67th UIPM Congress Minutes

Taipei City (TPE), 7-8 November 2015



1. First roll call of the Members

UIPM Secretary General made the roll call.

2. Election of three tellers of votes and two scrutineers

Tellers of votes:

- a) Jan Bade (FIN)
- b) Siegfried Brand (GUA)
- c) Sharif El Erian (EGY)

<u>Scrutineers:</u>

- a) Angella Ives (CAN)
- b) Manuel Barrroso (POR)

3. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved.

2015 UIPM Congress Agenda

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O. Any other business

4. Approval of the minutes of the 2014 Congress in Sofia

The minutes were approved

5. Report of the President Dr Klaus Schormann

Before beginning his report, the President gave apologies for the absence of EB members Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr, Dmitry Svatkovsky and Timur Dossymbetov, the first for having to attend meetings of IOC Commissions and the latter two members for health reasons. He continued by thanking the National Federations, his colleagues on the Executive Board, committees, and commissions for their support over the year and welcomed UIPM Honorary Member Gyula Bretz, UIPM Pierre de Coubertin Medal recipient Alain Luzenfichter and UIPM Sponsor Absolute Fencing President Gary Lu to Congress. The President presented greetings from the IOC President Thomas Bach, UIPM Patron King Constantine and UIPM Honorary President HSH Prince Albert as well as ASOIF President Ricci Bitti and IOC Executive Board member and AIBA President C.K. Wu. The President offered Congress condolences for the passing of Helmut Gruber, Col Richard Gruenther, Tibor Pinter and Eivind Bo Sørenson.

President Schormann referred Congress to his written report in the Congress Book. He highlighted special events such as the Asia/Oceania Olympic qualification in Beijing where for the first time, AMPC organized Youth Championships; the World Cup Final in Minsk which was not only a competition but a real event with hospitality, Opening and Closing Ceremonies and a great presentation of the Fencing Bonus Round and great support from the government and NOC; the Pan American Games organized by NOC and NF of Canada; European Championships in Bath where there was also focus on education and culture and after which a tree-planting ceremony was held at Sandhurst to commemorate foundation of UIPM on the occasion of the London 1948 Olympic Games; the Youth A World Championships in Buenos Aires which hosted also the first para-pentathlon test event, a great education for the young people; the World Junior Championships in Mexico which was preceded by our first open university competition; the Biathle/Triathle World Championships in Batumi, Georgia, had the more than 500 registered athletes, a record for this event; Perpignan, France staged our 1st World Championships in Laser-Run in the centre of the city, combining very successfully elite and sport for all events and showcasing that combined run-shoot is the discipline that identifies Modern Pentathlon; finally the World Championships in Berlin had the highest number of TV viewers in Germany of 5.2 million, double that of the Tour de France which was happening at the same time.

Regarding the Olympic Movement, the President and General Secretary had met with IOC President Thomas Bach on 7 September on different matters; based on the Agenda 2020, IFs will have more responsibility in the organisation of future Olympic Games so although that gives us more rights, there will be more work and more cost on our side; Rio 2016 sport management side is going well, our event is in a temporary stadium but not with ideal seating capacity linked to Rugby 7s which takes place just before pentathlon; concerning Tokyo 2020 our sport is confirmed in the Tokyo Stadium , 50000 spectators, with all 5 sports including swimming in the stadium; bid cities 2024 were announced: Budapest, Hamburg, Los Angeles, Paris and Rome all countries with established Modern Pentathlon; the ANOC General Assembly just took place in Washington and next year will be in Doha having moved from Rio de Janeiro; SportAccord organisation collapsed at this year's convention after the President Marius Vizer attacked the IOC and its President and our Executive Board accepted that UIPM temporarily withdrew from SportAccord until the issue is clarified with IOC, we were the 6th International Federation to do so. The President closed his report by asking Congress to help protect clean athletes and to use Modern Pentathlon as a tool for education and for peace.

6. Report of the Secretary General, Shiny Fang

The Secretary General referred Congress to her report in the Congress Book and gave a presentation (see Appendix A), which noted:



<u>Delivery of Events</u> – UIPM improved support to LOCs and strengthened standardised protocols; based on 35 criteria types, 22 of them have improved whilst 8 remained the same and 5 needs to improve, for example accommodation and transport did not score well whilst overall and sports presentation improved; profitability is a key ingredient to ensure future success, 1/3 of events lose money but economic impact shows potential and provides another tool with which to talk to city and government authorities.

<u>Promotion</u> – content and distribution has improved, potentially 3 billion viewers in 128 countries, with increase in website and YouTube traffic; TV programming leaflets produced more professionally and next challenge is to adjust our brands to match.

