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UIPM ANNOUNCES 5TH DISCIPLINE WORKING GROUP IN FULL



- 10 Olympic pentathletes bring expertise and experience to historic consultation
- Five continents represented in global process to identify new discipline
- UIPM executives salute 'intelligence, imagination and passion' of group members

The Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) today announces the full composition of the working group that will lead the historic 5th Discipline consultation.

After the announcement of external marketing and media experts **Michael Payne, Terrence Burns, David Hill** and **Peter Hutton**, the other 17 group members named today represent a cross-section of the global Modern Pentathlon community – including 10 Olympic pentathletes.

UIPM President **Dr Klaus Schormann** will chair the group, supported by two deputies – UIPM 1st Vice President **Juan Antonio Samaranch**, a Member and former Vice President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), and **Shiny Fang**, UIPM Secretary General since 2012.

UIPM Vice President and WOA President **Joël Bouzou OLY** has been appointed as the Working Group coordinator, supported by Secretary General Shiny Fang.

James Cooke, **Natalya Coyle** and **Yasser Hefny** are the newly-elected members of the UIPM Athletes Committee – which met last week with the IOC Sport Department for a briefing about the need for change in Modern Pentathlon – who will represent the athlete community along with **Valentin Prades**.



James Cooke
2018 World Champion



Natalya Coyle
World Cup / World Championships Medallist



Yasser Hefny
2016 Team World Champion



Valentin Prades
2018 European Champion

The UIPM Coaches Committee, Technical Committee and Medical Committee are represented respectively by **Florence Dinichert**, UIPM Sport Director **Janusz Peciak** and **Dr Douglass Stull**.

Kameliya Aleksandrova and **Richard Gomez** represent the wider National Federation community from a competition management and sport development perspective.

The host nations of the upcoming Olympic Games Paris 2024, Los Angeles 2028 and Brisbane 2032 are represented respectively by UIPM Vice President **Joel Bouzou**, NORCECA Confederation President **Rob Stull** and Oceania Confederation President **Kitty Chiller**.

Ivar Sisniega, Secretary General of the Pan American Sports Organisation (PASO) and former UIPM 1st Vice President, joins the group as Chair of the UIPM Innovation Commission whose recommendations led to the creation of the 5th Consultation.

The 21-strong group is completed by **Ursula Romero**, CEO of UIPM's new official TV and digital content partner International Sports Broadcasting (ISB).

The working group, which will meet for the first time in January 2022, will enable UIPM to rise to the challenge set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to reform Modern Pentathlon for inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 programme.

The 5th Discipline consultation aims to identify a new discipline that will replace Riding after Paris 2024, reducing the cost and complexity of Modern Pentathlon and making it more universally accessible.

UIPM President Schormann and Vice President Samaranch said: "The 5th Discipline Working Group is charged with the momentous task of futureproofing a sport that Pierre de Coubertin created especially for the Olympic Games more than 100 years ago.

"We have full confidence in this group rising to the challenge, harnessing their intelligence and imagination, judicious decision-making and passion for the multi-sport Modern Pentathlon created by Pierre de Coubertin for the programme of the Olympic Games."

UIPM will consider all ideas and suggestions sent from outside of the Working Group – anyone who would like to contribute to the consultation can email UIPM@pentathlon.org.

UIPM 5th Discipline Working Group:

#	Stakeholders	Name	Country	Continent	Position/Background
1	UIPM President	Dr. Klaus Schormann	Germany	Europe	Working Group Chair
2	UIPM 1st Vice President	Juan Antonio Samaranch	Spain	Europe	Working Group Deputy Chair
3	UIPM Secretary General	Shiny Fang	China	Asia	Working Group Deputy Chair
4	UIPM Vice President WOA President	Joël Bouzou OLY	France	Europe	Working Group Coordinator
5	Athletes Committee	Yasser Hefny OLY	Egypt	Africa	Team World Champion
6		Natalya Coyle OLY	Ireland	Europe	WC/WCH Medallist
7		James Cooke OLY	Great Britain	Europe	World Champion
8	Athletes at large	Valentin Prades OLY	France	Europe	European Champion and Team World Champion
9	Coaches Committee	Florence Dinichert OLY	Switzerland	Europe	Swiss Team Head Coach
10	Technical Committee	Janusz Peciak OLY	Poland	Europe	Olympic Champion
11	Medical Committee	Dr Douglass Stull	USA	Americas	Orthopedic Surgeon and Sports Medicine Expert Former Pentathlete
12	UIPM Events Organizer	Kameliya Aleksandrova	Bulgaria	Europe	World Cup Organizer
13	Sport Development NF	Richard Gomez	Philippines	Asia	President of Philippines NF Mayor, City Ormoc, Philippines
14	Future Olympic Games Hosting Countries	Rob Stull OLY (LA 2028)	USA	Americas	NORCECA Confederation President Managing Director of USA NF
15		Kitty Chiller OLY (Brisbane 2032)	Australia	Oceania	Oceania Confederation President President of Australian NF
16	Innovation Commission	Ivar Sisniega OLY	Mexico	Americas	Chairman of Innovation Commission Pan American Sports Secretary General
17	Marketing Expert	Michael Payne	Great Britain	Europe	Former IOC Marketing/Broadcast Rights Director Chairman CEO at Payne Sports Media Strategies
18		Terrence Burns	USA	Americas	Olympic Games Sponsorship Strategy & Consulting Olympic Games & FIFA WC bidding
19	Media Expert	David Hill	Australia	Oceania	Former Fox Sports President and Executive VP of 21st Century Fox
20		Peter Hutton	Great Britain	Europe	Head of Sports at Facebook Former Eurosport Boss
21	TV Partner	Ursula Romero	Spain	Europe	International Sports Broadcasting CEO