Refereeing

A) Meetings

Additional meetings were approved for the Refereeing Commission: in April in Poreč (including one with the Rules Commission Working Group) and a meeting in October/November.

B) DVD

DVDs for each weapon will have to be produced for the training of the federations' referees, the refereeing exams, the update seminars for A and B categories.

C) Administrative rules:

1) P referees: application 2013-2014 season

International referees are the responsibility of the F.I.E. and are divided into **three** categories, **A**, **B**, **P**. All referees who do not figure on the list of international referees are the responsibility of their own national federation.

3.1.1 Successful candidates who have passed the international refereeing exams are given a "provisional referee" status (P) by the FIE. These P referees must participate as referees in only one two (2) Junior World Cups, during which they will be under observation by delegates of the Refereeing Commission. After this observation, the P referees "provisional referees" considered adequate will be appointed as category B referees. The number of competitions (usually two) and their dates and places, during which P referees could be observed, will be designated by the Executive Committee at the beginning of each year. The P referees can officiate in junior competitions (World Cups and zonal Championships).

2) B referees: application 2012-2013 season

3.1.2 Category B can also be directly is awarded by the F.I.E. Refereeing Commission to candidates referees who have passed the international refereeing exams and whose level is judged in such way that it is not necessary they previously go through category P. The candidates are proposed by the national federations within the deadlines laid down by the Executive Committee.

3.4.11 Deleted.

D) Urgent decisions:

1) o.81.2, application 2013-2014 season

For Open A-grade, **Grand Prix and World Cup team competitions**, **78 referees**, proposed by the Refereeing Commission, will be designated by the Executive Committee **and delegations will not have to provide any referees**. The additional referees required (not

less than 5) will be provided by the organising committee. All the referees will be at the expense of the organisers who in return will keep the entry fees.

2) t.37.3, application 2013 J/C World Championships in Porec

For each quarter of the table, 4 referees are assigned by drawing lots from among at least 7 to 8 a list of 4 to 5 referees, to referee the bouts in the order of the table. They must be of a different nationality from that of any of the fencers participating in that quarter of the table. Then, the 4 video-consultants will be assigned by drawing lots among at least a list of 4 to 5 referees.

3) t.37.5, application 2013 J/C World Championships in Porec

For the final of 4, the Refereeing Delegates, immediately after the end of the direct elimination tables, select 4 referees by lot from among at least 7 to 8 a list of 4 to 5 referees, who must be of a different nationality from any of the fencers.

40 15 minutes before the final, the Refereeing Delegates will draw lots to assign the referees for all the bouts at the same time for the two semi-finals, in the following order: 1st semi-final, 2nd semi-final, final, and 3rd place (Olympic Games).

As soon as the two semi-finals are over, the Refereeing Delegates will establish a list of 4-5 referees and draw lots to assign the referee and the video-consultant for the final, as well as (at the OG) the referee and the video-consultant of the bout for the 3rd place.