

**Report to European Veterans' Fencing, Congress 2022**

**DFB German Veterans' Fencing**

Laki Dobridis, EVF Member of Honour, celebrated his 100. birthday on December 5, 2021 in Konstanz. Silke Weltzien and Dieter Hecke were awarded German Veteran of the year 2020 and 2021 respectively.

Due to Covid-19 pandemic from March 2020 to January 2022 all veterans fencing competitions were completely cancelled in Germany. Except a few weeks in this period all clubs had to shut their facilities and to stop fencing. The German Veterans' Fencing Championships 2020 and 2021 as well as the German Veterans' Fencing Team Championships 2020 and 2021 have been suspended.

Also, the European Veterans' Fencing Foil Circuit in Munich, GER did not take place in 2020 and 2021. KTF Luitpold München is planning to host the next event in December 10 /11, 2022 in foil and sabre.

From February 2022 we restarted successfully German Veterans Fencing. The qualification tournaments in Hamburg and Kassel as well as the German Veterans Individual Championship took place again. Due to Covid restrictions and infections the participation decreased by about 20% compared to 2019.

Hamburg is intensively preparing the EVF European Veterans Fencing Team Championships. We are looking forward to perform the event in the q.beyond Arena, Hellgrundweg 50, Hamburg with 109 teams from 20 countries on May 25-29, 2022.

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Dr. Harald Lüders, Chairman DFB Veterans' Fencing Council