

FIE Veterans Council Meeting

Lausanne, Switzerland - 4th to 6th July 2014

Present: F.Kwong SIN (Veterans Council President)
M.Geuter (Executive Committee Representative)
R.Comes USA, G.Ferdinandy HUN
C.Oliver GBR/AUS B.Pincemaille FRA
M.Rakita RUS M-L.Someroja FIN
D.Sweeney GBR

Apologies: A..Akbarijavid (on duty as IRI Head Coach in Korea)

Item 1. Welcome

MG opened the meeting at 09:00hr on Friday 4th July and welcomed all council members present. Gave some news about FIE organisation, a third FIE website is being developed to replace the 2 in existence. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Marina asking if it was possible for space to be made available for veterans to hold archived results websites etc. so that it can be easily accessed by future World Championships organisers.

Candidates for World Veterans Championships

2015 - Limoges only proposal to date.

2016 - Canada?

2017 - ?

Item 2. Minutes of meetings

The minutes of the last official meeting in Lausanne were proposed and accepted as a true record. FK reported that there had been "informal" meetings since the last meeting in Lausanne last July, Varna and Paris. Minutes have been circulated to Council members.

Item 3. Veterans Council comments on proposals for amendments to the FIE Rules.

3a: Rules

Proposal 1: Do not agree would prefer to keep the status quo. After the Veterans World Championships in Debrecen the Veterans Council will produce new proposals for consideration by the FIE Congress.

Proposal 2: Proposal for Veterans

o.88 Referees

Item 1. - **Disagree** with proposal, will stay with the status quo, with fine of €2000 but with at least 2 months notice of referees.

Item 2. - **Disagree**

Item 3. - **Agree**

o.89 Invitations for international officials - Agree

Chapter 8.1 Individual Championships

0.90 Composition of pools - Disagree will propose new rules for Veterans after test in Debrecen.

o.91 Elimination - Agree

o.92 Duration of matches - Agree

Chapter 8.2 Team Championships

o.93 Participation - Disagree - Disagree will propose new rules after test in Debrecen
o.94 Formula of the competition - Disagree will propose new rules after test in Debrecen

3b. Proposed Changes to statutes

Proposal 32 - Agree

Proposal 33 - Agree

Proposal 34 - Agree

Proposal 40 - Agree

Representatives of the Rules Commission joined the meeting (later) to receive our views on their proposals as given above.

Item 4. World Veterans Championships

Rules: Amendments to rules proposed, agreed unanimously and written up, See Appendix 1.
Rules to be forwarded to Organisers in Debrecen - **Action G.F.**

Timetable: It was agreed to adhere to 6 day timetable. The details of event timings and the pistes required was examined and a revised programme agreed.
Program to be sent to Debrecen Organisers - **Action G.F.**

Seeding: The format for seeding for the FIE World Championships.
The use of the result from only the previous championships was unsatisfactory.
After discussion of the benefits of either 2 or 3 years it was decided by the Councils Presidents casting vote that the seeding should be based on the two previous years.
It was agreed that ranking points should be carried forward if a fencer changes category (5 votes in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions).
B.P. showed simulation in which he showed that using the FIE method of ranking points (i.e. based on allocation for 1st 2nd, L4, L8 etc. it was possible, because of the there being only two events in consideration, it was possible to have a lot of equal seedings.
B.P. proposed a system where the ranking points in any quartile, octile etc , at a seeding event, were separated in order of ranking by one half point. This system was demonstrated to produce very few equal seeding points. It was agreed by voting that the B.P. modified system should be used (4 in favour, of B.P. system 3 in favour of FIE system and 2 abstentions).
It was agreed that these rules should be tested at the 2014 World Veterans Championships in Debrecen.
Veterans Council to organise the seeding list for 2014 and supply to the D.T. in Debrecen after the entry closing date - **Action B.P.**

2014 Debrecen:

- G.F gave latest information on 2014 World Championships in Debrecen
- a. website: www.vetsfencingwc14/program test only
- b. Travel agent Well Travel for accommodation www.welltravel.hu
- c. 16 pistes including the finals piste. Final piste will be separated from the others.
- d. There will be an extra room with training pistes.
- e. Transfers between airports, hotels and venue are being organised.
- f. The championships will be run using the PBT electronic system

Item 5. Competition Issues

See items above

Item 6. What is Veterans Council role in World Veterans Championships?

