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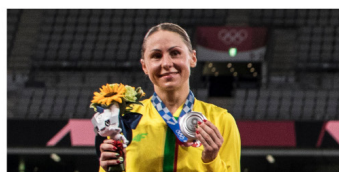
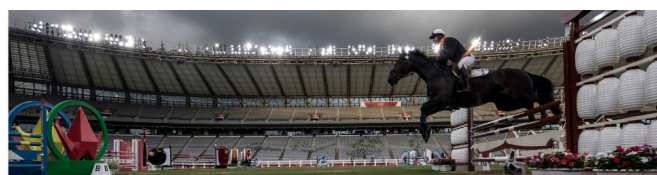


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## TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES MODERN PENTATHLON





# Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games



## President Schormann pays tribute to Great Britain's 'worthy champions' and highlights global impact of medallists from Africa and Asia

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, paid tribute to "worthy Olympic champions" Kate French and Joseph Choong after their historic double gold for Great Britain at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

French (GBR) completed a season of dominant performances by claiming gold in the women's event ahead of London 2012 gold medallist Laura Asadauskaite of Lithuania. They were joined on the podium by bronze medallist Sarolta Kovacs of Hungary.

Twenty-four hours later the British team were celebrating again inside Tokyo Stadium as Choong (GBR) held off a late

challenge from Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt to claim the gold. Elgendy (EGY) became the first Olympic Modern Pentathlon medallist from Africa while Woongtae Jun scored Korea's first medal with a hard-earned bronze.

President Dr Schormann, who presented the medals along with IOC Member and Lithuanian Olympic Committee President Daina Gudzinaviciute (LTU),

said: "All the athletes have performed so well at this Olympic Games and they deserve their success.

"I would like to congratulate Great Britain, who have produced two worthy Olympic champions.

"The silver medal for Egypt shows to other African countries what is possible and it shows that we are a global level in development, especially with the Korean athlete also winning a medal. Korea have already had a lot of success in World Cups and World Championships.

"This was a historic moment in the Olympic Games with all five disciplines of the Modern Pentathlon taking place in one venue, and it will be this way in the future. My thanks go to the organising committee of Tokyo 2020 who have delivered on the promises they made during the bidding process for the Olympic Games.

"I would also like to say thank you to the Government of Japan and the Metropolitan Government of Tokyo, working closely with the International Olympic Committee and the World Health Organisation, that everything was made according to the wishes of the Olympic Family."

## Women's Modern Pentathlon: Coronation day for 'ice queen' French (GBR)

She is known as the 'ice queen' in her team and Kate French of Great Britain wore the highest crown in sport after a nerve-shredding Women's Modern Pentathlon at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Having dominated the 2021 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup season, French (GBR) was many people's gold-medal favourite but she had to come from behind after falling a little short of her usual standards in Fencing.

The 30-year-old, who finished 5th at Rio 2016, kept herself in contention during a dramatic Riding session and started the Laser Run only 15sec off the lead after the shock elimination of leader Annika Schleu of Germany.

That kind of margin is not daunting to a pentathlete of her calibre and French (GBR) moved into the lead on the second lap, before gradually increasing it. Her final victory margin was 15sec and she set a new Olympic record of 1,385 points in becoming her country's second Olympic champion and first since Stephanie Cook in 2000 in Sydney.

Behind her, an intriguing battle for silver was finally settled by one of the lasting icons of the sport. Laura Asadauskaite, the London 2012 champion, emerged from the pack to win silver and give Lithuania their first medal of the Tokyo

2020 Olympic Games in any sport. In so doing she set a new Olympic record for Laser Run of 11min 38.37sec.

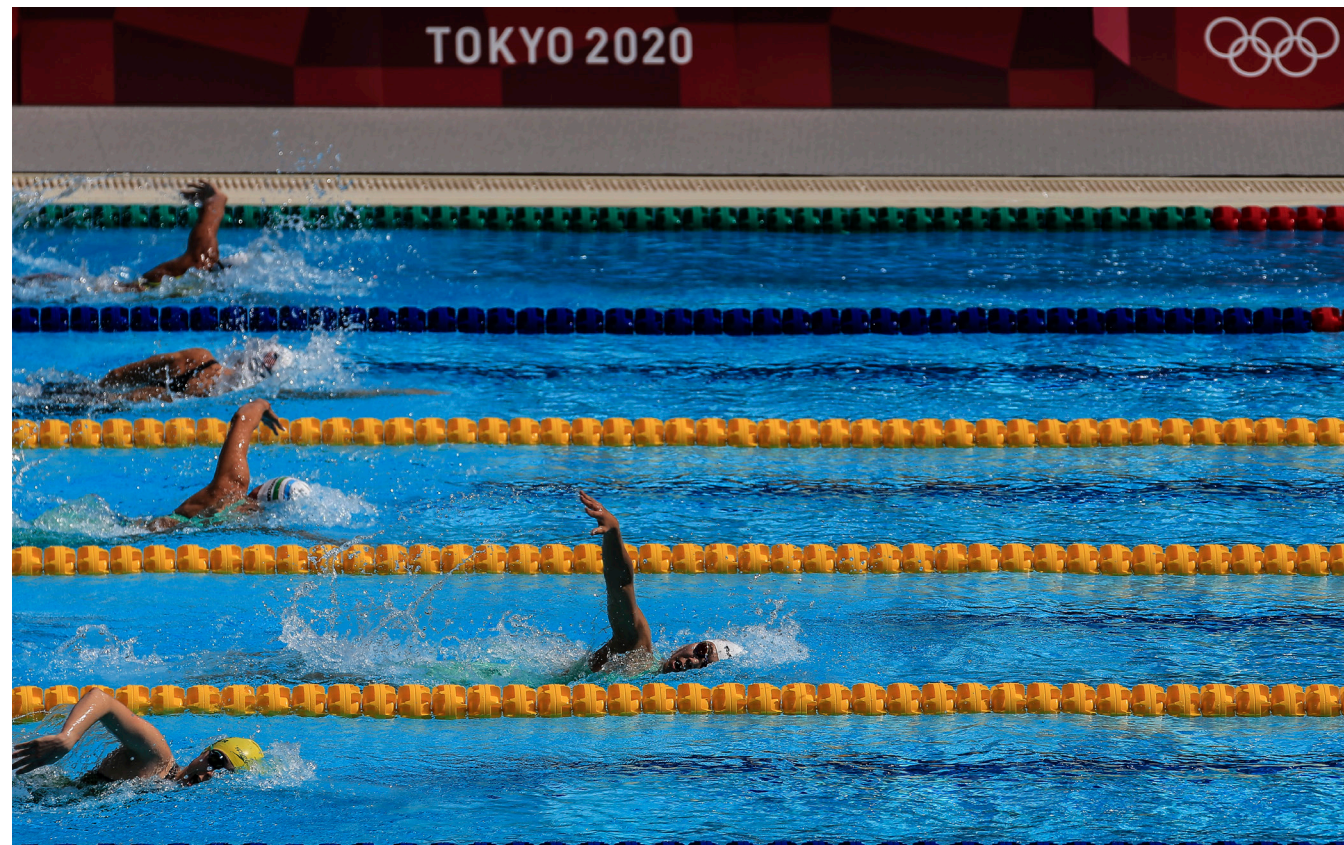
Sarolta Kovacs of Hungary, the 2016 world champion, has struggled to replicate the highs of the past in recent years, and almost didn't make it to Tokyo after struggling with injury. But there was a fairytale ending for her as she bravely held on to bronze, winning a tense battle with 4th-placed Alice Sotero of Italy.

Ilke Ozyuksel of Turkey ended a typically brilliant Laser Run by finishing 5th, ahead of Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist



Kate French (GBR) celebrates becoming the Tokyo 2020 Modern Pentathlon Olympic champion





Action from the Swimming and Fencing in Tokyo Stadium as the Pentathlon Stadium concept becomes a reality at the Olympic Games for the first time



Elodie Clouvel of France in 6th. Two of the top Laser Run specialists also dashed into the top eight - Gintare Venckauskaite (LTU) and 2021 world champion Anastasiya Prokopenko of Belarus.

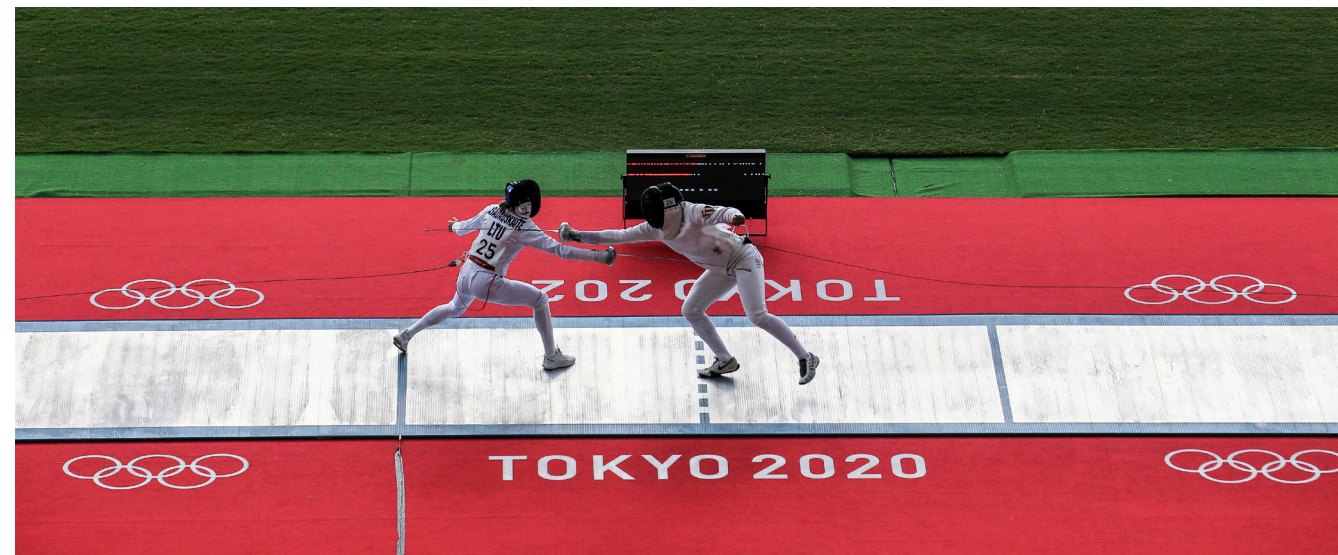
#### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Gold medallist French (GBR) said: "Amazing. It really hasn't sunk in yet, it's incredible.

"My Fencing yesterday I was quite disappointed with, to be honest, it wasn't a particularly good fence for me. I really had to refocus and come out fighting today, so I'm so pleased I was able to turn it around and produce a performance I was proud of.

"I'm so pleased I could do it in Japan, I've had such a great experience here. The Japanese have done such a great job putting it on despite the pandemic. I'm so grateful for everything they've done and Japan is always going to have a special place in my heart now."

Silver medallist Asadauskaite (LTU) said:



Action from the Fencing Bonus Round during the Women's Modern Pentathlon at Tokyo 2020

"I don't believe it because my Fencing was not good. It's been a crazy day, I'm happy.

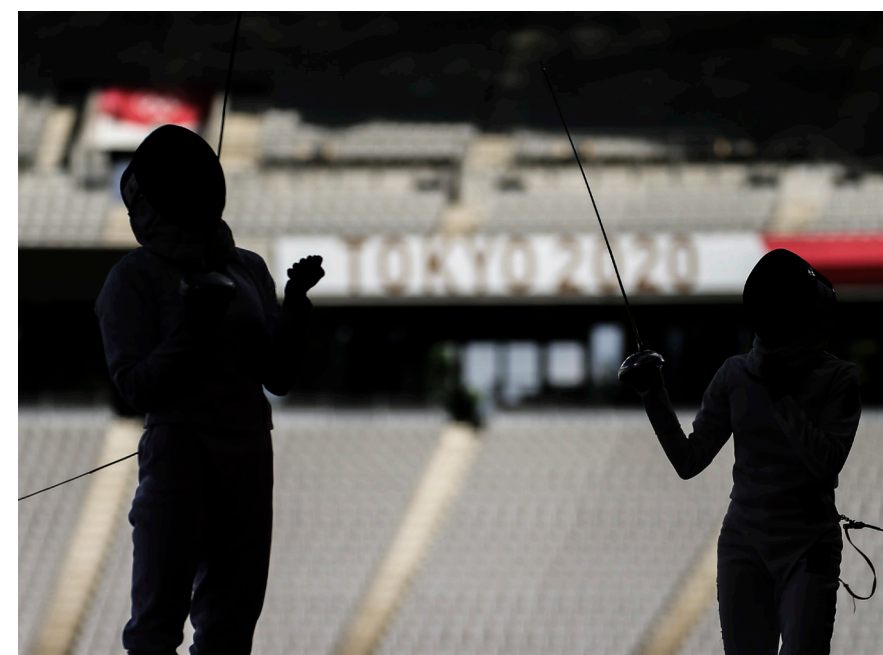
"In London (2012) it was my first. In Rio (2016), with the Riding I got zero points. I wanted to try again and I believed. Today is a happy day for me and my country Lithuania – it's our first medal. I am very happy.

