

HISTORY

FOUNDATION

1. Following a Fencing Congress, held in Ghent, and upon the initiative of Mr René Lacroix, the following federations or groups:

Deutscher Fechter Bund (Germany)

represented by Mr Erckrath de Bary ;

Fédération Belge des Cercles d'Escrime (Belgium)

represented by Messrs. Georges Renard, Charles Cnoops, Albert Sarens and Paul Anspach ;

Cesky Sermirsky Club "Riegel" (Bohemia)

represented by Messrs. Jaroslav Tucek and V.C. Vanicek;

Fédération Nationale Française d'Escrime (France)

represented by the Marquis de Chasseloup-Laubat, and Messrs. Bruneau de Laborie, René Lacroix and Bernard Gravier ;

Amateur Fencing Association (Great Britain)

represented by Mr Edgard Seligman ;

Koninklijke Nederlandsche Amateur Schermbond (Holland)

represented by Lieutenant A.E.W. de Jong ;

Magyar Vivö Szovetség (Hungary)

represented by Dr. Bela Nagy and Dr. Pierre Toth ;

Federazione Nazionale Italiana di Scherma (Italy)

represented by Mr Giuseppe De Valle ;

Norge Fekteforbund (Norway)

represented by the Marquis de Chasseloup-Laubat ;

gathered in Paris on the 29 November 1913 and announced the foundation of the International Fencing Federation (F.I.E.).

Mr Osorio (Portugal) was present at the assembly in an unofficial capacity.

2. The International Fencing Federation took as guidelines the wishes expressed by the Ghent Congress and pledged to abide by the previous decisions.

MANAGEMENT

§ 1. 1913-1920

The Constituent Assembly of 29 November 1913 appointed Mr Albert Feyerick (†), president of the Fédération Belge des Cercles d'Escrime, as first President of the F.I.E.

Mr Feyerick chose Mr Charles Cnoops (†) as his assistant; Mr Paul Anspach (†) as Secretary-Treasurer; Mr Sarens (†) as his assistant.

The activity of the F.I.E. was completely suspended from August 1914 until the beginning of 1919.

At that time the Central Office, as mutually agreed by all affiliated groups, continued to fulfil the 1913 mandate until the 31st December that followed the Olympic Games of 1920.

After Mr Feyerick's death, Mr Cnoops acted as President of the F.I.E. from the 20th February 1919.

§ 2. 1921-1924

In August 1920, the Congress of the F.I.E., held at Antwerp during the Olympic Games, appointed Mr André Maginot (†) (who was the President of the French Federation) President as from the 1st January 1921. He chose the Marquis de Chasseloup-Laubat (†) as his assistant, Mr René Lacroix (†) as Secretary General, and Mr Lucien Gaudin (†) as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

§ 3. 1925-1928

In June 1924, the Congress held in Paris during the Olympic Games appointed Captain G. Van Rossem (†) (who was President of the Royal Fencing Federation of Holland) as President. He chose Jhr J.D.H. De Beaufort (†), as his assistant, Dr L.H. Feschotte (†) as Secretary General, and Mr J. Schoon (†) as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

After Dr L.H. Feschotte's death, Mr Schoon took over the function of Secretary General from the 18th July 1926.

§ 4. 1929-1932

In July 1928, the congress held at Amsterdam during the Olympic Games appointed Mr Eugene Empeyta (†) (former president of the Swiss National Fencing Federation) President as from the 1st January 1929. He chose Dr Mende (†) as his assistant, Mr A. Albert (†) as Secretary General, and Dr E. Fitting (†) as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

§ 5. 1933-1948

In February 1932, the Congress held in Geneva appointed the former Secretary General of the F.I.E., Mr Paul Anspach (H.M.) (†), President as from the 1st January 1933. He chose Mr Henri Langlois Van Ophem (†) (President of the Fédération Royale Belge des Cercles d'Escrime) as assistant, Chevalier Robert Feyerick (†) as Secretary-General and Capitaine-Commandant G. Bricusse (†) as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

In July 1936 at the extraordinary Congress held in Berlin during the Olympic Games, the appointment of Mr Paul Anspach (H.M.) (†) was renewed. The latter re-appointed the members of the last Central Office.

Because of the World War, the activity of the F.I.E. was completely suspended as from September 1939. In August 1940, all the archives of the F.I.E. were removed to Berlin by the Gestapo; it was impossible ever to find them again.

The Congress of 1946 in Brussels decided that Mr Paul Anspach's prematurely interrupted mandate would be extended until the 31st December 1948, so that the next Central Office could take office normally on the 1st January just after the Olympic Games.

