An Olympic Sport since 1912

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Introduction

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DEAR FRIENDS,

We are proud to take care of the heritage of Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the Modern Olympic Games and creator of Modern Pentathlon. Together we do all we can to preserve his great legacy for the future.

The year 2022, coming after the postponed Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in 2021, brought further difficulty to the whole global society of sport, business and culture.

COVID-19 is still part of our daily life, but we have learned and still learning how we can handle this virus in the best possible way. The pandemic has changed our lives since 2019 and is still affecting our activities.

Thanks to all of those directly or indirectly involved in our UIPM movement, we found good and strong solutions to manage our international calendar, and it was wonderful in 2022 that our global community could be reunited at some very special UIPM competitions in senior, junior and youth levels across Modern Pentathlon, Tetrathlon, Biathle/Triathle and Laser Run.

Unfortunately, the world was confronted with another tragic moment when on February 24 the military actions of Russia against Ukraine started and are still ongoing. In this very difficult time, we have to stand together in our daily life for a more humanitarian and peaceful world. Respect, tolerance and fairness are helpful parameters for a better world in present times and the future.

“Sport has the power to change the world!”
– Nelson Mandela

Across the whole society we have to pay more respect to our blue planet, to protect the environment for the future, giving the next generations the same resources as we have had to enjoy this wonderful planet, which is an incredible privilege.

Allow me some words in this Yearbook linked to the future of our sport in the Olympic Movement.

Based on close communication and guidance from the IOC, the UIPM 2021 Congress at the end of November 2021 voted 81% in favour of replacing Riding with a New 5th Discipline in order to increase the popularity, accessibility and universality of Modern Pentathlon. The whole process of selecting and testing Obstacle Discipline as the proposed alternative to Riding is charted in this book. But I would like to point out some milestones from the first year of this process.

In December 2021 we started a fair and transparent process to build a base for an open discussion with all stakeholders of UIPM. It was crystal clear from the beginning, that our athletes with their National Federations had to stay in the centre of all our thoughts and decisions.
After some months of evaluating various possibilities according to the agreed criteria, the New 5th Discipline Working Group, made up of internal and external experts, came up with a proposal that was presented to the Executive Board during the World Cup in Budapest in May 2022.

Through various press releases and the monthly Pentathlon Newsletter, information has been circulated worldwide.

With this change UIPM is following strictly the recommendations of the International Olympic Committee, such as accessibility around the world, reducing costs, fairness, global popularity, creating more excitement and to be more appealing for next generations. We also followed our own long-term objective to get more young people from more places around the world involved in our sport – this meant increasing the accessibility of Modern Pentathlon at every level.

Four New Pentathlon Discipline Test Events have been offered by UIPM and National Federations to different age groups at different competitions.

The first took place in Ankara (TUR) after the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Final, with many high-profile pentathletes among the participants. The second event in Manila gave more Asian countries the chance to try it. The third Test during the UIPM Youth World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA) enabled teenage pentathletes, as well as Italian athletes of all ages, to try the concept and then our Junior (Under 22) pentathletes sampled Obstacle Discipline during the UIPM 2022 Junior World Championships in Zielona Gora (POL).

All Test Events were successful and held in a great spirit with happy and excited athletes, most of whom represent the future of the sport. The athletes as well as coaches and other observers reflected on the tests through questionnaires, giving UIPM a fully reliable source of feedback and evaluation. Our tests were attended by media representatives who reported in a positive way. Everything led up to UIPM 2022 Congress, giving the National Federations an opportunity to vote on proposals from the UIPM Executive Board relating to the future of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games.

“Change or you will be changed” is again the motto for Modern Pentathlon and in 2022 we moved forward with a major change – with the aim of presenting for the future a globally accessible, exciting multi-sport with much more commercial value.

After a very challenging year, I wish all members of our community a positive end to 2022 and a fresh start in 2023 with many unforgettable sporting experiences to come.

UIPM President
Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann
Secretary General’s Report

UIPM in 2022 —
A year of Reassurance

Looking back over the first year of a new MP format, its conduction was very successful based on close collaboration with all LOCs and all participating teams, and we look forward to presenting this shorter full Pentathlon format to Olympic Games audiences in Paris in 2024.

The UIPM Central app was again upgraded with additional functions, which demonstrated an important part of the service that UIPM provides and could further develop for NFs and athletes in the future.

1 5°C” defined the year of 2022

COMMUNICATION
UIPM recognised that the New Pentathlon Discipline process had to move fast and this created big pressure for current athletes to accept a future adaptation. Thorough communication with our athletes and the whole community was more necessary than ever, and a non-stop internal communications process with all UIPM stakeholders lasted the whole year, to facilitate the understanding and the full context of the changes, including all the steps and stage results. Meanwhile, we took all opportunities to talk to current athletes, to provide more information so that they could “see” the future from the perspective of younger generations.

As a bigger dimension of communication results, we saw a much-improved TV product output with a more exciting and shorter new Modern Pentathlon format allowing us to showcase a full Modern Pentathlon in less than two hours, and the new UIPM TV platform generates more fans. On social media, where some audiences were lacking in awareness of the sport until now, we keep reaching new milestones, and even if relatively slowly, our global sports community online keeps growing.

CONDUCTION
UIPM has conducted four tests of Obstacle Discipline with a transparent process and high standards, in conjunction with UIPM major events serving the main age groups (Senior, Junior, U19, and U17), aiming to gain experience and to demonstrate the possibilities for our athletes and potential athletes to join the sport. It has been a learning process for the whole UIPM team, and this testing phase provides much more background and technical knowledge for us to move forward. (www.uipmworld.org/new-5th-discipline)

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2022 was a key year for UIPM in the context of preparing the sport for the future and adapting to the demands of a new generation of athletes and fans. It was a year of change and adaptation, where the sport was evolving and expanding to meet the expectations of a new audience.

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There are a series of decision makers and steps related to the LA 2028 Olympic Games programme; there are plenty of players inside the new discipline industry; and we have the most active stakeholders within our own community at this time. Coordination among all of them is sensitive and delicate, but it has been smoothly done so far, and we look forward to good results based on all the efforts and inputs from the whole UIPM family.

The obstacle industry has a lot of strong brands and events with a huge community of athletes and competitors who could also potentially train for the other Pentathlon disciplines. Understanding the market, its participants, and coordinating and learning with all of them have helped us to obtain a clearer vision for our own direction of future development.

COMMITMENT
Adding a new element to the sport is not only a change, but also a commitment for the whole UIPM family to ensure that such innovation could help the growth of our sport, to enlarge the participation base, and to gain more audience.

UIPM is committed to improving the sport’s status, global awareness and popularity, where efforts in the past haven’t been too successful.

As mentioned in various communications to National Federations (NFs), UIPM has been reforming its governance according to ASOIF governance task force requirement and its evaluations, with a 50-point improvement (92 to 142) compared with 2017 results when the process just started, and four good practices were chosen from ASOIF to share with IFs in 2022.

CONTINUITY
The success of the sport and the organisation needs continuous efforts from every single person of the community, and none of the results would happen without good teamwork and team spirit.

The UIPM sports pyramid with its multi-discipline sports combinations in various UIPM events continuously achieved encouraging results. More than 100 UIPM Global Laser Run City Tours (GLRCT) and Biathle-Triathle National Tours (BTNT) were hosted around the world. More than 700 athletes attended both the UIPM Laser Run and Biathle-Triathle World Championships respectively, making them the largest standalone events in UIPM history.
We continuously provided support to NFs in 2022 with around 500 sets of shooting equipment and fencing equipment to more than 50 countries. Two more new NFs were due to join in late 2022, reaching 131 NFs in total.

The UIPM Judges Certification Programme (JCP) and Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) have enabled more than 500 international judges and 300 coaches from more than 30 countries to refresh their levels and to be certified.

The new UIPM Educational Platform, with already more than 1,000 registrations, provides all courses with e-learning phases that give students the possibility to matrix essential content before moving to the onsite course and practical assessment phases, and allows students to attend online courses and watch, study, and review any time all taught subjects.

However, the new discipline presents an opportunity to make the difference. It will take some years during the journey to Los Angeles 2028 and beyond, but the change will provide possibilities and accessibility to more young people around the world, and the potential for long-term growth is obvious.

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3 Vision for the future

UIPM Tree
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Events and Sport Innovations

- Sport pyramid
- Sport innovations
- Modern Pentathlon
- Biathle-Triathle
- Laser Run
1912: Stockholm (SWE) – First time in the Olympic Games.

1912: Gösta Liliehöök (SWE), first Olympic Winner

1949: Aladar Kovacs (HUN) during cross country riding

1948: Founding Congress of the UIPM in Sandhurst (GBR)

1986: Women and Men starting competing together during the World Championships

1989: Men’s Relay is introduced.


1991: Women’s Relay is introduced.

1993: Darmstadt (GER) – One-day format is introduced at UIPM World Championships

1994: Air pistols are introduced to replace .22 calibre.

1999: Monaco (MON) – First Biathle (run/swim) World Championships

1996: Atlanta (USA) – All 5 disciplines in one day for the 1st time at Olympic Games

2000: Sydney (AUS) – Women compete in Modern Pentathlon for the 1st time at Olympic Games

2000: Stephanie Cook (GBR) wins as women compete for the first time during the Olympics

2010: First appearance of the Mixed Relay at the 1st Youth Olympic Games in Singapore; 1st UIPM World Championships with laser shooting.

1986: London (GBR) – UIPM is born. 
2011: Mixed Relay during the 2011 World Championships in Moscow (RUS)

2012: London (GBR) – First time combined shooting and running at the Olympic Games.

2013: Biathle and Triathle are combined into one World Championships

2015: Perpignan (FRA) – 1st Laser Run World Championships: a major step in giving more athletes an entry point to Modern Pentathlon.

2016: Rio de Janeiro (BRA) – Fencing Bonus Round introduced at Olympic Games.

2018: UIPM launches new visual identity, educational platform for coaches and judges and 1st World Championships takes place in a Pentathlon Arena.

2019: New Youth Olympic Games format tested.


2021: Pentathlon Arena concept introduced to Olympic Games, launch of eSports Laser Run.

2022: The New 5th Discipline Working Group selects Obstacle Discipline for testing; 4 test events take place.

2022: First season with the New Modern Pentathlon 90-minute format.

2021: Pentathlon Stadium in Tokyo (UIPM)

2014: Fencing Bonus Round during the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games

2014: Implementation of the Fencing Bonus Round making the sport more attractive to spectators and broadcasters.

