

**Report to European Veterans' Fencing, Congress 2023**

**DFB German Veterans' Fencing**

Laki Dobridis, EVF Member of Honour, after a short illness died on July 5, 2022 in the age of 100.

The German Veterans Fencing Council awarded Ute Wessel and Winfried Suchanek as German Veterans Fencers of the year 2022 and 2023 respectively.

Hamburg (GER) successfully hosted EVF European Veterans Fencing Team Championships in the q.beyond Arena with 108 teams from 20 countries on May 25-29, 2022. Germany contributed 12 Teams covering all weapons and age categories. German teams won 1 Gold, 5 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.

Germany took part in the FIE Veterans Word Championships in Zadar (CRO) on October 6-12, 2022 realizing 71 individual and 6 team starts. The delegation won 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 8 Bronze medals reaching place 4 at the medal table.

The EVF Circuit Memoriam Max Geuter was performed on December 10-11, 2022 in Munich. The participation of 116 foil and 71 sabre fencers from 22 countries made this event popular strong and international.

German Individual Championships were held in Regensburg on April 15-16, 2023. Like the year before the number of 269 starts in all weapons and age categories remained about 20% lower compared to 2019. This may be still an effect of the Covid-19 break or caused by the change of the venue. 23 Teams started at the German Veterans Team Championships held in Erfurt on November 19-20, 2022. This event also suffered from 30% lower participation compared to 2019 so that only three of six weapons men's epee, men's foil and women's epee competitions could be realized. The German qualification tournaments in Eislingen and Hamburg in February 2023 sufficiently registered 212 and 211 participants in all weapons and age categories.

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