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UIPM 2018 CONGRESS

Delegates from more than 80 nations at the 70th UIPM Congress in Limassol, Cyprus

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UIPM 2018 Congress

President Schormann hails weekend of information and celebration

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

More than 80 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), which was 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

Delegates listen to a presentation by the Oceania Confederation President, Kitty Chiller, on the final day of the 70th UIPM Congress

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UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang with members of the UIPM Executive Board in Limassol (CYP)

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

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UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann (right) with the seven Olympians on the UIPM Executive Board, including WOA President Joel Bouzou (left)

(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 2019 competitions calendar, including Pentathlon World Cup Sofia (BUL) and the Junior World Championships in Drzonkow (POL).

"At the end of the day more than 300 athletes, coaches and volunteers left the venue in a good mood and with a big desire to repeat this success next year."

Olympians awarded with OLY title

UIPM broke new ground during the visit to Limassol (CYP) by becoming the first International Federation governing an Olympic sport to award the OLY title to all Olympians currently serving on the Executive Board.

Kitty Chiller (AUS), Aya Medany (EGY), Janusz Peciak (POL), Jorge Salas (ARG), Rob Stull (USA), Dmitry Svatkovsky (RUS) and Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU) were the seven Olympians who received a framed OLY certificate and pin from UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and UIPM Vice-President Joel Bouzou (FRA), who already held the OLY title in his capacity as President of the World Olympians Association.

UIPM 2018 Annual Awards

Winners of the UIPM 2018 Annual Awards and the latest UIPM Hall of Fame inductees were honoured during the 70th anniversary gala dinner:

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)

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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 Lottas (CYP)

UIPM Hall of Fame:
HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (MCO)
Dr Klaus Schormann (GER)
Timur Dossymbetov (KAZ)
Dr Ferenc Torok (HUN)
Daniele Masala (ITA)

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

(l-r) Elena Micheli (ITA), Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR), Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) and Jun Woongtae (KOR)

UIPM Hall of Fame inductees (and their representatives) with Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah (right)

(l-r) Gen Charalambos Lottas, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, Dr Klaus Schormann, Jun Woongtae and Anastasiya Prokopenko blow out the candles

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Global Laser Run City Tour 2018

Russia ready for more after Kostroma finale

With a spectacular finale in Kostroma, Russia completed its circuit of the 2018 UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour and declared an ambition to repeat the success next season.

The fifth leg of the 2018 GLRCT in Russia gathered 450 participants aged from 9 to 67 from Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Moldova. The tournament in Peace Square was held at a high level and all participants received certificates with the winners and medallists presented with international diplomas and medals.

"I am pleased to state that all Russian competitions within the Global Laser Run City Tour proved to be very successful," said Viacheslav Aminov, President of the Russian Modern Pentathlon Federation.

"They were attended by about two thousand athletes from 7 to 75 years old, but most participants in the competition were young athletes.

"I know that some of them, along with their parents, travelled around the country to perform in several editions, as did, for example, Maria Ol'shanskaya from Samara, who performed – and won! – in four editions: in Rostov-on-Don, Nizhny Novgorod, Chelyabinsk and Kostroma.

"Summing up this series of events, I can state with certainty: Russia has accepted and fallen in love with Laser Run. It is not a coincidence that all the regions that hosted stages of the Global Laser Run City Tour in 2018 expressed a desire to hold it in 2019, when we have other interested cities too, including the Chuvashia and Kaluga regions.

Young athletes try their hand at laser shooting and running in Kostroma (RUS)

More action from Kostroma (RUS) as young female athletes test their shooting

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A happy band of participants give Laser Run the thumbs-up in Auch (FRA)

"The benefits of these tournaments for the regions and for the Russian Modern Pentathlon Federation is very high. With a relatively simple organization, they contribute to a healthy lifestyle, productive leisure and a positive attitude to life. They promote our Federation and popularize our sport.

"I want to thank all the organizers of the 2018 UIPM Global Laser Run City Tours in Russia for their professionalism, love for our sport and enthusiasm. I believe that next year we will hold these competitions at the same high organizational and sports level."