"My combined event is strong because I am a fast runner and I believe I can push. I say 'Laura, come on, come on, you can'. I ran fast. I know today is my day and it is my chance. It was amazing competing here with everything in one venue."

The 37-year-old Asadauskaite (LTU), who is married to two-time Olympic medallist Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU) with an 11-year-old daughter, Adriana, added: "My daughter said: 'Mama, maybe you are coming home with a medal? I said: 'Maybe. You stay home and I am coming.'"

Bronze medallist Kovacs (HUN) said: "I can't believe it really – I'm so, so happy. I feel like I deserve it. It's been so many years and it's not just my work, it's teamwork. My family, my club, my doctor - because I had a serious injury and now I'm here, I'm so happy.

"I had a knee operation and then a thrombosis. So I had to work on my mental training.







Action from the Women's Riding event during the Tokyo 2020 Modern Pentathlon

"This is my third Olympic Games. I was in London and in Rio but here in Tokyo there were no spectators, but I feel the energy and love. I love this country.

"In the shooting range everybody had some mistakes, but I was focused. I knew I was third, so I just wanted to do what I can. I didn't know about the others."

SWIMMING

Gulnaz Gubaydullina (ROC) completed a unique double as she set the first Olympic Modern Pentathlon world record in a 25m pool.

Gubaydullina (ROC) was already the owner of the 50m record having swum 2min 07.94sec at Rio 2016, and she paced her eight laps perfectly in the short-course pool temporarily constructed inside Tokyo Stadium.

Having overtaken Clouvel (FRA) and Michelle Gulyas of Hungary in the closing stages, 2017 world champion Gubaydullina (ROC) touched first in 2:07.31 to end a dramatic race. World



More action from the Riding as the tension grows inside Tokyo Stadium

No.1 Gulyas (HUN) timed 2:07.48 and Rio 2016 Olympic silver medallist Clouvel (FRA) was just 0.03sec behind in 2:07.51.

FENCING

Annika Schleu of Germany was the undoubted star of the Ranking Round – fighting off rivals from inside and outside her own team to post a score that was confirmed as an Olympic record after the Bonus Round.

Schleu (GER) initially trailed behind team-mate Rebecca Langreh (GER) on the scoreboard but the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Cup Final silver medallist went on an irrepressible run, winning a long sequence of bouts at the end to finish with 29 victories and only six defeats.

It gave her a 30-point lead in the standings, with Sehee Kim of Korea finishing nearest to the leader on 24V/11D and Natalya Coyle of Ireland and Uliana Batashova (ROC) just one victory further behind. Sotero (ITA) lay in 5th place after scoring 21V/14D.

She didn't capture any additional points in the Fencing Bonus Round but Schleu (GER) still stood alone at the top with her 274 points, comfortably



Alice Sotero (ITA) and Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) engage in a close contest during the Women's Laser Run on August 6, 2021



surpassing the Olympic record of 264 set by Oktawia Nowacka of Poland at Rio 2016. Sehee (KOR) defeated Schleu (GER) in the final bout of the Bonus Round for a total of 246, with Coyle (IRL) and Batashova (ROC) seven points adrift on 239.

The stars of the Fencing Bonus Round were Elena Micheli of Italy (six victories) and Mariana Arceo of Mexico (four). At the end of the second discipline,

Schleu (GER) had an overall score of 551 and a 24-point lead over Batashova (ROC), with Kim (KOR) three points further behind.

#### RIDING

After a sudden rain shower and the elimination of Marcela Cuaspu of Ecuador and Ieda Guimaraes of Brazil, calm was restored by team-mates Asadauskaite and Venckauskaite (LTU), both of whom achieved perfect scores

of 300. It was a moment of huge relief for Asadauskaite (LTU) after her elimination in Riding at Rio 2016.

Several riders struggled to control their horses, and there was disappointment for host nation Japan as Natsumi Takamiya was eliminated and Rena Shimazu incurred 48 penalty points. World champion Prokopenko (BLR) dislodged two barriers, giving herself just a little bit too much to do in the Laser Run.

The session was eventful throughout – providing a stern examination of riding ability that many accomplished riders could not pass. Those who fell out of contention included Micheli (ITA), Michelle Gulyas (HUN) and 4th-placed Coyle (IRL).

There were solid rides from team-mates Clouvel (FRA) and Marie Oteiza (FRA), Marina Carrier of Australia, Sotero (ITA), Kovacs (HUN), Kim (KOR) and Batashova (ROC) – as well as a crucial 294 for ‘ice queen’ French (GBR).

All of that might have been immaterial in the destination of the gold medal if the last ride of the competition had gone differently. But what ensued was a devastating experience for the outright leader.



Kate French (GBR) moves into a strong position at the shooting range as the pack (below) tries to keep up



Shots from the Women's Modern Pentathlon podium as Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), French (GBR) and Kovacs (HUN) celebrate their success

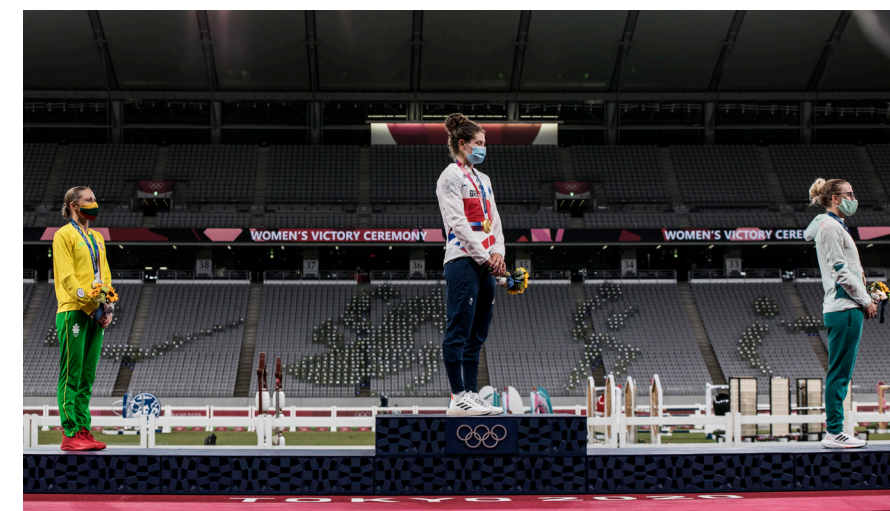
Riding the same horse that had refused to jump several times for Gulnaz Gubaydullina (ROC), Schleu (GER) struggled to persuade her mount to start the round – and it wasn't long until the horse was refusing to jump. Despite her frantic efforts to calm the horse, Schleu (GER) finally had to accept defeat – elimination and the end of her medal quest.

#### LASER RUN

The plight of Schleu (GER) left Batashova (ROC) in the lead, 10sec ahead of Kim (KOR). But Kovacs (HUN) immediately moved up to 2nd and French (GBR) skipped past Sotero (ITA) into 4th.

There were two big moves on the first lap – French (GBR) and Kovacs (HUN) hit the front while Asadauskaite (LTU) and Ozyuksel (TUR) moved into the top 10. Batashova (ROC) fought back on the second shoot but didn't have the legs to keep up with her adversaries, and there was a decisive move for gold by French (GBR) as Sotero (ITA) grabbed 2nd.

With Kim (KOR) and Clouvel (FRA) among those in the top six, Asadauskaite (LTU) continued to eat up the field and by the end of the third lap, she was 5th. A terrific final shoot enabled the



veteran to advance to 3rd, and there was only going to be one winner in her battle for silver with Kovacs (HUN).

The latter did superbly to hold on to bronze, in light of her recent injury woes, but the outcome was harsh on Sotero (ITA) who was left to lament a poor final shoot.

Top-six finishes at the Olympics are a thing to cherish and there was a gleeful reaction from Ozyuksel (TUR) as she crossed the line. Clouvel (FRA) got home just before her legs gave up on her as the rest of the field sprinted to finish as high as possible.

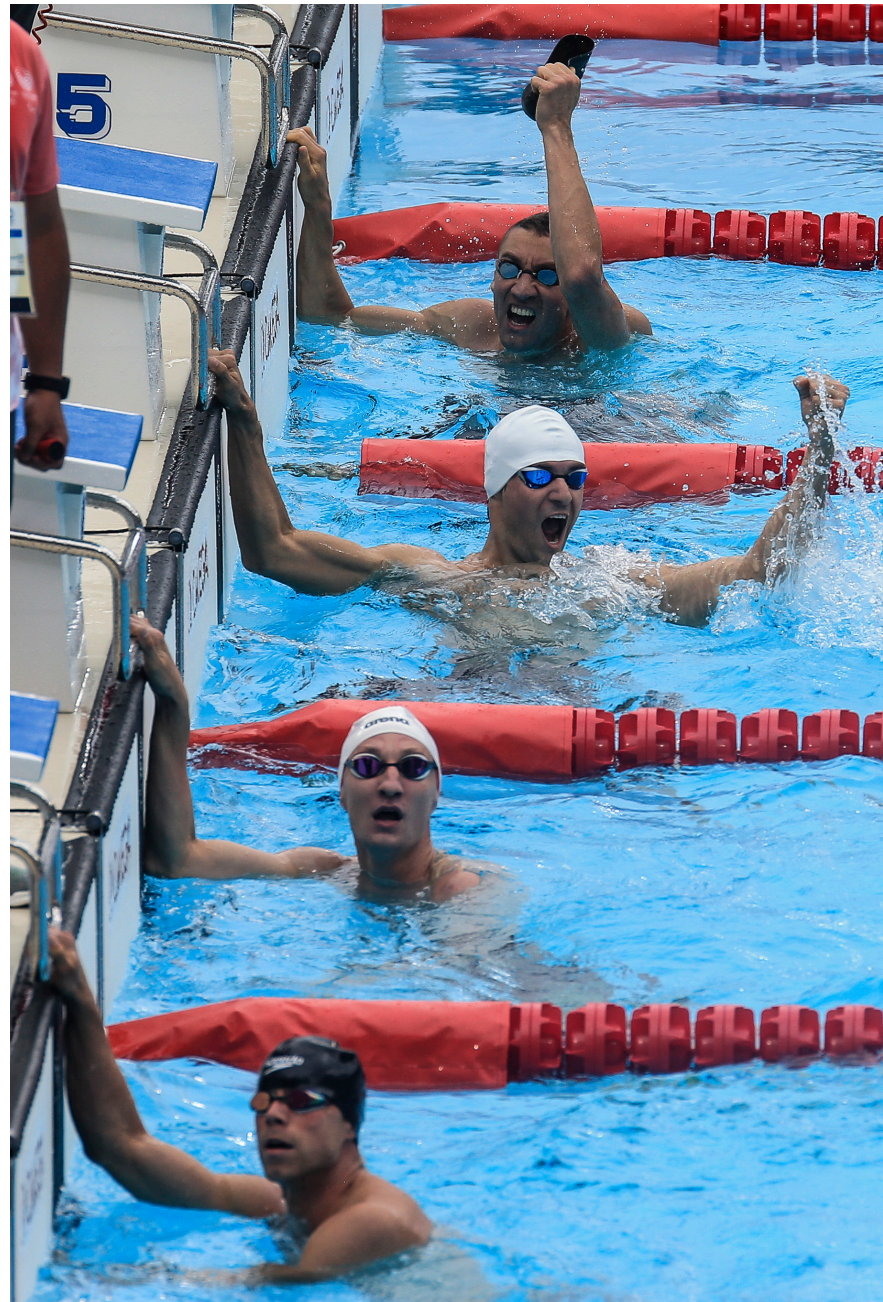
#### Men's Modern Pentathlon: Choong (GBR) completes unique double

It takes a team to win an Olympic gold medal. It takes a dream team – with a supercharged commitment to excellence – to win two in one Games.

Joseph Choong of Great Britain became the first men's Olympic medallist in Modern Pentathlon with a superb performance at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Games.

In the process he enabled his team to become the first to win any medals across the two genders. Choong (GBR) set a new Olympic record of 1,482





Charles Fernandez (centre) celebrates winning his Swimming heat as the Men's Modern Pentathlon gets under way inside Tokyo Stadium

points as he held off the chasing pack to complete a double started by Kate French (GBR) 24 hours earlier.

