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MASTERS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014, BERLIN



The XIII Masters World Championships in Modern Pentathlon and Tetrathlon 2014 took place in Berlin's historic and beautiful Olympic Stadium from September 17-21.

More than 120 athletes from 23 nations competed across mixed relay, individual and team competitions, 70 registering for the Modern Pentathlon competition and the rest challenging each other over Tetrathlon.



It was a genuine worldwide gathering with competitors

coming from as far as Panama, Guatemala, the USA, South Africa, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, a geographical spread that strongly promoted the importance of this elite international event.

Remarkable numbers have enrolled in the Masters movement at both age groups (30+ and 40+), some having recently finished their senior career and some still involved. Among this group are dozens of former Olympians, a fact that underlines Modern Pentathlon's status as a sport that can draw an elite crowd no matter the age group.



The younger generations of Masters athletes did not just compete but were also socially engaged in the event and at UIPM we intend to foster this spirit across the year by cultivating interest in our competitions, keeping up the momentum created.

MWCH 2014 was conducted in the classical Modern Pentathlon format with separate running and shooting, rather than a Combined Event. Teams and relay events were conducted using only one major category (male and female 30+), while individual disciplines were conducted in 10-year age groups (M30+ to M70+) due to the high numbers of participants.



The championships were conducted over three

competition days, with the mixed relay taking place on the opening day and the individual gender events and final team standing dominating days two and three.

The event ended with an award ceremony and party and in his closing speech, UIPM President Dr h.c. Klaus Schormann stressed the importance of the Masters movement as a legacy of Modern

Pentathlon, as well as providing some guidelines for future initiatives under the UIPM Masters umbrella.

UIPM secretary-general Shiny Fang and Project Manager Luca Baracchi, who will coordinate the Masters movement from this year on, would like to congratulate the Local Organising Committee delegation led by Sandor Körös, as UIPM Masters Sport Director and Masters Committee Member, Rüdiger Menz, Sebastian Schubert and Joachim Krupp, as well as the technical support of

Bernhard Petruschinski, for an excellent championships.



UIPM has also appointed a transitional Masters Committee Chairwoman, Heidi Walli of Finland, who was previously in charge of internal communication for the committee. This two-year appointment will be a cornerstone of the Masters movement as we aim to make it broader and more structured in years to come.

Results:

- Individual Competition
- Relay Competition
- Team Competition