the USA. René Roch accepts. Vietnam to China. Does China accept it ? Yemen, which has just been affiliated, to Morocco. Does Morocco accept it ? Lithuania to Denmark which already has a proxy, or to Iceland. Does Iceland accept it ?

Samuel Cheris (USA, MH) : The number of proxies is of 29.

Nathalie Rodriguez : We have **29 valid proxies**. I am now counting the number of countries present. Guinea has no voting right. The Republic of Macedonia is also present. Is the person from Honduras still not here ? Honduras is not present. We have therefore 81 countries present and 29 countries represented (out of which 2 have no voting right).

René Roch (MH) : I believe that this is a real success, **it makes 111 countries present or represented** out of 115 federations. Only a few are missing.

Applause.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 2003 Ordinary Congress in Leipzig (GER)

Nathalie Rodriguez : There are 115 Federations affiliated to the FIE, including Barbados and Yemen. We now move on to the next point of the agenda, which is the point nr 5, the approval of the minutes of the 2003 Congress, which was held in Leipzig. The minutes were sent several months ago and I have not received any remark except from Mr. Geuter, who informed me of small spelling mistakes in the name of some people, mistakes which have been corrected in the English and Spanish versions. Do you have any other remarks ? No other remark, the minutes are therefore **unanimously approved**.

4. Election of the President

René Roch (MH) : We can now proceed with the elections. I give the floor to Mr. Edoardo Mangiarotti, Member of Honour and the big champion that everybody knows.

Applause.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : Thank you and good morning everybody. One more moment, we are making some verifications before calling you to take the ballot papers.

Nathalie Rodriguez : I am asking Claudia and Jie to kindly get hold of the ballot papers for the election of the President. We are also going to designate scrutinisers, who will be posted next to the two ballot boxes, which are located at the back of the room.

René Roch (MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen, among the numerous members of Honour present, I would like to inform you of the presence of our Honorary President Mr. Rolland Boitelle.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Ladies and Gentlemen, silence please. Jie and Claudia will be posted at the back of the room, next to the ballot boxes. We are going to call the countries four by four. A ballot paper will be remitted to you. You will have to go to the polling booths, which are located at the bottom of the room, fill in the ballot paper, of course only one candidate per ballot paper, any ballot paper not properly filled in, will be cancelled, and you have to put a cross next to the candidate you wish to elect. Then you will move to the ballot boxes, insert your ballot paper, the scrutinisers will be posted next to the boxes and you will go back to your seat. The countries will be called one after the other. We start immediately. Ladies, please go to the back of the room.

Peter Jacobs (GBR, MH) : We are requiring all the persons standing in the back to move away in order to avoid disturbing the voters. Please, nobody standing in the back, except the scrutinisers. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Netherlands, voting for Netherlands Antilles, Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. Please, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am kindly asking you to sit down. Ladies and Gentlemen, please sit down. Barbados, Belgium, Belarus and Arthur Cramer for Bolivia. Honduras has arrived.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : Please, we are requiring all participants to remain seated. Keep quiet please.

Nathalie Rodriguez : With the arrival of Honduras, we have **82 countries present** instead of 81.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am kindly asking you to sit down or to go out if you do not wish to stay in the room because we can not see the people in the back. Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. I repeat, Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo and Chile. And Chile, which is also voting for Uruguay I believe. There is therefore Chile also voting for Uruguay.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : Please, sit down. Kindly sit down in the back, please !

Nathalie Rodriguez : Ladies and Gentlemen. Please go back to your seats or leave the room.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : In the hall as well, please also go back to your seats ! It is difficult to have things under control like this.

Nathalie Rodriguez : China, Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica and Croatia. And China is also voting for Vietnam. I repeat China voting for Vietnam, Colombia, Costa Rica and Croatia. Is that okay. Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic and Denmark. Denmark must also vote for Norway. And Argentina was supposed to vote for Peru, Argentina for Peru. Did Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic and Denmark go through ? This is okay. So Paraguay voting for the Dominican Republic, Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt for Palestine and Colombia for El Salvador. Please ! Spain, Estonia, Finland and France. Spain, Estonia, Finland and France. Please, Ladies and Gentlemen, go back to your seats or leave the room.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : We are kindly asking you to sit down. Sirs, take your seats back, please ! Leave the hall free.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Ladies and Gentlemen. Please, either sit down or leave the room.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : We shall continue only once everybody will be seated or out of the room.

Nathalie Rodriguez : We interrupt the ballot until everybody is seated or out of the room, please. Sirs, in the middle of the room, please. Ms. Pascu !

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : Sit down ! We do not go further.

Nathalie Rodriguez : We will go back to the vote only once everybody will be seated or will have left the room ! We can not see the people in the back of the room.

Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA, MH) : There are people in the back. Go out please !

Nathalie Rodriguez : So, Great Britain also voting for Nigeria, Georgia, Germany and Greece. Mr. Grouppierre please. Mr. Paramonov please. Guatemala, Macao for Hong Kong, Honduras and Hungary. Guatemala, Macao for Hong Kong, Honduras and Hungary. Max Geuter for Indonesia, Saudi Arabia for India, Iran and Ireland. I said Mr. Max Geuter voting for Indonesia. Iraq, Iceland, Israel and Italy. Iraq, Iceland, Israel and Italy. Kuwait for Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Latvia. But Saudi Arabia has already voted for India, be careful. And Kuwait has already voted for Jordan. Then, we are calling South Korea, Latvia, USA for Lebanon and Iceland for Lithuania. I repeat Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have already voted as they had proxies. Then, we are calling South Korea, Latvia, the USA for Lebanon and Iceland for Lithuania.

