



Amateur Fencing Association

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Dear Mr. Gough,

As explained to you we are unable to give a F.I.E licence to the national resident in another country which is separately affiliated to the F.I.E.

I discussed the matter with the President of the F.I.E while in Chicago over Easter and it would appear that under the Statutes the F.I.E is not able to take any action to enquire into the rights and wrongs of any decision taken by a national Federation regarding their own members.

We all agreed that this was unsatisfactory as there might be cases of hardship which the FIE should be empowered to enquire into. It is proposed at the FIE Congress in May to amend the Statutes to allow of this.

I was impressed by the severity of the measures your Federation has apparently taken towards you and, if you want the matter investigated further, I suggest that you write to the President of the Fédération Internationale d'Esgrime, 53 rue Vivienne Paris 2, France setting out the matter on the lines of your letter of 30th. March to us (I return the relative papers) and asking the F.I.E to investigate the matter. You will I think find that they will be able to do so after the end of this month.

Yours sincerely