

Day 1: November 25, 2016

✓ ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS

UIPM Secretary General performed the roll call and the figures were as follows:

- Nations present: 73 (4 nations arrived later and were not in the congress room at the moment of the roll call.)
- Athletes' vote: 1
- Absolute majority: 38
- 2/3 majority: 50

UIPM President welcomed delegates to the 68th UIPM Congress and reminded them that the purpose of this Congress was to make decisions for the next 4 years. He asked delegates to engage in a discussion in the spirit of fair play and tolerance.

UIPM Secretary General also welcomed delegates to the Congress.

✓ ELECTION OF THREE TELLERS OF VOTES, TWO SCRUTINEERS AND AN ELECTION COMMITTEE BY SHOW OF HANDS UPON PROPOSAL OF THE UIPM PRESIDENT

Tellers of votes (3):

- Benny Larsen (DEN)
- Cassandra Choh (SIN)
- Peter Oosthuizen (RSA)

Scrutineers (2):

- Anna Bajan (POL)
- Bin Zhang (CHN)

Election Committee (3):

- Chair: Charalambos Lottas (CYP)
- Member: Kitty Chiller (AUS)
- Member: Peter Burger (SWI)

All appointments were approved.

✓ ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2016 UIPM Congress Agenda

- a) Roll call of the Members
- b) Election of three tellers of votes and two scrutineers
- c) Adoption of the agenda

68th UIPM Congress Minutes

Frankfurt am Main (GER), 25-26 November 2016



- d) Approval of the minutes of the 2015 Congress in Chinese Taipei
- e) Report of the President on the activities of the Executive Board (EB)
- f) Report of the Secretary General (SG)
- g) Report of the Treasurer
- h) Reports of representatives of other UIPM bodies
 - a. Vice Presidents
 - b. Member for Sport
 - c. Member for Marketing
 - d. Member for Media
 - e. Member for Development
 - f. Chair of the Medical Committee
 - g. Chair of the Athletes Committee
 - h. Chair of the Coaches Committee
 - i. Chair of the Masters Committee
- i) Report of the Honorary Auditors
- j) Adoption of the budget plan 2017 and approval of the budget
- k) Decisions concerning Continental Confederations
 - a. Africa
 - b. Asia
 - c. Europe
 - d. NORCECA
 - e. South America
 - f. Oceania
- l) Decisions on motions submitted
 - i. Motions from the UIPM Executive Board
 - ii. Motions and recommendations proposed by the National Federations
- m) Elections
 - a. President
 - b. 5 Vice Presidents
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Member for Sport
 - e. Member for Marketing
 - f. Member for Media
 - g. Member for Development

- h. 2 Honorary Auditors
 - i. 6 Technical Committee Members
 - j. 6 Medical Committee Members
 - k. 4 Business Affairs Committee Members
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- n) Approval of New Member Federations
 - o) UIPM Events Presentations
 - p) UIPM Annual Awards and Honorary Members
 - q) Any other business

✓ **Approval of the minutes of the UIPM 2015 Congress**

The minutes were approved.

✓ **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

UIPM President gave a verbal report to complement his written report in the Congress book, distributed to all delegates.

He began by reflecting on the previous evening's official opening event as a "special moment" and said it had given him a strong feeling that the IOC was truly behind UIPM and supporting it for the future and especially in the run-up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

He stressed, however, that the address of Dr Thomas Bach at the event on Nov 24 was a reminder of the need to remain "modern" in terms of innovation and to keep moving with the times.

UIPM President conveyed apologies and greetings on behalf of HM King Constantine of Greece (Honorary Patron) and HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco (Honorary President). He also passed on greetings from ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti, who he described as an important person for the UIPM Movement.

He praised the National Federations (NFs) for their continuing work in the production of athletes, the centrepiece of the UIPM movement, to compete in high-performance competitions such as the Olympic Games in Rio, where Modern Pentathlon was so well promoted. He praised NFs that have been involved in event organisation, noting that it not easy because there were always factors such as a Lufthansa pilot strike that would be impossible to calculate. He said the efforts of NFs in this regard would be acknowledged in the Annual Awards.

