

Current Text	Proposals of the Italian Fencing Federation (ITA)
<p><b>1.1 AIMS</b>                      The Aims of the F.I.E. are:                      a) to promote the development of fencing throughout the world, to tighten the ties of friendship which unite fencers of all countries, by setting up lasting relations between representative groups, and to nurture the improvement of the practice of our sport in every way.                      b) to see that international competitions open to member federations are organised in accordance with F.I.E. Rules;                      c) to establish Rules according to which international competitions must be organised;                      d) to organise the Open World Championships, as well as Junior, Cadet and Veteran World Championships;                      e) to authorise and supervise the other official F.I.E. competitions;                      f) to insure that in international competitions the bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications and all other penalties issued by one of the member federations are respected;                      g) to study and legislate on all matters pertaining to fencing in international relations;                      h) to promote and develop the struggle against doping;                      i) to organise the fencing at the Olympic Games, in liaison with the International Olympic Committee.                      j) to ensure that the principle of non-discrimination on the grounds of race, sex, ethnicity, religion, political opinions, family status or other, is respected.</p>	<p>To add :                      k) to undertake any actions to maintain fencing among the Olympic sports with as much participation (space) as possible</p>
<p>1.2.7 That all bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications or other penalties issued by a member federation should be made known to the Central Office of the F.I.E. and to all member federations of the F.I.E..</p>	<p><del>That</del> All bans, suspensions, expulsions, disqualifications or other penalties issued by a member federation should be made known to the Central Office of the F.I.E. and to all member federations of the F.I.E..</p>
<p>2.1.1 Conditions of membership                      .....                      The F.I.E. recognises that the National Federation may include fencing masters. These latter may nevertheless not hold the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary general or Treasurer or any equivalent position.                      By fencing master is meant a person whose principal activity is the teaching of fencing in return for payment.</p>	<p>These latter may nevertheless not hold the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary general, Treasurer <del>or any equivalent position</del>, member of the <b>Executive Committee, or Presidents of Commissions indicated in the art. 4.4.</b>                      By fencing master is meant a person <del>whose principal activity</del> <b>who is</b> teaching or practising fencing in return for payment.</p>

<p><b>2.3 ZONAL CONFEDERATIONS</b>                  In order that a confederation be recognized by the FIE, it is necessary that their statutes provide that the President of the FIE is an ex-officio member of their executive committee, with the right to speak but not to vote. The President of the FIE cannot exercise any other function within the confederation.</p> <p>2.3.1 The F.I.E. will allow some member federations to group themselves according to geographic areas into "Confederations" in order to control relationships which they think they can usefully establish among themselves.                  (1) Footnote : Zonal Confederations as in 1999.</p>	<p>2.3.1 The F.I.E. will allow some member federations to group themselves according to geographic areas into "Confederations" in order to control relationships which they think they can usefully establish among themselves.  <b>The five zones are the following : Africa, America, Asia, Europe, Oceania.</b>                  2.3.2 The membership of each member federation to each Confederation must take into account the geographical situation as well as the political and logistic situation of the federation. In case of disagreement, the decision is taken as a last resort by the Executive Committee.</p> <p>2.3.3. In order that a confederation be recognized by the FIE, it is necessary that their statutes provide that the President of the FIE is an ex-officio member of their executive committee, with the right to speak but not to vote. The President of the FIE cannot exercise any other function within the confederation.</p>
<p><b>3.2 ROLE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE CONGRESS</b>                  3.2.1 Each year the General Assembly receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation. It approves the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1 to 4 determined by the Executive Committee for the following season. It approves the accounts for the financial year that has ended and votes on the provisional budget.                  It approves the report of the auditors.                  The General Assembly appoints professional auditors as auditors for a period of one year, which can be renewed.</p> <p>3.2.2. The Congress alone is competent to rule on acquisitions, exchanges and sale of real estate, on undertaking mortgages, long term leases (more than 9 years) and loans which are intended to underwrite the F.I.E.</p> <p>3.2.3. The Congress establishes, controls and steers the general policy of the F.I.E. It determines the modifications to be made to the Statutes, the Rules for the competitions. It has the power to pronounce the dissolution of the F.I.E.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Each year the General Assembly receives the reports on the management of the Executive Committee and on the operational and financial situation of the Federation, <b>the report on the accounts for the financial year that has ended and the report of the auditors.</b> It approves the amounts of the fees listed in article 1.6, items 1 to 4 determined by the Executive Committee for the following season.  <b>It votes on the provisional budget.</b>  <b>Should the accounts for the financial year that has ended not be approved by the auditors, the President and the Executive Committee are dismissed from their positions.</b></p> <p><b>alienations</b></p>
<p>3.3.3 <i>Proxies and mandates</i>                  a) The right to vote at a General Assembly or 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.</p>	<p>a) The right to vote at a General Assembly or Congress can be delegated to another federation or a Member of Honour, <b>who is not member of the Executive Committee or President of a Commission as indicated in the art. 4.4.</b></p>

