



European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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Dear Member Federations,

Shortly before the start of this year's FIE Congress in Moscow we received the sad news that on 25th November

Lutz Schirmacher (GER)

had died in Garmisch after a short period of illness, at the age of 73.

Besides being a successful fencer since he started our sport in 1960 in Leipzig, he also won several national titles (individual and team), mostly in his favourite weapon sabre, and was as such also a member of the German National Sabre team and its team captain from 1998 to 2004. In 1968 he started already his career as referee, and 1976 he was awarded the FIE A-category in all three weapons which followed his nomination for numerous international competitions, World Championships and Olympic Games. The European Confederation selected him from 2001 until 2009 for its Referees Commission.

In 2004 he became a member of the FIE Rules commission and was a candidate for the Executive Committee at this year's elective congress.

His second passion besides ice hockey was climbing, and he spent much time in the German Alps around Garmisch and Austria, where he knew nearly all peaks.

The European Fencing Confederation, the FIE, and the German Fencing Federation lost a well-known person with lots of talents.

We send our deepest sympathy and condolences to his family and to the German Fencing Federation.

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