2013: Distribution of Laser shooting equipment to 65+ countries to develop the sport; 1st combined UIPM Biathle/Triathle World Championships

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2012: Pentathlon Stadium in Tokyo (UIPM)
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**THE ESSENTIALS. What you need to know**

- **3 STAGES** Qualification, Semi-finals and Finals
- **EXIT** Elimination format at every step
- **18** Only 18 athletes make the Final
- **90 MINS** Final features all five disciplines in 90 minutes

**FOR THE AUDIENCE. Why it works**

- Continuous flow of action and drama
- Storylines develop with each discipline in quick succession
- Finals are a compellingly compact, viewer-friendly experience
- First across the finish line wins

**THE FINALS**

- **RIDING** 35’
  - BREAK 5’
- **FENCING BONUS ROUND** 20’
  - BREAK 10’
- **SWIMMING** 15’
  - BREAK 15’
- **LASER RUN** 20’

**90 MINUTES**

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**Sport innovations**

New Modern Pentathlon Format

**1 Sport 5 Disciplines**

**DISCIPLINE BY DISCIPLINE**

**How it works**

**RIDING**
- ★ 300pts
- □ Knock down: -7 pts
- Refusal: -10 pts
- Time: -1 pt per second

**FENCING**
- **-ranking round**
  - 25 victories = 250 pts
  - +/- 5 points per extra victory/defeat
- **bonus round**
  - ★ 2 pts per victory

**SWIMMING**
- 2 min 30 sec = 250 pts
- +/- 1 pt per 0.5 sec faster or slower

**LASER RUN**
- Overall Leader starts
- □ 1 sec handicap for each point behind leader
- The first athlete to cross the finish line wins overall gold

**SHOW JUMPING**
- 400 m course
- 12 jumps

**ÉPÉE**
- **Ranking round**
  - 60/30 sec bouts
- **Bonus Round**
  - 60/30 sec bouts

**Swimming**
- 200m Freestyle Race
- 3 heats
- 6 swimmers

**Shooting**
- Laser pistol
- 10 m distance
- 4 series
- 5 hits needed

**Running**
- 5 laps
- 600 m course

UIPM —— Year Book 2022
The city of Alexandria has been occupied by both Roman and British Empires throughout the centuries, and in the summer of 2022, history reprised itself as Elena Micheli (ITA) and Joseph Choong (GBR) were crowned Modern Pentathlon world champions for the first time.

In the Women’s Final, Micheli (ITA) put the finishing touch on a stunning individual season with an upgrade on her breakthrough silver medal at the 2019 World Championships in Budapest (HUN). Micheli’s prowess on the piste had put her in pole position but fittingly, given their duel throughout so much of the season, she was forced to keep Michelle Gulyas (HUN) at bay to secure victory.

Gulyas (HUN) was elated with silver, while the destination of the bronze medal provided incredible drama as Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) produced a stunning Laser Run performance to jump all the way from 12th to steal the last podium place from the grasp of Elodie Clouvel (FRA). Olivia Green (GBR) was close behind in 5th with home supporters roaring Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) to 6th. The age profile of the women’s podium – with all three medallists under 25 – whetted the appetite for the Paris Olympics in 2024.

“I can’t imagine in this moment that I have won,” said Micheli (ITA). “I’m so excited. I have to say thank you to all my staff, all my coaches who have been working with me all this year. We worked for it and we did it. I won’t stop smiling for the rest of this day!”
Two-time world champion Valentin Belaud (FRA) leads a pack of athletes in pursuit of Csaba Bohm (HUN) in the Laser Run.

Sunwoo Kim and Woongtae Jun savour their moment of triumph after winning the Mixed Relay for Korea at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships.
Haydy Morsy (EGY) celebrates with her fellow gold medallist Amira Kandil (EGY)
In the Men’s Final, Choong (GBR) completed a glittering personal collection of major prizes as he added the world title to his Olympic gold from Tokyo last summer and the Pentathlon World Cup Final crown he claimed in 2019, also in Tokyo (JPN).

In a star-studded field, Woongtae Jun (KOR) and Martin Vlach (CZE) gave themselves too much to do with uncharacteristically low-scoring Fencing performances. Choong (GBR) was remarkably consistent across all disciplines and entered the Laser Run with a 20sec cushion. However, home hope Mohamed Elgendy (EGY) and Balazs Szep (HUN) soon applied pressure.

Elgendy (EGY), younger brother of Tokyo 2020 Olympic silver medallist Ahmed, cut the gap to just 4sec before Choong produced a trademark kick to the line. Elgendy (EGY) made do with a breakthrough silver, with his brother nearby in 5th, while Szep (HUN) claimed his first World Championship medal as he pipped Christopher Patte (FRA) to bronze. Valentin Prades (FRA) was 6th.

“Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to say I was the best in the world at something,” said Choong (GBR). “I won the Olympics and that’s obviously the biggest thing you can win, but world champion literally means you are number one in the world. I’ve got the set now.”

There was some consolation for Jun (KOR) as he and Sunwoo Kim (KOR) combined for Mixed Relay gold, pushing Choong and Jessica Varley (GBR) into the silver-medal place with Ozyuksel and Bugra Unal (TUR) taking bronze. Jun (KOR) had already shared Men’s Relay gold with Jinhwa Jung (KOR), while the home crowds had a gold to celebrate when Amira Kandil and Haydy Morsy (EGY) topped the podium in the Women’s Relay.
Woongtae Jun and Jinhwa Jung (KOR) secure gold in the Men’s Relay

Elena Micheli (ITA) and Michelle Gulyas (HUN) continue their rivalry
The new, shortened Olympic cycle began under sunny skies in the Egyptian capital with Paris 2024 front of mind.

Elena Micheli (ITA) claimed a gripping gold medal in the Women’s Final, coming out on top in a duel with close friend Michelle Gulyas (HUN). It was Micheli’s first World Cup medal of any description. World Cup debutant Emma Whitaker (GBR) made a statement of intent for the season ahead by claiming bronze.

For a time, it looked as though Italy would claim both gold medals as Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) led the way in a pulsating Men’s Laser Run. However Christopher Patte (FRA) strode to the front of the field to claim gold with team-mates Csaba Bohm and Balazs Szep (HUN) surging ahead of Cicinelli (ITA) to take silver and bronze respectively.

There was glory for the host nation on the final day when Salma Abdelmaksoud and Mohanad Shaban (EGY) claimed Mixed Relay gold thanks to an exhibition in nerveless shooting. Jessica Varley and debutant Ross Charlton (GBR) claimed their team’s second medal of the weekend with Bugra Unal and Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) snagging bronze thanks to Unal’s lung-bursting sprint to the line.
Elena Micheli (ITA) celebrates her success in the Women’s Final at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Cairo.

Five of the competitors in the Women’s Final went sub-2.20 in the Swimming discipline.
Elena Micheli (ITA) leaves the shooting range to set off on another lap.
Great Britain’s Emma Whitaker took bronze - her first UIPM World Cup medal

Five of the 18 riders recorded the maximum in a competitive Riding round in Cairo.
Christopher Patte (FRA) leads Emiliano Hernandez (MEX) into the bend during the Laser Run.

Mohanad Shaban and Salma Abdelmaksoud celebrate Mixed Relay glory for host nation Egypt.
As the World Cup season moved on to the Hungarian capital, the burgeoning rivalry of Elena Micheli (ITA) and Michelle Gulyas (HUN) again took centre stage.

This time it was Gulyas (HUN) who justified her ranking as world No.1 by jumping from 4th to 1st in a brilliant Laser Run performance in the Women’s Final. Micheli (ITA) was consoled with silver as she held off a challenge from Salma Abdelmaksoud (EGY) who had started the Laser Run in first place.

Martin Vlach (CZE) scorched to glory in the Men’s Final as he raced to the front from 13th in a stunning Laser Run performance. Earlier, Vlach (CZE) had finished first in the Riding competition to put himself into contention. Giuseppe Parisi (ITA) and Christian Zillekens (GER) denied the host nation a coveted medal as three team-mates – Bence Demeter, Csaba Bohm and Richard Bereczki (HUN) – occupied 4th to 6th.

The Mixed Relay honours again went in the direction of Africa as Haydy Morsy and Noureldin Karim (EGY) teamed up for an impressive runaway gold medal. Three continents were represented on the podium as home hopes Rita Erdos and Robert Kasza (HUN) held their nerve to claim silver and Catherine Oliver and Duilio Carrillo (MEX) gamely held off the rest of the field to take bronze.
Four riders recorded perfect scores of 300 in the Riding discipline of the Men’s final in Budapest.

In the Men’s Final packed with talented competitors, the Swimming discipline was another great opportunity to move up the standings in Budapest.
Haydy Morsy and Noureldin Karim toast back-to-back Mixed Relay gold medals for Egypt as the future of Modern Pentathlon shone in Budapest (HUN).

Michelle Gulyas (HUN) made hay at the range as she moved up from a starting position off the podium in 4th to race all the way into first place, hanging on for victory on home soil.
Martin Vlach (CZE) savoured victory in the Men’s Final in Budapest after a super Laser Run performance.

Athletes from Hungary and Italy enjoyed the best of the action in the Fencing Bonus Round.
Records tumbled as the circuit returned to a historic destination in Bulgaria, where Woongtae Jun (KOR) made history at the double on a Saturday to remember.

Jun (KOR) set two new world records in a Men’s Final which turned into a procession for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games bronze medallist. He first set a new standard in Fencing, notching 31V/4D in the Ranking Round and adding another four bonus points for a total of 284.

Jun refused to let up in the Laser Run, winning by 36sec to set a new overall Modern Pentathlon record of 1,537 points. Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Joseph Choong (GBR) won a gripping duel for silver with first-time World Cup medallist Mohanad Shaban (EGY).

In the Women's final, Ieva Serapinaite (LTU) gave her country its first medal of the season as she raced to a commanding gold. Silver went to Veronika Novotna (CZE) after an exceptional Laser Run which saw her hold off the challenge of combined specialist Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR).

For the second competition in a row, the Mixed Relay was a truly global affair as three continents shared the podium with Tamara Vega and Emiliano Hernandez (MEX) grabbing gold as they held off Soengjin Kim and Sehee Kim (KOR), with Ozyuksel (TUR) grabbing her second bronze of the weekend alongside Bugra Unal (TUR).
Ieva Serapinaite (LTU) powers her way to gold in the Women’s Final in Albena (BUL)

We’re No.1, say Emiliano Hernandez and Tamara Vega (MEX) after their superb victory in the Mixed Relay at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Albena
Woongtae Jun (KOR) celebrates another Fencing victory during an extraordinary performance at UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Albena, where the Tokyo 2020 Olympic bronze medallist set two new world records in Fencing and Modern Pentathlon overall.

Among the chasing pack, Mohamed Elgendy and Ahmed Hamed (EGY) and Pierre Dejardin (FRA) try to make up ground, but there was no stopping Woongtae Jun (KOR) from enjoying a recordbreaking victory in Albena (BUL).
A noticeable gulf in class meant that Swimming was more influential than ever in determining the Laser Run start positions.