Proposed FIE Veterans Council Activity in World Championships			
Candidature	Before	During	Post event
Assist with preparation of submission Advise FIE using experience of Veterans Council	Examine time line Establish milestones with organisers e.g .- website, - Accommodation - Draft documents Prepare Questionnaire	2014 Debrecen Establish visibility of FIE Veterans Council Collect answers on Questionnaire Action - G.F. D.S. R.C. B.P.	Thank organisers Archiving of full results, data and website Cost analysis Request report from D.T. Feedback from Heads of Delegations

Item 7. Update on Veterans Fencing in the Zones/regions

Reports were received from the zones and are given in the Appendices

- America: Appendix 2.
- Asia: Appendix 3.
- Europe: Appendix 4.

Item 8. Usmanov Special Endowment Fund

M.G explained the situation, as he understood it, as follows;

- a. It appears that the Special fund is being used for totally for socio /health purposes.
- b. the interest, on the capital of the fund, received after the first year was very much less than was anticipated.
- c. All administration of the fund is being carried out in Moscow
- d. Use of the fund for the development of veterans fencing has not been realised.
- e. There had been a proposal that it would be a good idea to have a fund logo. A meeting on this topic was arranged but it did not take place.

The FIE Veterans council was very disappointed that their input to the Usmanov Special fund appears now to be not required.

It was agreed that, notwithstanding the information received, that we should continue with the proposal to be submitted to the fund, for the development of Veterans Fencing worldwide involving Zonal Veterans championships and World Championships.

Item 9. Other Business

FIE CMS System

FIE CMS system, it was agreed that we should use the cms system for this year to see it it works for our council.

RC will talk to Mr El Bakry to investigate the long term prospects of the system and find out exactly what it can do for us.

Mr El Bakry joined the meeting to give a presentation and short tutorial on the FIE cms system.

Frederic Pietruszka General Secretary FIE

Mr Pietruszka joined the meeting. He informed the council that the FIE considered Veterans Fencing was very important to the FIE in terms of activity and membership. He asked if the council had any questions.

Q1. Is it possible to have the **full** results for Veterans World Championships to be easily accessible and to have a Veterans page on the FIE website?

A1. The FIE is working on a new website, which will replace the two existing versions. He will talk to Nathalie and Martina to see what is possible.

Q2. Is it possible to record referees activity at Veterans World Championships on the Referee page of the website?

A2. He will see if it is possible.

Q3. What is the current situation regarding gender realignment issue?

A3. The FIE is bound to comply with the IOC and other legal regulations and therefore there is no change.

Item 10. Annual Review

Achievements:

- a. Several designs for Veterans logo produced. Final design to be submitted to FIE for approval.
- b. A project for the development of Veterans Fencing world wide is being worked up, ongoing.

Objectives for July 2014 to July 2015:

	Key Performance Indicators
1	Questionnaire for Debrecen - Create: Action B.P. & All - Implement: Action All - Analyse returns: Action All - Proposals: Action All - Specific Veterans Council input: Action All
2	New Logo for FIE Veterans in place by July 2015: Action C.O & All (Note: Congress submission deadline May 2015)
3	Finalise Format for Team Championships after Debrecen: Action All - Submit proposals for Rules o.81, o.88 & o.90 to Rules Commission.

Meeting closed 13:00hr Sunday 06th July

After lunch, Council members enjoyed a visit to the Olympic Museum, Lausanne.

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Appendix I

RULES FOR VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENTS

Agreed by FIE Veterans Council - 4th July 2014

1) Teams constitution :

- 1.1 A team is constituted with one "A", one "B" and one "C" with one reserve at each category, optional. Only fencers who have participated in the individual championships are eligible for the team championships at that weapon.
- 1.2 Delegations must register and pay for their teams on the same date as the individual entries.
- 1.3 Names of team members must be submitted to D.T. by 5 pm on the day of the individual championships at that weapon.
- 1.4 Team seeding is determined using the rankings from the individual results at that weapon for each of the three nominated fencers, (the lower the cumulative ranking the higher the seeding).
- 1.5 In the case of a team being short of one fencer in a weapon the team can use a fencer who has competed in the individual championships at another weapon may be used but his ranking will be deemed to be the last ranking at that weapon plus 1.
- 1.6 Composite teams, from different nations, will not be permitted.
- 1.7 Each team may replace a fencer before the beginning of a bout.
There can be only one replacement per match, except in case of injury certified by a doctor where substitution may be immediate.
- 1.8. A fencer who withdraws through injury may not participate further in that weapon team event.