<p>In no instance may a proxy agent have more than one mandate for another member federation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b>3.5.1 Required majorities</b>                  The decisions of both the General Assembly and the Congress are reached by a simple majority vote of 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 3/4 of votes effectively represented at the Congress, and may never involve a modification of the Statutes.</p> <p><b>3.5.2 Quorums</b>                  The General Assembly can only reach valid decisions if 33% of all the members of the F.I.E. are present or represented.                  If this proportion is not achieved, the administrative office will establish a written ballot, the majority of votes cast being decisive.                  The deliberations of the Congress are only valid if more than half of all the members of the F.I.E. are present or represented.                  If this proportion is not achieved, the Congress is dissolved and it will be convened again within a period of six months at most. On this occasion it will deliberate validly whatever the number of votes represented.</p>	<p><b>3.5.3</b> The Congress decisions concerning the modifications to Statutes are valid with a majority of ¾ of votes of the federations present and represented.</p> <p><b>3.5.4</b> The dissolution of the F.I.E is only valid with a majority of ¾ of votes of the federations present and represented.</p>
<p><b>3.6 SPECIAL RULES FOR THE ELECTIVE CONGRESS</b></p> <p>3.6.1. The President, the Executive Committee and the members of the permanent commissions are elected at the Elective Congress which is called at the initiative of the Executive Committee of the F.I.E. during the Olympic year.                  They are elected for four years.</p> <p>3.6.2. The voting for the President, the Executive Committee and the commissions is conducted by secret ballot. It must take place in a separate polling</p>	<p><b>3.6.3</b> The elections take place in the following order : President, then Executive Committee, and finally Commissions.</p>

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<p>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.          3.6.3. The President, the Executive Committee and the permanent commissions take office on the first day of the month following the closing day of the Olympic Games or of the Elective Congress, whichever is the latter.</p>	<p>3.6.4. For the election of the Executive Committee and Commissions, it is not possible to vote for a number of candidates superior to the number of positions to be filled.          3.6.5 The President, the Executive Committee and the permanent commissions take office on the first day of the month following the closing day of the Olympic Games or of the Elective Congress, whichever is the latter.</p>
<p>4.4.2          A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must be an international referee at least at two weapons.          Being a member of the Executive Committee or the Refereeing Commission is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, referee, chief of delegation and team captain.          If a candidate for a permanent Commission withdraws before an election, only his Member Federation may present another candidate.</p>	<p>A candidate for the Refereeing Commission must be or have been an A category international referee at least at one conventional weapon in the past 8 years preceding his candidature.</p>
<p><b>5.2 STRUCTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>          .....          The five zones are the following:          Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania.</p>	<p>The five zones are the following:          Africa, America, Asia, Europe and Oceania. (moved to art. 2.3.1)</p>
<p>7.1.4. Penalties          .....          g) Accessory penalties. Accessory penalties can be pronounced in addition to the principal penalty. This can be:          - prohibition of presenting oneself in certain places for a defined term;          - ineligibility in national and international authorities; or          - loss of a title or award.          7.1.5 Suspended sentence          All penalties other than a warning or a reprimand can be totally or partially suspended for 2 years.          The suspended penalty will not be carried out if, within the two years following its pronouncements, no other offence of a similar or greater level of seriousness is committed by the defendant.          In the case where a similar or more serious offence is committed within the two-year period, the suspension will be automatically revoked, unless the Commission specifically rules otherwise, and the sentence incurred will be added to the</p>	<p>To add : the penalties will be published on the Internet website of the FIE and/or in the official magazine of the FIE.          In the case where a similar or more serious offence is committed within the two-year period, the suspension will be automatically revoked, unless the</p>