Action from the Riding arena in Albena (BUL)
The final instalment of the regular World Cup season was a very British affair as a new venue in the capital of Turkey witnessed a rare individual double.

Jessica Varley (GBR) roared to gold in the Women’s Final after an impressive series of performances. If it wasn’t for the intervention of first-time medallist Kamilla Reti (HUN) in third it would have been a whitewash as Varley’s teammates Kate French (GBR) and Charlie Follett (GBR) finished 2nd and 4th respectively.

While one reigning Olympic champion, French (GBR), had to make do with silver, there was a different outcome in the Men’s Final. Joseph Choong (GBR) made light of some truly testing conditions to splash his way to the gold medal. Csaba Bohm (HUN) was a very close 2nd in a sprint finish with Giorgio Malan (ITA), who claimed the first medal of his World Cup career.

The musical chairs of Mixed Relay medals between some of the continental powerhouses continued as a splendid all-round performance from Seong Seungmin and Jihun Lee (KOR) earned gold. Janine Kohlmann and Marvin Dogue (GER) combined to snare silver while Amira Kandil and Mohanad Shaban (EGY) continued their team’s superb season with a bronze.
A dramatic shot from the Riding arena.

Bence Demeter (HUN), Valentin Prades (FRA) and Jinhwa Jung (KOR) leave the shooting range during a dramatic Laser Run - won in typical style by Olympic champion Joseph Choong (GBR).
A victory for France in the Fencing Bonus Round

An underwater camera catches the action during the Women’s Final Swimming

Jessica Varley (GBR) leads Ilke Ozyuksel (TUR) in a tight Laser Run
Jihun Lee (KOR) celebrates with winning team-mate Seungmin Seong (KOR)

A roar from Joseph Choong (GBR) signals the end of the Men’s Final in Ankara (TUR)
The first Pentathlon World Cup Final to take place on Turkish soil provided two incredibly deserving winners as the journey culminated in Ankara with gold medals for Elodie Clouvel (FRA) and Woongtae Jun (KOR).

Rio 2016 silver medallist Clouvel (FRA) celebrated her first World Cup Final triumph thanks to a dogged and defiant Laser Run performance when she denied Jessica Varley (GBR) back-to-back victories in Ankara. World No.1 Michelle Gulyas (HUN) had started the final discipline at the front of the field but with so many contenders behind her, it was Clouvel (FRA) who finally prevailed. In the end just 4sec separated the Paris 2024 hopeful and Varley (GRB), with Gulyas (HUN) holding off a brave challenge from Misaki Uchida (JPN) to secure bronze.

“I wanted to win and it’s my first time winning the World Cup Final, so I’m very happy,” said Clouvel (FRA). “I had the perfect day.”

There was less tension in the Men’s Final as Jun (KOR) put the finishing touches to a fitting triumph that bridged a gap of eight years since his previous World Cup Final win in 2014. Jun’s compatriot Changwan Seo (KOR) took silver for his first World Cup medal. Csaba Bohm (HUN) brought his team a second bronze of the day after holding off the finishing speed of Joseph Choong (GBR) and Martin Vlach (CZE).

“I always do my best to win a medal and I’m very happy. Myself and Changwan both succeeded because of our coaches
Competition was tight early on in the Men’s Final Laser Run.

Action from Swimming discipline of the Men’s Final.
Elodie Clouvel (FRA) roars with delight after securing the Pentathlon World Cup Final gold medal. Woongtae Jun (KOR) celebrates, right, after winning a duel with Csaba Bohm (HUN). Balazs Szep and Michelle Gulyas (HUN) celebrate at the finish line and team members," said Jun. "In Korea, Modern Pentathlon is getting better and better and I want to say thank you for all of the support."

In the Mixed Relay, Michelle Gulyas and Balazs Szep (HUN) somehow overhauled a 35sec deficit to steal gold from Misaki Uchida and Taishu Sato (JPN), who had led almost all day until Szep (HUN) finally stole the lead with some brilliant shooting. Natalia Dominiak and Daniel Lawrynowicz (POL) won a hard-earned bronze.
Michelle Gulyas clears another obstacle during the Riding discipline.

Action from the Fencing Bonus Round.
A glimpse of the global future of Pentathlon arrived on the Adriatic shores of north-eastern Italy in September when Korea and Egypt underlined the strength of their talent production lines.

Sumin Shin (KOR) emerged as one of the most exciting prospects in the sport as the 16-year-old completed a remarkable double in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA), claiming gold in both the U17 and U19 Women’s Finals. Egypt emphatically topped the medal table as they racked up eight gold medals across the eight days of competition.

In the U17 Women’s Final, Shin (KOR) saw off the challenge of silver medallist Ganah Elgindy (EGY) while Emma Meszaros (HUN) took bronze. Then Shin (KOR) doubled up on a Super Sunday, building on a strong Fencing Ranking Round to shoot to the top of the standings and overcome Malak Ismail (EGY) with a blistering Laser Run. Ismail (EGY) settled for silver with bronze medallist Blanka Bauer (HUN) almost catching her on the line.

“My dream is to win an Olympic medal,” said Shin (KOR).

In the Men’s Under 17 Final, Marwan Allam (EGY) saw off a three-pronged European challenge as he topped the podium ahead of Adam Peter (HUN) and Krystian Trepczyk (POL) with Mathis Idelarge (FRA) pushed out to 4th place.

Another North African success came when Moutaz Mohamed (EGY) triumphed in the Men’s Under 19 Final, adding to
Pentathletes demonstrate their athleticism in the Swimming discipline

Two Korea competitors leave the range in pursuit of higher places
the U17 title he claimed in 2019. Behind him, one of the most uplifting stories of the championships, and wider Pentathlon season, arrived when Roman Popov (UKR) claimed silver. Mohamed Mohamed (EGY) fended off the two-pronged challenge of Etienne Clergeau and Diego Lavillat (FRA) to win bronze.

In the U17 Mixed Relay, Egypt added another title to go with their Women’s Relay gold with France taking the Men’s Relay. The U19 Mixed Relay honours went to Mexico while Great Britain and France added Women’s and Men’s Relay golds, respectively.
More success for Egypt as the men’s team celebrate gold.

More action from the Laser Run as a German competitor breaks free.
Sumin Shin (KOR) achieved a remarkable individual double

Damaris Garza & Jorge Hernandez (MEX) celebrate winning the U19 Mixed Relay at the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA)

It’s handover time in the Mixed Relay
A moment of triumph for France in the Men’s Relay
The serenity of the pool is about to be broken as the male athletes dive in.

A big lunge from Egypt in the Fencing Bonus Round.
Selfie time on the U17 Women’s Relay podium

Team EGY won Mixed Relay event and celebrate with their coaches
Five nations shared the seven gold medals on offer at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Zielona Gora (POL).

Rebecca Castaudi of France was the undoubted star of the competition, winning her second consecutive Women’s Individual gold and the Women’s Relay title with Jessye Gomesse (FRA).

Castaudi (FRA) said: “I trained a lot with my coaches and I’m very happy, it’s thanks to them and the job they did.”

Mihaly Koleszar became a new junior world champion for Hungary, who also claimed gold in the Women’s Team event and individual silver for Rita Erdos (HUN).

Koleszar (HUN) said: “I didn’t expect to win this morning, I just focused on performing in every single part of the competition as good as I could.”

Koleszar (HUN) fought off a strong challenge from senior world silver medallist Mohamed Elgendy of Egypt, who enjoyed the consolation of winning Men’s Team gold.

Lithuania performed well with one silver and two bronze medals, including the second in consecutive years for Elzbieta Adomaityte (LTU).

The Men’s Relay was won by Matous Tuma and Filip Houska of Czech Republic, and Great Britain ended on a high with their first medal of the competition, Emma Whitaker and Charles winning the Mixed Relay.
Action from the pool during the Women’s Relay

Women’s Relay gold tastes good for France
Intense Laser Run during the Men’s Final

Rebecca Castaudi (FRA) focuses on her running
Riders test their balance and poise on the sand in Zielona Gora (POL)

Handshake time for Brazil at the end of the Mixed Relay Swimming
The Fencing Bonus Round adds suspense to proceedings ...

... and Lithuania enjoy a moment of relief
Juniors jostle for places in the Women’s Final Laser Run

Individual success for Mihaly Koleszar (HUN)
The year 2022 saw the biggest activation of the UIPM Biathle-Triathle National Tour to date, with 23 cities in 16 countries having an exclusive chance to organise the run-swim-shoot competition. Together with 77 Global Laser Run City Tours, UIPM hosted a record number of mass-participation events during the year.

Traditionally, most Biathle and Triathle events were hosted by Georgia, Egypt, Portugal and South Africa. Moldova, Greece, Thailand, Croatia, and Argentina – countries that already hosted successful GLRCTs in 2021 – joined the competition circuit in UIPM sub-sports, which sit on the next level of the UIPM Sports Pyramid above Laser Run.

Every year we see new athletes joining Biathle and Triathle and not only on a national level but also at World Championships and continental competitions as Asian and European Biathle-Triathle Champions. Individual development progresses in two ways. On the one hand, athletes who start their sporting career with Biathle and Triathle then try themselves in the Pentathlon at Youth, Junior, Senior and Masters levels. On the other hand, there is a trend that more and more active pentathletes are coming to test their skills in Biathle and Triathle competitions.
HURGHADA (EGY)

MACHICO (POR)
The UIPM 2022 Biathle-Triathle Laser Run World Championships brought a global gathering of athletes to Portugal’s ‘Atlantic Pearl’ – the island of Madeira.

The coastal city of Machico (POR) was the scene for a wonderful week of competition, camaraderie and community. A record number of almost 650 athletes representing 31 countries from every age grade from Under 11 to Masters 70+ raced across four days.

Biathle and Triathle have been development cornerstones for UIPM Sports a gripping battle to top the medal table was dominated by African rivals as South Africa eventually beat Egypt with 26 golds to 22. Great Britain weren’t too much further behind as they took 16 golds.

In total, 13 of the 31 competing countries went home with gold in their luggage. There were hugely positive signs for global development as Thailand claimed a medal and Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Iran were all represented for the first time.

There was no shortage of star power and top-10-ranked pentathlete Ieva Serapinaite of Lithuania lived up to her status with gold in the Senior Women’s Triathle category. Lea Fernandez of France took Senior Women’s gold in Biathle.

There was an impressive double for Ayan Beisenbayev of Kazakhstan, who took gold in the Senior Men’s category in both Biathle and Triathle.

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The UIPM Global Laser Run City Tour (GLRCT) is fully back on the calendar. Created in 2017 and now in its seventh year of implementation, the 2022 Tour traversed the globe from Venezuela to New Zealand, reaching even more people in more communities. Lifted travel restrictions facilitated the participation of Laser Run athletes in Tours outside their city and country. Participants of all ages from seven to 70 have joined Laser Run because it is dynamic and fun and offers an entry point to the UIPM Sports Pyramid.

