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LUAN WINS GOLD AT 2008 VETERANS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

October 3 (Limoges, FRA) – The Canadian Jujie Luan won gold in the 50-59 Veteran Women's Foil yesterday, at the Veterans Fencing World Championships held in Limoges, France. A former Olympic champion, Luan went undefeated in the preliminary round. She received a bye in the first round of direct elimination matches, before going for a streak of three victories against her next opponents to qualify for the final against Liudmila Chernova of Russia. Luan won 4-2 to bring home the gold medal. Gianna Cirillo of Italy and Yumiko Tanaka of Japan were the two bronze medalists. Luan is set to return to Canada on Monday October 6, 2008.

The other Canadian in competition Thursday was Zbigniew Pietrusinski of British Columbia, who competed in the 50-59 Veteran Men's Sabre. Pietrusinski had to settle for seventh place after winning three of his five bouts in preliminaries, and his first two bouts in direct elimination before falling to Giulio Paroli of Italy by a score of 10-5.

The 2008 Veterans World Championships are bringing together 350 athletes from 30 different countries, who share a common passion for fencing. Competitions continue until October 5. For complete results, visit: http://www.escrime-ffe.fr/SITE_FFE/escrimepour tous/veterans.htm

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