Sorry ? But you always have to vote for both as you are voting for yourself and your proxy. Tunisia did not vote for Burkina Faso. Ladies, please. The countries with proxies are voting for themselves and the represented country. Subsequently, they must receive two ballot papers, one for their country and one for the country they represent. Qatar and Tunisia did not vote for themselves.

So, I had called South Korea, Latvia, the USA for Lebanon and Iceland for Lithuania. Did Lithuania and the USA go through ? This is over. Luxembourg. So, I have called Luxembourg, Macao voting for Hong Kong, Morocco voting for Yemen and Taipei voting for Malaysia. Is it done or should I repeat ? Then Macao voting for Hong Kong, Morocco voting

Have all the countries been called ? Who has not been called ? Serbia and Montenegro still has to vote. Have all the countries been called ? Have all the countries been called ? **The vote is therefore over.** I am asking the scrutinisers to take the ballot boxes and bring them to the tribune, please. We are going to count the votes.

Please, get out of the hall. Everybody. Sit down !

Samuel Cheris (USA, MH) : Roch. Roch. Usmanov. Roch. Roch. Invalid. Roch. Usmanov.
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Applause.

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The speeches of Messrs. Alisher Usmanov and René Roch have not been recorded by the Congress Centre because of a failure in their recording system.

Coffee break.

5. Election of the Members of the Executive Committee

Nathalie Rodriguez : I would like to know if the scrutinisers are standing next to the ballot boxes ? We start. I will call the countries four by four. The Netherlands, voting for the Netherlands Antilles, the Netherlands for the Netherlands Antilles. I remind you that you can not write more than 11 names on the ballot papers. This is, by the way, indicated on the voting slips. Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. Is that okay ? The Netherlands voting for the Netherlands Antilles, Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. Armenia. We are calling Armenia. Armenia, please. Could someone get hold of Armenia outside the room ? Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. I repeat Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please, leave the centre of the room free in order to enable us see the scrutinisers. Please, either sit down or leave the room. Ladies and Gentlemen, kindly sit down. Mr. René Roch. Mr. René Roch. Mr. Peter Jacobs. Mr. Ali Belhadj. Ladies and Gentlemen, please, go back to your seats or leave the room, I am begging you to sit down.

Barbados, Belgium, Arthur Cramer for Bolivia, Brazil. Barbados, Belgium, Belarus, Arthur Cramer for Bolivia. Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. I repeat Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. Mr. George Van Dugteren, please sit down, you are too big, sorry, I can not see anything. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo and Chile. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo and Chile. I called Belarus a long time ago. Is Belarus here now ? Well. Is it okay ? China, Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica and Croatia. I repeat China, Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica and Croatia.

Ladies and Gentlemen, kindly either sit down or leave the room, thank you. Spain please. Spain please. Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic and Denmark. Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic and Denmark. Ladies and Gentlemen, I am kindly asking you to either sit down or leave the room. Mr. Hussein, could you please sit down ? Paraguay for the Dominican Republic, Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt, Colombia for El Salvador. Paraguay. Paraguay for the Dominican Republic, Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt and Colombia for El Salvador. Paraguay please. Could someone call Paraguay ? Paraguay, could someone get hold of Paraguay ? Spain, Estonia, Finland and France. Spain, Estonia, Finland and France. Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Greece. Great Britain, Georgia, Germany, Greece. Guatemala, Macao for Hong Kong, Honduras and Hungary. Guatemala, Macao for Hong Kong, Honduras and Hungary. Max Geuter for Indonesia, Saudi Arabia for India, Iran and Ireland. Max Geuter for Indonesia, Saudi Arabia for India, Iran and Ireland.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please, leave the centre of the room free. Kindly sit down. Ladies and Gentlemen, please sit down.

Could someone get hold of Iran, please ? Iran. Iraq, Iceland, Israel and Italy. Iraq, Iceland, Israel and Italy. Paraguay has finally arrived to vote for the Dominican Republic. Kuwait for Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Kuwait for Jordan, Japan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Kazakhstan please. South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Latvia. South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Latvia. Latvia ? Latvia please ? Could someone also get hold of Latvia please, Latvia. The USA for Lebanon, Iceland for Lithuania, Luxembourg and Macao. I repeat the USA for Lebanon, Iceland for Lithuania, Luxembourg and Macao. Lithuania please ? Latvia ? Morocco, Taipei for Malaysia, Romania for Moldova, Mexico. I repeat. Has Macao already voted. Did Macao go through ? Morocco, Taipei for Malaysia, Romania for Moldova and Mexico. Please Sir, could you kindly sit down. Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Malta and Netherlands. Republic of Macedonia, Mali, Malta and Netherlands. Great Britain for Nigeria, Mali for Niger, Denmark for Norway and New Zealand. I repeat Great Britain for Nigeria, Mali for Niger, Denmark for Norway and New Zealand. Has Mali arrived ? Panama,