In 2022, the GLRCT reached around 20,000 participants across 77 cities from 31 countries. There was a significant increase of new cities hosting GLRCT such as Estonia, Lithuania and Croatia in Europe, Iraq, Chinese Taipei, Bangladesh, Nepal, Hong Kong and China in Asia, and Chad in Africa. The return of GLRCT mass-participation events contribution in a record number of participants at the UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships in Lisbon (POR).

There was also an important action from the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation, which managed to organize two GLRCT editions during the ongoing Russian invasion. The events took place in Kyiv and Lviv and gathered around 300 participants from kids to Masters. “This competition was organized in such a dangerous time. But the Laser Run format gave us the possibility to organise it under all security conditions. It was a good opportunity for the athletes to feel competitions, smell sporting atmosphere and to check their sport conditions. It wouldn’t have been possible without constant UIPM support, which is very helpful for Ukrainian athletes during the war,” said Igor Panin, President of the Ukrainian Modern Pentathlon Federation.

The GLRCT project provides NFs with instruments to detect and recruit talented high-performance athletes and to promote both Laser Run and Modern Pentathlon. Also, every year we see more organisers who use the opportunity to generate extra revenue by hosting Tours. After seven years of the project, it has proven its sustainable model.
Records were shattered in Lisbon (POR) when the biggest-ever field took part in the UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships.

More than 700 athletes spanning the generations gathered in the Portuguese capital from 26 countries to compete for glory across 12 age categories in Laser Run and Para Laser Run. In a carnival-like atmosphere at the picturesque Parque das Nacoes, athletes mingled and shared tips and skills and a love for the fastest-growing sport in the UIPM pyramid.

Host nation Portugal enjoyed a hugely prolific weekend, winning 11 gold medals with only Great Britain able to better that tally as they claimed 15 golds. Tokyo 2020 Olympian Lukasz Gutkowski of Poland took the Men’s title while Pinelopi Nika of Greece became the new women’s world champion.

Egypt’s prowess was, unsurprisingly, a feature as the African powerhouse claimed six golds among 10 total medals while South Africa took 18 medals home too. Home favourite was Duarte Taleigo, who won the junior men’s title for Portugal and doubled up with team gold while Zara Temesi of Australia achieved a similar individual/team golden double.

“Once again our global sporting community has confirmed the huge appetite for opportunities to compete at international level in UIPM Sports,” said UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann. “The UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships, with more than 700 athletes including 16 para athletes, will be remembered as one of the most inclusive competitions in the history of our movement.”
On March 17, 2022 UIPM launched the first version of its E-Laser Run game.

E-Laser Run is an original creation from UIPM that combines running and shooting in a fast-paced and dynamic race including two rounds of laser pistol shooting in a gaming environment represented in 4 cities.

The first version released includes a multi-player functionality that connects friends via Facebook as well as other connected players across the world.

E-Laser Run today is available for immediate download on mobile globally via Google Play and the Apple App Store.

The global UIPM community became immersed in virtual sports during the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic, with athletes from all continents participating in new global competitions such as #LaserHomeRun and #LaserAllStars.

The release of E-Laser Run adds further credibility to the advances made in electronic sports by the governing body of Modern Pentathlon, Tetrathlon, Triathle, Biathle and Laser Run.

UIPM is committed to innovation and making our sports appeal to younger generations, and we look forward to sharing our E-sport products with the world.

This is the first version of UIPM E-Laser Run and marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter of electronic sports gaming within UIPM sports. The evolution of the product will be based on player experience and feedback.

The UIPM also began to engage with the Virtual Sports and Gaming Unit of the International Olympic Committee to be involved in future editions of the Olympic Virtual Series.
The global UIPM Sports community formally adopted Obstacle Discipline during an historic UIPM 2022 Congress, which took place online to maximise democratic participation.

Of the 83 voting members that submitted a valid vote on adding Obstacle Discipline to the UIPM Statutes, 69 (83.3%) voted in favour, with 11 voting against and three abstaining.

The result provided UIPM with a mandate to propose a new-look Modern Pentathlon – with Obstacle Discipline replacing Riding – to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games.

UIPM Congress also voted to amend the Competition Rules & Regulations so that Obstacle Discipline could be introduced in UIPM’s Junior (Under 22), U19 and U17 World Championships as well as continental championships starting in 2023.

Congress voted to introduce new term limits for UIPM office-bearers – setting a maximum of 12 years for Executive Board Members, and a separate limit of 12 years for the President – from January 1, 2025. A motion of no confidence in current President Dr Klaus Schormann, tabled by Denmark and Mauritius, was defeated by 55 votes to 13, with four abstaining.

Congress also passed motions relating to anti-doping procedures, UIPM Election Rules, the UIPM Masters movement, Competition Rules in Modern Pentathlon and Biathle-Triathle – and UIPM Congress itself.

Guinea and Malta became the 130th and 131st member federations in the UIPM family.

The following motions were passed during the 72nd UIPM Congress:

**Obstacle Discipline: Statutes**

Does the General Assembly approve the modifications to article 2.1 of the UIPM Statutes? (2/3 majority needed)

97 possible votes, 14 blank, 83 valid, majority needed 56;

- **YES** 69 (83.13%)
- **NO** 11 (13.25%)
- **ABSTAIN** 3 (3.61%).

**Obstacle Discipline: Competition Rules**

Does the General Assembly approve the amendment to and insertion of several articles in the UIPM Competition Rules and Regulations? (2/3 majority required)

97 possible votes, 18 blank, 79 valid, majority required 53;

- **YES** 59 (74.68%)
- **NO** 20 (25.32%)
- **ABSTAIN** 0.
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and UIPM 1st Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch address the UIPM 2022 Congress.
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Rules on Internal Organization

Does the General Assembly approve the amendments to article 14.2 of the UIPM Statutes, the insertion of article 1.4 in the UIPM Election Rules and the changes to article 4.21 of the UIPM Rules on Internal Organisation? (2/3)

97 possible votes, 16 blank, 81 valid, majority required 54;
- YES 64 (79.01%)
- NO 14 (17.28%)
- ABSTAIN 3 (3.70%).

Congress Organisation: Statutes

Does the General Assembly approve the insertion of a new article 21.3 in the UIPM Statutes?

87 possible votes, 8 blank, 79 valid, majority required 53;
- YES 60 (75.95%)
- NO 16 (20.25%)
- ABSTAIN 3 (3.80%).

Anti-Doping procedures

Does the General Assembly approve the amendment to article 1, article 3.1, article 3.3, article 5.2, article 5.3 and article 11.4; the deletion of part 3 (article 13 and 14) and part 4 (article 15, 16 and 17).

88 possible votes, 7 blank, 81 valid, majority required 41;
- YES 77 (95.06%)
- NO 3 (3.7%)
- ABSTAIN 1 (1.23%).

Biathle-Triathle Competition Rules

Does the General Assembly approve the amendment to articles 1.5.1, 1.5.9, 1.6.2 & 1.6.3 of the Biathle Competition Rules and the amendment to articles 1.5.1, 1.5.8 & 1.6.4 of the Triathle Competition Rules?

88 possible votes, 8 blank, 80 valid, majority required 54;
- YES 64 (80.00%)
- NO 7 (8.75%)
- ABSTAIN 9 (11.25%).

Riding + fencing: Competition Rules

Does the General Assembly approve the amendment to articles 2.2.4, 2.4.18, 2.4.20, 2.4.22, 2.4.26, 2.6.7, 2.7.1, 2.8.7, 3.5.2.1, 3.8.2, 3.8.3 of the Competition Rules and Regulations?

88 possible votes, 7 blank, 81 valid, majority required 54;
- YES 73 (90.12%)
- NO 5 (6.17%)
- ABSTAIN 3 (3.70%).

General Aspects: Competition Rules

Does the General Assembly approve the amendment to articles 1.7.1, 1.16.1, 1.11.1, 2.3.2, 2.3.6, 1.12.4, 1.12.8, 1.19.4 of the Competition Rules and Regulations?

88 possible votes, 11 blank, 77 valid, majority required 52;
- YES 62 (80.52%)
- NO 14 (18.18%)
- ABSTAIN 1 (1.30%).

Continental Championships with the points

Does the General Assembly approve the amendments to article 1.19.2 of the UIPM Competition Rules and Regulations?

90 possible votes, 19 blank, 71 valid, majority required 48;
- YES 51 (71.83%)
- NO 17 (23.94%)
- ABSTAIN 3 (4.23%).

UIPM awarded events 2023-24

UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup
- UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup: Ankara (TUR)
- UIPM 2023 Pentathlon World Cup Final: Ankara (TUR)

UIPM 2023 World Championships
- UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Youth World Championships (U17) – Alexandria (EGY)
- UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Youth World Championships (U19) – Istanbul (TUR)
- UIPM 2023 Pentathlon Junior World Championships – Druskininkai (LTU)
UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup
• UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Rome (ITA)
• UIPM 2024 Pentathlon World Cup Final: Ankara (TUR)

UIPM Annual Awards
• UIPM 2022 Best Promoted Event: UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships, Alexandria (EGY)
• UIPM 2022 Best Overall Event: UIPM 2022 Tetrathlon Youth World Championships (U19/U17), Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA)
• UIPM 2022 Best New Organizer: Turkey (UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup Ankara & World Cup Final, New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event I)
• UIPM 2022 Best Contribution to the Sport: Korean Modern Pentathlon Federation, Lithuania Modern Pentathlon Federation, Polish Modern Pentathlon Association – for special support to Ukraine

• UIPM 2022 Best Modern Pentathlon Relay Team: Italy
• UIPM 2022 Fair Play Award: Patrick Dogue OLY (GER)
• UIPM 2022 Best Overall Modern Pentathlon Team: Egypt
• UIPM 2022 Best Coach: Janos Martinek OLY (HUN)
• UIPM 2022 Best Youth Male Pentathlete: Moutaz Mohamed (EGY)
• UIPM 2022 Best Youth Female Pentathlete: Lucie Hlavackova (CZE)
• UIPM 2022 Best Junior Male Pentathlete: Mohamed Elgendy (EGY)
• UIPM 2022 Best Junior Female Pentathlete: Emma Whitaker (GBR)
• UIPM 2022 Best Senior Male Pentathlete: Joseph Choong OLY (GBR)
• UIPM 2022 Best Senior Female Pentathlete: Michelle Gulyas OLY (HUN)
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In November 2021, UIPM launched a consultation aimed at identifying a suitable replacement for Riding in Modern Pentathlon.

