



Dear President,

Death of Mrs Hayet Besbes (TUN), former foilist and FIE referee

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Mrs Hayet Besbes on 19 October 2014 in Monastir, after a long illness.

Hayet Besbes, wife of Mr Ali Besbes, former Vice-President of the Tunisian Fencing Federation and mother of 5 children, all on the national Tunisian fencing team, had dedicated her life to our sport.

She participated in the Tunisian individual and team Championships and Cups as early as 1972, and in the Team World Military Championship in 1981. She won the gold medal in the Arab Championships in 1976.

Hayet Besbes graduated as a Physical Education teacher and coach, working in Tunisia and in the United Arab Emirates. As a coach, she led the women's national team to the individual and team Arab Championships in 1984 and 1985.

During her career she was in turn coach for the club, coach for the Tunisian women's national team, national technical consultant and then she was in charge of the technical direction in her Federation.

Hayet Besbes became a federal referee in 1980, and then a well-known international referee at sabre and epee in 2000.

We would like to extend our sincere condolences and sympathy to her family, friends and to the Tunisian Fencing Federation in these difficult times.

**Alisher Usmanov
President**