



Dear President,

Passing away of José Eduardo Dias Silvestre Correia dos Santos (POR)

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing away of Eduardo dos Santos (POR) on July 5, 2013. He was 53 years old.

Eduardo dos Santos was an engineer in the field of Electricity, Electronics and Telecommunications and held a MEMOS VII (Executive Masters in Management of Sport Organizations) diploma.

A respected member of the SEMI Commission since 1996, he was its president from 2000 to 2012. He had been re-elected member of the Commission in December 2012 at the Moscow Congress. Among others, fencing material and equipment homologation was his speciality.

He officiated at many competitions, including the Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympic Games.

From 1996 to 2012, he had acted as FIE supervisor 55 times.

Member of the Portuguese Fencing Federation's Board since 1992, he was also the Secretary General of the 2002 World Championships Organizing Committee in Lisbon, as well as organizer of many national competitions.

University Vice-Champion at sabre in 1992, he was also fencing coach of the "Lisboa Ginasio Clube" from 1990 to 1995.

Eduardo dos Santos dedicated his career and his life to fencing. The FIE is not only losing a very talented professional with a wealth of diverse expertise, but also a very dear friend to whom we pay our respects with gratitude and emotion.

He constantly faced all of life's challenges with courage and dignity, carrying his love of fencing deep within his heart.

On June 29 and 30 2013, he took part in his last SEMI Commission meeting.

In these painful times, we offer our deepest condolences and sympathy to his family and friends, and to the Portuguese Fencing Federation.

Alisher Usmanov
President