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<p>specifically rules otherwise, and the sentence incurred will be added to the sentence pronounced for the repetition of an offence</p>	<p><del>Commission specifically rules otherwise</del>, and the sentence incurred will be added to the sentence pronounced for the repetition of an offence.</p>
<p><i>7.1.10 Attempt</i> An attempted offence, which is only interrupted by an intervention or by circumstances not within the control of the defendant, is punished in the same manner as is the offence itself.</p>	<p><i>7.1.10 Attempt</i> An attempted offence, which is only interrupted by an intervention or by circumstances not within the control of the defendant, <del>is penalised in the same manner</del> with a lower penalty than the one of the offence itself.</p>
<p><i>7.1.11 Proof</i> Proof of the guilt or innocence of any defendant can be presented by any means. The statements of the Directoire Technique of a competition, properly constituted, or of the F.I.E. supervisors are deemed true unless proven otherwise.</p>	<p><i>7.1.11 Proof</i> Proof of the guilt or innocence of any defendant can be presented by any means. The statements of the Directoire Technique of a competition, properly constituted, or of the F.I.E. supervisors, <del>are deemed true unless proven otherwise.</del> in compliance with article 5.5.11 are deemed true unless proven otherwise.</p>
<p><i>7.2.4 Procedure before the Disciplinary Panel</i> The Disciplinary Panel itself chooses a reporter who will be charged with investigating the file, collecting the proofs for and against defendant(s). It can interrogate all witnesses and obtain all useful documents from everyone concerned, if need be by injunction. In case of a refusal to testify or to communicate documents, the Panel refers the matter to the president of the Disciplinary Commission who has the power to penalise the persons withholding material with a fine of 500 to 20,000 FF after having summoned them to receive an explanation.</p>	<p><del>of 500 to 20,000 FF</del> of 500 to 5.000 CHF</p>
<p><i>7.2.6 Place and attendance at the hearing</i> ..... 2. The Defendant The presence of the defendant at the hearings is not obligatory. He can be represented by a defender specifically empowered by a written power of attorney or he can attend telephonically by calling at the date and hour indicated in the summons to the place designated by the Panel. The defendant will be responsible for the cost of his transportation and stay as well as those of his defender and any witnesses he may call. In the case of a frivolous complaint, the Disciplinary Commission may charge the complainant for all or part of the expenses of the</p>	<p>To add : In the case of a frivolous complaint, the Disciplinary Commission will charge the</p>

<p>defendant.</p> <p>3. The Witnesses</p> <p>The witnesses are only obliged to appear on the special request of the Disciplinary Panel in which case their travelling expenses will be paid by the F.I.E. If the defendant wishes the physical presence of a witness, he is responsible for asking him to attend and for paying his expenses.</p> <p>Written testimony is permitted. It must be written, dated and signed in the handwriting of the witness. His signature must be certified according to the applicable laws of the country where he resides.</p> <p>Telephonic testimony is permitted. Before his examination, the president of the Panel will verify his identity by any suitable means.</p>	<p>complainant for all the expenses of the defendant.</p>
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### **Fencing Federation of Mexico (MEX)**

Because of the economic situation of certain national federations which lack means to be present in the events to which they have been convoked by the International Fencing Federation and in search of a bigger and better access to the decisions of the Congress of the International Fencing Federation, this Federation proposes :

a) The cancellation of the use of proxies given from one federation to another (or to a FIE member) to exercise its rights in the name of the federation which gave the proxy, at Congresses, Assemblies or meetings convened by the International Fencing Federation. This way, only official representatives of national fencing federations present at each event can exercise their rights.

b) We therefore propose that one official representative of each national federation recognized as member of the International Fencing Federation, receives the necessary financial supports from the International Fencing Federation, to make possible his personal participation in the event enabling him exercise his rights.

I hope that this proposal will contribute favorably to the development of our International Federation and I thank you in advance for your support.

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### **Fencing Federation of Slovenia (SLO)**

#### 1. Changes proposed for the Statutes (Clause 3.3.3)

Voting right at the Congress and General Assembly belongs only to:

President(s) or any other duly authorized representative of a Member Federation;

The authorized representative of a Member Federation must personally participate in the work of the Congress or General Assembly.

Voting rights and hand over of representation to the representative of another Member Federation or Honorary Member of the FIE or member of Executive Committee is not allowed.

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### **Fencing Federation of Aruba (ARU)**

By the fact that in majority of the countries, also the federations have a democratic regulation and they are changed each one or maximum two periods of their government – and in the case of the International Sports Federations their presidents and executive comities.