2) Formula for matches :

- 2.1 Fencers in Category A will only fence opponents in Category A, Fencers in Category B will only fence opponents in Category B and fencers in Category C will only fence opponents in Category C. Each fencer will fence twice.
- 2.2 Formula :
 - 2.2.1. Each bout of the relay match consists of five hits (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30); the maximum time for each bout is 3 minutes.
 - 2.2.2. The first two opponents fence until one of them has scored five hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes. The next two opponents fence until one of their scores has reached ten hits, within the time limit of 3 minutes, and so on with successive bouts, cumulatively, of five hits.
 - 2.2.3. If by the expiry of 3 minutes of fencing time the intended score for the bout has not been achieved, the next two fencers take up the score where it was left off and fence up to the maximum score intended for their bout as normal, within the time limit of 3 minutes.
 - 2.2.4. The winning team is that which first reaches the maximum score of 30 hits, or that which has scored the greatest number of hits after the expiry of regulation time.

2.2.5. If at the end of regulation time for the last bout the scores are equal, the match continues for a deciding hit, with a maximum time limit of one minute, fought for by the fencers of the last bout in the match. Before the fencing recommences the Referee draws lots to decide who will be the winner if scores are still equal at the end of the extra minute.

2.3. Substitution

2.3.1.

- a) In the course of a match the captain of a team may ask to substitute for a fencer the reserve nominated before the start of the match. This substitution may only be made at the end of a bout. The fencer who has been replaced may not fence again during that match in order to replace a fencer on the piste, even in the case of an accident or unavoidable circumstances. The announcement that a fencer is to be substituted, which must be reported to the Referee and the opposing team captain, must be made at the latest before the beginning of the bout preceding the next bout of the fencer who is to be replaced.
- b) If an accident occurs in the bout which follows the request for a substitution, the team captain may annul that request.
- c) If the captain of the opposing team has also requested a substitution, this substitution may be implemented or cancelled.

2.3.2.

- a) If a member of a team is obliged to retire during a match as the result of an accident which has been duly recognised by a medical representative of the FIE, the captain of his team may ask to put in a reserve to continue the match at the point where the competitor who was obliged to retire withdrew, even during a bout in progress.
- b) However, a competitor who is thus replaced cannot again take his place in the team during the same match.

2.3.3. If both a fencer and the reserve, if any, are forced to retire, or if a fencer is excluded, their team has lost the match.

2.3.4. When for any reason whatever a team does not complete an event in which it is taking part, the Directoire Technique will apply the rules laid down for a competitor who does not complete an event in an individual competition, each team being considered in its entirety as being a single competitor.

2.3.5. When a team fails to appear against another team it is considered:

- a) as not completing the event in which it is taking part, if it has already fenced against another team (cf. o.25);
- b) as not competing at all in the event, if it is its first match.

2.4 The order of the bouts for each match will be determined at random by the D.T. in the presence of the team captains.

2.5 Non combativity FIE rules will apply.

2.6 The formula for the number of teams is:

- a) 3 to 5 teams: poule unique only. Equality of victories to be resolved by indicators according to FIE rules (o.19)
- b) 6 and more teams: poule of 3 or 4 followed by tableau, maximum 16, match for bronze medal.

2.7 If a country fields a fencer not on the official team entry list, that team will be disqualified

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Appendix 2

USA – Prepared by Rita Comes Whitney – Member of the FIE Veteran Council

The number of Veteran fencers in the US has increased over the last few years. The US continues to hold Veteran National Events along with other National Events at the same time so that the Veteran participants can participate in several events during a competition and the Veterans are not stigmatized as separate from other USFA members.

Current USFA Veteran Membership:

USA Fencing – Veteran Fencing Membership Data (as of 07/01/2014)

- Total Veterans (1974 and earlier): 5,398
- Male Veterans: 3,740
- Female Veterans: 1,658
- VET 40 (1965-1974): 2,054
- VET 50 (1955-1964): 2,003
- VET 60 (1945-1954): 1,033
- VET 70 (1944 and earlier): 308

