



Dear President,

Death of Mr. Mario Favia (MH, ITA)

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Mr. Mario Favia on 12 May 2015.

Mario Favia was a former Italian foilist born in Alexandria, Egypt, on January 6th 1930.

He was nominated Member of Honour by the 2001 Congress and Vice-President of Honour in 2007.

He worked as an architect for over 50 years (1958-2010) and, at the same time, had a career in sports administration.

In the FIE, he was elected member of the Rules Commission from 1993 to 1996. Then he was elected member of the Executive Committee from 1996 to 2004 and nominated Secretary General from 1996 to 2000 and from 2000 to 2004.

He also was Member of Honour of the Italian Fencing Federation.

As an athlete, he was member of the Italian foil team from 1952 to 1960. He was twice World Champion under 21 at foil in 1950 and 1951.

He won two gold medals in individual and team at the 1953 Universiade; three gold medals in individual and team foil and in team epee at the 1955 Universiade. He won the International Individual Foil Tournament in 1954 and 1958.

Mario Favia also was an international referee, category A (foil and epee) and B (sabre) and was a member of the Directoire Technique for various World Championships and Olympic Games from 1960 to 1996.

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

Alisher Usmanov
President