



ANNUAL CONGRESS OF EUROPEAN VETERANS FENCING

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Alkmaar, the Netherlands

Member Reports

Belgium

The number of veterans in our country is now raised to 117, which is slightly more, fortunately !
We had again 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 Chiavari we had a delegation of in total 13 fencers, most on epee. We had one second place, one sixth, one in the 13th.

As Alkmaar is rather close to Belgium, we made efforts to convince a maximum of people to participate. Our efforts have been successful. We have 6 teams :

Veterans : men foil, men epee, women epee, men sabre, women sabre

Grand Veterans : men epee.

We wish Sonja Lendi and the organization team full success. Hope having good results

Wish you good receipt and see you in Alkmaar ! Best wishes

P Van Agtmael

DENMARK

Activities for Danish veterans 2017-18

Domestic competitions:

DM for veterans held by Gilleleje Fægteklub

Christmas contest for veterans held by the Trekanten

International Events:

EM Individual Chiavari, Italy We asked with 6 participants and 1 coach

Jørgen Kock got bronze on the foil and Annette Peterson became number 6 on foil

World Master ship in Maribor, Slovenia We had 9 participants and 2 coaches. Steff achieved a nice 5th place on the epee

Training camps:

In collaboration with Gilleleje Fægteklub, two training camps were held for 2days by Gilleleje. There has been great support from Sweden, Norway and Denmark both times

Administrative:

There are veterans in various committees

Jørgen Kock

FINLAND

Finnish fencing veteran activities are increasing... @

The Veterans Finnish Championships October 2017 in Helsinki was a success. The competition had a 150% participation compared with 2016. Categories were arranged on all 3 weapons.

As a result of increased participation, we are now preparing a new veteran ranking system and selection criteria for championships. For several categories for Livorno WCH we already needed to make selection. A positive problem!

2017 was one again an excellent result year for Mrs. Marja-Liisa Someroja. Finland also had an increasing participation at all major veteran championships.

Maribor World Championships

- 16 fencers, all 3 weapons (12 fencers in Stralsund)
- silver and bronze for Marja-Liisa Someroja (70+ foil and epee)

Chiavari European Championships

- 16 fencers, all 3 weapons (15 fencers in Porec)
- double gold for Marja-Liisa Someroja (70+ foil and epee)

In Alkmaar Finland will participate with 4 ladies teams in foil and epee.

Helsinki 8.5.2018



Lena Tallroth-Kock

FRANCE

French veterans' fencing activity is still dynamic, nevertheless a small decline is observed this season in the men's V1, all other categories having increased or remained stable.

For the 2017-2018 season, we have 3093 licensed veterans with a competition passport:

Men: 1186 V1 + 787 V2 + 312 V3 + 102 V4 = 2387 licensed

Women: 398 V1 + 231 V2 + 60 V3 + 17 V4 = 706 licensed

At the last European Championships in Chiavari in May 2017, France won 18 medals with 4 gold, 3 silver and 11 bronze medals, finishing 4th out of 35 nations. It is a good result but we hope to do even better at home in Cognac in 2019.

French competitions open to foreign athletes

Our objective is to facilitate the participation of foreign fencers, men and women, in 5 essential competitions:

- Maisons-Alfort (sabre)
- Fareins (epee, foil, sabre)
- Thionville (epee),
- Saint-Maur (epee)
- Faches-Thumesnil (foil, sabre)

The announcements written in English (but perhaps also in other languages) and their dissemination via the EVF and CEE site (European Fencing Confederation) among others ... promotes communication.

This dynamic is well underway and will allow in the medium term to include these circuits in a "veteran international super circuit" on a European scale.

Another objectives :

- Foil and sabre: try to increase the number of participants !

Competitions with conventional weapons are much less crowded than in epee, combining the two on 2 days: Saturday + Sunday (one sabre day, the other foil) would accommodate more fencers.

In Dijon recently the referees were on site, enabling the competition to conclude not too late on Sunday.