Summer National Veteran Participants June 2014 Columbus, Ohio

<u>V40ME</u>	38
<u>V40MF</u>	22
<u>V40MS</u>	24
<u>V40WE</u>	27
<u>V40WF</u>	22
<u>V40WS</u>	12
<u>V50ME</u>	67
<u>V50MF</u>	47
<u>V50MS</u>	32
<u>V50WE</u>	35
<u>V50WF</u>	31
<u>V50WS</u>	17
<u>V60ME</u>	50
<u>V60MF</u>	25
<u>V60MS</u>	14
<u>V60WE</u>	16
<u>V60WF</u>	12
<u>V60WS</u>	13
<u>V70ME</u>	16
<u>V70MF</u>	11
<u>V70MS</u>	11
<u>V70WE</u>	5
<u>V70WF</u>	6
<u>V70WS</u>	Canceled
Total	553

Team Participation

Team events have increased over the year – USFA April North American Cup had 10 VTWE, 9 VTMS, 7 VTWF, 10 VTMF, and 10 VTME. Many competitions are adding Veteran Team Events to local and Regional Events. This has been proved a successful addition marketing and monetarily for competitions.

Veteran Camps and Competitions

There has been a significant increase in Veteran Camps and Veteran Competitions across the United States with the USA Team doing extremely well. Many Veteran Fencers are able to attend camps and competitions around the world.

The 2014 Youth and Veteran Pan American Championships will be held August 20-24, 2014 in Santa Cruz, Aruba at the Betico Croes Sport Center. Team USA can bring a maximum of six fencers per weapon per category.

At the August 2013 Youth and Veteran Pan American Championships held in San Jose, Costa Rica, the US won eighteen medals - six of them Gold.

Team USA did very well in Varna in the individual events and was able to excel during the Demo Team Event.

Appendix 4

European Veterans Fencing Report to FIE Veterans Council Meeting Lausanne, Switzerland – 4th to 6th July 2014

Brief history of European Veterans Fencing

Prior to 1991 veterans fencing had been growing in Europe and friendly matches were held between several countries over the few years before.

In 1991, at the time of the first European Veterans Individual Fencing Championships in Loughborough UK, the European Veterans Fencing Committee (EVFC) was formed. A President, Vice President and Chairman were elected to oversee the development of European Veterans Fencing.

European Veterans Individual Championships are held in even numbered years and Team Championships in odd numbered years.

Current status

Individual Championships are organised in odd numbered years for both men and women at all 3 weapons in the age categories 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 & 70+. Until this year Team Championships for both men and women at all weapons were organised, in even numbered years, in which teams of 3 fencers (with a possibility of 2 reserves) must have a minimum aggregate age of 150 years. Any substitutions must respect the minimum age rule.

Starting this year the Team Championships has been extended to allow a second tier of teams with a minimum aggregate age of 195 years where all team members must be over 60 and at least one must be 70 years or older. This new age category was introduced to enable older fencers, who might have problems being selected for the 150 category teams, to extend their fencing careers in European Team Fencing. The name of this older team category is Grand Veterans and its introduction has been popularly supported.

There are 1518 men and 507 women fencers who have participated in at least one European Championship from 2008.

The European Individual Championships attract entries of 1300 to 1400 weapon entries. In the 2014 Team championships the number of weapon teams entered was 101.

It is our experience that the introduction of European Championships, and later the World Championships, has been a major in encouraging participation. Fencers who might have decided to retire have been able to extend their fencing careers into older age. This is particularly true when championships are organised to a high standard technically and visually. It is also believed that many new and social fencers have been encouraged to participate

REPORTS OF NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 2014 EUROPEAN VETERANS FENCING CONGRESS

BEL

The number of registered veterans is about 65, a little lower than last year. The national championships are enjoyed with many fencers competing at more than one weapon but participation is not as high as it could be. We are looking for a solution to this.

CZE

Veterans Association formed in 2005 with 5 members. Currently there are 80 active members.

We have organised 9 veteran events including the CZE Veterans Championships at all weapons. Results of competitions and news are posted the website www.fencing.cz . Czech veterans have competed in tournaments in Poland, Germany, Austria and Italy.

Czech Veterans are not supported financially by their Federation, the expense of participation is a problem for members.

DEN

Interest in veterans fencing is growing slowly. The Danish Veterans Fencing Association has a minor budget from the Danish Fencing Federation. Two successful national training camps and national championships have been organised.

Denmark won a Bronze medal in Men's Epee at the 2013 World Championships in Varna.

FIN

This year the Finnish championships were in Helsinki, but it did not increase participants. We had in men's epee, foil and saber individual championships partly 40-50-60 categories altogether and only in epee teams, in ladies only categories 40-50-60 altogether in foil and epee individual.