Nothing about the victory of either athlete was easy, and a truly captivating race developed during the climax of the Men's Final with Dr Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, among the audience.

Ahmed Elgendy of Egypt wrote his own fairytale in Tokyo (JPN), winning Olympic silver aged 21. Not only is Elgendy (EGY) the first pentathlete from his country to stand on the highest podium – he is the first from Africa.

The bronze award was a landmark moment for the sport, too. Korea have been one of the top-tier pentathlon nations for several years and Woongtae Jun has won numerous titles. Now he has given his country their first Olympic medal – completing a tri-continental podium that speaks to the exciting future of the sport.

The only regret for Korea was that 2017 world champion Jinhwa Jung (KOR) was so near and yet so far from the podium, finishing 4th ahead of young Martin Vlach of Czech Republic, who set a new Olympic Laser Run record in making his way through the field to finish 5th ahead of 2021 world champion Adam Marosi of Hungary, who raised his hands in triumph at the finish line.

Valentin Prades of France was next across the line, with Jan Kuf (CZE) finishing 8th after a tricky Laser Run scuppered his medal hopes.

#### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Asked about the team's historic double success, gold medallist Choong (GBR) said: "I think it goes to show that some of the staff we got have been absolutely fantastic. Specifically, the performance team.

"It shows how well the coaches understand the athletes. It's a two-way

Valentin Prades (FRA) celebrates a Fencing win over Lukasz Gutkowski (POL)



Action from the Fencing Bonus Round and the Riding as the tension grows inside Tokyo Stadium

relationship that breeds a culture of performance.

"I think anyone who has followed the sport since 2019 knew there was only one person winning that last 100m. I was confident that even if [Elgendy] came hard at that stage I could put more effort in and beat him to the line.

"The German girl Annika [Schleu] was unlucky yesterday, it's always difficult because you have to rely on the rider before you – if they have a bit of difficulty with the horse it can really upset them for the second ride.

"That's what happened to her, and I was really upset for Annika. I was hoping I wouldn't get one of the difficult horses, but I got the same one as Kate and obviously it's a bit of a lucky charm."

Silver medallist Elgendy (EGY), a two-time UIPM world junior champion who won gold at the Buenos Aires 2018 Youth Olympic Games, said: "I am very happy and very proud to win this medal – the first for Egypt in Modern Pentathlon. The race with Joe was hard. I was catching up to him in the final lap. I know that Joe has a great finish in all races and competitions.



"I am very happy with the silver medal. I hope this medal can make a difference in the continent, in Africa. In Egypt we have had a great upgrade in Modern Pentathlon. The results in the World Championships and Youth Olympic Games have brought more athletes to Modern Pentathlon. I hope more athletes will come.

"After the Youth Olympic Games I started to dream about Tokyo. My mother was there in Argentina. She told me 'this will not be the last medal you achieve. You will have a medal in

Tokyo'. My mother, father, and all my family supported me. I want to thank them for the motivation they gave me."

Bronze medallist Jun (KOR) said: "I was 4th before the laser run. I thought I could have a chance for silver but Ahmed Elgendy was too fast. I tried my best but I want to show you a better performance next time around.

"[Jung] and I were talking to each other. We said whoever takes the medal it is good. He is older than me and he finished fourth. He was crying but he





Under menacing skies, the Riding action in the Men's Modern Pentathlon continues inside Tokyo Stadium

was grateful. It is not just a medal for me but our whole team."

**SWIMMING**

Four-time Olympian Amro Elgeziry of United States marked his comeback to the Games by setting the first Olympic

Modern Pentathlon world record in a 25m pool. Racing the owner of the 50m record, James Cooke (GBR), the touch went to Elgeziry (USA) in 1min 52.96sec in the short-course pool temporarily constructed inside Tokyo Stadium. Cooke (GBR) timed 1:53.80

and Chong (GBR) made it a three-way thriller as he hit the wall in 1:54.87.

**FENCING**

There was little to separate the top fencers in the Men's Ranking Round. Choong (GBR) dominated the



2nd-placed Jinhwa Jung (KOR) sets off in pursuit of leader Joseph Choong (GBR) as the Laser Run begins

leaderboard for much of the session but was finally matched by Alexander Lifanov (ROC) on 25V/10D.

There was very little to separate the top 10 when the men resumed for the Bonus Round, with even 10th-placed world champion Adam Marosi (HUN) only 30 points behind the leaders. Ilya Palazkov of Belarus and Justinas Kinderis of Lithuania were tied for 3rd.

In the Bonus Round, competition remained tight with only Aleix Heredia of Spain and two-time world champion Valentin Belaud of France managing four victories.

**RIDING**

After all the drama of the Women's Final, there was a welcome serenity about the 36 rides that took place in the centre of the repurposed Tokyo Stadium. But the challenge was equally demanding and only three riders – Patrick Dogue of Germany, Vlach (CZE) and Gustav Gustenau of Austria – attained a maximum score of 300.

Kuf (CZE), riding fifth from last, rode smoothly and moved into a strong position and then watched as Kinderis (LTU) and Palazkov (BLR) struggled to complete the course.

Medals could have been won and lost in this moment but Jung (KOR) and Choong (GBR) both kept their heads and escaped any damage to remain in the top two positions.

The final bout had a special significance because the winner of Choong (GBR) versus Lifanov (ROC) would be named winner of Fencing. Choong (GBR) had the final say, securing the two points needed to top the standings.

**LASER RUN**

Starting with a 12sec cushion over Jung (KOR) with Kuf (CZE) and the dangerous Jun (KOR) within half a minute, and other threats such as Marosi (HUN) and Elgendy (EGY) lurking further back, Choong (GBR) shot superbly and paced his four laps carefully.

At times the leader tactically took his foot off the pedal to conserve energy, which gave the others hope



Multiple world champions including Valentin Belaud (FRA, above) and James Cooke (GBR, Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) and Adam Marosi (HUN) work hard to stay in contention for medals, but nobody was going to stop Chong (GBR), bottom, from crossing the line first







Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) celebrates becoming Africa's first Modern Pentathlon medallist

– especially Elgendy (EGY) who had galloped through the field in the same way as Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) the day before.

Kuf (CZE) ran an aggressive third lap to move into 2nd and appeared to have put some distance between the Korea duo and the rest, but the Czech

contender froze at the final shoot and lost all momentum.

The last lap was everything that Laser Run should be. A leader defending his position under fire from a fast assailant; two team-mates jostling for a podium place and others frantically sprinting to catch them.

Four athletes were in contention for the coveted prizes and finally it was 2017 world champion Jung (KOR) who missed out by 4sec, watching his younger team-mate cross the line to make history along with the two men who beat him to the tape. A special mention must go to 24-year-old Vlach (CZE), who set a new Olympic Laser Run record of 10:30.13 that confirmed he will be one of the athletes to watch in the Paris 2024 cycle.

#### **UIPM donates Pierre de Coubertin bust to Tokyo 2020 President for installation in Sapporo Museum**

The President of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee, Seiko Hashimoto, formally received a Pierre de Coubertin bust from UIPM on the day of the Closing Ceremony, August 8.

The 30kg iron bust, representing the founder of Modern Pentathlon and the



All smiles on the Men's Modern Pentathlon podium for Elgendy (EGY), Choong (GBR) and bronze medallist Woongtae Jun (KOR)

Modern Olympic Games, was gifted to Japan and will be installed in the Sapporo Olympic Museum.

It was presented by the UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann, along with UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, Viacheslav Malishev, and followed a similar ceremony at Rio 2016.

The bust was made by German artist Karlheinz Oswald. The reception was also attended by Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee staff Michiyasu Takahashi (Head of Executive Office), Senji Ishikawa (Senior Director of OFS) and Aki Murasato (Executive Director of OFS). President Dr Schormann said: "On behalf of the UIPM global community and the Coubertin family, it was a great honour to present this bust to Ms Hashimoto as a gift for all of Japan."

"All visitors to the Sapporo Olympic Museum will now have the opportunity to learn a little more about the role played by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in setting up the modern Olympic Games and introducing Modern Pentathlon as the only sport conceived entirely for the Games."

#### **UIPM introduces new measures to urgently improve horse welfare in Modern Pentathlon**

UIPM has started urgently working on a range of measures aimed at improving horse welfare in Modern Pentathlon and creating a safer Riding discipline for all participants - starting with the formation of a 10-strong Riding Working Group.

The actions follow a number of incidents in the Riding section of the Women's Final at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games which caused distress to horses, athletes and viewers.

Chaired by Montreal 1976 Olympic champion Janusz Peciak OLY (POL) and including Sydney 2000 Olympic champion Stephanie Cook OLY (GBR), the group has begun its review, discussing a range of measures.

The group includes five Olympians along with some of the world's leading Modern Pentathlon coaches, technical experts,



Champion team-mates Kate French and Joseph Choong (GBR) pose with their gold medals



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Tokyo 2020 President Seiko Hashimoto and UIPM Executive Board Member Viacheslav Malishev with Tokyo 2020 officials at the presentation of the Coubertin bust



event organisers and course designers, with frequently online meetings scheduled in the coming weeks. The group is composed as follows:

- **Chair: Janusz Peciak OLY (POL)**  
UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, UIPM Technical Committee Chair, Montreal 1976 Olympic champion, double world champion, USA Pentathlon Head Coach for more than 30 years
- **Jan Bartu OLY (CZE)**  
UIPM Coaches Committee representative – winner of two Olympic medals (Montreal 1976), UIPM Level 4 Coach, Pentathlon GB Performance Director for more than 20 years
- **James Cooke OLY (GBR)**  
UIPM Athletes Committee representative – Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 Olympian, 2018 world champion, 2019 European champion
- **Stefano Scaccabarozzi (ITA)**  
Riding expert – former Italian Equestrian Federation Sports Director, Team Selector, Team Manager and Coach, Riding Coach of Italian Modern Pentathlon Federation in 3 Olympics (2008, 2012, 2016)
- **Teodor Sheitanov (BUL)**  
Riding expert – FEI Level 3 course designer and FEI Level 3 judge, successful course designer of multiple UIPM Pentathlon World Cups in Bulgaria
- **Dr Stephanie Cook OLY (GBR)**  
National Federations representative – Sydney 2000 Olympic champion, world champion, European champion, Board Member of European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, former Pony Club member
- **Joshua Riker-Fox OLY (CAN)**  
National Federations representative – Beijing 2008 Olympian, Pentathlon Canada Next Generation Coach, Canadian Pony Club Wall of Fame entrant, Member of UIPM Instructor Group
- **Sandor Karman (HUN)**  
Event organisers representative – Competition Director, Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association
- **Group Coordinator: Dr Alexandre Franca**

UIPM Operations Director

- **Tamas Varga**  
UIPM Competition Manager

The Riding Working Group will also assess the need for amendments to the UIPM Code of Ethics for the welfare of horses, and will draft amendments if applicable.

#### FEI/UIPM COOPERATION

On August 17 UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann met with his International Equestrian Federation (FEI) counterpart Ingmar De Vos, who had offered support in the immediate aftermath of the Women's Final in Tokyo (JPN). President De Vos agreed during the meeting to provide two specialists who will work with UIPM as consultants, advising on technical jumping and veterinarian veterinary aspects of horse welfare.

UIPM President Dr Schormann said: "I am delighted that we have the support of the FEI along with our own expertise within Modern Pentathlon as we work towards solutions that result in improved horse welfare and athlete safety in our sport. I am grateful to FEI President Ingmar de Vos and very pleased that we are entering a new era of cooperation between our two International Federations."

#### UIPM DISCIPLINARY PANEL

A UIPM Disciplinary Panel has completed its review of the events of August 6. The outcome is as follows:

The Panel found that Kim Raisner, representing Germany as a coach, violated the UIPM competition rules (Rule 4.6.8\*) by striking a horse and encouraging her athlete to do the same.

- The Panel upheld the decision of the UIPM Executive Board on August 7 to exclude Ms Raisner from the remainder of the Olympic Games competition.
- The Panel issued an official reprimand to Ms Raisner and a warning that any repeat of her behaviour could result in the removal of her UIPM Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) credentials and permission to coach at UIPM-sanctioned competitions.
- The Panel ordered Ms Raisner to attend a coach education seminar at the appropriate level containing

a Humane Treatment of Animals module at the earliest opportunity and prior to her participation in any UIPM-sanctioned competition.

Annika Schleu, representing Germany as an athlete, was found not guilty of excessive use of the whip and spurs and no action will be taken.

The UIPM Disciplinary Panel stated: "The Panel recognizes Ms Raisner's personal contributions over many years to the sport of Modern Pentathlon, both as an elite level athlete and national coach. Her athletic and professional record is one of exemplary behaviour, making the events of August 6 stand out as an anomaly.

