The global Modern Pentathlon community is in mourning after the death of experienced technical official Prof Dr Ivan Popov at the age of 87.

Prof Dr Popov was made an Honorary Member of UIPM after a long period of service to the UIPM Technical Committee, which he served as Secretary and as a Member.

He played a very active role in Modern Pentathlon in Bulgaria, serving as a senior member of the local organising committee and working as a judge in international competitions.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “As one of the longest-serving Members of the UIPM Technical Committee, he provided exemplary service to our sporting movement.

“As Secretary of the Technical Committee he was enthusiastic and energetic, running a lot of seminars for UIPM judges and referees and chairing the local organising committees for World Cups and World Championships in all age categories in Sofia, Varna and other cities in Bulgaria.