Mr Paul Anspach (H.M.) (†) chose Major Van Den Heuvel (†) (President of the Fédération Royale Belge des Cercles d'Escrime) as his assistant. As Secretary General, he chose Mr Charles Huybrechts; Colonel Bricusse (†) was willing to carry on as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

§6. 1949-1952

As an exception, the Congress of 1946 held in Brussels had already appointed the President of the F.I.E. for the period 1949 - 1952, namely Mr Jaques Coutrot (†), Vice-President of the French Fencing Federation. Mr Coutrot (†) chose as his assistant Mr René Bondoux, as Secretary-General Mr Pierre Ferri (†) and as assistant Secretary-Treasurer Mr Henri Dulieux (†).

§7. 1953-1956

The Congress of Helsinki, in 1952, appointed as President Mr Giuseppe Mazzini (H.M.) (†), President of the Italian Fencing Federation. He chose as his Vice-President Mr Giorgio Macerata; as Secretary General Mr Franco Delvecchio (†) and as assistant Secretary-Treasurer Mr Mario Pontiroli (†).

§ 8. 1957-1960

The Congress of Milan in 1956 appointed as President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†), Honorary President of the French Fencing Federation, and former Secretary-General of the F.I.E. from 1949 to 1952. He chose Mr René Bondoux as Vice-President, Mr Henri Dulieux (†) as Secretary-General and Mr Daniel Dagallier as assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr René Bondoux and Mr Henri Dulieux (†) had already been members of the Central Office of the F.I.E. from 1949 to 1952.

§ 9. 1961-1964

The Olympic Congress of Rome, in 1960, appointed as President Mr Miguel de Capriles (†), President of the Pan-American Confederation of Fencing. He chose as Vice-President his brother, Mr José de Capriles (†), former President of the United States Fencing Federation, as Secretary General, General John V. Grombach, and as assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr Léo G. Nunés (†).

§10. 1965-1968

The Congress of Neuchâtel, in 1964, appointed as President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†), former President of the F.I.E. (1957 to 1960). He chose as Vice-President Mr Louis Bontemps (H.M.) (†), as Secretary-General Mr Henri Dulieux (H.M.) (†) and as assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†). Mr Henri Dulieux had

already been a member of the F.I.E Central Office from 1949 to 1952 and from 1957 to 1960.

§ 11. MODIFICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE F.I.E.

In 1968, the Congress of Paris completely changed the articles of the Statutes concerning the management and administration of the F.I.E. From that time on, the management of the F.I.E. was entrusted to an eleven member Executive Committee. This consisted of a President, elected by the Congress, a Secretary General and a Secretary-Treasurer chosen by the President and of the same nationality as himself (forming the Central Office), and eight members whose nationalities differed from that of the President, elected by the Congress.

§ 12. 1969-1972

The Congress of Paris in 1968 renewed the mandate of the President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†) for a further four years.

He reappointed Mr Henri Dulieux (H.M.) (†) as Secretary General, and Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) as Secretary-Treasurer. These three formed the F.I.E. Central Office.

This same congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Mr Charles de Beaumont (H.M.) (†) (Great Britain), Dr André Borle (†) (Switzerland), Messrs. Gian Carlo Brusati (†) (Italy), Miguel de Capriles (H.M.) (†) (United States of America), Charles Debeur (H.M.) (†) (Belgium), Vasile Ionescu (†) (Rumania), Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) (Hungary) and Nicolai Lubomirov (U.S.S.R.) who with the Central Office's three members, constituted the Executive Committee presided by Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†).

The Executive Committee afterwards elected Mr Brusati and Mr Lubomirov as Vice-Presidents.

§ 13. 1973-1976

The extraordinary Congress, held in Munich during the 1972 Olympic Games, renewed for four years the mandate of President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†).

After Mr Henri Dulieux (H.M.) (†) had to give up his work in the Central Office for health reasons, Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†) chose as Secretary-General Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) (who had been Secretary-Treasurer since 1965), and chose Mr Emmanuel Rodocanachi (France) as Secretary-Treasurer.

The same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Gian Carlo Brusati (H.M.) (†) (Italy), Miguel de Capriles (H.M.) (†) (United States of America), Charles Debeur (H.M.) (†) (Belgium), Hans Drakenberg (H.M.) (†) (Sweden), Anatoly Golianitski (H.M.) (U.S.S.R.), Vasili Ionescu (†) (Rumania), Klaus Dieter Guese (H.M.) (†) (Germany) and Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) (Hungary).

The Executive Committee then elected Mr Gian Carlo Brusati and Mr A. Golianitski as Vice-Presidents.

§ 14. 1977-1980

In 1976 the Ordinary Congress in Paris renewed the mandate of President Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†) for four years.

He reappointed Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) as Secretary General, and Mr Emmanuel Rodocanachi (H.M.) as Secretary-Treasurer.

