



# European Fencing Confederation Confédération Européenne d'Esgrime

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Dear Member Federations,

It is with great sorrow that we learned from the Hungarian Fencing Federation that our friend

### **GYÖNGYI SZALAY-HORVÁTH**

passed away. She died on 30<sup>th</sup> of December 2017 at the age of 49.

Gyöngyi was born in 1968 in Tapolca and she grew up to be a talented athlete with successful fencing achievements. She won a silver medal during World Championships in Hague in 1995.

The biggest triumph of her career was a personal achievement of winning bronze medal in the women's individual épée event Summer Olympics in Atlanta in 1996 and the fourth best place in the team - in 1996 and 2000.

Gyöngyi was the only one member in Hungarian fencing team who was seven-time World Champion becoming "*golden hungarian woman épée team*" between 1989 and 1999.

She was always really true to her club near Balaton, which name was Tapolca. She has also never forsaken her coach, Eitner Kinga.

After her career she stayed in her small town and began to create her own long-awaited club. Her best fencer is Siklósi Gergely, who is gold medalist of junior European Championships and medalist of junior World Championships.

Let us keep Gyöngyi's memory alive. We wish her nearest and dearest to her and the fencing community, strength and solace in processing the loss of a remarkable fencer.

The European Fencing Confederation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to her family and to the Hungarian Fencing Federation.

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