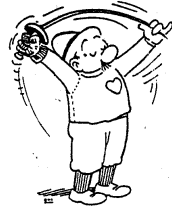


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Antwerp, May 8th, 2019.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS VETERANS INDIVIDUAL COGNAC 2019
REPORT OF THE BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVE

Dear all,

The number of veterans in our country is again lowered to 85, unfortunately, reasons unknown.

As usual, we had successful national championships, and already again all people attending them were very satisfied about it.

Indeed, people fence a maximum.

We still keep trying to fence in "poule unique".

Again this year we had a lot of people on all weapons, being at the same time member of our association.

We are doing our utmost to reach a maximum of people.

And fact is that we must contact again and again fencing clubs, but a problem is that often the information about our organisation does not reach the veterans themselves.

In the future, we will also get in touch systematically with all veterans personally as soon as they are aged 40, hoping that this will have positive results.

Last year in Alkmaar we had a delegation of 6 teams.

Results were a little beyond our expectations, but fact is that level still grows !

Due to the withdrawal of Denmark to organize next year the team championships, we will organize them in Brussels. This is a big challenge for us, and enables us to work together with all Belgian fencing instances, to produce an unique event.

This year in Cognac, we have a delegation of 27 participants, on all weapons, except foil women.

We are satisfied about this great number of attendants, due partly to the rather near situation of Cognac.

Obviously we hope to obtain good results !

We wish the organizers full success !.

Wish you good receipt and see you in Cognac !

Best wishes

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Activities for Danish Veterans 2018-19

Domestic events:

DM for veterans held by Gilleleje Fægtelub

Christmas competition for veterans held by the Trekanten

International events:

WM individually, Livorno Italy We participated with 10 fencers

Lene Jensen became No. 8 in the fleuret and Reinhard Münster no 12 on epee

European Championship for teams, Alkmaar Holland We participated with four teams in total 15 fencers

Training camps:

In collaboration with Gilleleje Fægtekklub, two training camps Gilleleje of several days have been held

There has been participants from Sweden, Norway and Denmark

administrative:

There are veterans in various committees

Moreover:

At the end of May we are going to individually EM Cognac, France in total with 10 fencers

Great Britain

British Veterans Fencing has several new committee members and the new committee is moving forward to develop ranking, selection and participation. We had a successful World Championships in Livorno, in October with Great Britain finishing 5th on the medal table. A haul of 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 3 Bronze was a very good outcome. The Mens Sabre team was awarded a Fair Play certificate, which was presented at the closing ceremony to the Team Captain. The Home Nations were represented at the Commonwealth Veterans Championships in Canberra, Australia. Home events included the Age Groups, BVF Championships, Home Nations, Winton Cup, West Midlands Open and the Hampshire Open.

The European Championships in Cognac is not only a chance for newer members to take part in an international event, but is also one of three selection events for the 2019 World Championships. 120 GBR fencers will be participating and we look forward to a great championships.

Gillian Aghajan
BVF Chairman



Associazione Italiana Master Scherma



REPORT FOR THE COGNAC EVF CONGRESS

The Italian Veterans activity remained steady in the current 2018-2019 season, with a total of about 3000 participants to the 6 National Circuit Competitions, 2000 men and 1000 women).

Competitions

The National Veterans Circuit is made up of 6 events and 1 team competition for Regions organized by a local committee with the support of AMIS; in addition to the 6 competitions, the Italian Veterans Championships are directly organized by the Italian Fencing Federation. In each competition all weapons and age category, men and women, are present. The National Veterans Circuit as well as the Veterans Italian Championships include also the 0 Age Category (24-39 years old) that gives the possibility to the fencers older than 24 years and with no ambition in the Senior competitions, to compete with fencers of the same ability level. The Italian Championships include also a club team competition for each weapon and gender and 2 team competitions for different aggregate ages. An additional trophy, the Coppa Italia, is awarded each year for every weapon, gender and Age Category, to the fencers associated to AMIS who have obtained the maximum amount of points after the 6 competitions of the National Circuit.

The season 2018-2019 was also attended by foreign fencers from different European countries.