Paralympic champion makes Laser Run debut in Auch (FRA)

A Winter Paralympic Games champion tried his hand at Para Laser Run for the first time during the 2018 UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour event in Auch (FRA).

It was the third of four GLRCTs taking place in France in 2018 and a number of wheelchair athletes were among the 180 participants. Omar Bouyoucef, a four-time Winter Paralympian who won gold in biathlon in Lillehammer (NOR) in 1994, was one of them.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "Omar enjoyed his Para Laser Run initiation and said afterwards that he loved the sport and hoped to participate in another event soon.

"This successful Global Laser Run City Tour came on the back of an excellent event in Montpellier, which attracted 264 athletes and where we hope to establish a new club soon.

"Earlier in the year there was an even bigger turn-out in Perpignan where we had 530 athletes."

Laser Run craze sweeps Pakistan as three cities join the circuit

Pakistan became the latest country to join the UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour circuit with three editions in November and December, ending the year on a high.

After a successful first outing in Lahore on November 8, two further City Tours were held in Peshawar (November 25) and Karachi (December 17).

One of the central aims of the

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GLRCT is to introduce UIPM Sports to urban populations who would otherwise have no access to the multi-sport movement. With a sprawling population of 11 million, Lahore was the ideal place for the Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation (PMPF) to launch Laser Run to new communities.

The event at Punjab Football Stadium attracted 254 participants, with athletes coming from various schools and colleges.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee (LOC) said: "All the athletes participated with great enthusiasm. School officials were encouraged to participate in an inter-school championship that will be organized by PMPF in future.

"Many athletes offered to join PMPF as elite players and the UIPM Technical Official worked very hard to ensure the event was successfully conducted."

Peshawar was next to host a GLRCT on 25 November, with young athletes from a number of schools taking part.

The region's Director of Sports, Khyber Pakhtnkhwa, presented athletes with medals and prize money before thanking the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and urging the community to organize more UIPM Sports events to provide opportunities for sport and activity in the region.

A spokesperson for the LOC said: "The athletes from different schools participated with great enthusiasm and school officials also loved the LRCT activity. They loved it because of its simple look and energetic activity."

On 17 December, Karachi followed suit with more than 300 athletes drawn from schools, colleges and football and cricket clubs taking part in the GLRCT at Tipu Sultan sports ground in North Nazimabad.

The Karachi Laser Run City Tour was

A male competitor takes aim in Lahore (PAK) as female participants get used to laser shooting

Audiences look on in Pakistan as young male athletes take aim at the targets

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A huge cross-section of participants and supporters of the Global Laser Run City Tour in Karachi (PAK)

organized by Sindh Modern Pentathlon under the aegis of the Pakistan Modern Pentathlon Federation.

Medals and trophies were presented by Sindh Modern Pentathlon's President, SM Afzal Zaidi, and Secretary General Ahmed Ali Rajput, who said: "Laser Run is a very exciting and emerging sport in Karachi, Pakistan. We are happy to see a very large gathering of sports players and athletes in a very peaceful environment."

New horizons for Argentina in Santa Rosa City

The feelgood factor from the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires continued to be felt across Argentina when 250 young people took part in a Global Laser Run City Tour in Santa Rosa City, La Pampa.

Attended by Jorge Salas, President of the Argentina Modern Pentathlon Federation and South American Confederation, and well-known coach Rafael Acosta, the event was organised by a new pentathlon club and gained extensive media coverage.

At the end of the competition, it was confirmed that La Pampa will provide a new pentathlon programme for the Argentina federation.

Smiles in the sunshine in Santa Rosa City, La Pampa (ARG)

The UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour was created in 2017 to deliver an exciting, dynamic and fun competition to participants of all ages and offer them an entry point to UIPM Sports including Modern Pentathlon.

The Global LRCT took place in parks, stadiums and iconic urban venues in 60 cities around the world in 2017, with more than 15,000 participants. There are about 100 events scheduled in 2018.