The same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Gian Carlo Brusati (H.M.) (†) (Italy), Miguel de Capriles (H.M.) (†) (U.S.A.), Charles Debeur (H.M.) (†) (Belgium), Jacques Hochstaetter (Switzerland), Anatoly Golianitski (H.M.) (U.S.S.R.), Vasili Ionescu (†) (Rumania),

Klaus Dieter Guese (H.M.) (†) (Germany) and Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) (Hungary). The Executive Committee then elected Mr G.C. Brusati and Mr A. Golianitski as Vice-Presidents.

§ 15. 1981-1984

In 1980, the extraordinary Congress held in Moscow during the Olympic Games appointed Mr G.C. Brusati (H.M.) (†) President. He chose Mr Edoardo Mangiarotti (H.M.) as Secretary General and Mr Guido Malacarne as Secretary-Treasurer.

At the same time, Mr Pierre Ferri (H.M.) (†) was elected Honorary President by the Congress.

The same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Charles Debeur (H.M.) (†) (Belgium), Klaus Dieter Guese (H.M.) (†) (Germany), Jacques Hochstaetter (Switzerland), Vasile Ionescu (†) (Rumania), Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) (Hungary), Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) (France), Chaba M. Pallaghy (U.S.A.), and Victor Putiatin (U.S.S.R.).

Mr Pal Kovacs and Mr Charles Debeur were elected Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E. On the death of Mr Charles Debeur, the Executive Committee elected Mr Edgard Mercier (H.M.) (†) Vice-President.

§ 16. 1985-1988

At the 1984 Congress in Milan, Mr Rolland Boitelle (†) was elected President of the F.I.E. He chose Mr Emmanuel Rodocanachi (H.M.) as Secretary General and Mr René Roch (France) as Secretary-Treasurer. Mr Emmanuel Rodocanachi had already been on the bureau of the F.I.E. from 1973 to 1976 and from 1977 to 1980.

The Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Arthur Cramer (Brazil), Klaus Dieter Guese (H.M.) (†), Jacques Hochstaetter (H.M.), Peter Jacobs (Grande-Bretagne), Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†), Chaba M. Pallaghy (USA), Sidney Romeo (ITA), Carl Schwende (H.M.) (†) (Canada).

Mr Pal Kovacs and Mr Klaus Dieter Guese were then elected Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E. by the Executive Committee.

§ 17. 1989-1992

The 1988 Madeira Congress renewed for four years the mandate of Mr Rolland Boitelle (H.M.) (†) as President of the F.I.E.

He reappointed Mr Emmanuel Rodocanachi (H.M.) as Secretary General and Mr René Roch (H.M.) (France) as Secretary-Treasurer.

This same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee: Messrs. Valerian Bazarevitch (H.M.) (†) (USSR), Wolf G. Dieffenbach (ALF), Jacques Hochstaetter (H.M.), Jenö Kamuti (HUNGARY), Miguel Manrique (SPAIN), Chaba M. Pallaghy (USA), Sidney Romeo (H.M.) (ITALY), Carl Schwende (H.M.) (†) (Canada).

The Congress elected Pal Kovacs (H.M.) (†) Honorary Vice-President, a title created for the occasion.

Mr Sidney Romeo and Mr Jacques Hochstaetter were elected Vice-Presidents by the Executive Committee.

§ 18. NEW MODIFICATION IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE F.I.E.

In 1992 the Congress in Paris further modified the Articles of the Statutes concerning the management and administration of the F.I.E.. From then on the management of the F.I.E. was entrusted to a twelve-member Executive Committee, consisting on the one hand of the President, elected by the Congress, and on the other hand of eleven other members, each of a different nationality, also elected by the Congress. The Central Office (Bureau) of the F.I.E. was to consist of five persons - the President, a Secretary General and a Secretary-Treasurer chosen by the President, and the two Vice-Presidents elected by the Executive Committee - all chosen among these eleven members.

§ 19. 1993-1996

The Congress in Paris in 1992 elected as President Mr René Roch (H.M.), former Secretary-Treasurer of the F.I.E. from 1983-86 and 1987-92.

This same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee Mrs Pilar Roldan (Mexico), Messrs. Valerian Bazarevitch (H.M.) (†) (Russia), Arthur Cramer (Brasil), Max Geuter (Germany), Jacques Hochstaetter (H.M.) (Switzerland), Peter Jacobs (Great Britain), Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Greece), Jenö Kamuti, (Hungary), Rainer Mauritz (Austria), Chaba M. Pallaghy (USA) and Carl Schwende (H.M.) (†) (Canada).

From these, Mr Roch appointed Mr Jenö Kamuti as Secretary General and Mr Rainer Mauritz as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Committee then elected M. Jacques Hochstaetter and M. Chaba M. Pallaghy as Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E.