<u>3E Programme</u> – Education: UIPM has 30 instructors form 16 countries but need more; 15 camps and seminars were conducted this year; 5 new national associations were established and 8 re-activated; over 50 athletes and coaches received assistance. Equipment: distributed free of charge to 35 countries and 4 LOCs from the UIPM budget; laser shooting homologation saw 1200 items tested, 150 hours spent on the tests. Empowerment: NFs are to promote and run our sport in their countries but lack financial or other resources so UIPM helps through education, equipment and assistance to athletes and we are still preparing more tools; NFs are encouraged to gather together and share their knowledge and views.

<u>Administration</u> – currently 14 full and part time staff, 3 times as before but the budget remains the same capped 20% of UIPM yearly budget; far less than most IFs whilst increasing number of events and projects; improving processes for efficient growth.

<u>Next Frontier</u> – only so much can be done with existing resources and with the new sports added to Tokyo 2020 programme need to maintain strength, anticipate and expand for sustainable long term growth; our new subsports make our sport more accessible, more marketable and will grow our numbers; standardized operational manuals, guidelines and tools will facilitate organisers; development, media and NF governance kits are tools that are being created for 2016. Promotion - elements have been changed to be more attractive, increase traffic to our media and prepare the ground for the Olympic Channel as well as our own next year. Reach – with FISU most universities have the facilities for four events; with IPC we already had first para test event; through Host Cities - new destinations to move beyond current core market; with Multi-sport events – to be included with our sub-sports, increasing membership; through Urban sports – accessible to large audiences, encourage youngsters , the Laser-Run exceeded our expectations.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Pentathlon is growing but needs to grow further, many things are not perfect such as event management due to limited resources and our credibility is challenged on a regular basis but with adaptation and meeting challenges, we will remain successful after Tokyo; Expansion added to the 3E Programme to create our 4E Programme.

7. Report of the Treasurer, John Helmick

UIPM Treasurer referred Congress to his written report and distributed a balance sheet as at 30 September 2015. He reported that capital balance at the end of 2015 was projected at USD4.2 million. In 2016 additional revenue of USD1 million from the Olympic hospitality programme was expected and with additional Games related expenses of USD175,000, it was projected to end the 4-year budget with a surplus of USD1.4 million , which has never happened before in UIPM but which is very important for the future. He said_great progress had been made in becoming fully compliant with International Financial Reporting Standards; UPM moved towards accrual accounting with new financial software that allows for real-time transactions and is more accurate; Continental Confederations are being sent a template based on 5 incomes items, 12 expenditure items for their balance sheets therefore documenting clearly how they spend their grants and improving transparency. Looking ahead to 2017-2020, the Treasurer said UIPM would receive USD 13.5 million from IOC for Rio Olympic Games, but with expenditure at about USD4 million a year an extra USD2.5 million would be needed to remain on budget.

In reply to a question from GBR (which welcomed progress towards the adoption of International Accounting Standards) pointing out that estimated investment income for 2014 had varied from an initial estimate of



\$150,000 to projected interest income of \$15,000 with only USD4489 realised, JVH said that as accounts are accrued if it is not yet received it cannot be yet seen as revenue.

8. Reports of representatives of other UIPM bodies

i. Report of Vice President – Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr

The President read out the email sent by Mr Samaranch "Dear Klaus, First of all please accept my apologies for not being able to join the Congress this week in Taipei. Unfortunately, we have all IOC Autumn Commissions schedule from Saturday, November 7th through Thursday, November 12. The last 12 months have been of great importance for the Olympic movement, with Agenda 2020 execution work at the center of most initiatives. Particularly relevant are the modifications to the Olympic Program that will likely see five new sports join as soon as Tokyo 2020. This initiative will bring new, fresh competitions to the program, thus increasing the already massive appeal of the Games. As we always discuss, we should not feel threaten by change. In fact, UIPM has been one of the most active IFs in adapting our sport and program to make it more attractive to the public and easier for the Organising Committees. We have done a very good job in the past and I am convinced that our sport will manage to secure our presence in the Program for many years to come. Please send my best regards to all delegates. I wish you, the EB and all participants in the Congress good and successful discussions and look forward to seeing you very soon."