Paraguay, Peru, Argentina for Peru and Philippines. Panama, Paraguay, Argentina for Peru and Philippines. The Philippines please ? Egypt for Palestine, Poland, Portugal and Puerto Rico. Egypt for Palestine, Poland, Portugal and Puerto Rico. Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Russia. Qatar, Romania, South Africa, Russia. Russia please ? Ladies and Gentlemen, kindly sit down and leave the centre of the room free. Serbia and Montenegro, Senegal, Philippines for Singapore and Senegal for Sierra Leone. I repeat Serbia and Montenegro, Senegal, Philippines for Singapore and Senegal for Sierra Leone. Slovenia, Mario Favia for San Marino, Switzerland and the Slovak Republic. I repeat Slovenia, Mario Favia for San Marino, Switzerland and the Slovak Republic. Mario Favia ? Sweden and Thailand. I repeat Sweden and Thailand. Turkmenistan, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey. Turkey, Ukraine, Chile for Uruguay, USA and Uzbekistan. Turkey, Ukraine, Chile for Uruguay, USA and Uzbekistan. René Roch for Venezuela, China for Vietnam and Morocco for Yemen. Have all the countries been called ? Have all the countries been called to vote ? Excellent, **the vote is therefore over.**

Nathalie Rodriguez : So, I am going to give the results of the election of the members of the Executive Committee. We have in first position with 64 votes Saoud Bin Abdulrahman (QAT). In second position Mr. Peter Jacobs (GBR) with 55 votes. Then, Ms. Ana Pascu (ROM) with 54 votes. Then Mr. Arthur Cramer (BRA) with 53 votes. In 5th position we have two ex-aequo with 48 votes who are Ms. Rafaela Gonzalez Ferrer (CUB) and Ali Youssef Husain (KUW). Once again two ex-aequo for the 7th position with 43 votes each, Mr. Victor Sanchez Naranjo (ESP) and Wei Wang (CHN). 9th, Abdoul Wahab Barka Ba (SEN) with 42 votes, 10th Max Geuter (GER) with 37 votes. Then we have three persons ex-aequo for the 11th place with 35 votes, Emmanuel Katsiadakis (GRE), Mario Favia (ITA) and Sunil Sabharwal (USA). It will therefore be necessary to organise an additional round to settle the last available position in the Executive Committee.

I carry on with the results. 14th Jean-Claude Blondeau (FRA) with 34 votes, Roger Hsu (TPE) with 33 votes. Helen Smith (AUS) with 31 votes. Then, we have on the 17th position Myriam Suarez Gonzalez (COL) with 29 votes as well as Kun Bae Lee (KOR) with also 29 votes. With 26 votes, we have then Maxim Paramonov (UKR). Youri Bytchkov (RUS) with 24 votes. Normann Jorgensen (DEN) with 22 votes. Then Bert Van de Flier (NED) with 20 votes. Krisztian Kulcsar (HUN) with 19 votes. Vladimir Iwanoff with 17 votes and finally Lars Liljegren (SWE) with 13 votes.

Applause.

René Roch (MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen, it will be necessary to settle the ex-aequo. Beforehand, I wish to thank the sponsors, who helped us to organise this Congress. I am mainly referring to our manufacturers, the companies Allstar, Blaise, Kabcom and Uhlmann and we also thank the Tunisian Federation, which provided us with the biros you are using. I believe that we are now going to vote unless we first have lunch and organise the vote afterwards. So, we are now having lunch. We will come back after lunch to settle the 3 persons. And also immediately after lunch, we shall make the photo of the Congress.

And also immediately after lunch, I will have a meeting of the Executive Committee in order to designate the Members of Honour and will invite the members of Honour. After lunch, all members of Honour present are requested to come. Besides, you are aware that the Commission of Honour also includes 4 countries designated by us. The 4 federations, which will join the Commission of Honour are the Philippines, Algeria, Sweden and the USA. These are the 4 countries, which will join the Commission of Honour to approve the members of Honour. It will be after lunch.

Lunch break

René Roch (MH) : Well, I propose to gather the members of Honour and the Presidents of the Philippines, Algeria, Sweden and the USA in the room next door, in order to decide on the members of Honour that we will have tonight, while you are going on with the vote.