The UIPM Executive Board based this decision on a set of recommendations from UIPM’s Innovation Commission, which was created to monitor and review Modern Pentathlon’s compatibility with the Olympic Games in the context of the strategic roadmap of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Olympic Agenda 2020+5.

The Innovation Commission met for two days in Monaco before passing its findings to the Executive Board. UIPM 2021 Congress then voted 81% in favour of the removal of the Riding discipline after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

At the end of a three-day IOC Executive Board meeting (December 7-9), IOC President Dr Thomas Bach confirmed that UIPM would be invited to finalise proposals for a new Modern Pentathlon format minus Riding for consideration by the IOC Session in 2023. He described the 5th Discipline process as a “critical reform” after the EB endorsed the recommendations of the IOC Programme Commission.

Embracing the challenge to redefine an Olympic multi-sport that has been a constant on the Olympic Games programme since Stockholm 1912, UIPM set up a New 5th Discipline Working Group. This body comprised 21 members, including five external media and marketing experts, four active pentathletes and 10 Olympians in total.

The working group considered and debated more than 60 proposals that were put forward during the consultation.

In the first phase of the selection process, each member of the Working Group was asked to nominate up to five of the 62 proposals that should be subject to deeper analysis, to enable the group to compose a shortlist.

The six options that received most votes were Obstacle Course, Military Style Combat Obstacles, Obstacle Laser Run, Climbing / Rock Climbing / Bouldering, Javelin Throw and UIPM Tetrathlon (without 5th discipline). Riding received two votes and was therefore eliminated from the process.

In the second phase, the six disciplines on the shortlist were rated according to the 13 key criteria established by the Working Group at its inception. Obstacle Course and Military Style Combat Obstacles were the two most successful, and the organisations that proposed those two options, World Obstacle (FISO) and the International Council of Military Sports (CISM) respectively, were invited to present their proposals in more depth to the Working Group in Budapest on May 1, 2022.

After that meeting, the Working Group selected Obstacle Course (re-named Obstacle Discipline) for testing.

At the end of the testing and evaluation phase, UIPM 2022 Congress is scheduled to vote on proposals for the LA28 Modern Pentathlon format to be submitted to the IOC.
Taking place immediately after the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final, the historic first test was attended by numerous elite pentathletes including Tokyo 2020 Olympic medallist Woongtae Jun (KOR).

However, it was most notable for the fusion of pentathletes and obstacle racing specialists as they came together to share in the joy of sporting discovery.

Olivia Vivian (AUS), a former Olympic gymnast and Ninja Warrior Australia star who won the senior women’s race, said: “The pentathletes I saw on the obstacle course today were incredible. To see the joy on their face, there is nothing like conquering an obstacle for the first time.”

Pentathlete Cedric Chatellier (FRA), the men’s junior champion, said: “I really thought it was cool with a lot of diverse obstacles. I think it’s a good move to have the Obstacle Discipline as the New 5th Discipline.”

More than nine out of 10 participating pentathletes (92%) and observers (93%) said they were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall Test Event experience.

Test Event II took place in Manila (PHI) during the FISO Ninja World Cup Asian leg, attended by athletes from nine nations across Asia and Oceania. Another bespoke course was created, enabling athletes to test their athleticism on obstacles such as sonic swing, wheels, ring swing and warped wall.

Pentathlete Princess Arbilon (PHI), who took part in the junior women’s race, said: “It’s so exciting and interesting. The sport will be more equal with this event.”

Test Events III and IV were held in parallel with the UIPM Youth and Junior World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA) and Zielona Gora (POL) respectively. This enabled hundreds of pentathletes in U22, U19 and U17 age categories from all over the world to get a taste for Obstacle Discipline.
“UIPM has undertaken a comprehensive and transparent process to transform Modern Pentathlon into one of the most popular, accessible and exciting sports on the Olympic programme.”

The response was highly positive in Italy in September, where the action took place on a U-shaped beach course. Almost 30 teenage athletes provided immediate feedback and described the new racing concept as “challenging”, “exciting”, “cool” and, in almost all cases, “fun”.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: “We saw a high level of excitement from the athletes – they were asking ‘can we repeat, can we repeat?’ We have learned from these young athletes that we are on the right track.”
In November 2022, the 72nd UIPM Congress is anticipated to vote on motions relating to the New Pentathlon Discipline, shaping proposals to be sent to the IOC Programme Commission who will make recommendations to the IOC Executive Board about the programme for LA28.

If and when the future of Modern Pentathlon with Obstacle Discipline is determined, UIPM will look to introduce the new discipline in Youth and Junior events from the 2023 season.

Training and competition guidelines will be established along with an equipment catalogue, including different levels of events.

The new discipline will be added to the UIPM Sports Pyramid, with the potential to create new multi-discipline combinations.

UIPM will encourage potential new athletes to start practising the other Modern Pentathlon disciplines and to join their relevant National Federation.

UIPM will also add relevant new discipline contents to the Judges and Coaches Certification Programmes (JCP/CCP) as well as the future Athlete Centred Programme (ACP).
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2022 is not noted in UIPM’s history as a year of changes and first times in general but especially when it comes to media.

Early 2022, the newly-created TV commission chaired by Juan-Antonio Samaranch met online and discussed about the plan for the upcoming season as well as analysed the viewership figures from UIPM events as well as the Olympic Games. Experts in the fields of television, marketing and media were appointed as part of the New 5th Discipline Working Group. The expertise of external media experts is critical to make sure that we are going in the right direction.

Obstacle Discipline will serve as the catalyst to transform Modern Pentathlon into a broadcast-friendly adventure-style multi-sport with proven appeal to younger fans and commercial partners around the world.

Aside from the New Fifth Discipline process, UIPM had to dedicate energy and resources to another major challenge: the New Modern Pentathlon 90-minute Format which was developed in cooperation with UIPM’s Sports Department as well as the IOC and OBS and will be featured in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

This 90-minute long format was tailored to maximise the media impact of modern pentathlon by making it possible for viewers to watch a full Modern Pentathlon in a short duration similar to this of a football match compared to the previous 5-hour long show which featured long breaks.

The Spanish-based, International Sports Broadcasting Company S.L. and Serbian-based, Elegra d.o.o. were appointed after a thorough tender process for 8 UIPM major events including all World Cups, World Cup Final, Senior World Championships as well as the Laser Run and Biathlon-Triathle World Championships.
To optimise connections with traditional media outlets across print, digital, radio and TV, the UIPM Communications department sent a total of 92 press releases to an expanded media contacts database. The National Federations were involved in the process of updating these contacts, adding about 2000 trusted contacts to the central UIPM distribution lists.

The Pentathlon Newsletter remains a favourite publication with thousands of readers across the world across online and print.

Artworks were displayed in leading publications this season such as Inside the Games giving updates about the New 5th Discipline test event process.

Several publications were designed to assist athletes and fans alike with the New Modern Pentathlon Format which was introduced this season.

Key numbers during Test Event 1:

- 152 pieces of coverage
- 23.5 million estimated views
How do we keep up with the new generation?

At UIPM, we vowed to provide the most fitted content that will meet our audience’s expectations, utter passion and engagement, and create excitement for tens of thousands of people worldwide—our global sports community now reaching 132k individuals across social media.

While we continuously renew and improve, we aim to provide high-quality visual communication, powerful designs, moving pictures, and Reels that immerse audiences in the sport. With a more thoughtful communication, social listening, monitoring of statistics and trends, we offer a wide variety of cross-promoted content including competition updates, ongoing developments, sub-sports, news and educational opportunities.

Day by day, we strive to deliver an ongoing and dynamic flow of content both from the field of play and around the world.

Our firm commitment enabled us to organically grow 10% on average in 2022 across all platforms and significantly increase our reach online — 1.5m individuals reached so far.

Social media provides a powerful means of strengthening community connection. Moving forward to 2023 and qualification for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, new challenges will arise with a new array of digital opportunities and we are eager to see what the future will bring in the world of #ModernPentathlon.
Pentathlon Day 2022

Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day was introduced in 2018 following a unanimous vote at the UIPM 2017 Congress in Tbilisi (GEO). Since then, each year on this particular day special events take place in order to create more recognition for our sporting movement and celebrate its proud heritage.

Our global sports community engages in a wide range of activities and celebrates the history, heritage, present and future of the Modern Pentathlon movement. Digital campaigns are shared online such as the #High5 campaign, which encourages people around the world to show their support for the Coubertin legacy by publishing a #High5 on their social media pages. Each year, the movement creates a sense of unity around one shared passion.
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The introduction of the UIPM Athletes Centered Programme (ACP) completed UIPM’s educational ecosystem. Many athlete-related resources and opportunities can be easily found in the ACP, which includes several thematic pillars: a Modern Pentathlon history quiz, athletes’ essentials, resources for dual career, opportunities for athletes, pathways for athletes to become coaches and judges and UIPM original courses.

Ten UIPM downloadable digital tools to help athletes to balance training and non-training routines are included:

- Day Balance Sheet
- Weekly Training Planner for Pentathletes
- Pentathlon Bag Checklist
- My Year Review
- Values Checklist
- 100 Goals for Success
- Daily Self-reflection Tool
- Soft and Hard Skills Review
- Mid-year Pentathlon Performance Review
- Pentathlete CV Template
- Guideline on successful CV writing.

The video series “After The Finish Line: Planning ahead with Pentathlon” with an interactive quiz after each episode began the era of UIPM original courses and webinars for athletes.

Also this year, through UIPM partnerships with the World Academy of Sport (WAoS), three scholarships to study international sport management have been provided to Modern Pentathlon community members. There was a full scholarship for elite pentathlete Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) and two 50% subsidies to sport administrator Jawid Khawar (AFG) and Modern Pentathlon national coach Rex de la Cruz (PHI). WAoS covered 25% with the other 25% topped up by UIPM.

The partnership with WAoS also include 100 vouchers per National Federation for their youth athletes to pass Athletes Certificate Courses, which are aimed to help build the knowledge of younger generations about the sport system and to teach them how to combine sport with their lives outside of sport. Unfortunately, due to military actions in Ukraine there was no opportunity to proceed with a full scholarship at the Russian International Olympic University.

UIPM continues its close cooperation with the IOC Athlete365 Career+ and during an athletes meeting at the UIPM 2022 Youth World Championships self-discovery tools and IOC services for athletes were presented to the audience.
UIPM continues its commitment to its athletes by creating and developing valuable and effective content and programmes and always listens to athletes’ suggestions to make them ever more pentathlete-tailored.

This year, both the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) and Judges Certification Programme (JCP) gradually resumed activities by delivering courses in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Coaches and judges can also now count on the support of the new UIPM Educational Platform, launched at the beginning of the year. Currently all courses have e-learning phases that give students the possibility to manage essential content before moving to the on-site course and practical assessment phases. As well as this, the new platform allows students to attend online courses and watch, study, and review all taught subjects at any time of their choosing.