"That said, Ms Raisner did in fact violate the UIPM competition rules, specifically rule 4.6.8 and her behaviour, that of striking the horse, Saint Boy, and encouraging her athlete to do the same, regardless of the reason, was shocking to this Panel and indeed the world. Ms Raisner's egregious behaviour cannot go unpunished.

"The Panel considered the actions of Annika Schleu when she entered the Riding arena mounted on the horse, Saint Boy. Based on the review of evidence available it was determined that the use of the whip or spurs was not excessive and while the situation certainly was distressing for both rider and horse, the Panel concluded that there are no animal welfare issues to answer and that no action will be taken.

"The UIPM is committed to the humane treatment of animals and athletes alike and condemns any acts of cruelty and/or abuse to either.

"The Panel encourages the newly empowered UIPM Riding Working Group to labour diligently towards modifying our rules in the new competition format for Paris 2024 to safeguard and ensure the health, safety and humane treatment of our animals and athletes."

The UIPM Disciplinary Panel was comprised of Chair Rob Stull (NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Confederation President), Martin Dawe (UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing) and Dr Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM Executive Board Member for Development).

## UIPM Executive Board meeting



Members of the UIPM Executive Board photographed inside Musashino Forest Sport Plaza, venue for the Fencing Ranking Round at Tokyo 2020

### UIPM 2022 Congress and future competitions awarded

The UIPM Executive Board met in Tokyo (JPN) on August 4 and made decisions around the awarding of competitions and events spanning the next three years.

COVID-19 Coronavirus travel restrictions permitting, the UIPM 2022 Congress will take place in Antigua (Guatemala), following the online UIPM 2021 Congress already scheduled for November 2021.

The UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup series will be the first competitions to adopt the new Modern Pentathlon format designed for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, and teams can now start preparing for competitions next season in Cairo (Egypt), Budapest (Hungary), Albena (Bulgaria) and Ankara (Turkey).

Nur-Sultan, the capital of Kazakhstan formerly known as Astana, will host Pentathlon World Cups in 2023 and 2024.

There is also exciting news for the worldwide youth athlete community, which will soon be reunited for the UIPM 2021 Youth World Championships (U19/U17), with the 2022 competition awarded to Lugnano (Italy).

The full list of awards is as follows:

**UIPM Pentathlon World Cup (2022-24)**  
Cairo (EGY)  
Budapest (HUN)  
Albena (BUL)

**UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup**  
Ankara (TUR)

**UIPM Pentathlon World Cup (2023-24)**  
Nur-Sultan (KAZ)

**UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships (U19/U17)**  
Lignano (ITA)

**UIPM 2022 Congress**  
Antigua (GUA)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The UIPM Executive Board made a series of unanimous decisions that sent out a clear message that we are balancing our activities worldwide.

"The meeting underlined the strong support we received from athletes and coaches for the new Modern Pentathlon format, which will be introduced during the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup. The COVID-19 pandemic is still causing difficulties worldwide and we continue to take care of our athletes and officials – we need to provide hope through sport so that all nations can overcome the situation."



## UIPM 2021 Pentathlon Junior World Championships



Medallists on the Mixed Relay podium mark the end of the first UIPM Junior World Championships since 2019

### A glittering glimpse of the future in Alexandria (EGY)

Two years since UIPM last staged a global gathering of under-age pentathletes, the future stars of Modern Pentathlon came back together to compete for the coveted title of junior world champion.

The UIPM 2021 Pentathlon Junior World Championships took place at the Arab Academy for Science Technology & Maritime Transport in Alexandria (EGY) from July 12-18.

More than 250 athletes aged 21 and

under from 27 countries took part in the last global competition before the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, where numerous former junior world champions represented their countries on the highest stage.

The competition offered a glimpse of the future, with many participants aiming to reach the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in three years' time when the new Modern Pentathlon format will be introduced.

Egypt has been a cornerstone of the return of competitions in 2021, having stepped in to host the UIPM

2021 Pentathlon and Laser Run World Championships in June. Many of the younger athletes who competed at junior level in July will return in September for the rescheduled UIPM 2021 Youth World Championships (U19/U17).

Janusz Peciak OLY, UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport and 1976 Olympic champion, said: "I was very pleased with the organisation and also the level of this competition.

"A lot of these athletes will probably feature in the Olympic Games in Paris 2024 – I can see a lot of great talent.

"I'm very happy, especially because during the pandemic we didn't have much competition for juniors and youths. We know how hard it was for the athletes not to participate for one and a half years and it's good to see them back.

"Also I would like to say thank you to the organisers who keep these athletes very safe, with great organisation."

### Women's Relay: Fernandez & Scheider (GER) strike first

Two weeks after becoming European junior champions, Esther Donda Fernandez and Annika Schneider of Germany won a thrilling Women's Relay to secure the first UIPM world title for under-age athletes in two years.

The opening day of the Championships in Alexandria (EGY) featured a

captivating race with the top four teams separated by less than 40sec in the final reckoning.

Beatrice Mercuri and Alice Rinaudo of Italy ended up with the silver medal while bronze went to Maria Samoilova and Kseniia Saneva of Russia, ahead of Rebecca Castaudi and Jessye Gommese of France.

### WINNERS' REACTION

In the wake of their success in the European Junior Championships in Bern (SUI), Germany (Fernandez/Schneider) had gold medals around their necks again as they reflected on the day.

Fernandez (GER), 18, said: "I feel very good; today was very nice. I don't have words to describe my happiness. I gave my all today and it's amazing when you cross the line first – wow!

"I was born in 2003 and this year the

Under 19 World Championships will be important for me."

Schneider (GER), 19, said: "The weather is really hot, but in the evening it's better. Our Fencing was good for both us, and I think our Laser Run was the best."

### SWIMMING

In the wake of their senior compatriots winning multiple world titles in recent years, a blistering pace was set in the pool by Katsiaryna Etsina and Katjarina Sukora of Belarus, who were the only team to touch the wall in under 2mins (1:59.93).

Topping the billing for the host nation, Amira Kandil and Salma Abdelmaksoud of Egypt were second-fastest in 2:02.13 while Italy (Mercuri/Rinaudo) timed 2:03.85.

### FENCING

Another nation enjoyed clear



Action from the Swimming pool as the Championships get under way in Alexandria (EGY)





Action from the Fencing Bonus Round, Riding and Laser Run during the Women's Relay



dominance on the Fencing piste and it was Melissa Mireles and Cecilia Meza of Mexico who soared into the overall lead, scoring an impressive 32V/12D in the Ranking Round and adding two points in the Bonus Round. Egypt (Kandil/Abdelmaksoud) scored 27 victories to stay firmly in contention, while there were 26 apiece for Germany (Fernandez/Schneider) and Russia (Samoilova/Saneva).

RIDING

A hush befell the Riding arena at the Arab Academy for Science Technology & Maritime Transport as the local favourites' quest for the world title came to a sudden halt.

Egypt (Kandil/Abdelmaksoud) suffered elimination from Riding, opening the door to other medal aspirants in the field who took full advantage. Russia (Samoilova/Saneva) topped the scoring with 293 as Italy (Mercuri/Rinaudo) and Germany (Fernandez/Schneider) also completed the course with only one transgression.

LASER RUN

Mexico (Mireles/Meza) started the



Esther Donda Fernandez and Annika Schneider (GER) celebrate their Women's Relay success as the Men's Relay (below) gets started

Laser Run in pole position and continued to lead until they suffered a major loss of momentum at the shooting range.

Behind them, Italy (Mercuri/Rinaudo) were locked in what seemed like a private battle with Russia (Samoilova/Saneva) for silver, but Fernandez (GER) turned the race on its head after taking the handover in 4th place. She seized on the error by Mexico (Mireles/Meza) and shot with remarkable accuracy to overtake all the incumbent medallists and take control of the race.

A superb Laser Run time of 12:58.00 enabled Germany (Fernandez/Schneider) to cross the line 16sec ahead of Italy (Mercuri/Rinaudo) with Russia (Samoilova/Saneva) a further 9sec behind.

Men's Relay: Chekan & Kovalchuk (UKR) take gold

Eastern European nations dominated day two as Vladyslav Chekan and



Yuriy Kovalchuk of Ukraine claimed the Men's Relay title.

came from behind to earn bronze in Alexandria (EGY).

Ukraine (Chekan/Kovalchuk) brought it home after an intense battle with Uladzislau Nestserau and Maksim Maruk of Belarus, while Andras Gall and Bence Viczian of Hungary

It meant that six different nations won medals in the first two days of the competition, while Egypt finished 4th in the Men's Relay thanks to Eiad El Kashaf and Mohammed Elgendy.



## WINNERS' REACTION

Chekan (UKR) said: "We feel so excited. We're so happy because we had this dream since 2019 before the Coronavirus, and we talked about it and dreamed it about for two years and now finally we did it."

"We won Swimming by 2sec ahead of the other guys and then Fencing was good, and we had a beautiful Riding event with a clear round. In Laser Run my shoot was good and my friend Yuriy's shoot was great. We had to shoot well and we did it."

"It's our first time in Egypt and the first two days were very hot, but today we felt beautiful all day."

Kovalchuk (UKR) added: "It was a wonderful moment. I had dreamed about being on the podium in 1st place in the World Championships and now my partner Vlad and I are world champions."

"The Laser Run was perfect because we shot and ran very well. I think we did all disciplines well."



Action from the Fencing Bonus Round in the Men's Relay



## SWIMMING

Ukraine (Chekan/Kovalchuk) started the day as they meant to go on, creating an early lead thanks to a Swimming time of 1:47.15.

Ugo Fleurot and Mathis Rochat of France were next-best in the pool, just 0.01sec faster than Juseong Moon and Minseo Lee of Korea.

## FENCING

Egypt (El Kashef / Elgendy) brought cheer to local spectators as they dominated the Fencing Ranking Round, scoring an impressive 25V/9D. But the Eastern Europeans didn't let them get too far away, with Ukraine (Chekan/Kovalchuk) and Belarus (Nestserau/Maruk) each scoring 23 victories and the former adding the last two points in the Bonus Round.

## RIDING

A high standard of horsemanship was on show, with six duos scoring 290+ led by Belarus (Nestserau/Maruk, 298), Hungary (Gall/Viczian, 295)

and Federico Alessandro and Stefano Frezza of Italy (294). Ukraine (Chekan/Kovalchuk) also evaded any serious damage to their overall position, with the result that they joined Belarus (Nestserau/Maruk) on 872 points.

## LASER RUN

With the top two teams setting off in unison, there was only a 10sec starting gap between the rest of the field – led by the host nation. Running first for Egypt was Elgendy (EGY), younger brother of 2018 world junior champion







Ahmed Elgendy (EGY), who would go on to make history a week later in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games by winning the silver medal.

The local favourites competed well in the first half of the race but fell victim to a surge by Hungary (Gall/Viczian), who had started 20sec behind them but finished 19sec ahead of them and almost upgraded to silver.

In the end Ukraine (Chekan/Kovalchuk) pulled clear to win gold by 9sec from Belarus (Nestserau/Maruk), while Egypt (El Kashef / Elgendy) were followed home by France (Fleurot/Rochat) and Italy (Alessandro/Frezza).

#### Women's Individual: Gold for comeback queen Castaudi (FRA)

An exceptional Laser Run performance enabled Rebecca Castaudi of France to become the first individual junior world champion in two years.

Castaudi (FRA) left the field stunned as she rose from a starting position of 21st to overcome a 49sec deficit and clinch the gold medal on day five.

One of the athletes she surged past was Alice Rinaudo of Italy, the European junior champion and former UIPM Under 19 world champion who seemed to have done everything right in claiming the title – until a dramatic Laser Run finale.

After unexpectedly losing her lead, there was another twist in the tale for Rinaudo (ITA) as she was overtaken by the rampaging Elzbieta Adomaityte of Lithuania, but her legs gave way in the final sprint, enabling Rinaudo (ITA) to win silver. Adomaityte (LTU) crawled across the line for a hard-earned bronze ahead of Rita Erdos of Hungary.

#### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Castaudi (FRA), who turned 20 one week before, said: "I feel very, very good – I never felt so good in my life.



"It's an immense joy and satisfaction for me, I trained hard for this all year and this is the outcome so I am very happy today. The run was definitely my best discipline. I gave everything.

"I felt integrated quickly here in Egypt. I ate well, plus I am vegetarian and they adapted for me which is nice, I want to say thanks for that. I could adapt well to the heat, the climate and environment. And the people are kind. It is a great competition.

"I aim for Paris 2024. Next year I join INSEP, so it is really to aim for the Olympics, it makes me very happy and I am looking forward to it and training."

Rinaudo (ITA), 21, said: "It feels really amazing because, two weeks ago, I was European champion. I was so tired but I wanted to keep some energy for the Laser Run because I knew it was the last competition of the year for me, and then I would go on holidays.