Nathalie Rodriguez : The Netherlands, voting for the Netherlands Antilles, Netherlands for Netherlands Antilles. Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. Is it okay ? Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. I repeat Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. Barbados, Belgium, Arthur Cramer for Bolivia, Brazil. Barbados, Belgium, Belarus, Arthur Cramer for Bolivia. Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. I repeat Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo and Chile. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo and Chile. China, Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica and Croatia. I repeat China, Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica and Croatia. Cyprus and Cuba. Cyprus and Cuba. Croatia please. Croatia please. Croatia. The Czech Republic, Denmark and Paraguay for the Dominican Republic. Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt, Colombia for El Salvador and Spain. Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt, Colombia for El Salvador and Spain. Colombia please. Colombia for El Salvador. Estonia, Finland, France and Great Britain. Estonia, Finland, France and Great Britain. Georgia, Germany, Greece and Guatemala. Georgia, Germany, Greece and Guatemala. Guatemala. China please. Macao for Hong Kong, Honduras, Hungary, Max Geuter for Indonesia and Saudi Arabia for India. I repeat Macao for Hong Kong, Honduras, Hungary, Max Geuter for Indonesia and Saudi Arabia for India. Saudi Arabia for India please. Iran, Ireland, Iraq, Iceland. Iraq please. Saudi Arabia please. Is Saudi Arabia here ? Israel, Italy, Kuwait for Jordan and Japan. Saudi Arabia please. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea and Saudi Arabia. Kuwait, Latvia, USA for Lebanon. Could someone call Ms. Anderson please. Iceland for Lithuania, Kuwait, Latvia, USA for Lebanon. Luxembourg, the USA please. Luxembourg, Macao, Morocco and Taipei for Malaysia. Luxembourg, Macao, Morocco and Taipei for Malaysia. Romania for Moldova, Mexico, Republic of Macedonia and Mali. Malta, the Netherlands, Great Britain for Nigeria and Mali for Niger. Denmark for Norway, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay. Denmark for Norway, New Zealand, Panama, Paraguay. Saudi Arabia please. Saudi Arabia, could you give the proxy to Ms. Mouadab. Argentina for Peru, Philippines, Egypt for Palestine and Poland. Argentina for Peru, Philippines, Egypt for Palestine and Poland. Philippines, please ? Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania. Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania. South Africa, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Senegal. South Africa, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro, Senegal. Russia ? Philippines for Singapore, Senegal for Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Mario Favia for San Marino. Switzerland, the Slovak Republic, Sweden, Thailand. Turkmenistan, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey. Did I call Tunisia ? Turkey, Ukraine, Chile for Uruguay, USA and Uzbekistan. Turkey, Ukraine, Chile for Uruguay, USA and Uzbekistan. René Roch for Venezuela, China for Vietnam and Morocco for Yemen. Have all the countries been called ? Have all the countries been called to vote ? China please ? China for Vietnam.

Jean-Pierre Kessler (FRA) : Has everybody voted ?

Nathalie Rodriguez : The vote is therefore over.

René Roch (MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen, while we are awaiting the counting of votes, I wish to present to Mr. Chang, who was President of the Asian Confederation and did an extraordinary work within this Confederation for the development of our sport, the plaque of the FIE. I intended to present it to him tonight, but he unfortunately has to take a flight in the afternoon. We would like to thank him for all the activities achieved by his Confederation in favour of the world fencing, and in recognition, I am pleased to handle him this plaque of the FIE. Congratulations.

Applause.

Young-Soo Chang (KOR) : Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you very much. We have achieved great tasks within the Asian Fencing Confederation. I have been very pleased to be President of this Confederation during all these years, my duty was a work of support. I have achieved two mandates, a total of 8 years, and today this is the turn of my colleague from the Philippines to take over and bear the flag. I am very honoured to receive this plaque. I now withdraw but I will always keep a deep and great interest in fencing. In the future, I wish to continue to participate in all these activities and in particular help this Federation, which is doing an excellent work. During the past 8 years, thanks to the help and support of President Roch, the Asian Confederation evolved a lot in favour of the development of our sport. I really appreciate him, as well as all the members of the Executive Committee. Keep on with this excellent work and all the best.

Applause.

Samuel Cheris (USA, MH) : Last position for the Executive Committee. We have 48 votes for Emmanuel Katsiadakis, 30 for Mario Favia, 25 for Sunil Sabharwal and 5 voting slips, which are not valid. **Mr. Emmanuel Katsiadakis is elected Member of the Executive Committee.**

Applause.

6. Nomination of the Members of Honour

René Roch (MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen, I would like to announce the decisions reached by the Commission of Honour, upon proposal of the Executive Committee. It has approved the designation of the new following members of Honour : Ms. Ana PASCU (ROM), Mr. Abdoul Wahab Barka BA (SEN), Ms. Erika DIENSTL (GER) and Mr. Emmanuel KATSIADAKIS (GRE).

Applause.

7. Election of the Members of Commissions

Nathalie Rodriguez : Ladies and Gentlemen, we are copying the ballot papers for the Refereeing Commission. We are now going to elect the members of Commissions. In order to save time, we have designated 14 scrutinisers, it means 2 scrutinisers per Commission. So, 2 persons will be counting the votes.

Peter Jacobs (GBR, MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen, just a reminder in respect of the election of the members of Commissions. You can only vote for a maximum of 10 persons. This is written on the ballot papers. Maximum 10.

Nathalie Rodriguez : So, we are requiring the scrutinisers Mr. Kessler and Ms. Dienstl to move next to the ballot boxes. The scrutinisers for the Rules Commission are Mr. Kamuti and Ms. Dienstl. For the Legal Commission Mr. Ba and Mr. Jorgensen, for the Medical Commission Messrs Kontos and Dos Santos. For the Disciplinary Commission Messrs Kessler and Vergara, for the SEMI Commission Messrs Higginson and Thullberg and for the Refereeing Commission Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Favia. And for the PP Commission Ms. Cécile Faye and Mr. Palmström.

Nathalie Rodriguez : The Netherlands for the Netherlands Antilles, Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. The Netherlands for the Netherlands Antilles, Algeria, Argentina and Armenia.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please sit down.

Aruba, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. Only one country as there are 7 Commissions to vote for. Only one country at the same time.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan. Austria, please, Austria ? I have already called Azerbaijan ? Barbados, Belgium, Belarus and Arthur Cramer for Bolivia. Barbados, Belgium, Belarus and Arthur Cramer for Bolivia. Ladies and Gentlemen, kindly sit down, please. Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei, and Bulgaria. Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei, and Bulgaria.

Mr. Jochen Farber is requested please.

