

## **Report of the FIE Refereeing Commission**

### **7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Meeting held in Algiers, Algeria.**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr George Kolombatovitch, Mr Serge Plasterie and Mr Mohamed El Motawakel. Mr Rene Roch was present on the 9<sup>th</sup> July and Mr Arthur Cramer on the 8<sup>th</sup> July and part of 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Miss Ao Jie and Mr Ioan Pop also attended the meeting.

It was agreed that in the absence of Mr George Kolombatovitch, that Mr Keith Smith would make a record of the meeting.

### **Grand Prix Referees List and Designations for the 2007/8 GP competitions**

1. The Commission drew up the list of referees for the FIE who would referee at Grand Prix competitions, World Championships and ultimately from whom the referees for the Olympic Games would be selected. The Commission followed the following principles. The referees had to be neutral and this included not from nations who might qualify in the team events for the Olympic Games. Selections were to be made from the best available referees and also referees to be allocated to 3 GP events if possible.

2. The members of the commission who would be designated as Refereeing delegates for each Grand Prix was also proposed on the 9<sup>th</sup> July once Mr Roch was present.

### **St Petersburg World Championships Referees.**

3. The Commission made the proposed selection for the St. Petersburg World Championships referees. The FIE COMEX would approve this as usual.

### **Sabre Refereeing DVD**

4. The Commission watched the Sabre Refereeing DVD prepared by Arthur Cramer and approved it in principle. Not all the commission was present and also translations into the working languages of the FIE would be needed before it could be used.

### **Refereeing Seminars**

5. The Commission agreed that for the St Petersburg World Championships the referees should have their Refereeing Seminar 2 days before the start of the Championships and then have one rest day before the championships began.

6. At Grand Prix events it was agreed to continue holding the seminars for referees, but also to hold meetings with all the coaches present to explain the FIE refereeing principles to all coaches and Team Managers.

### **FIE technical Commission**

7. Arthur Cramer informed the Commission that the FIE had established a Technical Commission and that he was a member of this commission.

### **Secretarial/Administrative Support at World championships**

8. Arthur Cramer asked that the Refereeing Delegates at World Championships be allocated a secretary and administrative support. The Commission approved this proposal.

### **Evaluation of Referees**

9. It was agreed that the Evaluation of Referees after each Grand Prix must be sent to Miss Ao Jie, at the latest 15 days after each Grand Prix.

### **Refereeing examinations**

10. Reports from the FIE Refereeing examinations in Mestre, Alger and Almaty were received from Arthur Cramer and the other examiners. It was noted that where candidates were well prepared they had a much higher chance of success in the examinations. It was agreed candidates must attend the examinations with their copy of the FIE Rules and that in future a list of questions would be published for the Theoretical/Rules Examination with accompanying videos and photos. It was stressed that candidates must be able to explain the technical terms of fencing in French.

### **Use of Video replay. New instructions to referees at Foil/Sabre**

11. The commission agreed that in future if there were two lights on at the conventional weapons (foil and sabre) the referee must consult the video each time before making his/her decision.

12. For St Petersburg it was agreed that there would be one delegate and one referee for the video replays.

### **Proposals concerning refereeing for the FIE Congress in Madrid.**

13. The commission studied the proposals concerning refereeing to be presented at the FIE Congress in Madrid.

Proposal 2 from Brazil Approved (incorporate bib at foil)

### **Proposals of the FIE Executive Committee**

Proposal 1	Not approved
Proposal 2	Approved
Propoal 3	Approved
Proposal 5	Approved
Proposal 6	Approved
Proposal 7	Approved
Proposal 8	Approved
Proposal 9	Approved
Proposal 10	Approved.

### **Proposals from the French Federation**

All the proposals were approved. The commission agreed with the definition of En Garde given by M.R. Clery.

### **Proposals from the Italian Federation**

The proposal concerning the bib at foil was approved.

### **Proposal from Arthur Cramer/Brazilian Federation (t.46.3)**

The Commission was not in favour and rejected this proposal.

**The meeting finished on 9<sup>th</sup> July and the Commission thanked the Algerian Federation for their hospitality.**

**Keith Smith**