"I just told myself to concentrate and

do what I could do. I think Laser Run was good and also my Fencing. It wasn't going so well, but I decided to take it point by point and fortunately it was very close between the athletes and I was able to keep my position. Of course I am aiming for Paris."

Adomaityte (LTU), 19, said: "Coming back from European Championships a week ago, I was 3rd there and today I had a really nervous day at the Fencing. I managed to have a clear round in the Riding and I was so happy, and the only thing I was worried about was my shooting.

"The first shooting was bad and I dropped to 9th place, but I worked my way up again. In the last running lap I was 2nd and my brain was like 'oh my god, I'm going to finish 2nd' but my legs were like, 'no you're not'.

"I ran as fast as I could but then my legs just collapsed and I fell, and Alice was like 'hello, I'm here' and she finished 2nd, but I crawled across the line

and I'm happy that I'm 3rd. That's my second medal this year.

"I'm so happy because COVID was last year and I worked with all my heart, and now we see the results. I was really scared about Egypt and the weather, but because of global warming we had very similar weather in Lithuania – 31 and humid! So that helped me to prepare."

#### SWIMMING

Competing in her home country, the 2018 Youth Olympic Games champion rose to the occasion immediately as the Swimming was won by Salma Abdelmaksoud of Egypt in a time of 2:10.22. In close pursuit and also ducking under 2:11 were Jiyoung Seo of Korea and Katsiaryna Etsina of Belarus.

#### FENCING

Although it was incredibly tight between the top 10 athletes, the clear winner of the Fencing Ranking Round was Erdos (HUN), who scored 23V/12D.



Left: images from the Men's Relay and Women's Individual Final; above: an all-African battle on the Fencing piste as Egypt and South Africa engage





Action from the Riding

Erdos (HUN) was beaten in the Bonus Round by Adomaityte (LTU), who added four bonus points after being one of eight athletes who scored 21V/14D. Abdelmaksoud (EGY) and Rinaudo (ITA) were also among that group.

#### RIDING

A perfect score of 300 was just enough for Rinaudo (ITA) to sneak into the overall lead, one point ahead of Abdelmaksoud (EGY) who dislodged one obstacle.

There were also maximum scores for Adomaityte (LTU), Eszter Kovacs (HUN) and Anhelina Dobrovolskaya (BLR), while Castaudi (FRA) began to advance on the leaderboard thanks to a solid 295.

#### LASER RUN

Setting off with only 1sec between them, Rinaudo (ITA) and Abdelmaksoud (EGY) shared the early initiative but Rinaudo (ITA) moved clear after the second shoot with Jessye Gommese (FRA) and Erdos (HUN) in quick pursuit.



Rebecca Castaudi (FRA) moves to the front from a starting position of 21st. Opposite: Castaudi (FRA) celebrates her win and the Men's Swimming begins

Just when it seemed like Rinaudo (ITA) might be able to consolidate her lead, she found an unexpected rival on her shoulder. Castaudi (FRA) had laced through the field without hesitation and showed exceptional conviction to continue advancing all the way to the front of the field.

After shaking off another surge by team-mate Gommese (FRA), Castaudi (FRA) reached the final shoot in the lead with Rinaudo (ITA) and Erdos (HUN) in the other podium positions, and the leader once again shot with nerveless poise to set off on a victory lap.

In the end she finished 12sec ahead of silver medallist Rinaudo (ITA), who had lost her position to Adomaityte (LTU) until the sprinter's collapse in front of the finish line.

Although nobody could compete with the champion's Laser Run time of 12:58, there was also a noticeable performance from Anna Jurt of Switzerland, who moved up 21 places with her time of 13:29.



#### Men's Individual: Elgendy (EGY) lives up to his billing

**A**hmed Elgendy of Egypt warmed up for his Olympic Games debut in the perfect manner by becoming world junior champion for the second time in his home country.

Elgendy (EGY) was 18 when he first won this title in 2018, the year of a remarkable clean sweep that also saw him claim gold at the Youth Olympic Games and the UIPM Youth World Championships (U19).

Three years on, he is 21 and proving his calibre again - in June Elgendy (EGY) won bronze at the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon World Championships to secure his place at the rescheduled Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

On paper, he was the gold-medal favourite in Alexandria (EGY) and







Action from the Fencing Bonus Round and Riding in the Men's Final in Alexandria (EGY)



nothing happened on day six of the championships to give his rivals any real hope of upsetting the odds.

Behind him, an impressive silver was won by Egor Gromadskii of Russia, while Csaba Bohm of Hungary took home the bronze medal. Pele Uibel of Germany took 4th place.

#### MEDALLISTS' REACTION

Elgendy (EGY) said: "I'm very proud to win this medal. It's in my home country and it's my second medal of the season after the bronze medal I won at the senior championships in Cairo.

"Everything was good across the disciplines today, I can't complain about anything and I made it to the

Laser Run in the lead. I will not say I was totally relaxed, but it was enough."

Bohm (HUN) said: "I feel exhausted, but it's unbelievable because I started the Laser Run in 9th place and I was able to make the podium. I'm unbelievably happy.

"I had some struggles with my Fencing, but I did my PB in the Swimming pool and I nearly had a clear round in Riding, and then my Laser Run – especially the running – was incredible.

#### SWIMMING

Quickest off the blocks in the first global junior men's final in two years was Minseo Lee of Korea, who timed 1:56.30 to narrowly outpace Mathis Rochat of France (1:56.85) and Giorgio Malan of Italy (1:57.40), with Elgendy (EGY) only a fraction of a second slower.

#### FENCING

He has a name recognisable to many sports fans around the world, and Uibel Pele (GER) could be a major star in Modern Pentathlon if he continues

to perform like he did in the Fencing Ranking Round in Alexandria (EGY).

Scoring 28V/7D, he took the overall lead and kept at bay the challenge of Belarus, who had two athletes locked on 26 victories – Alexei Khurs and Maksim Maruk. Khurs (BLR) was the last man standing in the Bonus Round.

The host nations' medal hopes were maintained by Elgendy (EGY) and Mohanad Shaban (EGY), each of whom scored 25 wins in the Ranking Round with Shaban (EGY) winning their Bonus Round duel.

#### RIDING

As in the Women's Final yesterday, there was a high level of competence on horseback with seven athletes achieving the maximum score of 300 points. Maruk (BLR) was among them and Elgendy (EGY) dropped only two points in time penalties, ensuring he would start the Laser Run in pole position.

Malan (ITA) and Bohm (HUN) also scored an impressive 298, while Gromadskii (RUS) and Uibel (GER) dropped points but remained in overall contention.

#### LASER RUN

With a healthy starting lead and the proven pedigree of a global champion, Elgendy (EGY) knew the junior world title was his to lose.

For the first half of the race he kept a safe distance between himself and his closest pursuers, Uibel (GER) and Maruk (BLR), with Gromadskii (RUS) just behind the podium positions.

The third circuit saw the leader stretch his lead, leaving all the intrigue behind him as the rest jostled for those precious medals. It was Gromadskii (RUS) who made the key move, advancing past Maruk (BLR) and then Pele (GER) on the third lap.

With Bohm (HUN) and Shaban (EGY) in hot pursuit, Uibel (GER) was unable to



Ahmed Elgendy (EGY) runs to victory and celebrates on the top of the podium (below)







It's all about teamwork in the Mixed Relay as athletes team up in Swimming and Fencing



clinging on to his bronze medal and it was Bohm (HUN) who reined him in before stretching his legs to finish closer to 2nd than 4th. Bohm (HUN) was the top Laser Run performer with a time of 11:50.00.

#### **Mixed Relay: Etsina & Berazavik (BLR) end on a high**

**B**elarus have been one of the dominant nations in senior Modern Pentathlon in recent years and their juniors provided a golden climax to the UIPM 2021 Pentathlon Junior World Championships.

Katsiaryna Etsina and Uladzislau Berazavik (BLR) didn't just win the Mixed Relay, they blew the field away, suggesting that the nation's future in the sport is in good hands once the likes of Anastasiya Prokopenko and Ilya Palazkov hand over to the next generation.

After a dominant performance in Fencing, Belarus (Etsina/Berazavik) refused to let a sloppy Riding

performance ruin their day and they finally won by 25sec from Poland duo Ewa Pydyszewska & Maciej Klimek.

The Poles' success was their first medal of the competition and the bronze medallists also broke their duck for the week – as Paula Valencia Franco and Andres Fernandez gave Guatemala something to take home.

Winning the Mixed Relay meant that Belarus finished joint-second in the competition medals table alongside Egypt with one gold, one silver and one bronze medal. Hungary topped the table having won both team golds – the women's team silver went to Egypt and bronze to Belarus, while Russia took home the men's team silver and Egypt the bronze.

#### **MEDALLISTS' REACTION**

Gold medallist Berazavik (BLR) said: "We succeeded in everything. We did it very well. We fenced incredibly well. We were a little unlucky with the horse, but we did our favourite discipline - Laser Run - at the highest level. It is the most important."

Team-mate Etsina (BLR) said: "From the very beginning everything went well, since fencing is the most difficult thing for us. Since it succeeded, everything else went like clockwork."

Silver medallist Pydyszewska (POL) said: "We are so happy we don't know what to say. It's amazing."

"In the Laser Run I shot really well and made a good position for my team-mate, and he did what was needed to

give us a silver medal. It's perfect."

Team-mate Klimek (POL) added: "Today is an amazing day. A silver medal – we didn't dream about it. Our best discipline was Riding because then we moved up to 2nd position."

Bronze medallist Fernandez (GUA) said: "It was a good day. It's our first international medal and it's the World Championships. We have the best team ever."

#### **SWIMMING**

Czech Republic (Veronika Novotna & Jakub Malecek) set the standard in the pool with an electric time of 1min 54.01sec, with Egypt (Mariam Amer & Muhammed Husam) not far behind (1:54.35).



A high five for host nation Egypt during the Fencing Bonus Round



*The Mixed Relay comes to a dramatic climax with running and shooting and Belarus (bottom) celebrate their victory*

#### FENCING

With a commanding performance, Belarus (Etsina/Berazavik) stormed to the top of the overall leaderboard thanks to a score of 31V/9D. Equally, Russia (Yana Soloveva & Egor Gromadskii) had a big advantage over another Egypt duo (Salma Abdelmaksoud & Mohanad Shaban).

#### RIDING

The only maximum score of the day was delivered by Germany (Julie Walser & Christoph Lemken), but Poland (Pydyszewska/Klimek) moved up to 2nd place overall with a score of 298 and Hungary (Rita Erdos & Csaba Bohm) moved into contention with 297.

#### LASER RUN

Starting with a big lead over 2nd-placed Poland (Pydyszewska/Klimek) and 3rd-placed Egypt (Abdelmaksoud/Shaban), Belarus (Etsina/Berazavik) controlled their nerves and gave no sign of hope to their rivals.

By the second visit to the range, individual bronze medallist Elzbieta Adomaityte of Lithuania had moved into the bronze-medal position but her team-mate Purnas (LTU) was overtaken by Bohm (HUN) after the handover.

At the final shoot, there was a major surprise as Bohm (HUN) lost his place to both Klimek (POL) and Fernandez (GUA), who engaged in a private duel for silver. Finally it was Klimek (POL) who crossed the line 5sec ahead of Fernandez (GUA), who in turn had a 6sec cushion over Bohm (HUN).

The best Laser Run time was set by individual world champion Rebecca Castaudi and Mathis Rochat of France (11:46.09), who were not in contention for medals after failing to take part in Riding.



## BIATHLE-TRIATHLE SPOTLIGHT

A global revival for all ages



Youth athletes return to Biathle-Triathle action in Hurghada (EGY)

#### Athletes return to competition in Egypt, Portugal, Germany and Georgia

The gradual resumption of UIPM Sports in many countries and continents has been good news for Biathle and Triathle athletes, many of whom see the multi-discipline sports as a springboard to Modern Pentathlon.

The UIPM 2021 Biathle-Triathle National Tour has enabled athletes of all ages to compete in Egypt, Portugal, Germany and Georgia this year, while Kazakhstan hosted the Open Biathle & Triathle Asian Championships.

#### Hurghada (EGY) gets the ball rolling

Egypt has been one of the most active nations in the restart of UIPM Sports in 2021 and the resort of Hurghada hosted an early instalment of the UIPM 2021 Biathle-Triathle National Tour (BTNT) on April 2.

The tournament was the final competition opportunity for Egyptian athletes to boost their ranking and earn selection for the the UIPM 2021 Biathle-Triathle World Championships in Weiden (GER).

A spokesperson for the local organising

committee said: "More than 400 athletes participated in good weather. All athletes and coaches were satisfied with the organization and results."