ii. Report of Vice President – Ivar Sisniega

Ivar Sisniega, highlighted from his written report that he had participation in ASOIF, ANOC and PASO events the latter organisation in which he has an active role as 1st Vice President; during the Pan American Games, he was reelected President of ACODEPA and was Head of the Games during the last 10 days in the absence of the PASO President and gave the official declaration to close the Games. The Modern Pentathlon Pan American Congress took place with 17 nations and a successful Modern Pentathlon event with 15 nations and 51 athletes. Ivar Sisniega also presented the report on UIPM's <u>Development Strategy</u> (see Appendix B) which noted:

<u>Nations</u>—more new nations every year, this year Columbia is one of the nations and as the next host of the Central American and Caribbean Games this is very important; reactivating federations with diminished participation, less officers is just as important and this year Mauritius, Armenia, Romania, Sweden, UAE, India and El Salvador all reactivated; this is all managed by the office; currently 138 federations with different levels of activation as members and the challenge is to bring all up to full pentathlon.

<u>Support to NFs and LOCs</u> – the UIPM website has all the shooting providers, fair competition means better equipment and better prices and accessible fencing packages are available through Absolute Fencing; Training Camps & Seminars will continue, more than 30 nations attended camps this year.

<u>Development Competitions</u> – Biathle/Triathle World Championships this year had record participation; Laser-Run is a new initiative and from next year also Regional Championships will take place as not all nations can go to the World Championships; World School Biathle continues with several thousands of participants, very easy to organise at no cost, just send the results for ranking, NFs should check the website for details as it is a great recruiting tool comprising basic disciplines of run and swim.

<u>Coaches Programme</u> – Certification levels and educational material finalised thanks to expert group of coaches from around the world; an experienced group of instructors has been created but more needed to cover every language so will continue to grow, courses included one recently in Guatemala supported by the NOC involving more than 20 coaches.

<u>Regional Games</u> – strategy is headed by the UIPM President on the political side; it is to be noted that in Africa, their Games have more importance than competing in our World Championships, in Asia an athlete winning a medal at their Games receives more press than if won at our World Championships; challenge is getting our sport on the programme of such events as African Games, European Games, Mediterranean Games, Commonwealth Games, Universiade the different Regional Beach and Youth Games; technically and politically entry will ensure growth of our sport and this is one of the most important projects in UIPM.



iii. Report of Vice President – Joël Bouzou

Joël Bouzou reported on his activities this year as President of different bodies -Peace & Sport the Forum taking place in Monaco 25-27 November, World Olympians Association, of which he was recently re-elected as President, and the French Modern Pentathlon which organised the first Laser-Run World Championships.

Laser-Run World Championships, Perpignan – Congress watched two videos and received a presentation highlighting 23 nations took part with 220 athletes in different categories of events, Individual and Mix Relay, Elite Division (UIPM registered athletes), Laser Run for All (open division with shorter distance) and Olympic Hope Division (same distance as Elite but open division); 15 nations won medals; it was used also as a development tool for French federation which doubled the number of licensed athletes; the competition took place in the city centre and was supported by the city authorities as a showcase of the city for the public; a new concept which is easy to organise nationally and internationally; some work still to be done such as different distances and allowing athletes to bring their own pistol and target but a good means to recruit new athletes.

<u>World Olympians Association</u> – Congress was just held in Moscow including for the first time a Forum, the result of a long journey of reform since 2011, but now WOA re-organised and working very closely with the IOC; the content of Forum was based on two concepts: services to Olympians and service to society through Olympians with focus on post transition life after sport and health after sport and work already begun on literature through a Medical Commission including Dr Schamasch and Pr Pigozzi as members; the Forum was attended by the **Russian Federation President Vladimir Putin, IOC President Thomas Bach, WOA Patron HSH Prince Albert II** and ANOC President Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah; a Declaration of Support of the IOC Charter was created in consultation with the IOC, a pledge on behalf of all the Olympians for the autonomy of sport above political interference from government and was signed by 5 Olympic Champions from 5 continents; UIPM is the first IF to support the declaration; Joël Bouzou, vocally supported by Janusz Peciak, requested NFs to ensure their Olympian pentathletes joined their National Olympic Association.