The Aruba Fencing Federation proposes a discussion during the Congress to include inside the regulation and statutes of the FIE a paragraph , that say that the international president of the International Fencing Federation has the right of being a maximum of three periods of his presidency.

We are sure that this is going to give but opportunities of development in the world of fencing aln also but sports democracy.

### **Fencing Federation of Belarus (BLR)**

#### **1. Statutes (Clauses 4.1, 4.2)**

In order to widen and strengthen principles of democratic governance and leadership of the IFF/FIE, and with the purpose to engage young, promising and gifted representatives of Member Federations it is necessary to comply with the Olympic Charter provisions regarding age limits.

#### **Proposal for the Statutes:**

- Limit the general term of IFF/FIE president to 12 years (3 terms x4 years);
- Apply age limitations for IFF/FIE presidential candidate(s) and/or president:  
Lower limit – age of 30 years  
Upper limit – age of 70 years

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### **Fencing Federation of Bolivia (BOL)**

During previous Congresses, the proxies of countries which did not participate in the Congresses and Assemblies were used for the vote. In our opinion, this procedure is incorrect and few efficient for a right and democratic vote.

The Bolivian Fencing Federation proposes some modifications to the Statutes related to Congresses and Assemblies.

#### **MOTIVATION**

1. The fact that a country gives a proxy to another one for a Congress or Assembly is antidemocratic, because generally we do not know if it was used properly in accordance with the criteria of the federation which gave it, or if sometimes it is used to make some sports politics in favour of the country which received the proxy.
3. We also noticed that the same observers are always assigned in world championships or competitions of «A» category, which prevents the renewing or preparation of new leaders in the international circle.

#### **PROPOSITION**

1. In order to have a more democratic Congress or Assembly, we propose that the FIE suppresses the proxies and pays for the plane tickets and accommodation of all the presidents of federations, in view of having a real democracy within our International Federation. In many International Federations, everything is paid in order to have a full democracy.
- 3: That for the World Championships or competitions of «A» category, a member of the Executive Committee and a President of Federation be designated so that we could start preparing new persons for FIE positions.



### Propositions of the FIE Executive Committee

#### **Prop. 1) 1.1 Add an introduction**

The FIE is recognised by the IOC as the organisation which governs throughout the world the sport of fencing, in accordance with rules of chapter 3 of the Olympic Charter.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** this introduction exists in the Statutes of International Federations, and on the FIE Internet website, but not in its Statutes.

**Prop. 2) 1.2.6 a)** Nevertheless, competitors of countries which are not members of the F.I.E. may be registered for individual competitions organised by member federations, provided that they are **F.I.E. licensees for the current season.** They fence under the banner of the F.I.E

**Executive Committee, motivation :** update of the texts concerning the licences further to the suppression of the licence cards.

**Prop. 4) 4.4.2** To be candidate for a permanent commission, the **candidate must prove that he** is at least 21 years of age on the date of the elections, **that he** holds a license from his National Federation except if he is a Member of Honour, **and that he enjoys** the full civic rights of the country to which he belongs.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** the file of application has to contain the documentary evidences of elements indicated in the file.

**The candidates for various Commissions must have** specific professional knowledge or credentials as follows :

**Disciplinary Commission :** **be practising as a lawyer, judge, arbitrator or professor of law.**

**Refereeing Commission :** be **or have been** an international referee at least at two weapons. Being a member of the Refereeing Commission is incompatible with the national roles of technical director, **chief of delegation and team captain.**

**Medical Commission :** **be holder of a diploma** of Medical Doctor or physiotherapist.

**Legal Commission :** **be holder of a diploma of lawyer or be practising as** judge or notary (Europe).

**SEMI Commission :** have a college degree in engineering or science or be practising as an engineer.

**The Executive Committee has the authority to reject the candidatures which do not comply with the above criteria.**

The rest remains unchanged.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** define strictly the criteria of qualification for the members of commissions to enable the FIE to use skills adapted to its current needs.

**Prop. 5) 4.5.7** The voting athletes will personally go to the office of the FIE at the competition site to fill in their voting slip and deposit them in the ballot box, after having verified their identity by presenting their **accreditation** and having signed the attendance sheet.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** update of the texts concerning the licences further to the suppression of the licence cards.

