

Information Letter n°1-09
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1) Decisions

a) Members of the Bureau

b) 2008-2009 Calendar

LETTRE D'INFORMATION DE LA FIE

Dear President,

Further to the Refereeing Commission and Executive Committee meetings held in Paris (FRA) on 24 and 25 January 2009:

The following persons were appointed by the President:

Secretary General: Maxim Paramonov (UKR)
Secretary-Treasurer: Peter Jacobs (GBR, MH)

The following persons were elected by the Executive Committee:

Vice-president: Ana Pascu (ROM, MH)
Vice-president: Giorgio Scarso (ITA)
Vice-president: Wei Wang (CHN)

The President also appointed Mrs Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H. as Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

- The **Thai Fencing Federation** has just **cancelled** its **Senior Men's Sabre** competition due to take place on 3 and 4 May in Bangkok (THA).
- The **U.S. Federation** has requested a **change of place and dates** for its Senior World Cup competitions in women's sabre, men's sabre and women's foil due to take place in Las Vegas. **These will be held in Dallas from 19 to 22 June.**
- Due to the national elections in Algeria, **the Algerian Fencing Federation is postponing its competitions** due to take place in Algiers. You will be informed of the new dates as soon as possible.
- Due to the damage caused by heavy rains, the **Venezuelan Fencing Federation** has requested a **change of place** for its Junior World Cup competitions in men's and women's sabre. **These will now take place in Ciudad Puerto Lacruz on the same dates.**

2) Cadet and Junior World Championships 2009, Belfast (GBR)

Please find attached the programme as well as the list of referees and officials designated for these Championships, which will be held from 5 to 13 April 2009.

Exceptionally, fewer officials from other continents were designated for these World Championships in order to help the organisers who lost 25% of their initial budget due to the British pound drop.

a) Entries, reminder

The entry of fencers, teams and officials by name is to be made via the FIE website, according to the deadlines provided for by Article o.53 of the Rules for Competitions.

Out-of-quota entries of Presidents, Secretary Generals of the National Federations, Members of the FIE Commissions, Presidents of the Confederations of the FIE, Members of the Executive Committee and Members of Honour of the FIE can now be done **directly on the FIE website by the National Federations.**

Please find attached the entry procedure, which can also be found on the FIE website in the Help menu.

b) Photos – accreditations

In order to make the officials' and athletes' accreditations:

- the photos of all the **officials** must be sent to: s.lange-derkum@t-online.de
- the National Federations which have not yet uploaded the photos of their **athletes, Presidents and Secretary Generals** must do so **by 1 March 2009.**

No accreditation will be issued if the corresponding photo has not been provided.

c) Outstanding payments, reminder

In accordance with Article 10.2.2 of the FIE Statutes, a federation which is not up to date with its financial obligations towards the FIE at midday the day before the opening of a Cadet, Junior, Senior or Veteran World Championship may not participate in this World Championship, unless exception is justified and granted by the Executive Committee.

The National Federations' entry fees must be paid directly to the organiser. For more information:

http://www.worldfencing2009.com/files/invitation_pack.pdf

3) FIE Meetings

a) 2009 General Assembly

The 2009 General Assembly of the FIE will be held in Belfast (GBR) on 4 April 2009 at 2pm at the Waterfront Hall (in the centre of Belfast) and will be followed by the Calendar meeting.

Please find attached:

- the **participation form**, to be sent to the FIE by email (info@fie.ch) or fax **before 10 March 2009**.
- the **proxy form**, for the National Federations who are unable to attend the General Assembly, to be sent to the FIE by email (info@fie.ch) or fax **before 10 March 2009**.

The documents relating to the General Assembly will be sent to you at a later date.

b) Calendar Meeting

The Calendar Meeting will be held in Belfast (GBR) on 4 April 2009 at the Waterfront Hall (in the centre of Belfast), after the General Assembly of the FIE.

Please find attached the 2009-2010 Draft Calendar. The Executive Committee decided to repeat the same yearly schedule without any changes, except for the junior competitions due to take place in Egypt.

The National Federations are kindly asked to contact Nathalie Rodriguez M.-H. **before 2 March 2009** to confirm or modify the dates and places.

The Executive Committee will examine it in-depth with a view to the complete restructuring of the 2010-2011 Calendar.

c) FIE Commissions

The FIE Commissions will meet at the end of May in Lausanne. You will be informed of the exact dates at a later stage.

d) 2009 Congress

The 2009 Congress will be held **in Palermo (ITA) on 21 and 22 November 2009**.

In accordance with Article 3.4.1 of the Statutes, **the proposals must reach the FIE head-office in Lausanne**, either by post or by email (preferred), 8 months before the date of the Congress, i.e. by **midnight (Lausanne time, at the FIE head-office) on 20 March 2009**.

4) Anti-doping

WADA's revised 2009 World Anti-Doping Code and International Standards have come into force, and, as a result of this, the FIE Anti-Doping Rules (see attached) have undergone many changes. We would particularly like to draw your attention to the following points:

- 3 fencers are tested in the team competitions instead of 4 (Article 5.6.1.3).
- The fencers included in the FIE Registered Testing Pool (RTP) must obtain any required Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs) from the FIE (regardless of whether they have received a TUE at a national level) (Article 4.4.2).

All other fencers requiring a TUE must contact their National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO) (Article 4.4.2).

- Abbreviated Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ATUEs) are no longer issued for beta-2 agonists and glucocorticosteroids (Articles 4.4.1 and 4.4.3). However those ATUEs issued prior to 1 January 2009 will be valid until 31 December 2009.
- Fencers in the FIE RTP must submit their whereabouts and they remain personally responsible for the validity of this information at all times. Any breach (Articles 2.4 and 7.5.3) is a violation liable to being sanctioned as per Article 10.3.3.
- The specified substances group has been expanded (Article 4.2.2.).

The translation into French and Spanish is underway and these versions will reach you at a later date.

Sincerely,

Alisher Usmanov
President