Laser Run is a development sport of UIPM but aspiring athletes of all ages also have the chance to compete for global titles at the UIPM Laser Run World Championships, the fifth edition of which will take place in September 2019 in Budapest (HUN) in conjunction with the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships.

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News from around the world

Record attendance in Manchester (GBR) for World Coaches Conference

The 6th World Modern Pentathlon Coaches Conference in Manchester (GBR) attracted a record attendance with 103 delegates from 18 nations taking part.

The annual conference gives coaches from around the world a chance to share best practice and training methods and the 2018 edition included topics relating to pentathlon training in areas such as physiology, psychology and biomechanics. Coaches from Nepal and Bangladesh took part for the first time in the three-day gathering from November 16-18, 2018.

One of the highlights was a presentation about athlete safeguarding and harassment prevention, especially topical after the launch of the UIPM Athlete Safeguarding Policy earlier this year, and there were sessions about Para Pentathlon classification standards, coaching leadership and bone stress management.

Christian Roudaut, Chair of the UIPM Coaches Committee, attended the conference along with fellow committee members Jan Bartu (GBR) and Istvan Gallai (HUN).

Mr Roudaut said: "For the sixth consecutive year the World Modern Pentathlon Coaches Conference has given delegates from around the world a unique and amazing opportunity to learn and share their experiences."

There were 103 delegates at the 6th World Modern Pentathlon Coaches Conference and Christian Roudaut, Chair of the UIPM Coaches Committee, was one of the speakers (below)

UIPM competitions calendar for 2019 announced

With places at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games at stake, the 2019 pentathlon season is sure to be ultra-competitive between the world's best female and male athletes.

The 2019 UIPM Sports competition season calendar (right) is now online, providing athletes and coaches, media and spectators with the opportunity to chart the 12 next months.

The highlight of the season will be the Pentathlon World Championships in Budapest (HUN) in September, which incorporates the Laser Run World Championships for the first time.

This will be an Olympic qualifying competition, as will the Pentathlon World Cup Final in Tokyo (JPN) in June, which doubles as an Olympic test event, the Pan American Games in Lima (PER) and European Championships in Bath (GBR) in August and the Asia/Oceania Championships in Kunming (CHN) in November.

Other highlights on the elite pentathlon scene will be the Pentathlon World Cups in Cairo (EGY), Sofia (BUL), Szekhefehervar (HUN) and Kladno (CZE) from February to May.

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At development level, a busy July will see the world's best Under 21 athletes drawn to Drzonkow (POL) for the 2019 Junior Pentathlon World Championships, a week before the Youth World Championships (U19 & U17) are held in Sofia (BUL).

The 2019 Biathle/Triathle World Championships are heading to St Petersburg (USA) in October, and Laser Run will continue to be a huge focus for UIPM throughout the year with the 3rd edition of the Global Laser Run City Tour continuing to give urban communities around the world an entry point to UIPM Sports.

Philipp Waeffler, UIPM Competitions Manager, said: "In the first half of the season we can expect a very competitive UIPM Pentathlon World Cup series, as nations want to qualify a maximum number of athletes for the World Cup Final in Tokyo – which will be the Olympic test event for Tokyo 2020.

"The second half of the season will require athletes to be at their best for their respective continental championships (including the Pan American Games) and the Pentathlon World Championships, which return traditionally every 10 years to Hungary. In all those championships a number of Olympic qualification places are at stake.

"Besides that, the UIPM Junior and Youth World Championships will be the ideal platform to demonstrate the continuous development of our next generation of Olympic pentathletes."

Mixed Relay and Women's Relay podiums

Triple glory for Moya (CUB) at Pan American Games in Lima (PER)

Leidis Laura Moya was the star of the 2018 Pan-American Championships in Lima, Peru, where she won an incredible three gold medals for Cuba.

The 2010 Youth Olympic Games gold medallist became Women's Individual Pan-American champion for the second time and added further titles alongside her compatriots in the Women's Relay and Mixed Relay.