Other veteran tournaments were organized in Kupittaa in October, where this time was only men's epee. Also in the Levi Open in January we had several veteran fencers participating in foil and epee. Finland took gold in Varna World championships in women's foil, bronze in Terni Europeans in women's epee. Some Finnish veteran fencers participated also in other international tournaments abroad like Nordic Open Championships in Ystad Sweden, Ohrid Lake Cup in Macedonia and epee Nordic championships in Tallinn Estonia.

Many of our veteran fencers still compete in Finnish national senior tournaments with good results.

FRA

French fencing veteran's activity is still healthy and attracts more fencers each year. The participation to the national competitions has an average participation of 180 women and men for the 8 epee circuits and 120 to the 6 sabre & fleuret common circuits, all categories being mixed in poules, with handicap. 700 men and 200 women are ranked. More than 50 teams are participating to the epee team French championships by club. The participation of foreign fencers to our competitions is increasing.

Italian, German and Swiss fencers participated to the Fareins (near Lyon) tournaments at fleuret, sabre and epee, while Saint Maur (near Paris) hosted more than 270 epee fencers (women and men) in the individual competitions and first class club teams from Italy, Swiss and Russia. More foreign teams will be welcome with our well appreciated formula.

The organisation of our Veterans practice is well supported by the French Fencing Federation.

160 French Veterans participated last year to the European Championships in Terni; with 20 medals they ranked first in the total of medals. With 8 medals at the World Championships in Varna, we ranked 3rd. With 12 teams in Porec this year, we will participate in all weapons and categories.

GER

Membership of German Veterans Fencing continues to be strong with currently about 450 members across all age categories.

Competitions: The National circuit includes three official individual events (Kassel, Munich and Hamburg) plus one team competition (Dresden) and the German Championship (Bad Dürkheim). In each competition all weapons and age categories are present. The number of foreign fencers attending German competitions is increasing. In the last qualifying tournament in Munich in April 2014 foreign

fencers from 12 countries were ranked. The number of teams at the national team championship 2014 was nearly at the same level as last year with 43 teams.

At the European championship at Ternie the German fencers were rather successful and won four gold medals. At the World championship at the city of Varna Germany won 3 Gold medals and in total 14 medals.

International Relationships: On September 7th 2013 the Italian friends came to Hamburg for a friendly team competition in all 6 weapons. The venue was the beautiful Hamburg Stock Exchange. In the evening the social network was maintained. Both teams intend to repeat this tournament every second year. Next year most likely in Italy.

In March 2014 the veteran fencers from Hungary came over to Germany for a further tournament. This time the venue was at the city of Ditzingen in the south of Germany.

Our news are published on our website: <http://www.senioren.fechten.org/>

GBR

British Veterans Fencing (BVF) membership continues to increase and now stands at 569. 2013 was another successful year. At the European Individual Championships in Terni we were placed 6th in the medal table with 1 gold, 4 silver and 8 bronze medals. We successfully placed a bid to host the 2016 European Team Championships in Medway, Kent and preparations for this are well under way. At the World Championships in Varna, Bulgaria we were 6th in the medal table with 1 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals. Our 6th annual Winton cup, an inter county team event in all weapons, was a success and we welcomed some new members. Competitions in 2014 have been the British Veterans Championships; the Veterans London Spring Open, a new event held at the Leon Paul Centre; the West Midlands Open, and the Veterans Home Nations held in Edinburgh, a bi-annual team competition in all weapons contested by England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, with England winning overall. The Age Groups will take place in June. The 2014 Commonwealth Veterans Fencing Championships will be held in Largs, Scotland, in November immediately following on from the Senior Commonwealth Fencing Championships and this is eagerly anticipated.

IRL

As was stated in previous years, the Irish Veteran Fencing Committee (IVFC) is a sub committee of the Irish Fencing Federation (IFF), and represents it in all matters of Veteran Fencing. The IFF has responsibility for all fencing in Ireland.

In April 2014 in the Quad Match, between Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, Ireland finished third. This was a combined North South team.

We have a team taking part in the 195+ men's epee at the European Veterans team championships in Porec this week.

Veteran fencing is still increasing in Ireland.