Tunisia for Burkina Faso and Canada. Tunisia for Burkina Faso and Canada. Kindly leave the main aisle free, thank you. Congo and Chile. Congo and Chile. Chile please. China. Colombia. Would you please sit down or leave the room. Colombia. Please, kindly leave the centre of the room free. Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica, please.

Mr. Pierre Abric is requested, please. Sit down or move to the sides of the room.

Croatia. Cuba. Cuba. Has China been called ? Yes, thank you. Cyprus, Cyprus. The Czech Republic, the Czech Republic. Denmark, Denmark. Paraguay for the Dominican Republic. Paraguay for the Dominican Republic. Brazil for Ecuador, Brazil for Ecuador. Egypt, Egypt. Mr. Vergara, could you please go the ballot boxes. Colombia for El Salvador. Spain. Estonia and Finland. Estonia and Finland. France and Great Britain. France and Great Britain. Georgia. Germany. Greece. Guatemala. Macao for Hong Kong, Macao for Hong Kong.

Ladies and Gentlemen, kindly leave the main aisle free or sit down. Please.

Honduras and Hungary. Max Geuter for Indonesia. Saudi Arabia for India. Ms. Mouadab voting for Saudi Arabia for India. Iran. Ireland. Iraq. Iceland. Honduras. Iceland. Israel, Israel.

Italy. Kuwait for Jordan. Japan and Kazakhstan. Kyrgyzstan and South Korea. Kazakhstan please. Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Latvia, Latvia. The USA for Lebanon. Iceland for Lithuania. The United States for Lebanon please. Luxembourg, Macao and Morocco. Taipei for Malaysia, Taipei for Malaysia. Romania for Moldova, Romania for Moldova. Mexico. The Republic of Macedonia. Mali, Mali. Mali. Malta. Mali. The Netherlands, the Netherlands. Great Britain for Nigeria. Mali for Niger and Denmark for Norway. New Zealand. Panama. Paraguay. Denmark. Paraguay. Argentina for Peru. Paraguay please. The Philippines. Egypt for Palestine. The Philippines. Paraguay is immediately requested at the ballot boxes. Poland.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Portugal. Portugal. Puerto Rico. Qatar, Qatar. Romania. South Africa, South Africa. Russia, Russia. Serbia and Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro. Senegal and the Philippines for Singapore, Philippines for Singapore. Senegal for Sierra Leone, Slovenia. Mario Favia for San Marino, Mario Favia for San Marino. Senegal for Sierra Leone, Slovenia and Mario Favia for San Marino. Switzerland, Switzerland. The Slovak Republic, the Slovak Republic. Sweden, Sweden. Thailand, Thailand. Thailand, please. Turkmenistan, Turkmenistan and Thailand. Taipei and Tunisia. Taipei and Tunisia. Turkmenistan please. Thailand. Turkey, Turkey.

Jean-Pierre Kessler (FRA) : Thailand will be removed.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Ukraine, Ukraine.

Jean-Pierre Kessler (FRA): Thailand please.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Chile for Uruguay, Chile for Uruguay. The USA, the USA. Uzbekistan and René Roch for Venezuela. The USA please, the USA please. China for Vietnam, China for Vietnam. Morocco for Yemen, Morocco for Yemen. Have all the federations been called ? Have all the federations been called ?

Mr. Kamuti and Ms. Dienstl are kindly requested to come to the tribune. Ms. Dienstl. Mr. Ba and Mr. Jorgensen. Mr. Ba and Mr. Jorgensen. Mr. Kontos and Mr. Dos Santos. Mr. Kontos and Mr. Dos Santos. Mr. Dos Santos. Mr. Kessler and Mr. Vergara. Mr. Higginson and Mr. Thulberg. Mr. Higginson and Mr. Thulberg. Mr. Sam Cheris and Mr. Robert Kiss. Mr. Sam Cheris and Mr. Robert Kiss. Mr. Palmström and Ms. Cécile Faye. Mr. Palmström and Ms. Cécile Faye. Sam Cheris. Mr. Steve Higginson, please.

René Roch (MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen members of the new Executive Committee, a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 8.00 a.m. The delegates of the Executive Committee to each Commission must be designated. So, tomorrow at 8.00 a.m., there is a meeting of the new Executive Committee in the Hotel, in the same room, in which the Executive Committee previously met, the "Van Gogh Room" on the mezzanine. This is it.

Serge Timacheff : Good afternoon, my name is Serge Timacheff. I am the FIE official photographer. We are soon going to present you a show with photographs taken in Athens, while the votes are being counted. Each delegation present will also receive a CD comprising all the photographs presented in the show as well as a « screen saver » for your PC in your country. So, we are starting the show. Thank you.

Applause.

Presentation of the show.

Applause.

8. Urgent decisions

Nathalie Rodriguez : We move on to the point 9 of the agenda, the urgent decisions. You remember that in the course of the year, several letters of information or urgent letters, informing you of modifications to the Rules, not essential points but they had been decided by the Executive Committee as urgent decisions, have been sent to you. You have them in the Congress file and they have also been sent by circular. And of course, as they are urgent modifications of the Rules, they must be ratified by the Congress. So, I am asking you whether you agree to approve these urgent modifications or not ? Is someone against ? Yes, Sir.