iv. Report of Vice President – Kui-Sung Choi

Mr Choi distributed a written report on site "I'd like to thank all of you for letting me part of this sport. Since 1964 Tokyo Olympic, in opening of the very first chapter of Korean Modern Pentathlon History, I have dedicated my 53 years to develop Modern pentathlon in Korea as a pioneer of this sport which was considered only as "European sports" among Asia. My journey with this sport for my life has faced lots of hardships but I deeply feel happiness and proud of today's outstanding developments that Modern Pentathlon in Asia could built so far. It was results of never stop being motivated, inspired, desired to the best. Past System of Modern pentathlon was firmly rooted from the elite sports, but now we finally faced to the point to expand our sports for all. The school Biathlete, Triathlete, Run & Shoot is the fundamental elements to make it possible in this significant point. Additionally, the current laser shooting systems made it more practical. But unfortunately, the current system has made problems in many of category A competitions. We are still in process to figure out what was the cause of it, but the conclusion is that it's far unreached to the perfection. Also, the price of pistols were pretty much pressures in terms of expanding our sports for all. Therefore, with my good friend from Japan, we are about to produce much reliable price of pistols with high end technology. I'm still dreaming and desiring for the better of Modern pentathlon world to the Best of best. I will continue to work on for expanding our sports and more sportsmanship, also transparency, and equality for our sport body".

v. Report of Vice President for Business Affairs – Viacheslav Aminov

Viacheslav Aminov referred Congress to his written report and highlighted that he was working actively to promote the sport internationally and amongst potential sponsors; increasing the popularity will create the market for this; competition organisers have to create large international events; well-designed video presentations of highlight clips to be distributed does a lot to increase the visibility of our sport; Business Affairs Committee had been active to increase sport's exposure; he supported an idea of the President to promote



more the link of Pierre de Coubertin with our sport, as the face of our organisation; mass sport is very important as more visible and attracts attention so Biathle/Triathle and Laser-Run need to go further; main objective is to work with sponsors for well-organised events and happy athletes; as President of the Russian Federation, he organises every year two high level international competitions (Ministry of Defence and Kremlin Cups) each with prize money, where athletes travel is paid for, this year 89 athletes from 31 countries took part; international sponsors were invited to these showcases of our sport; the events also receive a lot of national media attention and television coverage; next year's World Championships is sure to be a great event organised on a high level and receiving maximum coverage.

vi. Member for Sport – Janusz Peciak

Janusz Peciak read out his written report to Congress and added that the Laser Run World Championships was a great surprise for him, children were so excited by the event, the targets were hybrids that had already been tested in Mexico and worked very well; Fencing Bonus round outside on the Ride and Combined Event should be obligatory at top competitions; need to be more aggressive in helping developing nations; the new UIPM offline results system will be available soon free to all nations to help developing countries organise competitions; more coaches were needed for the development programme to stay one month or even more.

vii. Members for Marketing & Media – Martin Dawe and Andrejus Zadneprovskis

A joint presentation was made to Congress (see appendix C). Martin Dawe gave a review of 2015 regarding visual guidelines implemented across all events resulting in improved venue dressing; LOCS recognising the importance of creating events; UIPM website improved and Facebook with different banners created; printed articles in leading sport magazines and brochures were produced as well as participation in different international events; Media in numbers increases as at 31 October 2015 over 2014 included for website 32% in sessions, 52% in users, 182% in page views, regarding Facebook 14% in people reached and 12% in engaged users; 65 press releases and over 130,000 emails sent out; twitter had more than 3000 users.

Andrejus Zadneprovskis said the past year was quite successful for both TV and social media and the 2014 strategy was applied to 2015; live streaming online and live programmes distributed were evaluated and over the 10 months of this year compared to 2014 YouTube minutes watched went up from 530,331 to 869,228 an increase of 68% and views from 102 649 to 147 371 increase of 44%; Live TV from the Berlin World Championships had 5.2 million viewers with 3 hours on air time, live over 2 days on ARD/ZDF of the Women's Final and Mix Relay; post event highlights were produced by Sunset + Vine, who work with IOC, as well as other footage such as athlete interviews, with distribution to 128 countries through 23 networks including CCTV, Fox, etc for total of 453 hours.

Concerning 2016, Martin highlighted projects such as reinforcement of consistent UIPM Image with focus on the Olympic Games, continued exposure in some of the most relevant sports magazines, implementation of the UIPM Online Shop, reinforcement of the "UIPM Network" concept, restructuring of the UIPM website with new and more attractive specifications and fully mobile compatible and for Social Media Sina, Weibo and WeChat (Chinese Facebook) engagement and reinforcement as well as creation of UIPM VK and UIPM Snapchat.

viii. Chair of the Medical Committee, Pr. Fabio Pigozzi

In his presentation, in support of his submitted written report, Pr. Pigozzi thanked his colleagues on the Medical Committee and at UIPM HQ for support in their activities such as assistance in major events.

Cooperation with <u>WADA</u> continues and UIPM receives from them different lists such as reporting on 2014 samples analysed by WADA accreditation laboratories (for Modern Pentathlon the figure was 665 with 4 AAFs) and Prohibited Substances.