Argentina, Brazil and Mexico also savoured the taste of gold during a highly competitive pentathlon competition. The championships doubled as a test event for the multi-sport Pan-American Games, which will take place in the Peruvian capital in 2019, and six nations shared the 21 medals.

In winning Women's Individual gold Moya (CUB) fended off strong competition from Mexico, who were represented on the podium by Mayan Oliver (silver) and Tamara Vega (bronze). Their efforts enabled Mexico to win Women's Team gold, ahead of Guatemala (silver) and Brazil (bronze).

Moya (CUB) doubled up in the Women's Relay, claiming gold alongside Eliani Camara (CUB) while Guatemala and Brazil again took silver and bronze respectively.

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On the men's side, the experienced Emanuel Zapata (ARG) won Men's Individual gold ahead of silver medallist Esteban Bustos of Chile, with Jorge Imeri (GUA) claiming bronze.

Men's Team gold went to Argentina ahead of Mexico (silver) and Guatemala (bronze), while Brazil won the Men's Relay thanks to Felipe Nascimento and Danilo Fagundes. Silver went to Mexico and bronze to Guatemala.

Moya (CUB) found herself on top of the podium for a remarkable third time after another exceptional performance in the Mixed Relay, where she won gold alongside Jose Figueroa (CUB). Silver was won by Argentina (Iryna Khokhlova & Sergio Villamayor) and Mexico (Priscila Espinoza & Juan Perez) took the bronze.

The championships counted as a qualifying event for Lima 2019, which will in turn be a Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualifying event for athletes from the NORCECA and South American continents.

New award for junior pentathlon star Elgendy (EGY)

One of pentathlon's rising stars has been recognized for his remarkable success in 2018 with a prestigious international award.

Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt, UIPM 2018 world champion at Youth and Junior level and gold medallist at the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG), was named Best Junior Male Athlete at the UIPM 2018 Annual Awards in November in Limassol (CYP).

Now Elgendy, 18, has become the recipient of a Mohammed Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Creative Sports Award after the judging panel recognized his "outstanding success in sports".

The "MBR Awards" originate from the United Arab Emirates and serve to honour athletes in recognition of their outstanding achievements and support efforts made to develop the sports sector. Elgendy (EGY) joined many other international sports stars, such as Liverpool FC and Egypt footballer Mo Salah, in being recognised this year.

Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) has had an exceptional year

UIPM hosts first-ever Level 4 Coaching Course in Paris (FRA)

The eighth and final UIPM Coaches Course of 2018 took place in the 2024 Olympic Games host city of Paris – and it was worth waiting for.

For the first time, a cohort of coaches completed the Level 4 stage of the UIPM Coaching Certification Programme (CCP) after five days of tuition in the capital of France from December 10-14.

Six coaches attended the course at the National Institute of Sport, Expertise and Performance (INSEP), all coming from different countries and representing the continents of America, Africa and Europe.

Each coach had to submit in advance a manuscript about a proposed coaching subject, which became the subject of an oral exam. The manuscripts will be published on the UIPM educational platform in due course.

As with all other CCP courses, the coaches also had to pass an anti-doping e-learning assessment but it was the first time a CCP syllabus had included a module about athlete safeguarding and harassment prevention, in line with the UIPM Athlete Safeguarding Policy.

Apart from UIPM Instructors, talks were delivered by high-level French sports professionals working for INSEP, other national sporting federations and the national anti-doping agency.

UIPM Operations Manager Alexandre Franca said: "We had great support from the French Federation of Modern

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Pentathlon (FFMP) to organize the course in their national sports excellence centre with access to state-of-the-art facilities as well as to a modern medical sport centre and sport science labs."

Laser Run enters record books and joins school curriculum in Malaysia

Laser Run featured in a record-breaking family sports day held at Cempaka Schools in Malaysia as part of its 35th anniversary celebrations.

Students, parents, teachers and school alumni joined to participate in the Laser Run event, which was an official attempt to enter the Guinness Book of World Records and Malaysian Book of Records.