**Prop. 6) 5.5.16 (new)** The Executive Committee awards the title of FIE Vice-President of honour.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** the election of Vice-Presidents being within the competence of the Executive Committee, it is normal that it is also the case for the title of Vice-President of honour.

**Prop. 7) Functions of the commissions**

#### 6.5.1 The Legal Commission

a) **The Legal Commission may make proposals to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress.** It presents to the Congress a report on all propositions to modify the Statutes **which were submitted to it.**

**Delete item c) because the Publicity Code is an annexe to the Rules, the Anti-doping Code is within the competence of the Executive Committee and the Medical Commission, and the Administrative Rules is within the competence of the Executive Committee :** c) This Commission is also the competent authority for the textual preparation of all the annexes to the Statutes (the Administrative Rules, publicity, dope testing, etc.), except the Rules for Competitions and its annexes.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence.

#### 6.5.2 The Rules Commission

a) **The Rules Commission may make proposals to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress.** It presents a report to the Congress on **the** proposals **which were submitted to it** concerning the organisation and running of competitions, equipment and material (in co-operation with the SEMI Commission), the way to fence an opponent, the rules for fighting a bout, behaviour on and around the piste, and the penalties relating to these proposals.

**Delete the following paragraph because the handbooks of regulations are within the competence of the Executive Committee :** The Commission is also the competent authority for all the annexes to the Rules relating to the organisation and running of competitions.

c) To this end, **the SEMI Commission may appoint one of its member as a representative in the meetings of the Rules Commission, without** right of vote.

e) The Commission **may appoint, to each of the SEMI and Refereeing Commissions, one of its member to attend, without right of vote, meetings of these Commissions** during their discussions on the rules or their application.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to bring the Statutes up to date and to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence.

**c) and e) motivation :** Reformulation of the text to indicate that the Commission « may » appoint and not « has to » appoint a representative.

### 6.5.3 The Refereeing Commission

**To add : The Refereeing Commission may make proposals to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress. It presents a report to the Congress on all the proposals which were submitted to it.**

a) The duties of the Refereeing Commission are :

- to **develop** the training of international **referees** in the various countries;
- to monitor the **good** functioning of refereeing in the major competitions of the F.I.E.;
- to propose to the Rules Commission any necessary modifications of the Rules relating to refereeing;
- to ensure **that the FIE Rules are applied by the referees in the** competitions.

b) Deleted as obsolete : *This Commission establishes the list of A or B grade referees approved by the FIE as submitted by Member Federations.*

- **the evaluation of referees (grade and observations)** during every GP competition. **A member** of the Refereeing Commission **is** appointed by the Executive Committee **for that purpose**.

c) Members of the Refereeing Commission **are allowed to referee in their national competitions only.**

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence and replacement in the texts of vague terms by more precise terms.

### 6.5.4 Disciplinary Commission

The Disciplinary Commission is responsible for handling all offences against the Rules **(except doping cases)**, 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 discipline at the sites of the competitions to be found in Articles t.114ss. of the Rules for Competitions of the F.I.E.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to bring the Statutes up to date.

### 6.5.5 The Electronic Signalling Equipment and Installations Commission (S.E.M.I.)

b) to examine any suggestions or proposals relating to the equipment **and present a report to the Executive Committee on these proposals;**

**c) The SEMI Commission may make proposals to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress. It presents a report to the Congress on all the proposals which were submitted to it.** The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their official and final form, **must** be submitted to the Rules Commission for approval by the Executive Committee.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence.

6.5.6 *The Promotion and Publicity Commission*

**The Promotion Commission may make proposals to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress. It presents a report to the Congress on all the proposals which were submitted to it.** The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their official and final form, **must** be submitted to the Rules Commission or Legal Commission as applicable, **for approval by the Executive Committee.**

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence.

6.5.7 *The Medical Commission*

It presents its suggestions or recommendations on all these issues in a report **for the Executive Committee.**

**To add : The Medical Commission may make proposals to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress. It presents a report to the Congress on all the proposals which were submitted to it. The drafting of the Congress decisions, in their official and final form, must be submitted to the Rules Commission as applicable, for approval by the Executive Committee.**

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence.

