



**European Fencing Confederation  
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Dear Member Federations,

it is with great sadness that we have to inform you about the sudden death of

**Rafal Sznajder**

who passed away yesterday in Plovdiv (BUL) at the age of 41, probably caused by a heart attack, right after the end of the World Cadet and Junior Championships, where he had been working as international sabre referee.

Rafal Sznajder, one of the former famous Polish fencers, participated in 3 Olympic Games (Atlanta, Sydney, and Athens), also a four-time medallist at world championships, recently a member of the board of the Polish Fencing Federation, continued his career as an international referee in all 3 weapons, mainly as sabre specialist, on both European and World championships level.

We lost a well respected personality at the fencing strips.

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

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