Out of Competition <u>controls</u> are obligatory for Code compliancy and 40 will be conducted this year, some still in progress; regarding 2015 in-competition controls no AAFs reported neither for OOC tests so far conducted by UIPM, WADA or the NADOs; blood controls were made on 40 athletes (20men, 20 women) at the World



Championships in Berlin and all reported negative results.

Concerning <u>Therapeutic Use Exemptions</u>, NFs are reminded that applications for all international athletes must be sent to UIPM HQ in accordance with the International Standards; athletes in the UIPM RTP can only apply to UIPM for exemption; copies of any TUEs issued by the NADO must also be sent to UIPM HQ.

The <u>Medical Committee and TUE Commission</u> met in Berlin on the occasion of the World Championships and focal points for discussion were the draft WADA 2016 prohibited list, OOC testing to be organised mainly at training camps than just pre-competition testing and despite ADAMS it is still difficult to plan in advance; approved that the UIPM testing programme 2016 in order to carry out all OOC controls before the Olympic Games; proposed amendments to UIPM Statutes – RIO based on the new UIPM Medical Rules and Anti-Doping Procedures.

International activity of the Committee Chairman included major events such as 2015 WADA Anti-Doping Symposium, March in Lausanne and IOC IF MC Chairpersons – NOCs Continental Association Meeting, Lausanne, in October; also the WADA Foundation Board meeting as ANOC representative in May and as member of the ANOC Medical Commission, the ANOC General Assembly in October in Washington; the other members of the UIPM Medical Committee and TUE Commission are also involved in different international bodies and have participated in different international events relating to anti-doping and medical matters.

ix. Chair of the Athletes' Committee - Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy

Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy highlighted the major points of his written report including focusing on resolving issues with laser shooting as a priority before next season starts, the first and second World Cups should be treated as Olympic Games; refereeing in Fencing has problems and additional seminars are needed, especially for those at World Championships and Olympic Games; the riding format of one athlete entering the arena as the other exits should be kept as this gains 36 extra minutes and so additional recovery time for athletes; the Committee thanks UIPM for the financial support for Pavlo Tymoschenko after his riding accident which was appreciated by all athletes and thanks to Samy Awad for resolving problems faced by the athletes at World Cup in Cairo this year; finally, two weeks previously he had attended the IOC Athletes Committee meeting and Forum where he had received a lot of information, and a Facebook page has been created for pentathletes.

x. Chair of the Coaches' Committee - Samy Awad

Samy Awad referred Congress to his written report. He thanked the expert coaches working throughout the year on the coaches' certification programme and Christian Roudaut also for his great contribution to the Instructors group work and materials. Christian then took the podium to explain a bit more the programme and to ask nominations from the nations, particularly South America region; the educational materials will be ready by the end of the year; the aim is to have young coaches all around the world technically informed to help the development of our sport.

xi. Chair of the Masters' Committee - Heidi Walli

Heidi Walli gave a presentation to the Congress (see Appendix D) highlighting that transition had not been the easiest of tasks but success factors included modification of the format to combined event; new nations and new athletes participating; Masters Winters back in the schedule; new bidding form, with next year's World Championships being awarded by the Executive Board to Prague; now looking for hosts for European Championships in 2017 and World Championships in 2018; Training Camps had also taken place in Germany and Hungary; Mix Relay was promoted for the first time in the European Championships; Laser-Run is good format for Masters who cannot complete Tetrathlon or Pentathlon; 2016 Goals include Modern Biathle/Triathle and Laser-Run 'Masters' to be included under the 'brotherhood hat'; all Masters worldwide under a UIPM/NFs License system; Recruiting new nations and athletes to Masters activities and increase visibility of Masters movement across National Federations.

Shiny Fang added that Masters athletes from next year have to go through National Federations to register



for World Championships; the aim is inclusion into the World Masters Games for which we need to register a minimum number of athletes in our World Championships.

9. Report of Honorary Auditors – Helio Mereilles & Alexander Peirits

Alexander Peirits presented the written report and the Annual Financial Statement, both accepted by Congress.

10. Adoption of the 2016 Budget

John Helmick presented the budget to Congress explaining that there very few differences in the budgeted expenses from the 2015 budget plan; however, he reported that because of income from the hospitality programme for sponsors and supporters of USD1 million, 2016 would have significantly more revenue than 2015.

For Sport Development no change in the total but in response to the motion to Congress regarding support to NFs to Congress, and in order to provide transparency, the Congress expense amount has been divided into two categories including USD50,000 for assistance to those NFs who otherwise could not afford to attend.

