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Medical Assistance Final Report “Catania 2011 World Fencing Championships”



We communicate that sports – medical assistance during “Catania 2011 World fencing Championships” was regularly assolved (as planned in the health assistance plan which was initially programmed and transmitted also in English and French), granting the health assistance to the over 1800 participants (937 athletes for the FIE - Fédération Internationale d'Escrime Championships and 158 athletes for the IWAS – Wheelchair Fencing Championships held contemporarily; and the roughly 800 accompanying people among technicians, managers and referees), from October 1st to 17th in all the official hotels, at the training venues in Catania and Enna and at the Palaghiaccio, venue of the sports competition and during the opening ceremony.

During the whole period of the competition, no serious accident occurred, but numerous medical intervention were necessary (168 in total) and some of them required in-depth diagnostic examination (18 in total) conducted by the ARNAS – Garibaldi Hospital of Catania, with which a specific and direct agreement had been signed. Moreover, medical assistance was also given to the public.

TOTAL MEDICAL INTERVENTION N. 168

Athletes N.128 – in-depth diagnostic examinations N.13
Technicians, accompanying people, etc. N. 40 – in-depth diagnostic examinations N.5

TRAUMATOLOGY EVENT N. 69

Athletes N.66 – in-depth diagnostic examinations N.9
Technicians, accompanying people, etc N.3 – in-depth diagnostic examinations N.2

NON TRAUMATOLOGY EVENT N. 99

Athletes N.62 – in-depth diagnostic examinations N.4
Technicians, accompanying people, etc N.37 – in-depth diagnostic examinations N.3

4 wide areas were dedicated to the health assistance in the interior area of the Palaghiaccio: 2 were dedicated to the anti-doping control and 2 were dedicated to the medical assistance and physiotherapy, one of these was equipped with resuscitation personnel and equipment provided by the ARNAS – Garibaldi Hospital of Catania. In the hotels, the medical assistance was given directly in the Doctor’s bedroom (equipped with twin beds) or in the patient’s bedroom. Moreover, the Organising Committee provided the staff with a proper number of health care bags, containing medical equipment, forms and official event clothing.

- Total number of doctors during “Catania 2011 World fencing Championships” : 69
- Total number of medical coordination personnel: 6
- Total number of doctors for health assistance: 38
- Total number of Doping Control Officer (DCO) for Anti-doping controls: 21
- Total number of anesthetists of the ARNAS Garibaldi hospital at the Palaghiaccio: 7
- Total number of resuscitation nurse of the ARNAS Garibaldi at the Palaghiaccio: 10
- Drivers and first-aider belonging to the “Croce Rossa Italiana” (Italian Red Cross): 134
- Doctors, drivers and first-aider belonging to the Esercito Italiano (Italian Army): 13
- Physiotherapists at the Palaghiaccio: 2
- Medical Interpreters at the Palaghiaccio: 6
- Car transfers drivers : 2
- Total Number of Ambulances used: 15
- Health care bags used: 50

- Instant cold pack used: 678

The medical Area of the "Catania 2011 World Fencing Championships" received many appreciations and letter of thanks for the work done. I have the pleasure to thank all those who, in different ways, and with great competencies provided the participants with their professional services, and for this reason, I am proud to share the optimal results of the sports-medical assistance with whom allowed the extraordinary achievement, I am referring to:

- The Organising Committee, cleverly presided by Mr. Sebastiano Manzoni together with Mrs. Sofia Santuccio and Arch. Franchesco Barbagallo
- The Medical Commission Coordinator from FIE (Fédération Internationale d'Escrime), Dr. Catherine De Foligny – Renault, of whom I appreciated the professionalism and character
- Italian Sports Medical Federation, in the person of its President Dr. Maurizio Casasco, generous of evaluations and advices
- Dr. Angelo Pellicanò General Manager of the ARNAS Garibaldi Hospital of Catania, who provided the event with a direct cooperation, not only at the Palaghiaccio (competition venue) giving the resuscitation service thanks to the convention signed with the Organising Committee, but also, dedicating all the hospital departments' efforts for the event. Moreover, I would also like to thank the Health Care Manager, Dr. Rosaria D'Ippolito, together with Dr. Sergio Pintaudi, Dr. Rosaria Basile and Dr. Ignazio Bellanuova
- Mr. Massimo Costa, President of the CONI- Sicilian Regional Committee (CONI: Italian National Olympic Committee) , who gave me the honour to represent him within the Organising Committee
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- Dr. Natale Arculeo, Manager of the Centre of Sports Medicine of the FMSI (Italian Federation of the Sports Medicine) of Catania, together with the President of the ASMD-FMSI (Sports Medicine Association) of the province of Catania, Dr. Francesco Maccarione
- President of the ASMD-FMSI (Sports Medicine Association) of the province of Enna, Dr. Angelo Sberna for coordinating the medical assistance, together with Dr. Silvana Ferrarello, at the training venues and in the university residences
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I conclude by thanking, without any distinction, and one by one all the 241 colleagues who cooperated within the health area and a big acknowledgment goes to the National President of the Italian Fencing Federation, Mr. Giorgio Scarso, to whom I express my personal congratulations for the many world titles won by Italian athletes and for bringing the World Fencing Championships in Sicily: a gift which we should...learn from.

Best regards.

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Il Presidente Regionale FMSI
Dr. Gennaro La Delia