In 2022 more than 300 international judges refreshed their licences using the new platform while another 150 were certified for the first time through courses. Meanwhile UIPM certified 230 coaches from 25 nations via the CCP.

More and more, UIPM is bringing knowledge in a simple and accessible way aiming at having sustainable human resources to keep expanding the sport worldwide.
Development at UIPM concerns a great variety of aspects.

The first one, naturally, is the expansion of the UIPM to new territories. In 2022, two new federations joined UIPM as provisional new members: Malta in Europe and Guinea in Africa. This expansion to new parts of the world is crucial to help increase the overall numbers within the movement. Federations approved in 2021 are progressing into their development as well as some Federations that were hibernating and are now on the way to being reactivated. This is a good sign that UIPM is appealing to newcomers and returning athletes and is going in the right direction.

The selection of a New 5th Discipline is also orientated towards the accessibility of Modern Pentathlon in all territories. Of course this will require adaptation at all levels of the sport but there are very real prospects that new champions will be able to come from all continents as more countries become able to compete in all five disciplines.

Development is also a service to all NFs and athletes of the world, irrespective of their financial capacity of levels of development. The UIPM Development Programme is addressed to all countries to be able to conduct activities nationally through the delivery in equipment (Shooting and Fencing is a priority). But it is also addressed to the countries that can compete in one of the UIPM sports because there is no better experience than competing against the best athletes from around the world at major UIPM events.

UIPM is committed to supporting countries from all six regions to give the same access, tools and chances of development to all. We will continue trying to expand to new territories and finally will never stop striving to be part of more and more multi-sport games — we applied to the 2026 Commonwealth Games and for the first time will be part of the Mediterranean Beach Games in 2023.

Some KPIs:
- Around 500 sets of shooting equipment provided to more than 40 countries
- Two new National Federations, raising the total to 131
- Fencing equipment distributed to 10 countries
- More than 100 Global Laser Run City Tours & Biathle-Triathle National Tours
- Support to more than 10 countries to attend UIPM events
- 700 athletes from 26 countries at UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships, making it the largest UIPM standalone event
- More than 500 athletes expected at the UIPM 2022 Biathle-Triathle World Championships.
It has been a busy year for Para Pentathlon with the new UIPM Para Pentathlon Commission appointed in early 2022. The Commission comprises five regular members, a head of classification and a UIPM coordinator.

The Commission members were selected from a wide number of candidates representing four Con federations and six different nations. Andrew Collings (NZL) was appointed Chair and all members have extensive experience with coaching, training, classification and working with athletes that identify as having disabilities.

The Commission has been meeting monthly and has set a vision and specific goals that they wish to achieve over the coming two years.

A similar approach to that used for able-bodied athletes was adopted by the Commission to grow the sport. Promotion of the Laser Run has been considered the first priority, with the team building up athletes to other disciplines higher in the pyramid. This is a ground-up and grassroots approach that has achieved success for other multiple-discipline sports.

Key achievements of the Commission include:
- **International Paralympic Committee application**: Submitted with our application for inclusion of a Para-Tetrathlon for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic cycle.
- **Para athlete registration system**: Set up a system to register para athletes for UIPM events.
- **Developed Laser Run para-guidelines**: Guidelines are currently being developed to support LOCs with future events.
- **Para Laser Run at UIPM Laser Run World Championships in Lisbon (POR)**: 16 athletes competed in Portugal over three para heats.

The Commission will continue to work hard to promote accessibility and universality for the sport of Modern Pentathlon. Over the coming months further work will be undertaken in the classification space, and towards running future events. For 2023 there are several exciting World Championships as well as inclusion of para athletes in Global Laser Run City Tours around the world.

The future is bright and we will continue going from strength to strength.
Para-sport activities
The post-Olympic Games period has been affected by various factors that have impacted the UIPM anti-doping testing programme. Some athletes decided to take a break after the Tokyo 2020 cycle and dedicate time to family or focus on their studies.

The traditional fluctuation of athletes after Olympic Games and exchange of generations has been further complicated by military action in Ukraine, which saw a temporary suspension of Russian and Belarusian teams from participation in competitions.

Nevertheless, UIPM’s Anti-Doping team continues to monitor the situation and testing efforts in these countries in order to ensure the swift return of teams to competition when the situation allows.

UIPM implemented a new competition format during the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup series and the UIPM test distribution plan was adapted to be compatible with the change. The Medical Committee has not observed major changes or seen a rise in the risk of doping in Modern Pentathlon.

UIPM acts as Testing Authority during testing and outsources sample collection services using WADA-accredited groups such as National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) or private providers. The share of out-of-competition and in-competition tests (see graphic) shows a slightly rising tendency compared to previous seasons.

UIPM also takes care of athlete education and other activities towards athletes and coaches. At the beginning of year 2022, the UIPM Anti-Doping manager took part in a WADA Education course. We have participated in other events including webinars and conferences organised by WADA to get the most current information and be ready for all requests from our stakeholders. It is important to make athletes and coaches understand anti-doping is here not to set obstacles in their routines but to help them and protect their right to equal competition.

To achieve this we would like to closely collaborate, through our National Federations, with local NADOs that are providing education programmes in other languages. We share the idea that an effective education programme is an investment into a healthy future of our future champions.

UIPM also recommends implementing the use of WADA’s ADEL platform and in 2023 will require specific anti-doping courses as part of the route to Paris 2024.
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Riding Working Group
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Working Group
“People around the world feel that the Olympic Games are eternal, and they and their values are. But De Coubertin’s vision was not one of stasis. He knew that the Games had to constantly evolve; not only to survive, but to achieve our mission of uniting the world through sport. Modern Pentathlon has made many innovations in the past, and now we face the largest test in our storied history. We need the courage and strength of every member of the UIPM family to meet this test, and I am certain that together, we can.”

“I was wonderful to see all the Pentathlon family physically this year in some of the major UIPM events. I hope everyone enjoyed this year 2022, especially as the new Modern Pentathlon format was adopted for the first time. We have a huge challenge ahead in 2023 but I have no doubt that we will be able to overcome it all, together as one big family.”

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“The 2021-2022 cycle has been difficult as we faced the change proposed by the UIPM of the 5th discipline that must change from horseback riding. I have no doubt that this change is necessary if we want to remain as a sport within the programme of the Olympic Games; but I have also heard other voices claiming the traditional values that are inherent in the Modern Pentathlon we all know.”

“The last year has demonstrated the passion that the members of the Pentathlon community have for our sport. And while there is some disagreement about how our sport should evolve, I believe that the honest exchange of ideas has been a powerful force and will continue to be a powerful force in the evolution of Modern Pentathlon.”
Executive Board

9 Janusz Peciak OLY (POL) – Member for Sport

“Changes are the future, there is no future without changes. Only together can we achieve our dreams. Sometimes, to criticise is easy, but to do something is hard. It is easy to tear down, but much more difficult to build.”

10 Martin Dawe (GBR) – Member for Marketing

“The 2022 season was very active with events taking place worldwide. Due to the long-term uncertainty of our sport, establishing contracts with partners has been hard but we have continued with marketing and promotional initiatives. The introduction of the new discipline this allows creates great opportunities for Pentathlon in participation, awareness and commercial value.”

11 Andrejus Zadneprovskis OLY (LTU) – Member for Media

“What really matters is not whether we have problems, but how we go through them. Whatever we are facing we must keep going to make it through! I am proud to be part of a global community that has already overcome many barriers to survive and create a vision for the future of a sport that means so much to us.”

12 Dr Viacheslav Malishev (GEO) – Member for Development

“In order to promote and develop our sport, immediate reforms to the competition structure are very much needed, new competition circuits such as World Cup Challengers for seniors, Junior World Cups with Junior World Cup Final, U17 and U19 World Youth League and U15 World Championships could become the foundation for the future success and growth of the commercial value of Modern Pentathlon!”

13 Dr Natalja Ofitserova (BLR) – Medical Committee Chair

“My profession as a doctor of sports medicine and joint activities with my fellow members of UIPM Medical Committee allowed me to implement a very important idea for me about maintaining the health of athletes, developing and improving their abilities to achieve the highest peaks in sports. Staying true to the principles of the Olympic Charter, I believe that every athlete in the world will have the opportunity to take part in the sporting movement, thereby showing unifying power of sport.”

14 Yasser Hefny OLY (EGY) – Athletes Committee Chair

“We always strive to convey the athletes’ voices and give them a proper representation, as they are the sport’s beating heart. We must create a path forward for future athletes that is more accessible, more affordable, and more universal than the Modern Pentathlon of today, or there will be no future for Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games.”

15 Christian Roudaut (FRA) – Coaches Committee Chair

“For the year 2022, I want to highlight that it is only through being together and united that our entire community - athletes, coaches, judges, and all the UIPM stakeholders - will make the road to Paris 2024 a big success and the beginning of a path for the next Olympic cycles with a costume adapted to the new criteria that govern Olympic sports.”

16 Sylvestre Zaré (BUR) – African Confederation President

“We do not escape contradictions, we live them. But when we mask the contradictions or when we flee from them, we no longer live, we subsist.”

17 Hyunjun Kim (KOR) – Asian Confederation President

“Let’s think about the best option for our sport, Modern Pentathlon, for the next generation and for a better future within the Olympic Games.”

18 Tatiana Ardabyeva (RUS) – European Confederation President

“To bring about change, you must not be afraid to take the first step. We will fail when we fail to try.”

19 Rob Stull OLY (USA) – NORCECA Confederation President

“As an EB Member, I see our work through the faces of our athletes. The look of determination in the struggle, the broad smiles of achievement or the sadness of defeat; and then there is the look of hope and excitement from our youth for their future. It is a magnificent spectrum. It is all in their faces.”

20 Kitty Chiller OLY (AUS) – Oceania Confederation President

“2022 was a year of rebuilding in Oceania, after two years of some of the longest and toughest COVID lockdowns in the world. There was plenty of activity in both Australia and New Zealand during the year as athletes celebrated being able to travel and compete again. There was a strong focus on development activities for youth athletes in both countries and, in New Zealand, on para athletes.”

21 Jorge Salas OLY (ARG) – South American Confederation President

“The union and the desire to excel of South American athletes and leaders is the engine of a new era of innovation and modernisation of our sport.”
European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (ECMP)

ECMP had a busy and challenging year. A highlight was the inclusion of Modern Pentathlon in the 2023 European Games in Krakow (POL), which will be the Olympic qualification competition for the Paris 2024 Games.

ECMP tested the venue of the European Games in Krakow (POL) by holding the European Championships (U19/U17) from 8-14 July. There were 181 participants from 21 countries.