In conclusion total expenditure increased by 6% and income increased due to revenue from the Olympic Programme.

The 2016 Budget was approved by Congress.

11. Decisions concerning Continental Confederations - Reports from:

i. Africa - Sameh Guemeih

Sameh Guemeih referred Congress to his written highlighting that traditionally only two countries were members, EGY and RSA, and now there were 11 African members, 8 of whom were very active in high level competitions; pistols, targets and fencing equipment had been distributed to different nations; future is to integrate Triathle in the new Africa Beach Games, conduct regional/zonal events and inclusion of our sport in the Africa Games. In reply to a question concerning security in Cairo for next year's events, the UIPM President confirmed the office would send any necessary information to the nations.

ii. Asia – Kui-Sung Choi

Mr Choi on behalf of Mr Lee referred Congress to the report in the Congress book notably the Asian Youth Championships as part of the Continental Championships where KAZ, KGZ, TPE and IND were supported by the Confederation for a total of EUR15,000; Judges Seminar in Beijing was held at the same time; 7 countries took part with 60men and 44 women and 10 athletes, 5 men and 5 women, qualified from Asia for the Olympic Games. Next Asian Congress he would be proposing one athlete per NOC from Asia to be qualified for next Olympic Games.

iii. Europe – Tatiana Ardabieva

Mrs. Ardabieva as ECMP General Secretary added to the written report that the goal of ECMP is to get as many European nations as possible competing in full Modern Pentathlon; last season GRE and TUR started again in Senior competition and SWE, MDA and GEO will start in next year's European Junior Championships. Second main goal is focused on Youth A athletes to ensure they keep in the sport so to organise high level Youth A events to attract the athletes not only to the sport but also to the city such as St Petersburg, Uppsala and Prague, staying in 4* hotels so that their parents know they are being well looked after. Regarding new nations, there is not so much room for growth as in Asia or Africa but new nations such as ARM and KOS have joined UIPM and ECMP looks forward to seeing them in future competitions. Regarding development sports, already Europe had Championships in Biathle/Triathle and next year Finland will organise European Championships in Laser-Run and Biathle/Triathle World Tour events and circuits will continue to take place in Europe.



iv. NORCECA – Juan Manzo

Juan Manzo distributed a written report on site (see Appendix D) the highlights of which were currently 7 active nations, 2 nations reactivated this year and 2 new nations being prepared for next year's membership with possibility of 3 more in addition; high level university competition organised in Mexico with 6 countries and 90 athletes participating; success in the Pan Am Games which qualified 10 athlete from 5 counties from his region, together with the 4 athletes from 2 South American countries means a third of the athletes in the Olympics will be from the Americas; 2 new training centres being developed in DOM and MEX but more coaches are needed so need seminars; Beach Triathle competitions growing and next year 3 international events in CUB, DOM and MEX will take place.

v. South America – Jorge Salas

Jorge Salas remarked on his written report that next year will see the last South American country joining for full membership of all 11 countries; all 10 current members took part in the Pan American Games; Argentina hosted the World Youth A Championships with 34 nations taking part; the para-pentathlon test event was very successful and the NPC is already planning a competition at next year's Pan American Championships; next year a minimum 5 or 6 seminars will take place as COL will host the Central American and Caribbean Games, BOL the South American Games and PER the 2019 Pan American Games; concerning the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, the proposed venue for Modern Pentathlon had just been decided and the competition will be located in the city centre near the main stadium for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Athletics; there will be seating for 20,000 to 30,000 spectators; the Olympic Games in Rio next year are also very important for the region; development work will continue and the Confederation supports each nation with USD2000 every year as well as contribution to organise competitions.

vi. Oceania – John Pennell

John Pennell referred Congress to his report in the Congress Book and then informed Congress that this would be his last as he will retire next year; he had been involved with UIPM since 1955 arranging the horses for the 1956 Olympic Games, joining UIPM EB in 1974 and had seen all the major changes, growing from a small sport to what it is today under and under the current leadership there is now financial stability and the sport is going from strength to strength; he thanked everyone for their support over the years and wished everyone the best for the future. The UIPM President asked John to ensure he attends also next year's Congress so that he can be thanked properly by the UIPM for all his work over the last 40 years.

12. Decisions on motions submitted

UIPM Secretary General made the roll call and calculated the absolute majority and 2/3 majority.