UIPM President noted that one of the main goals of the UIPM Community should be to support and protect clean athletes. He thanked the EB, the SG, the staff and committees for their support, as well as media partners in promoting the good work done by the federation.

He went on to explain why it was so important to keep modernising UIPM Sports. He noted that major transitions in the past such as the introduction of the Combined Event were debated, but now it was firmly established and very popular. He said that Bonus Round Fencing had become established in 2016 as a good showcase for the fencing part of MP and thanked partners Absolute Fencing (in attendance) for their contribution, and reflected that such innovative work by UIPM had made it competitive with other International Federations.

Looking ahead to future Olympic Games, the UIPM President noted that five new sports would be on the programme at Tokyo 2020, adding to the competition. He noted that MP had a guarantee of involvement in the 2020 Olympics but that the exact programme was undecided, and reflected on positive conversations with senior figures at the IOC about the inclusion of the Mixed Relay. He asked for a round of applause for Juan Antonio Samaranch, as newly-elected VP of the IOC, and there was applause from the floor.

Dr Schormann went on to congratulate the UIPM Continental Confederation Presidents on their election/re-election, encouraging them to identify new resources and new members for UIPM to help the federation grow and become better financed.

On development of modern pentathlon, he acknowledged that some nations lacked resources such as horses and swimming pools but that the EB would discuss this issue and noted that some of the motions on the agenda of the 68th Congress related to making development a little easier. He reflected on the success of the 2016 Biathle/Triathle WCH in Sarasota (USA) and 2015 and 2016 Laser-Run WCHs in Perpignan (FRA) and Lisbon (POR) and noted the big push of South Africa to get more involved with MP at this level. He said Laser-Run could be an effective revenue generator due to its urban potential and ease of organisation.

On promotion, the UIPM President said it was important to keep spreading the message of UIPM's work through new and traditional media and thanked the UIPM media team for embracing new technology in this regard.

Highlighting the 1st University World Championships in 2018 in Budapest (HUN), he reported that there would be two test events for this in 2017, one in Darmstadt (GER) and one in San Antonio (USA). He said the University WCH was a way to be included in the Universiade through promotion of UIPM's commitment to student sport to FISU; the Tetrathlon format would help organisers because it did not require horse riding. He urged all members to work closely with university sport and soak up as much knowledge as possible.

He reflected on the growth of the Masters movement, as indicated by a successful 2016 WCH in Prague (CZE) and urged members to invite their former athletes to compete in this format because that would keep them in UIPM Sports for life.

On anti-doping, he reflected on the McLaren Report that came out before Rio 2016 and how it had impacted on the Games and praised EB colleagues for the way they managed the situation and resisted calls for Russia to be excluded entirely from the Olympics, stressing that clean individual athletes must always be protected. He said that boycotts should never be used as a weapon and asked how any athlete or NF could live with itself knowing that it had cheated, stressing the importance of global education about fair play and respect.

The President reflected on a successful visit to the Tokyo 2020 LOC along with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang and Vice President Kuisung Choi and said that plans for all five sports to take place within the 50,000-seat Tokyo Stadium remained on track. Later he said this concept should be referred to as the Pentathlon Arena, in order to encourage non-stadium venues that all five MP sports could be held in one place. He said that relations with Tokyo 2020 were very strong, that UIPM had no complaints and that the only thing left to achieve was to inclusion of the Mixed Relay. On that front, he said an official document of application to the IOC Sports Dept would be handed in a symbolic gesture to the IOC President on the occasion of the UIPM EB meeting in Lausanne (SUI) on January 20, 2017.

On the 2024 Olympic bidding process, the UIPM President said that all three countries remaining in the race (USA, FRA, HUN) had a strong MP heritage and knowledge. He mentioned that UIPM's desire to be in the "Olympic ring" of main venues in the host city would be stressed to all ahead of the announcement in Lima (PER) in summer 2017.

Reflecting again on the push for Mixed Relay in Tokyo 2020, he noted that the format was now present in all major MP competitions including the Youth Olympic Games, where the IOC President had witnessed its success.

He said that the Rio 2016 Olympic Games had been a source of pride for UIPM, after many visits to Rio in which it became apparent that the LOC had limited money. He said the MP competition took place within a great facility and thanked the LOC and Brazilian NF for their support.