ITA

The Italian veterans activity is still growing continuously and steadily. Compared to the 2012-2013, in the current 2013-2014 season we are experiencing a 10% AMIS members increase (as of today, 451 AMIS members in total) and a 16% increase in the veterans participating to competitions, that are open also to non-AMIS members (in total 2376 participants to the 6 National Circuit Competitions, 1736 men and 640 women). Competitions: The National Veterans Circuit is made up of 6 events and 1 team competition for Regions organized by a local committee with the support of AMIS; in addition to the 6 competitions, the Italian Veterans Championships are directly organized by the Italian Fencing Federation. In each competition all weapons and age category, men and women, are present. The National Veterans Circuit as well as the Veterans Italian Championships include also the 0 Age Category (30-39 years old) that gives the possibility to the fencers older than 30 years and with no ambition in the Senior competition, to compete with fencers of

the same ability level. The season 2013-2014 was also attended by foreign fencers from different European countries. In three national events the participation has been over than 450 athletes.

Our National teams have been present at the European Veterans Individual Championships in Terni with 17 medals and the 1st place in the medal table for nations and at the World Veterans Championships in Varna with 8 medals and the 4th place in the medal table.

International Relationships: During the last years, AMIS have continued the pleasant custom to meet the German friends for a friendly team competition including all weapons (for a total of 6 matches). Due to the various engagements of both, now the competition takes place every two years; last September 2013 the team competition took place in Hamburg, being hosted by our German friends in the beautiful venue of the Hamburg Stock Exchange, and next year the match will take place likely in September 2015 (location to be defined).

In addition to the sports part the event, we would like to underline the different side events of the match...sightseeing tour of the town, informal dinners in typical restaurants, gala dinner, etc.

Since many years AMIS organize training camps in different parts of Italy and in different period of the year; we would like to mention the significant foreign presence at the summer camp in Valles (BZ) at the end of August, with the presence of fencers coming also from Russia and the training event held in early January, that takes place in Rome since three years (with British, Swedish, Spanish and other foreign fencers). Furthermore the participation of foreign fencers to the National Circuit Competitions is increasingly frequent, complete groups of fencers from German, Spanish, Russian, British, Swiss clubs participate to the competitions not only in Northern Italy (Torino, Zevio) but also in Southern Italy (Salerno). Similarly increasing is the number of Italian fencers that pass the border to participate to competitions of the Veterans Circuits in France, Hungary, Germany (Hamburg and Munich in particular), some of them own also a foreign license.

POR

Mr. Fonseca Santos, Coordinator of the Veterans Committee of the Portuguese Fencing Federations (PFF) has been present in the 2013 EVFC Congress. The PFF has scheduled the organization of the National Veterans Championships for the end of May 2014. During this period, two epee tournaments for Veterans have been organized by the AAACM Club and the CDUL Club. Some Veterans went to Spain to compete in Spanish tournaments. The majority of our Veterans have also competed in Senior Portuguese Championships.

Unfortunately, this year it has not been possible to organize a team to play in the European Veterans Championship, and so our Federation will not be represented in the Congress. May be one or two of us will be present in the World Championships, in Hungary. The targets for 2014-2015 are to bring back to fencing much more Veteran Fencers and to re-introduce Foil competitions in our calendar of events.

ROM

We organize two national competitions: National Championship -(October -9th edition) and in December 2013, our members from Constanta organized "Albatros" Cup -second edition- and we hope this become a tradition. Unfortunately, the only weapon present at those competition is epee --men (cat. I, II and III), but we are hardly working to engage all weapons.

Romanian veterans have participated in European Championship in Terni and we are present in Porec with one team (epee men +150), for the first time in a team competition.

Our veterans participated in n Budapest Cup and Polish Veterans Cup, (5 fencers).

We wish you a pleasant competition in Porec and hope to see you soon.

RUS

In 2013 – 2014 the Russian Federation veterans fencing (VFF) following work was done

In October 2013 the Russian team took part in the world Championships in Varna where we got 2 gold and 1 silver medal. In November 2013 we conducted an Open Cup in Moscow as well as Open Cup of Russia where more than 150 athletes participated. In December 2013 was held the Moscow epee

tournament in commemoration of Olympic medallist, world champion, Victor Modzolevsky. In January – February 2014, our athletes veterans participated in competitions in foil and epee in France in March – in Italy. In the same period were organised and held open tournaments sabre in Moscow , St Petersburg and Nizhny Novgorod. 14-15 March 2014 we held an open championship of Moscow. March 22-23 held open Championships of Russia, we first conducted in St Petersburg. This championship was attended by 175 people from 26 regions of Russia. Subsequently, most likely we will hold the Championships of Russia – St Petersburg, and Cups Russia- in Moscow. Such an agreement exists.