Following the Executive Board meeting on 4-5 November, a hard copy of proposed amendments to some wording in their motions as they appear in the Congress Book was distributed to the nations.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION - 2016 Biathle/Triathle Competition Rules

The proposed amendment was to the Biathle Rules:

Page 124, Article 1.3.2

"UIPM Biathle Category A competitions are awarded following a bid and selection process by the UIPM Executive Board. National Federations must now should organise both Biathle and Triathle events. In these competitions, the competition lane must be enclosed by UIPM branded tape or UIPM branded triangles. Also electronic timing and finish line monitoring is obligatory in these competitions."

Congress unanimously approved the new Rules and the proposed amendment as above.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION - UIPM STATUTES

The proposed adjustments were:

Page 148 Article 4.1

"Discrimination of any kind against a country, a private person or group of people on account of race, skin colour, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political or any other opinion, wealth, birth or any other status or sexual orientation or any other reason is strictly prohibited and strongly condemned by UIPM."

Page 150, Article 9.3

"On the initiative of the President, The Executive Board may suspend a Member for other important reasons and, in particular, when:

a. the Statutes, UIPM Code of Ethics, UIPM Rules on Internal Organisation, other rules and regulations, or decisions of UIPM are violated; and/or

b. the requirements of Article 6 above are no longer met."

Page 152, Article 16.1

"2) First Vice-President.

The Executive Board nominates appoints, upon proposal of the President, the first Vice-President and four other Vice-Presidents. The first Vice-President shall assist the President in the accomplishment of his responsibilities, replace him if he is absent and, in these cases, the first Vice-President shall have the same powers as the President."

Page 154, article 22.1

"The General Assembly:

- 7) Shall approve the budget for the *last* next financial year;
- 8) Shall review and approve financial statements prepared presented by the Secretariat and the Treasurer;
- 9) Shall review the annual business plan prepared presented by the Secretariat Secretary General;"

Congress unanimously approved the new Statutes and the proposed adjustments as above.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION - UIPM RULES on INTERNAL ORGANISATION

The proposed adjustments were:

Page 175, Article 4.7

"The Athletes' Committee is composed of \le 7 members of differing nationalities. Athletes from each Continental Confederation elect 1 athlete during the relevant continental championship occurring prior to the World Senior Championship and the UIPM election congress. During the World Senior Championship occurring prior to the relevant UIPM congress, athletes will elect amongst them one member of the Athletes' Committee; in case the members elected by the Continental Confederations are all of the same gender, the athlete elected at the World Senior Championship must be of the other gender. To be eligible an athlete must be internationally ranked in the last two seasons before the elections. The elected members elect among them a Chairperson for the Athletes' Committee."

Page 175, New Article 4.22

"4.22 Decisions in UIPM Committees and UIPM Commissions shall be made by a majority of the members present. In the event of a tie the relevant Chairperson shall have the casting vote."



Page 178, Article 7.1

"The President shall represent UIPM at the Olympic Games, World Championships, Category A Competitions and other major sport events, and in the relations with all other sports and related sports and relevant organisations. The President shall be responsible for the politics inside and outside UIPM and for all liaisons with IOC, NOCs, ANOC ASOIF, CISM, FIMS FISM, FISU, IPC, WADA and other international sport organisations."

Congress asked for re-wording of the new article 4.22 to include the concept of quorum for Committees and Commissions as currently this is only reflected in UIPM Rules with regard to the Executive Board and General Assembly. New wording as below was proposed to Congress.

Page 175, New Article 4.22

"4.22 <u>UIPM Committees and UIPM Commissions are legally constituted when half of the members are present.</u> Decisions in UIPM Committees and UIPM Commissions shall be made by a <u>simple</u> majority of the members present, <u>provided that the constitutive quorum is reached</u>. In the event of a tie the relevant Chairperson shall have the casting vote."

Congress unanimously approved the new Rules on Internal Organisation and the proposed adjustments as above.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION - UIPM ELECTION RULES

The proposed amendments were:

Page 193, Article 1.3

"There cannot be more than one elected member from one nation in the Executive Board or in any UIPM Committees or UIPM Commissions at the same time. No person can have more than one function in the Executive Board. There shall be no more than three persons from one nation elected by the General Assembly in the Executive Board, UIPM Committees and UIPM Commissions at the same time. This provision does not apply to members by right of the Executive Board, members of the Medical Committee and the Honorary Auditors."

Page 194, Article 4.6

"At the Executive Board elections shall be made in the following sequence:

- a) First Vice President;
- b) Second Vice President;
- c) Third Vice President;
- d) Fourth Vice President;
- b) Vice President for Business Affairs."