§ 20. 1996-2000

The 1996 Atlanta Congress renewed for four years the mandate of Mr René Roch (H.M.) as President of the F.I.E.

This same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee Mrs Rafaela Gonzalez Ferrer (Cuba), Messrs. Valerian Bazarevitch (H.M.) (Russia), Jean-Claude Blondeau (France), Sam D. Cheris (H.M.) (USA), Mario Favia (Italy), Max Geuter (Germany), Peter Jacobs (Great Britain), Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Greece), Jenö

Kamuti, (Hungary), Miguel Manrique (Spain) and Carl Schwende (H.M.) (†) (Canada).

From these, Mr Roch appointed Mr Mario Favia as Secretary General and Mr Jean-Claude Blondeau as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Committee then elected Messrs. Miguel Manrique and Carl Schwende as Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E.

§ 21. 2000-2004

The 2000 Paris Congress renewed for four years the mandate of Mr René Roch (H.M.) as President of the F.I.E.

This same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee MMRS Ana Pascu (Romania), Rafaela Gonzalez Ferrer (M.H.) (Cuba), MM. Jean-Claude Blondeau (France), Samuel D. Cheris (M.H.) (USA), Arthur Cramer (M.H.) (Brazil), Mario Favia (Italy), Max Geuter (M.H.) (Germany), Peter Jacobs (M.H.) (Great-Britain), Jenő Kamuti (Hungary), Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Greece), Ali Youssef Hussain (Kuwait).

From these, Mr René Roch appointed Mr Mario Favia as Secretary General and Mr Peter Jacobs as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Committee then elected Rafaela Gonzalez and Mr Max Geuter as Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E.

The Congress also nominated Mr Carl Schwende (†) as Vice-President of Honour.

§ 22. 2004-2008

The 2004 Congress in Paris increased the number of Vice-Presidents to 3. The Bureau is composed of six persons: the President, a Secretary General and a Secretary-Treasurer designated by the President, and three vice-presidents elected by the Executive Committee and chosen among its eleven members.

The 2004 Paris Congress renewed for four years the mandate of Mr René Roch (H.M.) as President of the F.I.E.

This same Congress elected as members of the Executive Committee MMRS Ana Pascu (Romania), Rafaela Gonzalez Ferrer (M.H.) (Cuba), MM. Al-Thani Saoud Bin Abdulrahman (Qatar), BA Abdoul Wahab Barka (SEN) (†), Arthur Cramer (M.H.) (Brazil), Max Geuter (M.H.) (Germany), Ali Youssef Hussain (Kuwait), Peter Jacobs (M.H.) (Great-Britain), Emmanuel Katsiadakis (Greece), Victor Sanchez Naranjo (Spain), Wang Wei (China).

From these, Mr René Roch appointed Mr Emmanuel Katsiadakis as Secretary General and Mr Peter Jacobs as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Committee then elected Mrs Ana Pascu and Mr Saoud Bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani and then Mr Arthur Cramer as Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E.

In 2007, the Congress of Madrid nominated Mr. Mario Favia (MH, Italie) as Vice-President of Honour.

§ 23. NEW MODIFICATIONS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FIE

In 2008, the Paris Congress modified the Statutes articles relating to the number of members in the Executive Committee. It is composed of sixteen members including the President, elected by the congress, and fifteen members of different nationalities, who are also elected by the congress and 3 of whom are women. The President in office of each of the five Confederations recognised by the FIE is a member with full rights of the Executive Committee.

§ 24. 2008-2012

The 2008 Paris Congress elected Mr Alisher Usmanov (RUS) as President of the F.I.E. for four years.

This congress also elected the following persons as members of the Executive Committee: Ana Pascu (ROU, M.H.), Max Geuter (GER, M.H.), Velitchka Hristeva (BUL), Ali Youssef Hussain (KUW, M.H.), Peter Jacobs (GBR, M.H.), Emmanuel Katsiadakis (GRE, MH), Guk Hyeon Kim (KOR), Maxim Paramonov (UKR), Frédéric Pietruszka (FRA), Sunil Sabharwal (USA), Ferial Nadira Salhi (ALG), Victor Sanchez Naranjo (ESP), Giorgio Scarso (ITA), Omar Alejandro Vergara (ARG) and Wang Wei (CHN).

Mr Alisher Usmanov appointed Mr Maxim Paramonov as Secretary General and Mr Peter Jacobs as Secretary-Treasurer.

The Executive Committee then elected Mrs Ana Pascu, Mr Giorgio Scarso and Mr Wang Wei as Vice-Presidents of the F.I.E.

The Congress nominated Mr René Roch (FRA, M.H.) as President of Honour of the FIE.

In 2008, the Executive Committee nominated Mr Al-Thani Saoud Bin Abdulrahman (QAT) as Vice-President of Honour.