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#### Sherraine MacKay Ranked Second In World

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**Ottawa, ON** – Fencer [Sherraine MacKay](#), originally from Brooks, AB and currently living and training in Paris, has just moved up two spots, from fourth to second in the FIE World rankings for Women's Epée. Sherraine's continuing rise up through the world rankings follows her strong 9<sup>th</sup> place finish earlier this month at the Senior World Championships held in Havana, Cuba, combined with the silver medal at this year's Pan American Games (Santo Domingo), and two World Cup victories (Australia and Switzerland) this year alone. As the 2003/2004 fencing season and journey towards the 2004 Summer Olympics continues, MacKay appears poised to challenge France's Laura Flessel-Colovic, for the world number one ranking in Women's Epée

Executive Director Carol Malcolm-O'Grady commented: "We are exceptionally proud of Sherraine and the competitive record that she has achieved. We are also very hopeful that she will be able to bring a medal home for Canada at the upcoming Olympics."

Four other Canadian women fencers are also included in the most recent top 100 world ranked competitors in Women's Epée: Monique Kavelaars (Toronto) is currently ranked 65<sup>th</sup>, Marie-Eve Pelletier (Quebec) at number 74, Catherine Dunnette (Calgary) at 94<sup>th</sup>, and Marina McConkey (Calgary) at 100<sup>th</sup>. In women's Sabre, there are two women in the top 100 according to the latest FIE rankings: Sandra Sassine (Montreal) ranks 40<sup>th</sup> in the world, while Donna Saworski (GTA) comes in as the 77<sup>th</sup> highest ranked women's sabre fencer.

On the men's side, Michel Boulos (Montreal) recently finished strongly with a 15<sup>th</sup> placing at this year's Senior World Championships, helping him to garner his present FIE World ranking of 33<sup>rd</sup> in Men's Sabre. There are five Canadian male fencers currently ranked in the top 100 in Men's Epee: Yann Bernard (Montreal) at 61<sup>st</sup>, Charles St-Hilaire (Quebec City) at 69<sup>th</sup>, Laurie Shong (Vancouver) – 70<sup>th</sup>, Tarsch Bakos (Saskatoon) – 95<sup>th</sup>, and Darragh O'Malley (Calgary) coming in at 98<sup>th</sup> in the world rankings. Positioned at number 30<sup>th</sup>, in the most recent FIE World rankings, Josh McGuire (Hamilton) is the sole Canadian male fencer represented in the top 100 worldwide in men's foil.

Be sure to keep a close eye on how Sherraine, Michel, and all of Canada's fencers continue to perform as March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004, draws nearer, when the Olympic selections will be made, keeping in mind that FIE World rankings are a key component for the selection of both the teams and individuals for the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

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