#### Sporting holidays in Machico (POR)

The city of Machico on the island of Madeira held the BTNT, as well as the fourth stage of Laser Run Portugal Tour 2021, on June 27.

Machico is becoming a popular Biathle-Triathle destination having organised the European Championships in 2019 and now preparing for the UIPM World Championships in 2022.





Action from the shooting range in Machico (POR) and a competitor enjoys her experience in Tbilisi (GEO), below

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "It was a beautiful June Saturday, with perfect weather and great water conditions for the swimming section.

"Around 100 athletes competed in each of the competitions, many from the Portugal mainland who took the chance for a small holiday on the island.

"The health and safety protocol was a success, with all athletes and team members following all the guidance from the organisation, and the competition was a real success."

The city of Coimbra (POR) also hosted a BTNT combined with the Global Laser Run City Tour on June 12, with 120 participants across all age groups.

**Pool switch can't stop the fun in Tbilisi (GEO)**

Due to a high level of moss coverage on the Lisi Lake, originally planned for open-water use, the Swimming element of the BTNT in Tbilisi (GEO) on June 27 was moved to local swimming pools.



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It did not deter the many participants, who compete in the pool and then took part in Laser Run near the lake. A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "We appreciate the flexibility of all organisers and all athletes who took part in the Biathle-Triathle National Tour in Tbilisi. We hope to have more optimum conditions next time."

**Burabay (KAZ) opens up for major regional gathering**

The Open Biathle & Triathle Asian Championships were held from June 24-28 in the resort area of Burabay (KAZ). The competition was attended by 250 athletes of all ages from Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

Swimming took place in open water in Lake Borovoe, where the water temperature on the first day ranged from 21-23C. The entire running course was held along a forest belt on the shore of the lake, while the Triathle shooting line took place in an open area in the forest.

A spokesperson for the local organising committee said: "The competition was held in accordance with all UIPM Biathle and Triathle rules and Vadim Chudnovsky was the Technical Delegate. On all three days, safety rules for athletes and spectators were observed with a water rescue service, several ambulances and a fire brigade and several police squads on duty on the water.

"At the end of the third day, a mixed event in Biathle and Triathle took place, and the Technical Delegate as well as the coaches and athletes present noted the high level of the competition and the professionalism of the officials."

**Stepping up preparations in Weiden (GER)**

One of the year's most important BTNT events took place in Weiden (GER) during preparations for the UIPM 2021 Biathle-Triathle World Championships.

The event was held in conjunction with



The Biathle-Triathle Asian Championships in Burabay (KAZ) was a big success



the German National Championships and enabled organisers to rehearse the organisational requirements of the World Championships, including testing the swimming course, water depth and running course conditions.

More than 100 athletes took part in their first competition after a long break, with Biathle categories encompassing U15 to Masters 60+ and Triathle participants competing from U11 to Masters 60+.



## UIPM 2021 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships



Competitors enter the water as the UIPM 2021 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships gets under way in Weiden (GER)

### Global community makes a splash in Weiden (GER)

A happy reunion took place on the Bavarian lakeside. Twenty-two months since they last met on the beaches of Florida (USA), the global Biathlon and Triathlon communities gathered in Weiden (GER) for the UIPM 2021 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships.

Biathlon (Run-Swim-Run) and Triathlon (Swim-Run-Shoot) have been pillars of the global growth of UIPM Sports and 315 athletes from 25 countries took part in Weiden (GER) with age

categories ranging from Under-9 to Masters 70+.

Egypt, always strong especially in the youth categories, scored a total of 16 gold medals during the competition, six more than host nation Germany.

South Africa finished third in the medal table with five golds, ahead of Kazakhstan (four). An impressive Czech Republic team captured the most medals overall – 27 – with Germany picking up 26 and Egypt 23.

Germany won the senior Mixed Relay title in both Biathlon and Triathlon thanks

to Annika Schneider – already a junior world and European women's relay champion in 2021 – and her partner Uli Raeth.

On a busy day three, finals, the men's junior and senior Individual Triathlon categories were merged and split into two races.

It resulted in gold-medal success for Dimitrios Drazinos of Greece and Matej Lukes (CZE) in the final races of the day, shortly after Athina Sarra (GRE) had become women's senior world champion.

They may not have scaled the top step but four athletes from Kazakhstan made the podium in the men's showcase races, with Ilyas Aliyev (KAZ) pipped by only 5sec by Lukes (CZE) in the race of the day, and Ayan Beisenbayev (KAZ) following Drazinos (GRE) across the line.

The women's junior champion was Johanna Maria Jogisu of Estonia, who caught the eye along with silver medallist Barbora Hartmanova (CZE).

On the final day, Germany won four of the 20 Individual Biathlon titles and Anne-Kathrin Bucher became the new senior world champion, finishing 7sec ahead of silver medallist Alessia Mancini of Italy with Pinelopi Nika of Greece a further 14sec behind.

Kazakhstan again performed strongly especially on the men's side, with Beisenbayev (KAZ) beating Meirlan Isakov (KAZ) to senior gold, with



Success for Annika Schneider and Uli Raeth (GER), who won both senior Mixed Relay titles



The joy of Mixed Relay participation is clear to see in the faces of these Czech Republic youth team-mates





*More action from Weiden (GER) as athletes of all ages enjoy the competition*

bronze medallist Panagiotis Bitados (GRE) pushing them close. Lukes (CZE) followed up his Triathlon gold with a thrilling 2sec junior victory over Rashit Romanchuk (KAZ), while Carina Reicht won the women's junior title for Austria ahead of the prolific Jogisu (EST).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Once again here in Weiden we have seen the positive outcomes of UIPM's development programme with a hugely successful UIPM Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships.

"Congratulations to the local organising committee who did an excellent job preparing a great venue for Biathlon and Triathlon and coping with all different weather conditions to ensure everybody had a chance to compete and create special memories.

"I am grateful to the Minister of Interior and Sport of Bavaria, Mr Joachim Herrmann, for his patronage and for a very kind welcome speech at the Opening Ceremony.

"It was wonderful to see more than



*Determination, solidarity and friendship are all essential parts of the UIPM Sports movement*

300 athletes from 25 countries here in Weiden and not only to watch them take part, but to see high-quality performances from so many teams and athletes of all ages who have clearly remained committed to their training during the pandemic.

"After the cancellation of so many competitions in 2020 linked to COVID-19, we are delighted to have had such a wonderful 2021 season with many international opportunities to compete in Modern Pentathlon, Tetrathlon, Triathlon, Biathlon and Laser Run.

"We now look forward to returning to Egypt for the UIPM 2021 Youth World Championships (U19/U17) from September 13-19 and once again I urge our global community to join us in Alexandria with as many participants as possible, given the travel limitations still in place for many countries."





## News from around the world



Images from Machico (POR), which has hosted international competitions with great success in the past

### UIPM 2022 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships awarded to Machico (POR)

Portugal has won the right to host the UIPM 2022 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships in Machico, on the island of Madeira.

The Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation (FPPM) formed a strong bid around the Atlantic Ocean venue after successfully staging the European Biathlon-Triathlon Championships immediately followed by a Global Laser Run City Tour.

The FPPM bid was successful against tough competition and its success demonstrates Portugal's commitment to UIPM development sports since the 2nd UIPM Laser Run World Championships took place in Lisbon (POR) in 2017.

FPPM President Manuel Barroso said: "Madeira is the current Best Island Destination awarded by the World Travel Awards.

"As President of the Portuguese Federation I strongly trust we have found the perfect spot for the UIPM 2022 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships to be held in Machico – we are aiming for the best competition ever!

"Our local partners are delighted with this nomination from UIPM and looking forward to show the visiting nations the beauty of the 'Atlantic Pearl' combining nature, culture, gastronomy and an astonishing venue for the event."

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board I congratulate the Portuguese Modern Pentathlon Federation on the success of their bid to host the

UIPM 2022 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships in Machico.

"After such a long break from international competition in all UIPM Sports in 2020, we already saw during the UIPM 2021 Laser Run World Championships in Cairo that the appetite for competitions is very strong and the worldwide Biathlon-Triathlon community will be very excited about this news."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev said: "It was a difficult decision because we had strong and convincing bids from five countries from three continents, which indicates worldwide development and a growing interest in Biathlon and Triathlon.

"So far Portugal has successfully organised various UIPM competitions as well as the European Biathlon-Triathlon

Championships so the local organisers are well acquainted with the process. I wish President Manuel Barroso and his team fruitful preparation and the delivery of a great event!"

### Apply now for your Athlete Certificate with World Academy of Sports

Youth athletes from member federations of UIPM have been invited to apply for an online qualification from the World Academy of Sports (WAOs).

The WAOs Athlete Certificate has been made available for the second consecutive year, along with the Online Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) to which applications have already closed.

The Athlete Certificate is designed for youth athletes aged between 15 and 18 and takes four and a half hours to complete, aiming to provide "the tools needed for young people to become successful and knowledgeable athletes".

Students can complete the course at their own pace and the syllabus includes five modules:

- Support team and relationships
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- Health and wellbeing (including mental health)



Machico (POR) will draw the world to the island of Madeira in 2022

- Social media and the media
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opportunities with WAOs is part of UIPM's commitment to the athletes through the Athletes Centered Programme (ACP). WAOs offers a fully online educational pathway from high school to Postgraduate education. Applications should be submitted to UIPM by a Member Federation - contact [projects@pentathlon.org](mailto:projects@pentathlon.org).

#### Happy birthday Mr President: special wishes for Dr Klaus Schormann as he turns 75

Members of the UIPM Executive Board created a chorus of congratulations for UIPM's long-serving President, Dr Klaus Schormann, on the occasion of his 75th birthday (July 17, 2021).

Dr Schormann, from Germany, has been President of UIPM since 1993, after a five-year spell as Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations. Between 1994 and 1996 he was President of the umbrella governing body, UIPMB (Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon).

Having led the global Modern Pentathlon community through seven Olympic Games (Atlanta 1996 - Tokyo 2020), he was inaugurated to the UIPM Hall of Fame in 2018. As he celebrated his 75th birthday in his home city, UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer represented UIPM and arranged a video greeting from the UIPM Junior World Championships in Alexandria (EGY) as well as a historical book with a lot of memories from lifelong friends and colleagues.

The following tributes were paid to the UIPM President by Members of the Executive Board:

*Our Dear President, our Dear Klaus. You are like an oak tree for UIPM. Africa finds in you patience, stability and wisdom. Wish you many happy returns of the day and may you still lead us for long.*

- **Nundkishor Fakun**, African Confederation President



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, who turned 75 on July 17, 2021

*I would like to wish Mr President a happy birthday, wishing him all the best and thanks to him for supporting younger generations and especially the athletes throughout their careers.*

- **Aya Medany**, Chair of the UIPM Athletes Committee

*I want to send my best wishes to our President Schormann, hoping he will continue a lot more years. I send him a big hug.*

- **Juan Manzo**, UIPM Vice President

*Klaus, congratulations on this milestone; moreover, thank you for your help and mentoring over the last 25 years - since your birthday party we organized in Atlanta 1996 at the first UIPM hospitality house!*

- **John Helmick**, UIPM Treasurer

*I have known Klaus for some time having competed in Modern Pentathlon at the same time in the late 1960s. In all this time his passion for the sport has never ceased. I congratulate Klaus on reaching this significant birthday.*

- **Martin Dawe**, UIPM Executive Board Member for Marketing

*Klaus was and continues to be an invaluable mentor with encyclopaedic information about Modern Pentathlon, world sport politics, art, global history and many other interests. Working with Klaus over the years has enabled me to see at first hand his tremendous working capacity and speaking talent which make him a true political leader who is instantly recognisable. I would like to offer my congratulations to Klaus on his 75th birthday and mention especially Karin and the important role she plays. Wishing you both good health and all the best for the future!*

- **Dr Viacheslav Malishev**, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development

*Best 75th birthday wishes from our family to yours,*

- **Rob Stull** (NORCECA Confederation President), Doug Stull and Lori Norwood-Stull

*This is an important birthday and life milestone, especially in such a significant year of 2021! A lot of great things are happening for our sport under the leadership of the UIPM President in the face of threats from around the world. UIPM is fortunate to have a President who*

*contributed his whole life for the sport, and we look forward to being led by him for the future! Happy Birthday Klaus!*

- **Shiny Fang**, UIPM Secretary General

#### UIPM seeks TV/digital production and distribution partner from 2022 to 2024

UIPM is pleased to open a bidding process to appoint a TV/digital production and distribution partner for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games cycle (2022-2024). Details of the process can be found at the UIPM website.

Bidders will have the chance to submit their tenders and be part of the future of UIPM's flagship Olympic sport Modern Pentathlon and its other multi-discipline sports.