Our National teams have been present at the European Veterans Team Championships in Chiavari with 7 medals and the 1st place in the medal table for nations and at the World Veterans Championships in Livorno with 14 medals and the 3rd place in the medal table.

International Relationships

The relationships between AMIS and international fencers are continuously improving.

Since many years AMIS organize training camps in different parts of Italy and in different period of the year.

Furthermore the participation of foreign fencers to the National Circuit Competitions is increasingly frequent, fencers from French, German, British, Spanish, Russian, Swiss, Ukrainian, Norwegian, Argentinian, Croatian and Slovenian clubs participate to the competitions. Similarly increasing is the number of Italian fencers that pass the border to participate to competitions of the Veterans Circuits in France, Hungary, Germany (Hamburg and Munich in particular), some of them own also a foreign license.

Rome, April 25th 2019

**AMIS President
Leonardo Patti**

FEDERAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE ESGRIMA

PORTUGUESE VETERANS COMMITTEE

REPORT ON VETERANS COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

PERIOD: FROM MAY 2018 TO MAY 2019

The Portuguese Fencing Federation has organized the National Veterans Championships on the 2nd June 2018.

During the above referred period, four epee tournaments for Veterans have been organized by the AAACM Club, by the CDUL Club and by CPMAFRA Club (2). These competitions were opened to all Veterans categories . The CDUL competition was for both genders and it was held with gender handicaps .

In general, Portuguese Veterans have participated in the Portuguese Federation official tournaments.

In 2018, 1 saber fencer has participated in World Veterans Championships in Livorno.

The targets for 2019- 2020 are to be present in the 2020 Congress as well as in the European Veterans Team Championships and in the World Veterans Championships

F. Fonseca Santos

(Portuguese Representative in EVC)

Veteran-report from Sweden 2018/2019

The amount of Swedish fencers in the age of above 40 with a licence is about the same as last year, 120. However, the activity has risen remarkably. There are more fencers in the veteran-classes and there is an ambition to encourage more friends to participate. A group of female veteran fencers in the Stockholm-area has started a small assault-camp about once a month on a Sunday where members from all clubs around are invited to fence, chat and have a cup of coffee. No fees, no prices – just a very nice way to socialize and train. Another important reason for the increase in the participation in veteran-classes is the fact that everyone that wants can participate in the Europeans in Cognac. To do that, you need to train and compete to be prepared.

As we did report last year, the national sports federation (Riksidrottsförbundet =RF) has started showing an interest in keeping grown-ups to continue with their sport, both of health issues and of the valuable of having grown-ups as ideal leaders. What we have learned is that a lot of fencers prefer having the possibility to choose the time of training, just like one can do in a gym, instead of having to come the exact day and time every week. We are working on a solution on that for the fencers that just want to exercise with their old sport, not to train for competition – maybe the possibility to rent a pist just like you rent a squash- or tennis-court? More fencers, more training, more friends and more fun!

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2019-05-19



Anton Krieger

Representative of Swiss-Fencing Veterans

Report on veteran fencing in Switzerland 2018/19

As small country we don't have a lot of veterans and above all the Category I (40+)-Fencers not look as veterans (they will still fence with the seniors).

About 100 veterans in the 4 categories take part of the "Circuit national veterans" and this essentially in epee (the principal weapon in Switzerland). A very few part of veterans will fight with the foil and the sabre.

An unknown number of veterans are practising fencing in the Swiss-clubs, but they won't participate at the tournaments ("fencing for pleasure" and "just take it easy").

Swiss-Fencing is organizing about 10 tournaments for the veterans each season and have also tournaments in France, Germany and Italy in the calendar (also as qualifying tournaments for the European- and World Championships and for take more experience). Each season Swiss-Fencing is also organizing the Swiss-Championships for veterans in epee (not enough fencers in the other weapons).

Outside of the "Circuit National Veterans" several clubs are organizing "Friendship"-tournaments.

At the European Championships 2019 in Cognac will be present 39 Swiss-Veterans in 48 competitions (9 fencers with 2 weapons) .

With best wishes from Switzerland

Anton Krieger

Representative of Swiss-Fencing Veterans