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Dear Member Federations,

last night we got sad news after the first two finals here in Montreux.

Serguei Charikov

only a few days before he could celebrate his 41st birthday, died in a car accident in Moscow.

The three times Olympian in Atlanta, Sydney and Athens, two time Olympic champion, one of the best sabre fencers in the world and lately with young Russian fencers at European Championships, who started himself at the age of 12 with fencing, has a brilliant record in the sport of fencing.

In 1994 he won his first gold medal as junior in Mexico City. With the Russian team he took the gold medal at the senior world championships 2001 in Nimes, 2002 in Lissabon and 2003 in Havana. European results completed his medal tally with a gold medal in Madeira and silver in Moscow. Also with his team he won gold in 2001 in Koblenz, 2002 in Moscow, and 2004 in Copenhagen.

Besides these outstanding results he also participated at the Universiade and the Maccabiah Games where other medals followed.

We lost too early a great fencer and respected personality.

The European Fencing Confederation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to hi family and to the Fencing Federation of Russia.

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