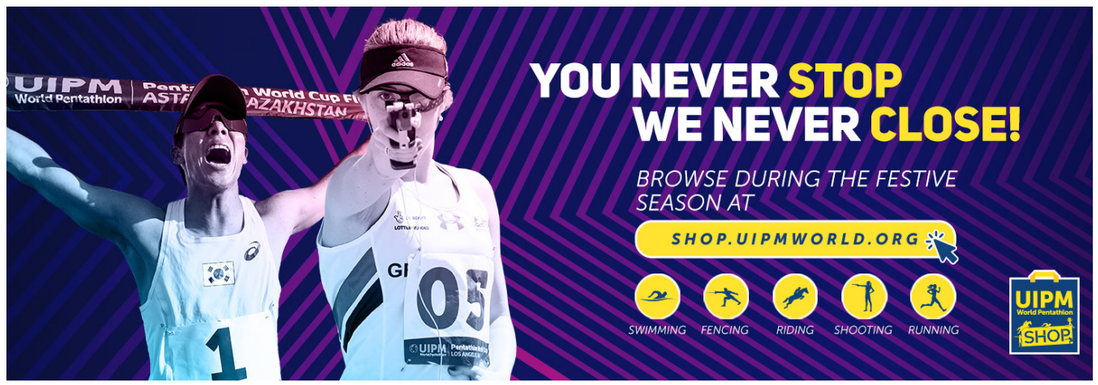
A total of 636 participants of all ages (from five to 75) completed the course, which was shaped in the number "35" in recognition of the special anniversary.

All students from Years 1-11 at Cempaka Schools have learned the foundations of Laser Run and specifically the techniques of laser shooting.

Cempaka Schools Malaysia founder, Dato' Freida Mohd Pilus, said the Laser Run was a blend of the school's objective: life and sports. "It is also how we strive for our targets in life and we have five main targets – humility, happiness, togetherness, empathy and joy," she added.

Christian Roudaut (centre) with graduates from the UIPM Level 4 Coaches Course in Paris (FRA)

There was a world record attempt during the Laser Run at Cempaka Schools in Malaysia



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Tournament & Training
Camp Invitations

This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters.

Navigate to the National Federations Portal or to http://www.pentathlon.org to stay up to date with all tournament news.

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WADA PUBLISHES 2019 LIST OF PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has published its 2019 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, an important resource for anyone involved in the UIPM Sports and the wider international sporting movement.

The list, which comes into force on January 1, 2019, is accompanied by the 2019 Summary of Major Modifications and Explanatory Notes - which serves to help athletes, coaches and other support personnel to understand the latest changes - and the 2019 Monitoring Program.

"WADA is pleased to announce the publication of the 2019 Prohibited List," said WADA Director General, Olivier Niggli. "It is one of the cornerstones of the global anti-doping program. Every year, we review the List in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders.

"It is vital that we stay ahead of those that endeavour to cheat the system so in reviewing the List, experts review sources such as scientific and medical research, trends, and intelligence gathered from law enforcement and pharmaceutical companies."

For a substance or method to be added to the List, it must be determined that it meets two of the following three criteria: a) it has the potential to enhance or enhances sport performance; b) it represents an actual or potential health risk to the athletes; c) it violates the spirit of sport. Athletes who have a legitimate medical reason for using a prohibited substance or method that is on the List may be accommodated if they meet the criteria outlined in the International Standard for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (ISTUE).

The 2019 Prohibited List, Summary of Modifications and Monitoring Program are available for download on WADA's website in English, French and Spanish.

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Inside UIPM:
Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

02.11.2018, Lausanne, SUI

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann took part in an official IOC celebration in memory of the IOC Member, FIBA Secretary General and GAISF President, Patrick Baumann, in the Cathedral of Lausanne. Mr Baumann died suddenly during the 3rd Youth Olympic Summer Games in Buenos Aires (ARG) in October.

06.11.2018, Nicosia, CYP

President Dr Schormann met with Constantinos Michaelides, President of the Cyprus Olympic Committee (COC), to discuss the close partnership between UIPM, the Cyprus Modern Pentathlon & Biathlon Federation (CMPBF) and the Cyprus Olympic Committee.

