



Dear President,

Death of Dame Mary Alison Glen-Haig DBE, MH

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Dame Mary Alison Glen-Haig DBE, former British foilist and Member of Honour of the FIE.

Born on July 12th 1918 in London, Mary Alison Glen-Haig had a professional career as a hospital manager in London, in particular at *King's College Hospital*, from 1939 to 1973. She also worked at *Charing Cross Hospital* from 1974 to 1982, where she was district administrator and from 1981 to 1985, she was President of the *Princess Christian Windsor hospital*.

At the same time, she had a sports career as a fencer from 1937 to 1959. During these years, she participated in many national and international competitions. She participated in the 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960 Olympic Games at individual foil and team foil also in 1960. She won two gold medals at the British Empire Games (later the Commonwealth Games) in 1950 and 1954 in individual foil.

Mary Alison Glen-Haig also worked as a sports administrator. Since 1948, she was the fencing representative to the British Olympic Association, the Executive Committee of which she has been member since 1972.

She was President of the British Ladies Amateur Fencing Union from 1964 to 1973; President of the Amateur Fencing Association from 1986; British Representative to the FIE from 1972 to 1986; President of the British Olympic Association Medical Trust from 1989 to 1993; Chairman of the Central Council of Physical Recreation from 1975 to 1981, and Vice-president since 1982; Member of the British Sports Council from 1966 to 1982; President of the British Sports Association for the Disabled from 1981 to 1991 and Honorary President for life since 1991.

In 1982, she was one of the first female members of the IOC, until 1994, the year during which she became an honorary member of the IOC. She was member of the IOC Medical Commission from 1983 to 1993.

Mary Alison Glen-Haig was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1971 and promoted to Commander (CBE) in 1977 and Dame Commander (DBE) in 1993.

In 1994, she was awarded the Olympic Order.

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

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President