Wolf Dieffenbach (GER, MH) : I am not against, I am certainly in favour of these propositions decided by the Executive Committee but I have something to add, which is in my opinion, very important, it concerns the non destructive tests. The Congress had once decided to submit all the blades to the manufacturers for a non destructive test, each blade, each blade individually. And this is not specified in these documents. For the safety of our fencers, this is necessary to submit all the blades to the manufacturers for a non destructive test.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Mr. Dieffenbach excuse me but we have already voted for this proposition, which has already been ratified by the Congress. We are talking about the modifications arisen between December 2003 and December 2004, which are urgent proposals of the Executive Committee. If there are additional proposals, they will have to be made for next year, for the 2005 Congress. So, we are approving or not approving the urgent decisions proposed by the Executive Committee and sent by circular to the Federations and also included in these documents. Nothing else.

Wolf Dieffenbach (GER, MH) : It just seems necessary to me to underline that this test is essential and I am asking the person in charge whether it is guaranteed that manufacturers submit all the blades to this test or not. I need an information from the person in charge of the Federation in order to know whether they have checked that this test is being carried out by the manufacturers or not.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Mr. Dieffenbach, I repeat this is additional. We can consider your request later. Now, we are at the point 9. We have to approve or not these documents. If then, you wish to speak or add something else, we will be able to do it, but we are now only talking about this specific point.

Wolf Dieffenbach (GER, MH) : Excuse me but this is a question of safety. And we should talk about safety with a formal reply. The Congress decision must be applied by the manufacturers and I am once again asking the person in charge of the SEMI Commission to give a guarantee to the Congress participants that manufacturers are acting in compliance with the Congress decisions. Because we have had several fatalities during the last years and I believe that this is really necessary for safety reasons that things be done as it was decided by the Congress.

Nathalie Rodriguez : I fully agree with you but I repeat that I am now at the point 9 of the agenda and I am asking the Congress if it agrees to ratify the urgent decisions of the Executive Committee. Does the Congress agree ? Is someone against ? Nobody is against ? **Then, this is ratified.**

9. Candidatures to the organisation of the World Championships

Nathalie Rodriguez : We now move on to the point 10, concerning the candidatures to the World Championships. So, we have received some candidatures for the 2006 Juniors World Championships, which are Turkey and South Korea and for the 2007 Seniors World Championships, we have Bulgaria and Russia. We have not received any other candidatures. I am therefore asking the Congress, not to vote on the candidatures as we have not yet received a complete file, but simply to accept these candidatures as being officially presented at this Congress. So, 2006 Juniors Turkey and South Korea and 2007 Seniors Bulgaria and Russia. Does the Congress agree to approve these candidatures ? Very good. We will vote later, once the inspection trips of the candidate cities will have had taken place. Does the Congress agree ? **Very good.**

10. Results of the election of the Members of Commissions

Nathalie Rodriguez : So, I have now received the results of the vote for the members of the **Legal Commission**. I will read it out very slowly :

1st with 71 votes, Samuel Cheris (USA), 71 votes. 2nd with 64 votes Marco Antonio Rioja Perez (ESP). 3rd with 61 votes Omar Alejandro Vergara (ARG), 61 votes. 4th with 53 votes, Anca Ioana Ileana Ionescu (ROM), with 53 votes. 5th with 49 votes, Nicolas Halsted (GBR), Nicolas Halsted (GBR) with 49 votes. 6th with 48 votes Barbara Fernandez Alegret (CUB). 7th with 47 votes, Massimo Lembo (ITA), 8th with 46 votes, Youri Bytchkov (RUS), 9th with 46 votes Jean-Pierre Kessler (FRA) and 10th with 43 votes Ildiko Mincza-Nebald (HUN).

And there are 3 women in this Commission.

Applause.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Then, the following persons have not been elected : Mr. Bernard Yann (CAN) has received 35 votes and Mr. Per Palmström (SWE) has received 40 votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : I am awaiting the results of the other votes. I have not yet received the results of the other votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Here we are, I have received the results of the vote of the **Rules Commission**. So 1st with 61 votes Tamer El Araby (EGY), 2nd Helen Smith (AUS) with 52 votes. 3rd with 49 votes Julio Cesar Gonzalez Tirador (CUB), 4th Pierre Thullberg (SWE) with 46 votes. 5th with 45 votes Sarkis Assadourian (IRI). 6th Antonio Di Blasi (ITA) with 44 votes. Then, we have two 7th ex-aequo with 42 votes. These are Laura-Grabiela Carlescu-Badea (ROM) and Stephen Higginson (GBR). 9th with 39 votes Jeffrey Bukantz (USA). And finally, the 10th place will need to be settled as we have two persons ex-aequo with 37 votes Lutz Schirmacher (GER) and Jae Sung Shim (KOR).

I carry on with the results of the persons who have not been elected. 32 votes for Gérard Rousseau (FRA), 31 votes for Manuel Belmonte (CAN), 30 votes for Kazushige Hirano (JPN) and Jozsef Meszaros (HUN). Valery Kharkhaloup (RUS), 27 votes. Carin Cederquist (DEN), 22 votes. Vladimir Shklar (ISR), 20 votes. Ioannis Hatzisarantos (GRE) with 18 votes and finally also with 18 votes Haluk Yamac (TUR).