We introduce the practice of open championships and tournaments. We invite everyone to participate in all of our competitions. They are open to all. Calendar of our events posted on our website:

www.veterans.fencing.ru . Those who wish to participate in our competitions can contact via e-mail rusvetfencing@gmail.com or aap49@mail.ru .

Interest of our veterans fencing grows. In veterans sports comes a lot of new, capable people. The practice of holding competitions in different regions of the country gives you the opportunity to attract new athletes who still did not dare to enter the fencing podium.

In the European Team Championships 2014 in Porec, we will take part 9 teams a total of 45 athletes. Our work continues. We get support from the public, from the National Fencing Federation and are optimistic about the future.

SWE

The amount of Swedish fencers in the age of above 40 is now 100. That is fencers with license. There are also a lot of veterans that prefer only to train, not to compete. I think the Katter group is important too, of many reasons, and a group I would like to develop in Sweden – of health reasons. National championships could this year - 2013 -be held on men's épée and on men's foil only and unfortunately with a little less participants than the year before. There are too few female fencers fit enough to have a championships on any weapon. We are now trying to arrange the veterans' championships the same weekend as the seniors' to make it easier for everyone to cooperate.

However, European Championships in Terni, Italy assembled the largest group of Swedish veteran-fencers ever and both foil- and épée-fencers on both genders participated in Italy. There are several reasons for that. Having had a European Championships in our own country had encouraged a lot of fencers. It gave publicity to a lot of former fencers, as well in Sweden as well as Swedish fencers living abroad. Good information ahead of time and good possibilities to travel to Terni were two things that made a big team reality. Two bronze-medals and many happy faces was the result.

In the World Championships in Varna, Bulgaria, Sweden was represented in several classes.

to more good and willing fencers than places in the team we have now started with a system of points for fencers who have participated in competitions, both in senior classes and In veteran classes to be able to seed for the best team. That is not popular all over but is a way to encourage to more competing too. We will evaluate this system later on.

We have also parted the responsibility of veteran-fencing into two positions, one person is part of the board of the Swedish Fencing Federation and the other person has a more operating role. The point is that it hopefully will lead to better and faster results in developing this part of fencing.

A goal for next year is to go to more veteran tournaments abroad, as there are only two in Sweden. With invitations well ahead of time that will be a reality and we are grateful for the invitations that reach the federation as well as the veteran-leader personally.

D.Sweeney
EVFC President
July 2014

2014 Asian Veteran Circuit

Date	Country	City	Event Name
Mar 21-23	Australia	Melbourne	AFC 1
Apr 27	Hong Kong	Wanchai	Hong Kong Team Challenge
Jun 7-9	Australia	Adelaide	AFC 2
Jun 12-15	Singapore	Jurong	Fencing Singapore International
Jun 20-23	Thailand	Bangkok	Navy Open
Sept 5-8	Australia	Perth	AFC 3
Oct 11-12	Hong Kong	Tung Chung	Veteran Cup Challenge
Nov 3	Japan	Tokyo	All Japan Veteran
End Nov	Taiwan	Taipei	Landseen Open
Dec 5-9	Australia	Canberra	AFC National
Dec 6-7	Hong Kong		President's Cup

Events/Weapons	Notes
Open & Veteran, All	
Open & Veteran, All -Team Only	Veteran Ladies are 35+
Open & Veteran, All	
Open & Veteran, All with Team	
Open & Veteran, All	
Open & Veteran, All with Team	
Veteran, All with Team	Veteran Ladies are 35+
Veteran, All	Veteran Ladies are 35+
Open & Veteran, All	
Open & Veteran, All	
MF,ME,MS	Separate event per age category

Veteran Fencing in Asia Pacific

<p>Countries that have active veteran fencing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia • China • Hong Kong • India • Indonesia • Japan • Malaysia • New Zealand • Philippines • Singapore • South Korea • Chinese Taipei • Thailand 	<p>Levels of Veteran fencing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club • National • International
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Developed Veteran Fencing Countries

<p>Australia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFC – 4 competitions/yr • State – Veteran • Clubs – Veteran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established ranking system • Age group • Both genders taking part 	<p>Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Veteran Championship (Oct/Nov) • Handicap system • 1 point in poule • 2 points in DE • Per 10 years • Both genders taking part
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Developing Countries

<p>Thailand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs events • Navy Veteran • Air Force Veteran • Individual only and only gentlemen fencers 	<p>Hong Kong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs events but sanctioned by HKFA • Individual and Team • Small number of lady fencers
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Developing Countries