The arrival of foreign fencers will undoubtedly spur better preparation for international events.

- The veteran commission is also thinking about organizing training camps to foreign fencers.

The organisation of the 2019 EVF Individual Championship in Cognac

The fencing club of Cognac has already organised major competitions and has confirmed its expertise in organising the French Epee championships in mid June 2017 with 450 fencers in the individual competitions and 87 teams (ladies and men). These 2 days of competition were much appreciated by the French fencers.

The whole team is mobilized to welcome this event in optimal conditions and hopes to beat records of participation !

Dominique Elin

ITALY

The Italian Veterans activity is still growing continuously and steadily. Compared to the 2016-2017, in the current 2017-2018 season, a 9% increase in the veterans participating to competitions has been achieved (in total 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. This year, after the test of last year, an additional competition reserved to beginners (fencers licenced to the Federation from less than 10 years) has been included in the National Circuit.

The season 2017-2018 was also attended by foreign fencers from different European countries.

Our National teams have been present at the European Veterans Individual Championships in Chiavari with 22 medals and the 1st place in the medal table for nations and at the World Veterans Championships in Maribor with 12 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, 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 2018



AMIS President

Leonardo Patti

PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Fencing Federation has organized the National Veterans Championships on the 3rd June 2017. During the above referred period, four epee tournaments for Veterans have been organized by the AAACM Club, by the CDUL Club (2) and by CPMAFRA Club. These competitions were opened to all Veterans categories. The CDUL competitions were for both genders and they were held with gender handicaps.

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

In 2017, a team of 4 fencers have been present in the European Veterans Individual Championships, and our Federation has been represented in the Chiavari Congress. Moreover, 1 sabre fencer and 1 epee fencer have participated in World Veterans Championships in Maribor.

The targets for 2018- 2019 are to be present in the 2019 Congress as well as in the European Veterans Individual Championships and in the World Veterans Championships.

F. Fonseca Santos

RUSSIA

In January-February 2017, Russia held open saber tournaments in St. Petersburg and Moscow.

In March 2017, the open city championship was held in Moscow.

Also in March, a fencing tournament was held on rapiers in the city of Saratov.

On April 1 and 2, in the city of St. Petersburg, the open championship of Russia was held, which was attended by more than 170 veterans from 28 regions and determined the final composition of the national team for participation in the European Championships in 2017.

In May 2017, the team of veterans of Russia took part in the individual European Championships in Chiavari (Italy).

The performance of our athletes was successful. So, as a result of summing up the results of the European Championship, our veterans won 13 medals. Of these: 5 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze.

As a result of the European Championship in 2017, Russia took 3 team place.

34 sportsmen and 3 teams (all men's weapons) took part in the 2017 World Cup in Maribor from Russia. In this competition we had 4 medals: 1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze.

In November we held the Cup of Moscow and the Cup of Russia, where more than 160 veteran athletes took part.

In 2017, we held all planned events.

Already in 2018, in January and February we held two saber tournaments in Moscow and St. Petrenburg, two rapier tournaments in March (in Moscow and Saratov), as well as the Moscow Championship.

March 31-April 1 in St. Petersburg, we held the Russian Championship, which became the final qualifying tournament for the European Championships.

The calendar of Russian competitions for 2018 is posted on our website on the Internet: www.veterans.fencing.ru

Those wishing to take part in our competitions can contact via e-mail: rusvetfenc@gmail.com

We continue to work and improve our work. We have support from the national fencing federation and strive for high sports results.

A.Kapustin

SWITZERLAND

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 (this year the oldest active veteran won the Swiss Championship in the cat. 4 with 83 years).

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

At the European Team-Championships 2018 in Alkmaar will participate 5 Swiss-Veterans Teams (1 x GV Women's epee, 1 x Women's Veterans epee, foil and sabre, 1 x Men's Veterans epee).

With best wishes from Switzerland

Anton Krieger

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