

# **ANDREY KUZMANOV**

I have always been devoted to the sport of Modern Pentathlon and as a part of the Modern Pentathlon community I remain committed to continuing our joint efforts for the further thriving development of our remarkable multi-discipline sport and the promotion of its growth.



## **My experience**

Almost my entire life, since my childhood, I have always been connected to the Modern Pentathlon in different roles from being a successful athlete, permanent member of the Bulgarian National Team of Modern Pentathlon, coach, manager of several sport clubs developing Modern Pentathlon, to my current position as the President of the Bulgarian Modern Pentathlon Federation (BMPF).

Through all the years I have been part of the Modern Pentathlon community, I have gladly served to our beloved sport in the capacity of President of the BMPF (2008- 2021), Vice – President of the European Confederation of Modern Pentathlon (ECMP) (2012 -2021), Interim President of the ECMP (2021) and Member of the UIPM's Business Affair Committee (2012 – currently), as well as a coordinator for the Balkan Peninsula (2014).

My professional career outside the sports field has provided me with an extensive managerial experience in the private sector in trade, manufacturing, services, marketing and advertisement.

In 2021, I was appointed and served in the Bulgarian government in the capacity of Minister of Youth and Sports (*May 2021- December 2021*).

In 2024 I was reelected as President of the BMPF.

## **My motivation and vision**

I believe that the hard work I have done and my personal efforts during all these years, have made positive contribution to our common endeavours for the success of the Modern Pentathlon. My extensive experience, gained during all the years I have voluntarily dedicated to the Modern Pentathlon, have provided me with the skills, thorough knowledge and the vision to serve well to our sport and to perform the tasks required in the capacity of Vice-President of the UIPM and member of the UIPM Executive Board, if be elected.

The BMPF has proven on numerous occasions to be a strong pillar of our global sports movement. Through the years, under my guidance we have been successfully organising and hosting many major international competitions. Every year since 2008 we have organised a world-class competition in Bulgaria: 2024 World Cup and European Championship Junior and U15 (*for the first time the format U15 was organised in Bulgaria*); 2023 World Cup; 2022 World Cup; 2021 World Cup 3 and World Cup 4; 2019 World Cup

and World Championship U17; 2018 World Cup; 2017 European Championship U17; 2016 Congress of the European Confederation; 2016 European Championship for Seniors; 2015 European Youth Championship; 2014 Congress of the International Federation of Modern Pentathlon (UIPM); 2012 European Championship for Seniors; 2012 European Championship U19; 2011 World Championship biathlon; 2010 European Championship U19 and U17; 2009 European Youth Championship; 2008 World Championship U19 (*It is the BMPF who organised the first competition with the new discipline – “the combined event” – the World Championship in Albena, Bulgaria 2008 Youth A, was the place „to give birth“ to the new discipline (currently named “Laser run”) in the Modern Pentathlon*).

I believe to have shown that I possess the needed comprehensive expertise and experience to efficiently deal with the tasks required in the capacity of Vice-President of the UIPM. If I am entrusted by you to serve to the Modern Pentathlon in this honorable position, I will be focusing all my efforts and dedicating my work to further development of our beloved sport, fostering the achievement of our common goals and successful implementation of our strategies for the future well-being of the Modern Pentathlon.

Among our main tasks admittedly shall be to promote the development of our sport through the young generation by stressing the most positive outcomes from our exceptional sport in order to teach the new generations in the spirit of friendship and sportsmanship.

I trust that only our joint efforts will help the future development of the Modern Pentathlon and its promotion among all young people as well as reopening the sport to the wider public and make it much more attractive.

In order to achieve our common goals it is important to be building on the good practices and maintaining the spirit of excellent collaboration among the UIPM Member Federations. Together, we will continue the prosperous development of our wonderful multi-discipline Olympic sport – the Modern Pentathlon!

Allow me to express my sincere gratitude for your collegial attitude over the years and for considering my candidacy.

*Yours faithfully,*



*Andrey Kuzmanov  
President of the BMPF*