Nathalie Rodriguez : We move on to the results of the votes of the **Disciplinary Commission**. 1st with 59 votes Monica Ho (TPE), 2nd with 46 votes Anibal Illueca Herrando (PAN). 3rd with 45 votes Alireza Poursalman (IRI), 4th with 43 votes Donald Alperstein (USA), 5th with 41 votes Xiaotian Hu (CHN). 6th with 39 votes Ayman Mounir (EGY). Then we have 3 persons ex-aequo for the 7th place with 37 votes, Allan Jay (GBR) and José Julio Valarinho De Azevedo (POR). And the third 7th ex-aequo is Mr. Edoardo Mangiarotti (ITA) also with 37 votes. And 10th Mr. Dimitrios Kontos (GRE) with 36 votes. So, indeed we have a problem as there must be at least 2 women per Commission. The first elected woman is Monica Ho (TPE) but we need a second one. The second woman, who applied to this Commission and obtained 35 votes, is Marja-Liisa Someroja (FIN), with 35 votes. So Ms. Someroja takes the place of Mr. Kontos who had 36 votes.

Then, the candidates who have not been elected are : Guk Hyeon Kim (KOR) 34 votes, Mourad Klioua (ALG) 35 votes, György Nebald (HUN) 28 votes, André Pinelli (FRA) 21

votes, Bert Van de Flier (NED) 27 votes, Frank Vogel (GER) 31 votes, Abdelaziz Zouari (TUN) 34 votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : We now move on to the **SEMI Commission**. 1st Eduardo Dos Santos with 55 votes, Mr. Dos Santos with 55 votes (POR). 2nd Daniel De Chaine (USA) with 53 votes. 3rd Atsushi Harinishi (JPN) with 49 votes. 4th Marcello Baiocco (ITA) 46 votes. 5th Mehmet Karamete (TUR) 43 votes. 6th Jacek Bierkowski (POL) 40 votes. 7th Semen Rikhtman (RUS) with 39 votes, 8th Won Suk Oh (KOR) with 38 votes, 9th Gabriela Mayer (CAN) with 37 votes and 10th Maria Eberl Lopez (CHI) with 36 votes.

Then, the candidates who have not been elected are : Göran Abrahamson (SWE) 29 votes, Mohammad Azizi (IRI) 34 votes, Jose Cisneros-Stoianowski (MEX) 24 votes, Eric De Coninck (FRA) 26 votes, Gudjon Gestsson (ISL) 22 votes, Julius Kralik (SVK) 32 votes, Richard Martin (AUT) 9 votes, Simon Mester (BRA) 20 votes, Jose Morejon Vizcaino (CUB) 27 votes, Arpad Nemeth (HUN) 28 votes, Xiangyang Yuan (CHN) 24 votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Refereeing. I can already tell you that there are 2 women. 1st Mohamed El Motawakel (EGY) 55 votes. 2nd Keith Smith (GBR) with 50 votes. 3rd George Kolombatovich (USA) 46 votes. I said USA. 4th Moris Sakhvadze (GEO) 41 votes. 5th Claus Janka (GER) 40 votes. 5th ex-aequo Férial Salhi (ALG) with 40 votes. 7th Salah Ferjani (TUN) 39 votes, 8th Serge Plasterie (FRA) with 38 votes, 9th Chang Gong Kim (KOR) with 35 votes, and 10th, as 2 women are requested, Yumiko Tanaka (JPN) with 30 votes.

Then, the candidates who have not been elected are : Arthur Bar-Joseph (ISR) 18 votes, Carmen Bartissol Alves (POR) 28 votes, Roberto Costanzo (ITA) 34 votes, Emmanuel Katsiadakis, sorry this is out. Arpad Ersek (SVK) 18 votes, Normann Jorgensen (DEN) 26 votes, Tamas Kovacs (HUN) 23 votes, Adam Lisewski (POL) 25 votes, Andres Lopez Hernandez (CUB) 27 votes, Pingbei Luo (CHN) 28 votes, Peter Osvath (AUS) 12 votes, Aliasghar Pashapour (IRI) 23 votes, Halim Sener (TUR) 16 votes, Régis Trois de Avila (BRA) 27 votes, Javier Villapalos (ESP) 20 votes, Robert Wolthuis (NED) 16 votes, and Octavian-Petru Zidaru (ROM) 25 votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Promotion and Publicity. 1st Abdel Monein El Hussein (EGY) 61 votes. 2nd Velitchka Hristeva (BUL) with 52 votes. 3rd Carl Borack (USA) 43 votes. 4th Frantisek Janda (CZE) 41 votes, 41 votes. 5th Bandar Uthman Al-Saleh (KSA) 39 votes, 6th Victor Goupierre (ARG) 36 votes, 7th ex-aequo Myriam Suarez Gonzalez (COL) 35 votes, second 7th ex-aequo Benny Wendt (AUT) 35 votes, 9th Muhannad Othman (IRQ) 34 votes. And we have 2 10th ex-aequo Mr. Fazlollah Bagherzadeh (IRI) with 33 votes and Mr. Florindo Morais Batista (POR) 33 votes. An additional round will need to be organised to settle the two 10th ex-aequo.