<p>Taiwan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Veteran incorporated into Taipei Open • 2013 started all 3 weapons • Only gentlemen fencers 	<p>Singapore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Events • International – all 3 weapons Individual and Team • Not enough ladies veteran fencers
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Countries with high potentials for developing veteran Fencing

- Iran
- Philippines
- Malaysia
- Indonesia
- India
- China
- South Korea



2014 Veterans Calendar

Includes Asia Pacific Veterans Circuit Events

Date	Country	City / State / Province	Event Name	Asia Pacific Veterans Circuit Event	Events	Notes
Jan 11	Germany	Wuppertal	Schwebebahnpokal		All	
Jan 11-12	Italy	San Daniele	Italian Veterans Circuit 3		All	
Jan 12	Netherlands	Gorssel	Ferrum Vetum 1		All	
Jan 25	Germany	Potsdam	Alter Fritz & Königin Luise		ME, WE	
Jan 25-26	France	St. Maur	EFC		ME, WE + Teams	
Jan 26	Canada	Anjou	Veterans Circuit #2		All	
Feb 1-2	Finland	Levi	Levi Open		ME, WE, MF, WF	
Feb 2	France	Faches-Thumesnil	Veterans National Circuit		MF, WF, MS, WS	
Feb 8-9	Italy	Foggia	Italian Veterans Circuit 4		All	
Feb 8-9	Germany	Kassel	EFC		All	
Feb 8-9	New Zealand	Dunedin	NZ Masters		All	
Mar 1	France	Lisieux	Foil/Epee Vets		ME, WE, MF, WF	
Mar 9	Netherlands	Capelle aan den IJssel	Ferrum Vetum 2		All	
Mar 15	France	Bourges	EFC		MS, WS	
Mar 15-16	Italy	Torino	Italian Veterans Circuit 5		All	
Mar 21-23	Australia	Melbourne	AFC 1	YES	All	
Early Apr (*)	Curacao		Coupe Curacao		All	
Apr 3-6	Venezuela	Margarita Island	Venezuela Masters Cup		All	
Apr 5-6	Germany	Munchen	EFC		All	
Apr 5-6	Australia	Townsville	North Queensland Masters		All	
Apr 11-14	USA	Minneapolis	North American Cup		All + Teams	
Apr 23-28	Canada	Montreal	Challenge de Nations		All	Veterans are 45+
Apr 27	Hong Kong		Hong Kong Team Challenge	YES	All – Teams only	Veteran women are 35+
May 10	Denmark	Copenhagen	Trekanten International		MF, WF	
May 10-11	Germany	Hamburg	EFC		All	

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May 11	Netherlands	Tilburg	Ferrum Vetum 3		All	
May 17	Belgium	Hasselt	Jeugdcup Maître Verboven/Borrelmenneke		ME, WE	
May 18	Netherlands	Venlo	Vlaaiientoernooi Venlo		ME, WE	
May 31-Jun 1	Sweden	Ystad	EFC		ME, WE	
Jun (*)	Canada		Can / Am Veteran Victory Cup		All	
Jun 7-9	Australia	Adelaide	AFC 2	YES	All	
Jun 12-15	Singapore		Fencing Singapore International	YES	All	
Jul (*)	Thailand	Bangkok	Navy Open			Veterans are 41+
Sep 5-8	Australia	Perth	AFC 3	YES	All + Club Teams	
Sep 27-28	Hong Kong		Veterans Cup Challenge	YES	All + Teams	Veteran women are 35+
Oct	Canada		October Canada Cup		ME, MF, MS	
Oct 21-26	Hungary	Gyor	World Veterans Championships		All + Teams	Veterans are 50+, separate events per age category
Early Nov (*)	Taiwan	Taipei	Landseed Open	YES	ME, MF, MS	
Nov 3	Japan	Tokyo	Japan National Championships	YES	All	Veteran women are 35+
Nov 16-20	Scotland	Largs	Commonwealth Veterans		All	Competitors must be FIE licenced with a Commonwealth Nation
Dec	Canada		December Canada Cup		ME, MF, MS	
Dec 5-9	Australia	Canberra	AFC Nationals / Oceania Nationals	YES	All + Teams	
Dec 6-7	Hong Kong		Presidents Cup		ME, MF, MS	Veterans known as "Senior", separate events per age category
Mid-Dec (*)	USA	TBA	North American Cup		Yes	Separate events per age category

(*) indicates estimated, based on previous years