CMPBF President General Charalambos Lottas, who is also the Secretary General of the COC, joined the meetings and together they gave a press conference where they presented interesting aspects of the UIPM Congress and the 70th UIPM anniversary celebration in Limassol.

05.11.-12.11.2018, Limassol, CYP

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chaired the UIPM Executive Board Meeting on November 7/8 and the 70th UIPM Congress on November 9-11. *See main section of this Newsletter for details.*

President Schormann opened the 70th anniversary gala dinner with a speech about the history of Modern Pentathlon from 708 BC until the present time. President Schormann received various awards during the ceremony that followed. He was honoured by the Union with the 70th Anniversary Special Achievement Award and inducted as a new member in the UIPM Hall of Fame.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann opens the UIPM 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner with a speech

Dr Klaus Schormann receives an award on the stage with Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of ANOC, and UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang

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13.11.2018, Berlin, GER

President Dr Schormann met with the Interior Minister of the German Government, Horst Seehofer, who awarded him with the German Federal Cross of Merit (First Class) for his exceptional engagement and commitment to sport, culture and society on a national and international level.

15.11.2018, Munich, GER

The UIPM President took part in a meeting with German Sport A, the TV agency for ARD and ZDF in Munich, in the capacity as TV32 council member that he has held since 1982. They discussed a TV partnership lasting until 2024.

25.11.-29.11.2018, Tokyo, JPN

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang met on November 26/27 with the Modern Pentathlon Department of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organizing Committee, to discuss important points linked to the Pentathlon World Cup Final and Olympic Games Test Event that will take place in June 2019 in Tokyo, and details linked to preparations for the Olympic Summer Games 2020.

During a meeting with the Japan Racing Association (JRA) on November 27 they discussed mainly preparations for the Riding discipline, where JRA will be the partner.

From November 27-29, the UIPM President and Secretary General took part in the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees, where both met with NOC Presidents and Secretary Generals to brief them about UIPM activities in their countries in the coming years.

With the President of the Chinese Olympic Committee, Gou Zhongwen, who is also the Minister for Sport of China, Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang fixed Beijing as the host city for the 71st

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann receives the German Federal Cross of Merit (First Class) from the Interior Minister of the German Government, Horst Seehofer

Left to right: Takahiro Nishio and Masayuki Yamashita of Japan Racing Association, Dr Klaus Schormann and Shiny Fang, Modern Pentathlon Association of Japan Secretary General Ichiro Tomiyasu and Tokyo 2020 Modern Pentathlon Sport Department staff Masse Shinto, Yasushi Shimizu and Noriyuki Nakamura

President Dr Schormann with Thomas Weikert, President of the International Table Tennis Federation

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UIPM Congress in 2020, which will be an electoral Congress.

During the ANOC General Assembly Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang discussed various partnerships between UIPM and NOCs where pentathlon federations are established, and they also spoke with various NOC Presidents who offered to create a new pentathlon federation with a view to growing UIPM's global membership.

30.11.-01.12.2018, Düsseldorf, GER

The UIPM President took part as an Executive Board Member of the German Olympic Academy in its General Assembly on November 30. He reported on the activities of the IOC Commission for Culture and Olympic Heritage and the successful Youth Olympic Summer Games in Buenos Aires 2018.

As honoured guest and in his capacity as Honorary President of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation, Dr Schormann followed the General Assembly of the German Olympic Sport Confederation (DOSB) on December 1.

IOC President Dr Thomas Bach appears on the screen during the Association of National Olympic Committees Congress in Tokyo (JPN)

04.12.-06.12.2018, Geneva, SUI

President Dr Schormann presented a speech at the International Sports

Dr Schormann attends the General Assembly of the German Olympic Academy

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Dr Schormann attends the UIPM stand at the International Sports Convention in Geneva (SUI)

Convention on December 5 under the theme "Entertainment through Sport", using Modern Pentathlon and other UIPM Sports such as Laser Run (Urban Games), Triathle (Beach Games) and Biathle. The presentation underlined how bridges can be built to tourism projects through Modern Pentathlon.