The Junior European Championships was held in Barcelona (ESP) and the Senior Championships in Szekesfehervar (HUN) – both competitions drew athletes from 20 countries.

All organisers – Poland, Spain and Hungary – did everything to ensure the competitions in the new format were held at the highest level.

During the Senior Championships ECMP had its Executive Board meeting on September 17. The EB, represented by the members of nine European nations, expressed its deep concern for the destiny of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic programme.

Asian Modern Pentathlon Confederation (AMPC)

The year of 2022 was one of the busiest years for AMPC, with a variety of businesses such as the humanitarian aid to the Ukrainian MP community, disaster relief fund, equipment supports for NFs and some developing projects in Asia.

One of the most remarkable events was the 2022 Asian Championships, which took place from September 14 to 25 in Almaty, Kazakhstan together with nine countries and more than 100 athletes, because it finally resumed for the first time since COVID-19 broke out in 2019.

Now we are heading for the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Games, to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 20 to 25 next year, which will be the Asian qualifying competition for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Many thanks for all of our members in Asia for their cooperation in 2022, and we wish you the best luck for 2023.

African Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (CAPM)

The executive office of the African Confederation met several times to establish a solid basis for future actions after its election in November 2021.

The action plan included the creation of six development zones to reduce distances and organise better training courses and competitions, and the organisation of the executive office, including setting up various technical commissions.

CAPM also set up a project that challenges governments – “Dakar 2026 objective” – which already led to Egypt organising a Level 1 coaching course for countries such as Uganda and Mauritius; a Level 1 coaching course in Accra (GHA) for members of West Africa; organisation of GLRCT by most countries registered in the programme; and a meeting of the CAPM Executive Board and UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann.

Goals for 2022-23 include the organisation of zonal championships in Laser Run, Biathlete-Triathlete and Modern Pentathlon, training courses in at least three areas, further GLRCTs and implementation of the “Dakar 2026” project.
NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Confederation

2022 presented new challenges and opportunities for NORCECA’s member nations. As the world adjusted to a “new normal” the natural transition of an Olympic cycle took its course.

There were strong performances in the UIPM Pentathlon World Cup and World Championships, particularly by Mexico and Guatemala, and USA earned several semi-final places.

The Pan Am Games 2023 in Santiago (CHI) confirmed it will host five medal events in Modern Pentathlon, a major boost to athletes on the road to Paris 2024.

The NORCECA Championships and Dominican Open returned to the Dominican Republic after five years. UIPM VP Juan Manzo continues to lead Mexico as the dominant athletic powerhouse, while Guatemala embraced veteran coach Walid El Sayed back to lead their talented team.

The New 5th Discipline has been at the forefront with Sophie Hernandez (GUA) playing a key role as the UIPM athlete representative for NORCECA. The great majority of our athlete community understood and embraced the process.

Modern Pentathlon Oceania

2022 was a year of rebuilding in Oceania, after two years of some of the longest and toughest COVID lockdowns. However, there was plenty of activity in both Australia and New Zealand.

New Zealand continued its focus on development activities by encouraging new participants to compete in UIPM development sports. This was achieved through a ‘Come and Try’ Laser Run event that attracted over 100 participants as well as regular virtual time trials and weekly group training sessions.

The Federation also took the initiative of organising a hybrid international Laser Run with competitors from Singapore, UK and USA as well as local athletes.

Australia’s National Championships in April attracted a record number of entries. The regional hubs across the country continue to thrive and attract new participants. The Modern Pentathlon Australia board was refreshed in May following the retirement of long-time President Kitty Chiller OLY, with several new members.

South America Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CSPM)

In another busy season for CSPM, our focus has again been on supporting the sport, our NFs and athletes.

In the educational space, a highlight was an official UIPM international seminar for Level 2 coaches in Buenos Aires (ARG) and a seminar for Level 1 coaches in Bolivia.

Continued financial support and sports equipment was provided to all NFs, with focused support to the Brazil and Bolivia NFs for the organisation of the South American and Pan American Youth, Junior and Senior Championships (PAG 2023 Qualifier).

CSPM participated in the Panam Sports and ACODEPA Congress, specifying the inclusion of Modern Pentathlon in the Bolivarian Games and future editions of the ODESUR and Junior Pan American Games.

We inspected facilities and manuals being prepared for the Pan American Games Santiago 2023, and disseminated information relating to the New 5th Discipline and aspects of general interest to NF Presidents and SGs through online meetings.
Athletes Committee

The newly-elected athletes who make up the Athletes Committee were busy in 2022 due to this period of change for Modern Pentathlon.

Since the decision to replace Riding with a New 5th Discipline, with the proposal of Obstacle Discipline, the Athletes Committee has been in constant talks with IOC officials, UIPM EB Members and staff as well as the heart of the sport – the athletes.

Whilst we understand the passion for Riding and the difficult decision for change, it has been very important to keep the athletes’ voice central to the process during the testing phase.

Feedback gathered by AC members attending the Test Events was relayed back to the UIPM Working Groups, from elite athletes in Ankara (TUR) to developing nation representatives in Manila (PHI) and U17, U19 and U22 athletes in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA) and Zielona Gora (POL).

We always encourage athletes to voice their opinions to help shape the future of our sport.

Technical Committee

Half of the members of the Technical Committee (TC) were newly elected at the UIPM 2021 Congress or appointed by the UIPM Executive Board (EB) in 2021. At the same time, the UIPM Elite International Judges (EIJ) pool lost six experienced judges, since all the new members worked as EIJ’s at major UIPM events over the past decade.

The TC Members started their activities at the beginning of the year, where they discussed all the new rules of the New Pentathlon Format and the important areas to pay attention to when supervising its implementation throughout this ‘testing’ year.

A new innovation was established by Mr Janusz Peciak OLY (POL), TC Chair, to have online meetings after all of the major UIPM/Continental events. The agenda of these meetings is always based on the Technical Delegates’ reports with areas highlighted for improvement or to take notice of further developments or rule changes.

All these notices have been rediscussed and the TC submitted proposals for rule changes to the UIPM EB in September 2022.
Medical Committee

After its election, the Medical Committee voted and re-appointed Dr Natalja Ohtserova as its Chair. The MC met online in February and discussed all aspects of the new competition format for Paris 2024, an update of COVID-19 guidelines and athlete mental health.

Medical meetings were held at most UIPM competitions, giving opportunities to teams and their medical personnel to meet the medical delegate.

MC Members also took part in a working group for the new Modern Pentathlon format and attended all UIPM competitions in 2022, closely monitoring any changes required in the standard of medical care or equipment. There was no observation of increased injury level but athlete fatigue after events has risen.

At the beginning of 2022 a long-term questionnaire was issued to obtain relevant information about athlete fatigue as well as physical and psychological well-being.

MC members are also supporting the New Pentathlon Discipline Working Group, offering expertise to help prepare for the transition in the best way possible.

Business Affairs Committee

Following the elections at UIPM 2021 Congress a marketing meeting was held virtually on February 14, 2022. Attendees included the UIPM President, Secretary General, EB Member for Marketing, Media Manager, Marketing Manager and Business Affairs Delegates. We discussed branding, traditional media, social media, promotion, partners, venue dressing and sustainability.

Thanks to the implementation and control of the Brand Guidelines, the venue dressing at events has improved markedly with a high level of presentation and consistency. The adoption of the new uniform rules has also been highly effective. To help National Federations, UIPM offered patches during the first rounds of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Cup.

The UIPM Central app now includes more events with more competition details, from jumping test results to final results. UIPM launched lifestyle clothing and eco-responsible bottles this year, and the UIPM Shop made donations to Ukrainian athletes who had to leave their country. UIPM continues to test Pentasuits as a future apparel.

Masters Working Group

It was a year of surprises and changes for the UIPM Masters family.

In May the UIPM 2022 Masters World Championships was cancelled after a request by the Finnish Modern Pentathlon Federation due to challenging global circumstances.

Despite this, all athletes trained and entered Masters categories in both the UIPM Laser Run and Biathle-Triathlon World Championships, as well as Masters tournaments. The Hameenlinna 1952 Pentathlon Trophy took place at the Helsinki 1952 Olympic Games Modern Pentathlon venue. At the Laser Run World Championship we saw the Masters community had very much recovered from the pandemic years.

In July the UIPM Executive Board confirmed the composition of a five-strong Masters Working Group as an interim solution to the lack of any UIPM Masters Committee election until 2024. The group is working closely with UIPM Headquarters to support the Masters movement and an action plan for 2022-2024 has been created.
Committee/commissions activities

**Equipment Commission**

The Equipment Commission (EC) had its first activities of the year with an introduction of new members by the Chair, Pedro Petruschinski (GER).

Also, an online meeting was held with many important topics on the agenda to discuss related to Fencing and Shooting.

Among those topics discussed:

- New software for Fencing Ranking and Bonus Round, making the Fencing result data input more simple
- Fencing mask repeater lights and wireless fencing at the Fencing Bonus Round
- Updated process for full laser (beam) pistol test – traceable by pistol, athlete, provider

Commission Member Sandor Karman (HUN), together with UIPM Competitions Manager Tamas Varga, took part in the laser pistol homologation presentation by Dr Klaus Hartmann at the University of Siegen in Germany.

According to the details presented by Dr Hartmann, and after the calibration of the measurement device for the laser pistol beam, two tests were carried out at the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon World Championships in Alexandria (EGY) and the UIPM 2022 Laser Run World Championships in Lisbon (POR).

**Women’s Commission**

The Women’s Commission (WC) was established in 2022 to develop policies and promote equal opportunities for girls and women in participation in UIPM activities. The first meeting was held in February, where WC Members were joined by the UIPM President and the UIPM Secretary General, to understand the Commission’s vision and common goals and set an activity plan for the development of policies.

Under the auspices of the Women’s Commission, UIPM celebrated International Women’s Day with a campaign “Motivation and Passion”, shared all over UIPM social media, to promote equality and encourage female athletes to share their stories.

Elsewhere, two female coaches were selected to the Women in Sport High Performance Pathway two-year programme supported by Olympic Solidarity to expand opportunities for high-performance women coaches. The coaches were due to start their residential week in the UK in October 2022.

The WC Chair, Mrs Cassandra Choh (SGP), met with the UIPM President in Singapore in August 2022.

**Pierre de Coubertin Commission**

The UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission, led by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, attended two days of meetings in France in December 2022 with the aim of strengthening heritage and educational links with the family of Modern Pentathlon’s founder.

Commission Members visited the Coubertin Castle near Paris, the Chateau de Mirville – the Baron’s summer home in Normandy – and finally La Sorbonne university, where Coubertin arranged the first Olympic Congress in 1894. President Dr Schormann said: “Promoting the legacy and heritage of Coubertin is one of UIPM’s main goals ... we hope to give our athletes a better understanding of where our sport originated.”
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February

UIPM Executive Assistant UIPM Lena Nussbaumer, CONI President Dr. Giovanni Malagò, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann, Mr. Fabrizio Bittner (MPF of Italy President), Mr. Filippo De Liguori Carino (MPF of Italy Secretary General) and Simona Salsano (Modern Pentathlon Federation of Italy International Relations).