Then, have not been elected to the PP Commission, Bernard Gauthier (FRA) with 31 votes, Maxim Paramonov (UKR) with 29 votes, Gordon Rapp (GER) 26 votes, Geneviève Dumas-Johannesson (ISL) 24 votes, Igor Issakov (RUS) 24 votes, Naïma Roudane (MAR) 23 votes, Hongyan Gai (CHN) 22 votes, Zsuzsanna Janosi (HUN) 22 votes, Francesco Tiberi (ITA) also with 22 votes, Nopporn Sutthent (THA) 19 votes, John Ramsay (GBR) 14 votes, Kristina Letenayova (SVK) 12 votes, Ryszard Sobczak (POL) 12 votes, Sorel-Arthur Kembe (CGO) 8 votes and finally John Apsimon (CAN) with 5 votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : We now move on to the **Medical Commission**. So 1st George Ruijsch Van Dugteren (RSA) with 54 votes. 2nd ex-aequo Maha Mustafa Murad (EGY) with 53 votes. 2nd ex-aequo Ann Marsh (USA) 53 votes, 4th Ezequiel Rodriguez-Rey (PAN) 51 votes, 5th Clare Halsted (GBR) 50 votes, 6th Wilfried Wolfgarten (GER) 48 votes, 7th Seyed Naghavi (IRI) 44 votes, 8th ex-aequo Catherine Defoligny-Rayaume (FRA) 43 votes and Jenö Kamuti (HUN) 43 votes, 10th Peter Harmer (AUS) 41 votes.

Then, the following candidates have not been elected : Simsek Cankur (TUR) 24 votes, Maria Cascais (POR) 19 votes, sorry 39 votes. Luciano Dal Zotto (ITA) 37 votes, Mihaela Popescu (ROM) 23 votes, and Jose Antonio Quevedo Seises (ESP) 39 votes. And finally Ryszard Szczepanski (POL) 33 votes.

Nathalie Rodriguez : As we still have to settle the candidates ex-aequo in two Commissions, I am once again going to call the roll of the countries. I remind you that Messrs Lutz Schirmarrer (GER) and Jae Sung Shim (KOR) for the Rules Commission and Messrs Florindo Morais Batista (POR) and Fazlollah Bagheradzeh for the PP Commission need to be settled.

The Netherlands, voting for Netherlands Antilles, Netherlands for Netherlands Antilles. Algeria, Argentina and Armenia. Aruba, Australia. I repeat Aruba and Australia. Austria, Azerbaijan. Barbados, Belgium, Belarus, Arthur Cramer for Bolivia. Barbade, Belarus, Belgium. Mr. Arthur Cramer for Bolivia, Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei, Bulgaria. Brazil, Peter Jacobs for Bahrain, Qatar for Brunei and Bulgaria. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo, Chile. Tunisia for Burkina Faso, Canada, Congo, Chile. Colombia, Panama for Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba. Did I call China ? Has China been called ? China ? Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark and Paraguay for the Dominican Republic. Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark and Paraguay for the Dominican Republic. Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt, Colombia for El Salvador, Spain. Brazil for Ecuador, Egypt, Colombia for El Salvador, Spain. Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain. Estonia, Finland, France, Great Britain. Please leave the centre of the room free. Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala. Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala. And Max Geuter for Indonesia. I said Macao for Hong Kong yes. Honduras, Hungary, Max Geuter for Indonesia.

Please, Sirs, move away from the middle of the room, I can not see the scrutinisers. Please. Please leave the centre of the room free. Please, Ladies and Gentlemen, leave the main aisle free or sit down. Please.

José Dos Santos (POR) : My dear friends, could you please get out of the middle of the room as Nathalie must check the back of the room. We are requesting everybody to leave free the middle of the room. Could you please speak in the hall outside. We are requiring everybody to leave the middle of the room free in order to allow Nathalie check the back of the room. Okay. Thank you.

Nathalie Rodriguez : Thank you. Saudi Arabia for India, Iran, Ireland and Iraq. Iceland, Israel, Italy and Kuwait for Jordan. Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Latvia, the USA for Lebanon. Iceland for Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao, Morocco. Taipei for Malaysia, Romania for Moldova, Mexico, the Republic of Macedonia. Mali, Malta, the Netherlands, Great Britain for Nigeria. Mali for Niger, Denmark for Norway, New Zealand, Panama. New Zealand, Panama, Denmark for Norway. Paraguay, Argentina for Peru, Philippines, Egypt for Palestine. Paraguay, Argentina for Peru, Philippines, Egypt for Palestine. Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar. Did I call Qatar ? Has Qatar been called ? Romania, South Africa, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro. I repeat Romania, South Africa, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro. Senegal, Philippines for Singapore. Senegal for Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Mario Favia for San Marino. Switzerland, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Thailand. Turkmenistan, Taipei, Tunisia, Turkey. Did I call Turkey ? Ukraine, Chile for Uruguay, USA, Uzbekistan. René Roch for Venezuela, China for Vietnam and Morocco for Yemen. Has everybody been called ?

René Roch (MH) : Ladies and Gentlemen, I thank you for your assiduity to this Congress, which is quite hard, this is a little bit long. I would like to thank the interpreters, who followed

us during all these discussions, I would like to thank the FIE staff, more particularly Nathalie, and all the secretaries who allow us to organise this Congress. I thank you all and shall see you soon at the City Hall and I close the 2004 Elective Congress. You should have the results within 10 minutes. As buses will be leaving around 19.30-19.45, it might be difficult to wait for the results. Anyway, do whatever you want.

Nathalie Rodriguez : For the Rules Commission. Mr. Lutz Schirmarrer (GER) is elected with 57 votes against 20 for Mr. Jae Sung Shim (KOR). And for the PP Commission, Mr. Florindo Morais de Batista (POR) is elected with 53 votes against 28 for Mr. Fazlollah Bagheradzeh (IRI). And this is all.

Applause.

