



**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

**Paul Gnaier**

who passed away yesterday in Heidenheim at the age of 87 years.

Paul Gnaier, founder of the Coupe d'Europe in 1961 in his hometown Heidenheim, was honoured with numerous rewards and was also a member of honour of the German Fencing Federation.

His fencing career started early as foil fencer in 1942 and continued later as épée fencer with big success. 80 international fencing matches with the German team, 3times member of the German Olympic Team (Rome, Tokyo and Mexico), 10times participant at World Championships, not to mention all his German superb results.

Besides his active career he also became the president of his Heidenheim Fencing Club and the President of the Wuerttemberg Fencing Federation.

The European Fencing Confederation sends its deepest sympathy and condolences to his family, his club, and to the German Fencing Federation.

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