UIPM Honorary Member Prof Fabio Pigozzi of Foro Italico University of Rome met with UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann.

Members of the new UIPM Technical Committee meet for the first time in Frankfurt (GER).
A joint dinner brings together members of the UIPM Executive Board, the New 5th Discipline Working Group and Hungarian officials and VIPs.

Special advisors and athletes join UIPM leaders and staff for New 5th Discipline Working Group meetings.

March

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Executive Board Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev with Ukrainian team members in Cairo (EGY).

Dr Schormann and Dr Malishev meet with numerous African National Federation representatives who travelled to Cairo (EGY).

April

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A group picture of UIPM Executive Board Members and supporting UIPM staff in Budapest (HUN)

The UIPM Executive Board meets in Budapest (HUN)

The New 5th Discipline Working Group meeting

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann presents JCP certificates in Albena (BUL)

Dr Schormann and Lena Nussbaumer with Col Alessandro Trono of CISM and Peru NF Secretary General Fredy Vargas Ortiz
UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, SAMP Interim President Franz van Niekerk and UIPM Executive Board Member for Development Dr Viacheslav Malishev.

Athletes and UIPM Executive Board Members join the UIPM and TMPF Presidents at the commemorative planting of an oak tree at the end of a successful month in Ankara (TUR).

Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President) is greeted in Ankara (TUR) by TMPF President Prof Dr Veli Ozan Cakir.

President Dr Schormann plants the oak tree with Prof Dr Veli Ozan Cakir, TMPF President.

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President Dr Schormann joins participants, organisers and volunteers after the New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event in Ankara (TUR)

Modern Pentathlon and obstacle sports communities mingle at the Technical Meeting of the New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event I in Ankara (TUR)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Dr Thomas Bach pictured at Olympic House after their meeting with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and IOC Sport Director Kit McConnell in Lausanne (SUI)
President Dr Schormann gives his opening address

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann chairs a meeting of UIPM Executive Board members present in Alexandria (EGY)

European Confederation EB Member Anna Bajan, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Mayor of Krakow Jacek Majchrowski, UIPM EB Member and Poland NF President Janusz Peciak OLY

Dr Schormann and Dr Viacheslav Malishev meet with, right, Saudi Modern Pentathlon Federation President Nasser Al-Dugether

On the 50th anniversary of Munich 1972, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann meets with Spyros Capralos (EOC President; IOC Member)

The UIPM President has a discussion with Egyptian Minister for Youth and Sport, Dr Ashraf Sobhy, during the Pentathlon World Championships in Alexandria (EGY)
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann meets Filipino athletes during the New Pentathlon Discipline Test Event in Manila (PHI)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, SMPA President Choh and Secretary General Chan meet 13-year-old Kyra Seow (SGP) and her parents Gerardo and Anne

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and IOC Vice President Ser Miang Ng with Singapore Modern Pentathlon Association President Cassandra Choh (right) and Secretary General Desmond Chan (left)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann makes a presentation to Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham Tolentino, flanked by Philippine Modern Pentathlon Association President Richard Gomez (left) and Vice President Matt Torres

President Dr Schormann on the podium at the UIPM U17 World Championships in Lignano Sabbiadoro (ITA)
Representatives from the nine competing nations in the Asian Championships. In the front row, left to right: Leonid Zimarev (Kazakhstan NF SG), Kseniya Gulyamova (Uzbekistan NF SG), Hyunjun Kim (AMPC President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Viktor Maltsev (Kyrgyzstan NF SG), Bin Zhang (AMPC VP), Ping-Hung Lin (Chinese Taipei NF VP).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Mina Jeong (KOR), Shen-Hung Liu (TPE) and AMPC President Hyunjun Kim.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Sarah Hirshland, Chair of the Board of Directors Susanne Lyons and Gene Sykes, who will take over as Chair at the end of 2022.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann in Santiago (CHI) with (left to right) US Olympic & Paralympic Committee CEO Sarah Hirshland, Chair of the Board of Directors Susanne Lyons and Gene Sykes, who will take over as Chair at the end of 2022.

September

Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Prof Dr Hans-Michael Ockenfels (UIPM Doping Review Panel Chair); Simon Azovide (Representative of African States); Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant).

Left to right: UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, Chile NOC President Miguel Mujica Brain, PASO Secretary General Ivar Sistug OLY and South American Confederation President Jorge Salas OLY.
UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with South American Confederation President Jorge Salas OLY (far left) with PASO President Neven Ilic and Secretary General Ivar Sisniega OLY (far right)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Lena Nussbaumer with Luca Pancali, President of the Italian Paralympic Committee and a former pentathlete who founded Para-Pentathlon

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UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann meets the Holy Father, Pope Francis, during the Sport For All Summit in the Vatican City

Left to right: Lena Nussbaumer, Marco Ienna Riccardo Fraccari (IF Baseball Softball CDO & President), Francesco Ricci Bitti (ASOIF President), Dr Giovanni Malago (CONI President), Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Marco Maria Scolaris (IF Sport Climbing President), Sabatino Aracu (World Skate President), Ivo Ferrari (IF Bobsleigh Skeleton President), Angela Cito (World Taekwondo Council Member), Tom Dielen (World Archery SG), David Carrigy (World Rugby Chief International Relations and Participation Officer), Sophie Roduit (Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation Manager)

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President Dr Schormann with IOC Member HRH Prince Feisal Al Hussein, the NOC President of Jordan

President Dr Schormann with Sir Craig Reedie, IOC Honorary Member, ANOC ‘Contribution to Olympic Movement’ winner and former WADA President

President Dr Schormann with IOC Member Luis Mejia Oviedo, President of the Dominican Republic NOC

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann joins ANOCA President Mustapha Berraf after the signing of their MOU in Seoul (KOR)

The UIPM and ANOCA Presidents sign their MOU in Seoul (KOR)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Executive Assistant meet with Korea NF Secretary General Sangkejong Yeo and 2017 men’s world champion Jinhwa Jung (KOR)

October

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UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Cristina Vasilianov (NOC SG of Moldova)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann makes a presentation to Kee-Heung Lee (IOC Member and NOC President of Korea), with Khunying Patama Leeswadtrakul (IOC Member and Chair of Olympic Culture & Heritage Commission) fourth from left. They are joined by (left to right): Mrs Leeswadtrakul’s husband; Morinari Watanabe (IOC Member & FIG President); José Perurena López (World Games – IWGA – President); Yasuhiro Yamashita (IOC Member; NOC President of Japan); Battushig Batbold (IOC Member; NOC President of Mongolia).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Kuisung Choi (UIPM Honorary Member) and Hyunjun Kim (AMPC President)

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and Executive Assistant with Robin Mitchell, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC)
Left to right: Dr Joao de Almeida (President NF Portugal); Dr Mahdi Goudarzi (President NF Iran); UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann; UIPM EB Member Dr Viacheslav Malishev.

Dr Malishev and President Dr Schormann with Fahad Al Hamad (Secretary General of the Kuwait Modern Pentathlon Commission).

LOC official; Dr Joao Pereira de Almeida (President NF Portugal); Ricardo Franco (Mayor of Machico); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Dr Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM EB Member); Razan Alayed (EB Member of Saudia Arabia NF); Gary Lu (CEO of UIPM sponsor Absolute Fencing).

UIPM President Dr Schormann and Executive Board Member for Development Dr Viacheslav Malishev with Razan Alayed, EB Member of Saudia Arabia NF.
The UIPM President and staff members are joined by athletes from three continents for an online press conference in Monaco.

Left to right: Dr. Klaus Schormann (UIPM President), Andrzej Krasnicki (Polish NOC President), Anna Bajan (Polish NOC Vice President).

The UIPM President joins volunteers on the stage at the end of the UIPM 2022 Pentathlon Junior World Championships in Zielona Gora (POL).
UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco is joined at the Presidential Palace by, left to right, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice President Juan Antonio Samaranch, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann and UIPM Vice President Joel Bouzou OLY.

The UIPM President and Honorary President share a moment of friendship.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with members of the Coubertin family and the UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Commission during their visit to the Baron’s summer home of Chateau de Mirville in Normandy (FRA).

The UIPM President with Executive Board Members, staff and members of working groups who gathered in Nice (FRA) for the 72nd UIPM Congress.
The UIPM President on a video call with IOC Sport Director Kit McConnell (left) and Sport Operations Manager Achilleas Tsogas

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann and Vice-President Bouzou with David Lappartient, UCI President and winner of a Peace & Sport Award

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann with fellow members of the IOC Culture & Olympic Heritage Commission session at Olympic House in Lausanne (SUI)

Left to right: Dr. Harald Vervaeccke (Belgian Modern Pentathlon Federation President), Dr. Klaus Schormann (UIPM President) and Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant)
Left to right: Mark Wiley (former SAMPA President); Frans van Niekerk (SAMPA President); Saikou Jarju (CAPM EB Member); Jenny O’Hanlon (CAPM Vice President); Francois Akonde (CAPM Vice President); Ismaila Lingany (CAPM EB Member); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President); Sylvester Zare (CAPM President. UIPM EB Member); Chris Essilfie (CAPM EB Member); Dr Viacheslav Malishev (UIPM EB Member for Development); Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann addresses the CAPM Executive Board Meeting in Cape Town (RSA)

Left to right: Lena Nussbaumer (UIPM Executive Assistant); Frans van Niekerk (SAMPA President), Mark Wiley (former Senator and Western Cape Interior Minister), Anroux Marais (Western Cape Provincial Minister for Sport and Culture); Dr Klaus Schormann (UIPM President) and Hermann van der Westhuizen (Western Cape Head of Ministry of Cultural Affairs & Sport)

December

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Leading architect Neil Fourie (second left) shows the plans to Lena Nussbaumer, Dr Klaus Schormann, Dr Viacheslav Malishev and (far right) SAMPA EB Member Bruce Thomas.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann with Alexandra de Navacelle de Coubertin, during their participation in the IOC Culture & Olympic Heritage Commission session in Lausanne (SUI).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann leads a tree planting in recognition of SAMPA’s 70th anniversary and the UIPM 1996 Pentathlon World Cup Final in Stellenbosch (RSA).

The UIPM President’s visit included a meeting at the Stellenbosch a UIPM coaching seminar, where Dr Schormann, Dr Malishev and SAMPA President Niekerk briefed the coaches.

Alderman JP Smith (City of Cape Town Executive Committee Member) with Dr Klaus Schormann.
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