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang said: "Modern Pentathlon was originally designed to test the all-rounds skills of the ideal athlete, and while it is challenging and demanding it has been a difficult sport to follow for TV viewers and spectators.

"UIPM's relentless innovation in recent decades has resulted in a programme shortened from five days to one day to five hours in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Now we are aiming to present a new Modern Pentathlon format in Paris with a full five-discipline TV

product within two hours for each semi-final or final, which will showcase the sport in a more understandable and attractive way for all online and offline audiences.

"We are looking for a production/distribution partner who respects this historical sport and, moreover, wants to help the sport become a TV product that embodies the Olympic spirit and promotes our athletes' unique qualities of endurance, strength and skill. It won't be an easy task, but we count on you for your experience, passion and professionalism."

Bidders must submit their tender by September 17, 2021. It is advised that interested bidders contact UIPM as soon as possible for more specific details. UIPM will meet the shortlisted bidders from October 1 and will advise the successful bidder of the outcome by October 7. The contract period is scheduled to commence on November 1, 2021.

Andrejus Zadneprovskis OLY, UIPM Executive Board Member for Media, said: "I am very pleased that UIPM is ready to tender for a TV/digital broadcast and distribution partner for 2022-24. Our sport continues to evolve, improving the viewer experience for all audiences across TV and online, and in Paris we will raise the bar again."

#### European Games 2023 adopts seven-day Modern Pentathlon programme

The Krakow 2023 European Games will feature the new Modern Pentathlon format and a bumper seven-day programme, organisers have confirmed.

Originally the Modern Pentathlon competition was earmarked for five days but following negotiations between the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, the local organising committee in Poland and the European Olympic Committees, the extended schedule was agreed.

The 3rd European Games will be the first to include Modern Pentathlon and will give European athletes a chance to qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The seven-day programme will run in the following sequence: Men's Qualification, Women's Qualification, Men's Semi-Final, Women's Semi-Final, Men's Final, Women's Final and Mixed Relay.

There will be a total quota of 160 athletes and the new elimination format will result in only 18 male and 18 male athletes reaching the Individual Finals.

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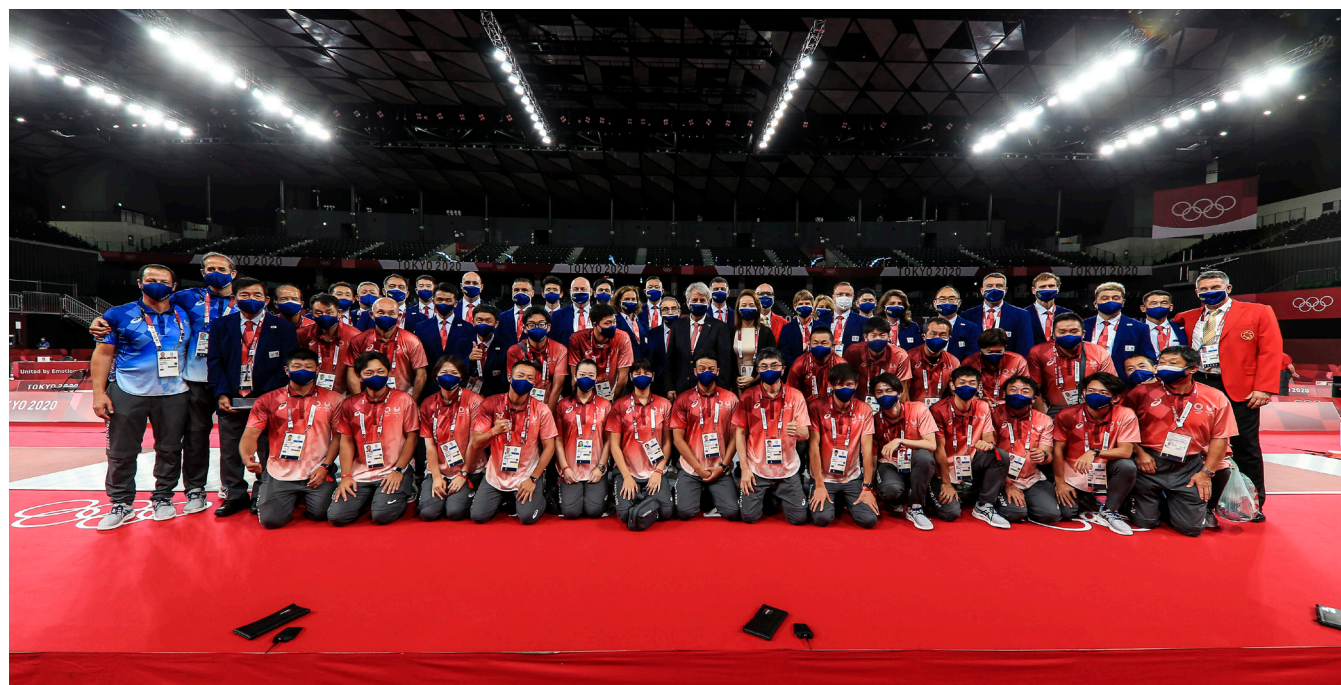
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## Inside UIPM

### UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang's message



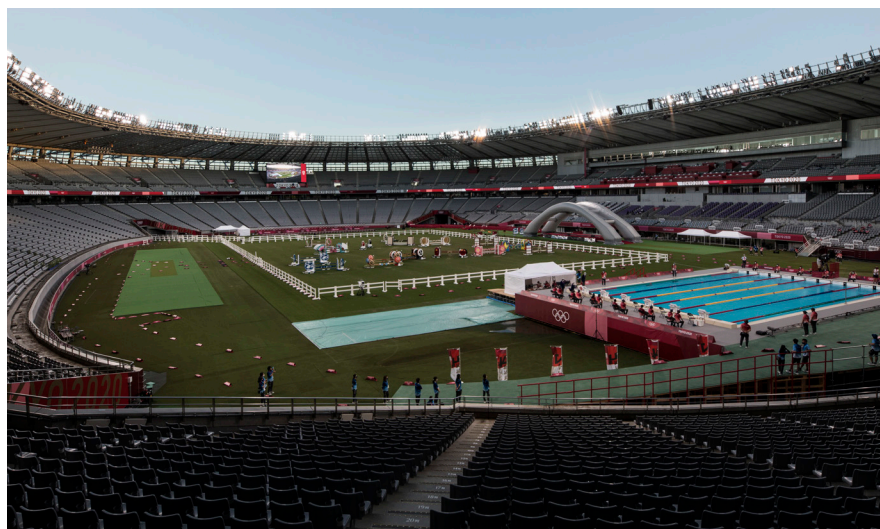
#### An unforgettable Olympic Games for so many reasons

Whatever memories stand out for you, I believe none of us will ever forget the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

It was the first Olympics where all five disciplines of Modern Pentathlon took place in one venue in one day – and what a venue! Our colleagues at the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee really excelled in turning a dream into reality inside Tokyo Stadium, and we will forever be grateful to them for their ceaseless commitment to the highest standards in the face of so much adversity.

In fact, the Pentathlon Stadium is now part of the furniture within the Olympic Games, and we look forward to working with Paris 2024 to create another stunning venue in Versailles.

In the Modern Pentathlon movement we never forget our heritage, having been a core sport on the Olympic programme for 109 years, and sports historians will look back on the Tokyo 2020 competition as a story of landmarks.



We saw the first male and female medal double in Modern Pentathlon – and not only that but a double gold! Congratulations to Team GB, especially our new champions Kate and Joe, on an awesome performance that truly sets the standard for other nations to follow.

On the women's side, we saw two other athletes gain a hard-earned reward for many years of hard work – congratulations to Laura on winning Lithuania's only medal of the Games

and to Sarolta for battling back from serious injury to get Hungary back on the Olympic podium.

While I was delighted for all four of those European athletes for getting the success they richly deserved, I believe members of our community in Africa and Asia might see a different face when they look back on these Games.

That's because, on the men's side, we saw Egypt and Korea win their first

Modern Pentathlon medals after an incredible effort by so many people in those two countries. It's so exciting for our movement to see how a long-term commitment to development can pay off with success on the ultimate stage, and I am thrilled for Woongtae and even more so for Ahmed, the first African medallist in our sport and still only 21!

Three continents, three confederations represented on the podium ... nobody can claim now that this is not a global sport. But being global is something we always have to be mindful of, especially during the Olympics when the whole world is watching on TV and online.

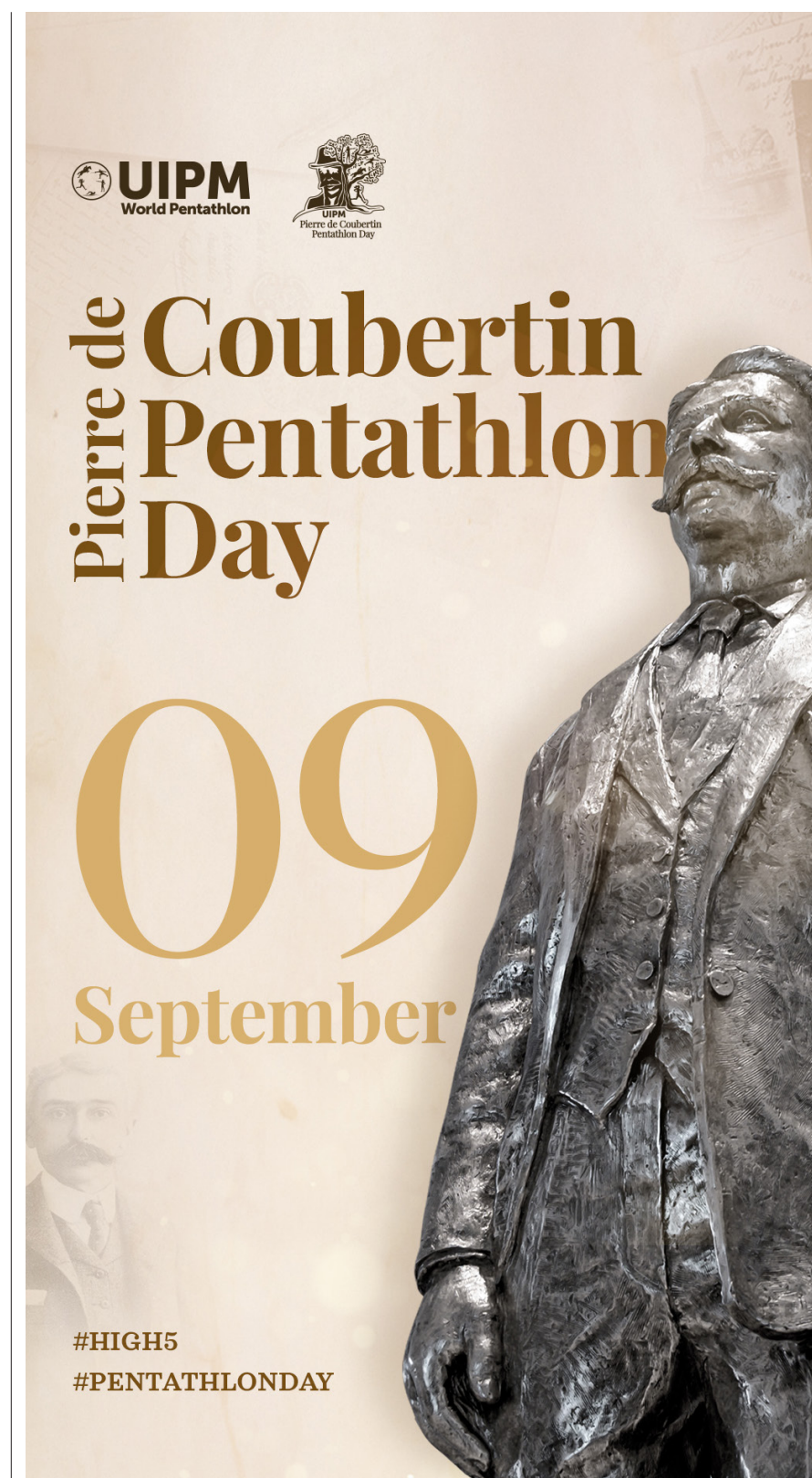
Tokyo brought another reminder of that, especially with the Riding incidents that were beamed around the world and not always in a way that reflected positively on our sport.

Elsewhere in UIPM communications you can read how we responded to the events of August 6, how we listened to the feedback and offers of support and expertise and how we are already deep in the process of reviewing (and potentially reforming) our sport.

As leader of the UIPM staff team in Tokyo, I have never been more proud to work with so many talented and professional people. I would also say like to say a special thanks to our outstanding technical officials who stuck to their task in sometimes challenging conditions, and to every single athlete, coach, team member, delegate and UIPM Executive Board Member who came to Tokyo and made the Modern Pentathlon competition such a special moment.

