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UIPM 2018 GLOBAL LASER RUN CITY TOUR: PARALYMPIC CHAMPION MAKES LASER RUN DEBUT IN AUCH (FRA)

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

It was the third of four GLRCTs taking place in France in 2018 and a number of wheelchair athletes were among the 180 participants.

Omar Bouyoucef, a four-time Winter Paralympian who won gold in biathlon in Lillehammer (NOR) in 1994, was one of them.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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