09.12.2018, Paris, FRA

President Dr Schormann represented UIPM at the 105th anniversary gala of the International Fencing Federation (FIE), celebrating fencing and its future as a sport, as an art and as a lifestyle.

During the gala UIPM President met with Gary Lu, CEO of Absolute Fencing Gear, to discuss their ongoing partnership with UIPM linked to the Olympic qualification competitions in 2019 and 2020 and especially the UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Cup Final (Olympic Games test event) and the 2020 Olympic Summer Games, both in Tokyo (JPN).

President Dr Schormann spoke during the ceremony with FIE President Alisher Usmanov and expressed his respect and congratulations for the excellent movement of the fencing society.

Dr Schormann with the Lord Mayor of Sofia, Yordanka Fandakova (see Page 20)

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17.12.-18.12.2018, Sofia, BUL

The UIPM President and Bulgaria Modern Pentathlon Federation President Andrey Kuzmanov met on December 17 with the Mayor of Sofia, Yordanka Fandakova, and Deputy Mayor Doncho Barbalov to discuss the Pentathlon World Cup partnership covering 2019 and 2020.

They also spoke about the possibility of organizing Laser Run competitions in the centre of Sofia linked to urban competitions.

On December 18, UIPM President Schormann and BMPF President Kuzmanov briefed the Minister for Youth and Sport, Krasen Kralev, about the 2019/2020 Pentathlon World Cups in Sofia, the Youth World Championships U17 & U19 in 2019 and the excellent development of Modern Pentathlon in Bulgaria.

They also spoke about the future Balkan Modern Pentathlon Championships. Dr Schormann underlined the important role Bulgaria is playing in the UIPM movement.

The UIPM President with the Deputy Mayor of Sofia, Doncho Barbalov (centre) and Andrey Kuzmanov, President of BMPF (left)

Dr Klaus Schormann with (left) Bulgarian Minister for Youth and Sport Krasen Kalev and (right) BMPF President Andrey Kuzmanov

The UIPM President with the Minister for Youth and Sport of the Republic of Bulgaria, Krasen Kralev

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MEN

RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	KOR	JUN Woongtae	190
2	FRA	Valentin PRADES	171
3	IRL	Arthur LANIGAN-O'KEEFFE	170
4	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	164
5	BLR	Ilya PALAZKOV	161
6	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	161
7	GER	Patrick DOGUE	160
8	FRA	Christopher PATTE	155
9	HUN	Bence DEMETER	154
10	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	151
11	KOR	JUNG Jinhwa	149
12	CHN	ZHANG Linbin	148
13	GBR	James COOKE	145
14	RUS	Alexander LIFANOV	145
15	KOR	LEE Jihun	143
16	RUS	Kirill BELYAKOV	142
17	HUN	Gergely REGOS	142
18	ITA	Riccardo DE LUCA	140
19	HUN	Adam MAROSI	137
20	CZE	Jan KUF	135

WOMEN

RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	193
2	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	190
3	AUS	Chloe ESPOSITO	188
4	RUS	Uliana BATASHOVA	177
5	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	168
6	IRL	Natalya COYLE	167
7	RUS	Gulnaz GUBAYDULLINA	164
8	GER	Annika SCHLEU	163
9	RUS	Ekaterina KHURASKINA	158
10	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	156
11	LTU	Gintare VENCKAUSKAITE	155
12	HUN	Tamara ALEKSZEJEV	154
13	GBR	Kate FRENCH	152
14	FRA	Julie BELHAMRI	148
15	TUR	Ilke OZYUKSEL	147
16	ITA	Alice SOTERO	140
17	HUN	Zsofia FOLDHAZI	138
18	JAP	Shino YAMANAKA	134
19	GER	Janine KOHLMANN	134
20	LTU	Ieva SERAPINAITE	129

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10-14 Apr	*Sofia, BUL*	27-30 Jun	**World Cup Final** *Tokyo, JPN*
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