



**Dear President,**

**Death of Petro Azarchenkov (UKR), Vice-President of the Ukrainian Fencing Federation, FIE referee**

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Petro Azarchenkov (UKR).

Mr. Petro Azarchenkov, Vice-President of the Ukrainian Fencing Federation and FIE referee, passed away on October 19th 2014 following a month-long struggle with a serious illness. Petro Azarchenkov was born in Kiev, on September 19th 1972, and became interested in fencing during his early childhood, subsequently devoting his whole life to fencing.

In 2009 Mr. Azarchenkov was elected the Vice-President of the Ukrainian Fencing Federation. His sensitive management and professionalism made it possible for Ukrainian athletes to win more than 80 awards at the World and European Championships in just 6 years, as well as bringing Ukraine gold and bronze medals at the Olympic Games in London.

In 2012 Mr. Azarchenkov was awarded the honorary title of Honoured Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine for his efficient work.

Petro Azarchenkov was a highly qualified international referee and showed exceptional expertise when judging FIE competitions. Mr. Azarchenkov was always cheerful, active, energetic and positive; he was simply a great person.

The International Fencing Federation expresses its sincere condolences to Peter Azarchenkov's family and friends, and to his national federation.

**Alisher Usmanov  
President**