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## OLYMPIC CHAMPION LESUN (RUS) VISITS MILITARY LASER RUN COMPETITION



The Rio 2016 Olympic champion, Alexander Lesun (RUS), was in the audience as pentathletes joined officers from various branches of the Russian military in a special Laser Run tournament in Moscow (RUS).

It was the third such competition, held at the indoor track and field stadium of the Central Army Club on November 16. Athletes participating in youth, junior and senior categories enjoyed their experience of UIPM's fastest-growing development sport.

UIPM Vice President Viacheslav Aminov, who is also President of the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Russia, said: "We held such tournaments before but this one is unique because our pentathletes are competing today with three kinds of military forces: special troops, internal forces and army.

"It is also a pleasure to mark that Laser Run tournaments are becoming more and more popular and are held throughout the world, promoting Modern Pentathlon. We will continue to modify the

format of Laser Run in the future and will attract more groups of people to participate.”



UIPM established the Global Laser Run City Tour in 2017 to provide an entry point to UIPM Sports for people of all ages in urban communities around the world.

Another 100 cities were selected in 2019 as hosts of the GLRCT or the Biathle-Triathle National Tour. The full calendar can be viewed at the UIPM website, where you can also find more information on UIPM’s various multi-discipline sports.

In September, the UIPM Laser Run World Championships was incorporated into the Pentathlon World Championships for the first time in Budapest (HUN), where Laser Run also featured as a showcase sport at the 1st World Urban Games.

In December, Laser Run and Triathle both featured for the first time in the 30th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games in the Philippines.

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