Congress unanimously approved the new UIPM Election Rules and the proposed adjustments as above.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTION - UIPM CODE of ETHICS

The EB had no proposed adjustments to make and **Congress unanimously approved the new UIPM Code of Ethics.**



MOTIONS FROM NATIONS

BULGARIA

Mr. Kuzmanov said that after hearing the reports of the Secretary General, Treasurer and the Auditors understanding that UIPM has adopted a policy of transparency and that all decisions concerning resources will be made by the Executive Board, the Federation withdrew their motion.

<u>USA</u>

Mr Stull announced that their motion 1 was withdrawn prior to Congress and regarding their motion 2, this was discussed by the Executive Board during their meeting. The UIPM President confirmed that this was the case and the recommendation of the Executive Board was to adopt the motion.

"The USA Modern Pentathlon Association moves that all motions presented for inclusion in the Congress materials shall be reviewed by the UIPM Treasurer and provided with an estimated budgetary impact. This will provide for better educated and more thoughtful decisions made by the Congress."

Congress approved the motion with one abstention.

13. Approval of New Member Federations

The UIPM Executive Board recommended the following nations as new members associations:-

Africa: Madagascar, Benin

South America: Colombia

Asia: Afghanistan, Indonesia

NORCECA: Bermuda

Congress approved unanimously

14. Awards

The UIPM President announced the hosts of the <u>2016 Biathle/Triathle World Tour</u>: Hurghada (EGY), Graz (AUT), Havana (CUB), Goa (IND) and Mar del Plata (ARG)

Lisbon (POR) was awarded the 2016 World Championships Laser-Run and Prague (CZE) the 2016 World Masters Championships.

For <u>2017</u>, based on discussions with the Polish Federation, they will host <u>World Cup #3</u> in Drzonkow and the <u>Junior World Championships</u> were awarded to Szekesfehervar, Hungary.

The <u>2018-2020</u> UIPM Events were awarded by the Executive Board as follows, taking into account that World Cup #1 was already awarded last year by the Executive Board to Los Angeles, USA .

- World Cup Series 2018: World Cup #2 Cairo (EGY), World Cup #3 Bath (GBR), World Cup #4: Kecskemét (HUN)
- World Junior Championships 2018: Kladno (CZE)
- World Youth A Championships 2018: Guatemala City (GUA)
- Biathle/Triathle World Championships 2018; Hurghada (EGY)
- Congress 2018: Barcelona (ESP)
- World Cup Series 2019-2020: World Cup #2 Cairo (EGY), World Cup #3 Kladno (CZE), World Cup #4: Kecskemét (HUN)

Bids for 2018 Senior World Championships and 2019-2020 World Championships will be opened early next year and National Federations are encouraged to request the bidding documentation as soon as the letter is sent out in order to give themselves 6 months to study and complete.

<u>New Balance Awards 2015;</u> The Top 6 PWR Men and Women awards were given out to the athletes' national federation representatives



The new Awards approved by Congress last year were awarded as follows:

<u>Athletes of the Year</u>: Men Junior – Oleg Naumov (RUS), Women Junior – Francesca Summers (GBR), Men Senior – Pavlo Tymoschenko (UKR) and Women Senior – Lara Asadauskaite (LTU)

<u>Team of the Year</u>– based on points achieved in World Senior and Junior Championships and World Cup Final by nations' athletes, RUSSIA received the highest number of points

<u>Coach of the Year</u> –Jean-Pierre Guyomarch (FRA) nominated by the Coaches committee and based on detailed research of all the coaches.

<u>Best Contribution</u> –Pentathlon Canada for their contribution to the Pan Am Games

<u>Fair Play</u> – Seamus Millett (USA) who had received the Panathlon Fair Play Award at the World Youth A Championships for acknowledging that a hit awarded to him in the Bonus Round was actually triggered by a floor hit and not from his opponent, the match was replied and he eventually lost the bout

The <u>Competition awards</u> as voted by the UIPM Executive Board were as follows:

- Best Overall Minsk (BLR) for the World Cup Final
- Best Promoted Berlin (GER) for the Senior World Championships
- Best New Perpignan (FRA) for the Laser-Run World Championships

15. Presentations – 2016 Congress

The German Federation made a presentation to Congress regarding the preparations for next year's Congress which will take place 26-27 November at the Frankfurt airport hotel Steigenberger where everyone will be accommodated; the Mayor of Frankfurt and Thomas Bach will attend and the Prime Minister of Hessen is Patron of the Organising Committee. German NF President Mr. Kleidon had stated that Germany is supporting the presidency candidature of Dr. Klaus Schormann for next term of UIPM President on 2017-2020.

The UIPM President then declared 2015 Congress closed.

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Dr. Klaus Schormann UIPM President