



**Dear President,**

**Death of Dr. Emilio Echeverri de la Roche (COL)**

It is with great sorrow that we learned of the passing of Dr. Emilio Echeverri de la Roche, a Colombian fencer, who was born on March 8, 1929.

For many years, he was the president of the Colombian Fencing Federation, a member of the Executive Committee of the Colombian Olympic Committee, a member of the FIE Medical Commission, and FIE Medical Commission delegate at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games.

Emilio Echeverri de la Roche was a pioneer of Colombian fencing, and winner of numerous medals in the 50s and 60s.

His career began in multi-sport competitions at the 1<sup>st</sup> Pan American Games held in 1951. He later joined the Colombian national team at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Bolivarian Games, where Colombia took the silver in team épée. At the 7<sup>th</sup> Central American and Caribbean Games he won the bronze in team épée.

He participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Pan American Games in 1955, then in the Olympics in 1956, where he also saw victory in épée. He also competed in the 8<sup>th</sup> Central American and Caribbean Games, where he won the silver at foil in individual and team.

In 1960, Emilio Echeverri returned to the Olympics in Rome. A year later, in Barranquilla, he took two silver medals in team foil and team épée.

After his participation in his last event, at the 8<sup>th</sup> Central American and Caribbean Games in 1962, Emilio Echeverri became a national icon, thanks to the two gold medals he took home in individual and team foil.

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

**Alisher Usmanov**  
**President**