6.5.9 *The Advisory Athletes Commission*

The mission of the Advisory Commission of Athletes is to examine all questions of interest to the athletes and to present suggestions or recommendations to **the Executive Committee.**

**It may present propositions to the Executive Committee in view of their submission by the latter to the Congress.**

It may not present proposals to the Congress. On the other hand it may present proposals to the other Commissions of the FIE and for this reason it has the right to assign one of its members to represent it in each of the other Commissions.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** to enable Commissions to make propositions within their competence.

**Prop. 8) 9.1.1** A licence is granted by the F.I.E. in accordance with Article 1.2.3 bearing the following: **"The athletes who participate in FIE competitions undertake to respect the FIE anti-doping Rules, use neither prohibited substances nor prohibited methods and agree to undergo any in competition and out-of competition testing"**.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** articles 9.1.1 and 9.1.5 a) update of the texts concerning the licences further to the suppression of the licence cards.

**Prop. 9) 9.1.5 a)** Application and Issue

The licences are ordered **via the FIE Internet website** by national Federations, **for those entitled who possess the nationality of the federation.**

**Prop. 10) 10.2.2 Participation in World Championships**

A member federation which is not up to date with its financial obligations towards the FIE the day before the opening of a World Championship (junior, senior and veteran) may not participate in this World Championship, unless exception has been accepted by the Executive Committee.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** allow a federation to clear on the spot its whole debt (and not only the membership fee).

**Prop. 11) 11.1 "CHEVALIER FEYERICK" TROPHY**

11.1.3 The award will be made known to the Congress, which will ratify it. The award ceremony will be held according to the Administrative Rules.

**Executive Committee, motivation :** for the articles 11.1.3 and 11.4, to bring the Statutes up to date further to the decision of the Executive Committee to increase the standing of the trophies award by a prestigious ceremony.

**Prop. 12) 11.4 THE GRAND PRIX OF NATIONS**

a) A silver-gilt medal, the Grand Prix of Nations, is awarded each year to the federation which has obtained the best results at the World Championships. This medal is awarded during a formal ceremony organised by the Executive Committee, at the date and the place it will determine.

### French Fencing Federation (FRA)

3) Article 1.2.7 – This measure is, as it is, heavy and difficult to apply, it would be advisable to precise that it is only applicable to competitors holder of an international licence.

6) Article 3.1.2 – c) The rate of 50 % of member federations for an Extraordinary Congress is high and unusual, it could be settled at 33 %.

7) Article 4.1.4 – Last paragraph – To add « by fax or e-mail ».

11) End of the article 7 – Concerning the disputes in general which can set in the presence of the FIE, the federations between themselves, the federations, the competitors, the organiser on the occasion of competitions, and the relations between the FIE and affiliated federations, it would seem to us appropriate to put in place what already exists somewhere else, a mediator who would look for the conciliation. This mediator would be a prerequisite compulsory for all the official organisms such as the CAS or State Tribunal.

**Honduras Fencing Federation (HON)**

It is the appropriate time TO THINK ABOUT THE CHANGES WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED WITHIN OUR SPORTS FENCING FEDERATION.

Consequently, we propose to consider and submit to the next Congress to be held in Madrid, Spain / 2007, a proposal of modification of the FIE Statutes and Rules.

We have time to promote and study the following discussion.

PROPOSAL :

« THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FENCING FEDERATION (FIE) HAS THE RIGHT TO ASSUME THE POSITION OF PRESIDENT FOR A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF THREE MANDATES. BEYOND THIS LENGTH, HE CANNOT BE RE-ELECTED ».

EXPLANATIONS OF THE GROUNDS AND MOTIVATION :

1.-Democratic and representative opening, with freedom and justice, so that all the presidents of all federations have the same opportunities.

2.-To have the right and the opportunity to apply as a candidate to the presidency.

3.-In the current Statutes and Rules, we limit the application for the federations named « SMALL AND DEVELOPING ».

4.- This initiative will give the opportunity to develop fencing worldwide, because all the federations will benefit from the same rights and conditions.

5.- With the current Statutes and Rules we take the risk that the presidency becomes « DICTATORIAL ». This is not the case now but we must be careful.

6.- We will increase the GLOBALISATION AND MODERNISATION of fencing worldwide for a better sports administration quality.

7.- Undoubtedly when the «OPENINGS ARE DEMOCRATIC AND PARTICIPATIVE » a better QUALITY of candidates to the FIE Presidency is instituted.

The FIE ordinary Assembly is the highest authority which governs the destiny of fencing and we do not question your support, I have always considered you as a real leader of international fencing.