Together as one global sporting family, we are already invested in the next tasks – completing the 2021 competition season, preparing for our first-ever virtual Congress in November and of course the 2022-24 cycle, which will write another exciting chapter in the history of Modern Pentathlon.

New format, same principle: to test the moral and physical qualities of the world's most versatile athletes. Just as Coubertin envisaged. We continue to evolve, and we continue to make history.



The 4th Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day will take place as an online celebration on September 9, 2021. All members of the global UIPM Sports community are encouraged to post pictures and videos on social media showing the palm of their hands (hashtags #High5 / #PentathlonDay).

This special annual commemoration of the founder of Modern Pentathlon began in 2018 during the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) and has become an integral part of the calendar, with people of all ages in all countries coming together online to express their pride at being part of this historic sporting movement.



## Inside UIPM

### Monthly activities of President Dr Klaus Schormann



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joins the EMPC Congress, which featured the election of Tatiana Ardabyeva (above) as President

#### 08.07.2021: EMPC Congress

UIPM President Dr Schormann attended the virtual Congress of the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, which took place in Nizhny Novgorod (RUS) during the European Championships (due to travel restrictions, he could not attend in person).

A new EMPC Executive Board was elected with Tatiana Ardabyeva, who has successfully managed EMPC activities very well for many years as Secretary General, elected as President.

#### 16.07.2021: Darmstadt, GER

The UIPM President was joined by Secretary General Shiny Fang for

a meeting with Susanne Wiedemann (Sport Director) and Danja Schmidt (Office Administrator) of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation (DVMF). They discussed the sport-political landscape and how the DVMF can be more involved in organising competitions, and underlined the strong partnership between UIPM and DVMF going back decades.



The UIPM President and Secretary General Shiny Fang with (l to r) Danja Schmidt and Susanne Wiedemann of the German Modern Pentathlon Federation



#### 21.07.-08.08.2021: Tokyo, JPN

##### 138th IOC Session

President Dr Schormann took part in the IOC Session held at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 - which featured the award of the Olympic Summer Games 2032 to Brisbane (AUS). World Health Organisation Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus made a powerful speech about the importance of solidarity between all global societies in overcoming the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic. President Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang also had dinner with UIPM's



Clockwise from top: the IOC Session awards Brisbane (AUS) the 2032 Olympic Summer Games; WHO President Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus holds the Olympic torch; IOC President Dr Thomas Bach briefs International Federations; UIPM 1st Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch briefs the IOC Session in his role as Chair of the Coordination Commission for the Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022





Honorary President, HSH Prince Albert of Monaco II, for further discussions on the virtual UIPM Congress that will be hosted from Monaco in November 2021.

#### Pre-Olympic Games event meetings

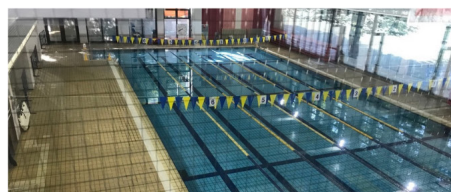
At a meeting hosted by the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF), the IFs were briefed about the ongoing situation during the



Games. Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang met the Mexico Sport Minister, Ana Gabriela Guevara (above left), to discuss future partnerships related to World Cups and World Championships and a new training and competition centre in Mexico.

Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang met Namdev Shirgoankar, Secretary General of the Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation

(AMPC). They discussed the development of Modern Pentathlon in Asia and briefed Mr Shirgoankar about preparations for the Asian Games 2022 in Hangzhou (CHN). All three later met Haider Farman (above), the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Director for Asian Games and Sports Department, to discuss the same matters as well as the inclusion of Triathlon in the Asian Beach Games.



UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Secretary General Shiny Fang and Operations Director Alexandre Franca (far right) visit the training venue in Tokyo (JPN)



The UIPM President and Secretary General with Namdev Shirgoankar, AMPC Secretary General



UIPM President meets Seiko Hashimoto, President of the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee, at the Rowing competition along with fellow officials and VIPs



Clockwise from above left: Dr Schormann and Mrs Fang meet Laurentio Guterres (second left), Secretary General of the Timor Leste NOC; (left to right) with UIPM Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer, Didier Seminet (Secretary General, NOC France), Axelle Guiguet (Sport Director, French Volleyball Federation) and Brigitte Henriques, the new President of the NOC France; Dr Schormann with (right) Bakhromjon Gaziev (Uzbekistan Modern Pentathlon Federation President); Dr Schormann, Mrs Fang and Ms Nussbaumer with Modern Pentathlon Association of Japan officials including Executive Director Hitoshi Nogami, President Katsumi Yamazaki and Secretary General Ichiro Tomiyasu







Clockwise from top left: the UIPM Executive Board pictured at the Musashino Forest Sport Plaza, the Fencing Ranking Round venue, on August 4; pictures from the Executive Board meeting which included a visit from Modern Pentathlon Association of Japan President Katsumi Yamazaki and an update from IOC

Agnes Kulcsar and Marcelo Gonzalez; the pre-competition Technical Meeting in full swing; UIPM Executive Board Members (l to r) Christian Roudaut, Aya Medany OLY and Martin Dawe; competition referees stand at the back of the room; UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann addresses the UIPM Technical Meeting alongside Secretary General Shiny Fang and Tokyo 2020 Modern Pentathlon Competition Manager Noriyuki Nakamura





Clockwise from top left: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang during the Modern Pentathlon competition with Spanish Modern Pentathlon Federation President Carlos Jimenez del Castillo and UIPM Executive Board Member Vacheslav Malishev; (l to r) with ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti, UIPM Executive Board Member Martin Dawe, ITTF President Thomas Weikert and IOC Medical & Scientific Director and former Olympic rowing champion Dr Richard Budgett OLY; Mrs Fang with Mexico Sport Minister Ana Gabriela Guevara and UIPM Vice President Juan Manzo; President Dr

Schormann with (centre) Tamayo Marukawa, Minister of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, Minister of State of Gender Equality and Minister in Charge of Women's Empowerment and (left) Katsumi Yamazaki (President of Modern Pentathlon Federation of Japan); at a press conference during the Fencing Ranking Round with Tokyo 2020 Modern Pentathlon Competition Manager Noriyuki Nakamura; with technical officials and volunteers at Musashino Forest Sport Plaza; with Enyo Katsura (Deputy Director of Bureau of Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020); Dr Schormann with the ASOIF President





Clockwise from top left: IOC President Dr Thomas Bach meets Women's Modern Pentathlon Olympic medallists (left to right) Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), Sarolta Kovacs (HUN) and Kate French (GBR); in conversation with UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and UIPM 1st Vice President and former IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch (also Chair of the Coordination Commission for Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022); applauding the athletes during the Men's Modern Pentathlon; with UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann at the first-ever all-in-one Modern Pentathlon Olympic Games competition venue; with fellow VIPs in the tribune at Tokyo Stadium



Above: President Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang accompany the Olympic Modern Pentathlon men's gold medallist Joseph Choong (GBR) at the press conference. Right: the UIPM President is joined at the victory ceremony by fellow VIP Daina Gudzeviciute (IOC Member and NOC President of Lithuania). Below: Dr Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang pictured at Tokyo Stadium with a group of Modern Pentathlon staff and officials







UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Secretary General Shiny Fang attended 19 different sports during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Clockwise from top left: with Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant); at the Canoeing competition; with World Archery colleagues (l to r) Secretary General Tom Diehlen, President Prof Dr Ugur Erdener (also IOC Member, NOC President of Turkey) and Vice President Joerg Brokamp; Dr Schormann with his old friend Masato Mizuno (CEO, Mizuno); at the Volleyball competition with (l to r) Eric Tanguy (French Volleyball Federation President), Didier Seminet (NOC France

Secretary General) and Axelle Guiguet (French Volleyball Federation Sport Director); Dr Schormann with IHF President Dr Hassan Moustafa; at the Aquatics competition with (l to r) FINA Honorary President Dr Julio Maglione and President Husain Al Musallam; Dr Schormann at the Equestrian competition with FEI President Ingmar de Vos; at the Gymnastics competition; Dr Schormann at the Judo competition with Sergey Bubka (IOC Member and NOC President of Ukraine)





Above, left to right: Lena Nussbaumer (Executive Assistant UIPM); Michiyasu Takahashi (Head of Executive Office, Tokyo 2020); Dr. Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Seiko Hashimoto (Tokyo 2020 President); Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM Executive Board Member of Development); Seji Ishikawa (Senior Director of OFS, Tokyo 2020); Aki Murasato (Executive Director of OFS, Tokyo 2020). Below: Dr. Schormann and Ms Hashimoto with volunteers



#### Pierre de Coubertin bust donation

On behalf of UIPM, Dr. Klaus Schormann donated the Pierre de Coubertin bust to the Olympic family of Japan.

Dr. Schormann officially presented the 30kg iron monument to the President of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee, Seiko Hashimoto, with Michiyasu Takahashi

(Head of Executive Office), Senji Ishikawa (Senior Director of OFS) and Aki Murasato (Executive Director of OFS) in attendance along with UIPM Executive Board Member Viacheslav Malishev.

The bust will reside in the Olympic Museum in Sapporo (JPN).

#### 17.08.2021: Meeting with FEI President

The UIPM President joined his International Equestrian Federation (FEI) counterpart Ingmar de Vos for a wide-ranging conversation about how the two international Federations can collaborate more closely.

The meeting followed an offer by President de Vos to provide expertise to UIPM in its ongoing efforts to improve horse welfare in the sport. During the meeting, the FEI President agreed to provide two specialist experts who will work as consultants to UIPM.



#### 20.08.2021: Innovation Commission

President Dr. Schormann joined an online meeting of the UIPM Innovation Commission, which continued its discussions about

opportunities to develop and strengthen Modern Pentathlon's status within the Olympic movement through innovation. The Commission is chaired by Ivar Sinięga and the meeting was attended by UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou

Above: the UIPM President takes part in a one-to-one video conference with FEI President Ingmar de Vos. Below: members of the UIPM Innovation Commission discuss the future of Modern Pentathlon







The UIPM President takes part in the UIPM Innovation Commission meeting

OLY, NORCECA Confederation President Rob Stull, UIPM Executive Board Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev, UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and Executive Assistant Lena Nussbaumer (Coordinator).



President Dr Schormann with UIPM sponsors Dr Wolfgang Dietz (left) and Dr Armin Kohler

23.08.2021: Sponsors meeting

Dr Wolfgang Dietz and Dr Armin Kohler visited the UIPM President's Office and the UIPM Archive and Library in Darmstadt (GER) to discuss further ongoing steps in their capacities as sponsors of UIPM. Dr Dietz is CEO of Dietz AG and Dr Kohler is CEO of Rechner Sensors.

25.08.-28.08.2021: Weiden, GER

The UIPM President joined a large global gathering of the UIPM Sports community at the UIPM 2021 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships, a cornerstone of the UIPM development programme for many years.

He attended the opening ceremony in the city centre of Weiden, which featured a welcome speech by the Minister of the Interior and for Integration and Sport of Bavaria, Mr Joachim Herrmann, and presented medals throughout the Championships while also meeting National Federation representatives.



Left: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann attends the Opening Ceremony of the UIPM 2021 Biathlon-Triathlon World Championships in Weiden (GER). Right: pictured alongside Joachim Herrmann (Bavarian State Minister of the Interior and for Integration and Sport) and Lothar Hoehner (Mayor of Weiden). Below: images from the Opening Ceremony and podium shots from the competition. Bottom right: Dr Schormann with officials from the National Federation of Pakistan including Ryaz Khan Fatyana (second from right)





# Pentathlon World Rankings

- Updated after Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

The PWR is updated live at [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org) after each competition. PWR as at 12 August 2021:

MEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	HUN	Adam MAROSI	200
2	FRA	Valentin PRADES	193
3	EGY	Ahmed ELGENDY	193
4	KOR	Woongtae JUN	190
5	GBR	Joseph CHOONG	188
6	RUS	Alexander LIFANOV	187
7	GER	Fabian LIEBIG	175
8	CHN	Shuai LUO	173
9	EGY	Ahmed HAMED	171
10	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	170
11	BLR	Ilya PALAZKOV	164
12	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	161
13	CZE	Martin VLACH	156
14	GBR	Thomas TOOLIS	152
15	GBR	James COOKE	151
16	GER	Patrick DOGUE	149
17	GER	Marvin DOGUE	148
18	CZE	Jan KUF	148
19	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	146
20	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	144

WOMEN			
RANK	NATION	NAME	POINTS
1	GBR	Kate FRENCH	220
2	HUN	Michelle GULYAS	200
3	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	195
4	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	190
5	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	187
6	GER	Annika SCHLEU	187
7	GBR	Joanna MUIR	175
8	ITA	Alice SOTERO	170
9	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	160
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