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UIPM 2018 CONGRESS: PRESIDENT SCHORMANN HAILS WEEKEND OF INFORMATION AND CELEBRATION



- **Eighty nations gather to pass range of motions in Limassol (CYP)**
- **Electoral Committee appointed as competitions announced for 2019 and 2020**
- **Stars of 2018 honoured at gala dinner marking 70th anniversary of UIPM**

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann has hailed the 70th UIPM Congress as a powerful demonstration of good governance and democratic decision-making.

Eighty nations were represented at a two-day Congress in Limassol (CYP) that featured the unanimous passing of a range of motions proposed by the UIPM Executive Board, the appointment of an Electoral Committee and the confirmation of competition dates for 2019 and 2020.



Four new member nations – Jamaica, Malawi,

Paraguay and Uganda – joined the UIPM Family and it was announced that an observational working group will be set up to review the rules of non-Olympic sports before the next Congress – now a biannual event – in China in 2020.

The 2018 Congress concluded with presentations from the Sport Department of the International Olympic Committee and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee.

The Congress was also notable for marking the 70th anniversary of the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM), founded in 1948 during the Olympic Games in London.

VIP guests including Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), attended a special gala dinner which incorporated the UIPM Annual Awards.

President Dr Schormann said: “This Congress took place in a great atmosphere with deep discussions in a spirit of great harmony. The UIPM Congress is a platform for information, especially for our newest members, and we had 80 National Federations represented here in Limassol.

“We were very pleased to have a detailed presentation from Bram Schellekens, Summer Olympics Manager of the IOC Sport Department, where he underlined the priorities and the vision of Olympic Agenda 2020 relating to our sporting movement, continuing the close cooperation between his department and our Union.



“This was followed by a presentation from

Noriyuki Nakamura, Modern Pentathlon Competition Manager of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee, focusing on the 2019 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final which will double as the Olympic Games Test Event.

“We also enjoyed excellent presentations from the organising committee of the combined 2019

Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in Budapest (HUN) and Mrs Guirong Guo, Deputy Mayor of Xiamen City, which will host the 2020 Pentathlon World Championships.

“This was a very special weekend as we marked the 70th anniversary of UIPM, and it was wonderful to celebrate this during our gala dinner with VIP guests, National Federation delegates and the outstanding athletes, coaches and competition organisers from 2018.”

Motions from Executive Board

Motions were approved relating to the updating of UIPM's election rules, code of ethics, statutes and rules on internal organisation, while a new set of betting and anti-corruption rules was approved.



Election of Electoral Committee

Based on the approval of the updated election rules, Congress appointed a new UIPM Electoral Committee and elected three individuals from different continents to form the committee. They are Dr Gyula Bretz (HUN), Angela Ives (CAN) and Richard Gomez (PHI).

Competitions awarded

The UIPM Executive Board confirmed that the 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Final will take place in Seoul (KOR) in May 2020, completing a set of key events taking place in Asia that year, with the Olympic Games in Tokyo (JAP), UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Xiamen (CHN) and UIPM Congress also going to China.

Elsewhere in 2020, it was confirmed that the UIPM Biathle/Triathle World Championships will be held in Weiden (GER) in July, and the UIPM Masters World Championships will take place in Gyor (HUN) from September 23-27.

The Executive Board also approved the final UIPM calendar for 2019, including Pentathlon World Cup Sofia (BUL) and the Junior World Championships in Drzonkow (POL).

The full calendar will be released and published on the UIPM website in due course.



UIPM Annual Awards

Awards were distributed during UIPM's 70th anniversary gala dinner to the following recipients:

Best Overall Competition: Pentathlon World Championships, Mexico City (MEX)

Best Promoted Competition: Pentathlon World Championships, Mexico City (MEX) & Pentathlon World Cup Final, Astana (KAZ)

Best New Organizer: Modern Pentathlon competition at Asian Games, Jakarta (INA) & Under 19 Tetrathlon World Championships in Caldas da Rainha (POR)

Best Contribution to the Sport: Horacio de la Vega (MEX)

Fair Play Award: Omar Hossam (EGY)

Coach of the Year: Eunjong Choi (KOR)



Best Modern Pentathlon Team: France

Best Junior Male Pentathlete: Ahmed Elgendy (EGY)

Best Junior Female Pentathlete: Elena Micheli (ITA)

Best Senior Male Pentathlete: Jun Woongtae (KOR)

Best Senior Female Pentathlete: Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR)

Men's World Rankings Top 6:

1 Jun Woongtae (KOR)

2 Valentin Prades (FRA)

3 Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL)

4 Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR)

5 Valentin Belaud (FRA)

6 Ilya Palazkov (BLR)

Women's World Rankings Top 6:

1 Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR)

2 Sarolta Kovacs (HUN)

3 Chloe Esposito (AUS)

4 Uliana Batashova (RUS)

5 Marie Oteiza (FRA)

6 Natalya Coyle (IRL)

Medal of Honour: Endre 'Bondi' Kovats (ESP)

Pierre de Coubertin Medal: Gen Charalambos Lotta (CYP)



UIPM Hall of Fame:

HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (MCO)

Dr Klaus Schormann (GER)

Timur Dossymbetov (KAZ; posthumous)

Dr Ferenc Torok (HUN)

Daniele Masala (ITA)

UIPM 70th Anniversary Best Achievement: Dr Klaus Schormann (GER)