



Dear Team Captains,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the London International Universities Fencathon, LIUF, the UK's exclusive international student tournament, hosted by UCLU Fencing Club. Now in its 9th year, the LIUF offers high-quality fencing, and the opportunity to meet fencers from other countries, in an atmosphere of friendly competition.

It is a mixed three-weapon individual competition. The Foil event will be held on the Saturday with competitors able to enter either Epee or Sabre on the Sunday. Each fencer will compete individually, with the top eight finalists in each weapon receiving prizes. The best three results from each university will be combined to give an overall placing with the top university awarded the LIUF Shield.

LIUF was established in 1997 in conjunction with UCL and Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz (Germany) and has been growing rapidly ever since. Last year we had just over 200 entries, with competitors from across the globe, Europe, America and even as far as Uzbekistan. Each year we receive very positive feedback, and we have already had very strong interest in LIUF 2005, which we hope to be even larger and more popular than last year's tournament. This year the competition will take place on the 11th & 12th June with accommodation offered on the 10th & 11th.

Accommodation will be available for a small fee, including mats to sleep on, (a sleeping bag is recommended) and a cooked breakfast at the Greasy Spoon Café, next door to the sports centre.

In addition, as tradition dictates you will all be invited to sample the local cuisine after the Saturday fencing (probably Indian) and then a night out in London at one of the many student discounted bars!

Finally, we gratefully acknowledge the support and sponsorship of Leon Paul Equipment Co. Ltd, the UCL Friends Trust and UCL Union, without whom we would not be able to run this year's event. Our thanks go out to all of them.

If you have any questions about LIUF 2005, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>fencing.club@ucl.ac.uk</u>. Additional information including spare entry forms can be obtained from the UCL Union Fencing website at <u>http://www.fencing.uclu.org</u>. See you in June!

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