On the IOC Agenda 2020, he noted the focus on reducing the cost of the Olympic Games and improving the gender balance, and said UIPM was strong in these regards, representing all areas of society worldwide.

In conclusion Dr Schormann urged all members to continue looking for new resources to help with the growth of the UIPM Movement and asked that Congress debates be held in a spirit of harmony and friendship.

The President's report concluded with a Condolences video to recognise those members of the UIPM community who died in the previous 12 months. Delegates stood and maintained a respectful silence during the video.

✓ **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL**

Mrs. Shiny Fang, Secretary General, delivered her Congress report (included in the Congress book) along with a visual presentation.

In the report, she covered the following key points:

- The past 4 years' journey is best illustrated through 3 principles:
 - Innovation in the sport
 - Servicing of the members
 - Improvement of all working processes
- For more efficiency and transparency, a clear structure and vision have been worked on and put in place and will continue following the task force of IOC and ASOIF at good governance.
- The established sports pyramid allows for maximum flexibility in the development of UIPM and will be accelerated up to 2020 through more development projects.
- A series of educational programs have been developed and will continue to develop micro websites to further services for coaches, athletes, judges, officials, NFs and confederations.
- A consistent look and feel in UIPM competitions has been established, and will be further implemented in more competitions within the UIPM competition calendar.
- The UIPM Executive Board decided in Rio that UIPM would centralize some core operations to continental level, giving more assistance and to standardize the global policy in each region.
- A comprehensive Event Guidelines will be published early in 2017.
- Counting on the support of 14 staff members (full and part-time), all staff are servicing around 50 events of 6 sports every year and coordinating 16 committees/ commissions and working groups. Compared to 2012 budget, the secretariat budget moved from 13% to 20% of the yearly budget, a reasonably small increase considering now is 5 times more than back then and still low for a service providing organization where human capital is its key resource.

- The office staff has been reorganized into: competition, communication, development, and administration. All working templates have been upgraded and standardized to support each stakeholder in a more efficient way.

Mrs. Fang also highlighted 3 challenges:

- 1) The Olympic status of MP is safe until 2024, but continues to be under scrutiny
- 2) Financial resources are limited
- 3) Our footprint around the world is not full. There remain white spots where no national federation exists and there continue to be inactive federations.

She continued to reflect on other priorities as follows:

- Laser-Run is a very promising sport that can compete successfully with other more traditional or growing urban sports like marathons, parkour and triathlon. Therefore, it is appropriate and necessary for UIPM to focus and develop this and other new sports at the base of the sporting pyramid.
- To provide opportunity for our countries and athletes to participate in events beyond those organized by UIPM.
- With another difficult cycle in store, it would be wise to concentrate on things that UIPM can control directly. The way forward lies with consolidating foundations by regrouping and improving around UIPM core values and strategy.

Mrs. Fang said that UIPM would therefore continue to concentrate on the 4E Program:

- **Education:** The need to continue investing in coaching clinics to develop coaches and to recruit more athletes.
- **Equipment:** As the sport needs different types of the equipment, it is necessary to continue to provide as much equipment as possible to National Federations.
- **Empowerment:** UIPM needs to provide the necessary tools and help for our National Federations for them to be able to run their organization and events autonomously and sustainably and generate revenues locally.
- **Expansion:** There is a need to find new interested host cities for events as well as growing the base of the pyramid with innovative new sport variations and events to increase participation numbers and make UIPM sports and the brand more popular.

Mrs. Fang said she wanted to create a more accessible sport from grassroots to elite, to the point where Modern Pentathlon's Olympic status becomes a no-brainer for the decision makers due to the smart improvements and successes of UIPM.

She concluded by reflecting on the statement of Dr Thomas Bach, IOC President, at the official opening of the 68th UIPM Congress when he said "the sky has no limit" for the potential development of the UIPM Movement.

✓ **REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, JUAN ANTONIO SAMARANCH**

The schedule was adjusted to allow Mr. Samaranch, recently elected as VP of the IOC, to address Congress earlier than other VPs.

Mr. Samaranch thanked the delegates for their support and patience in previous years when he had been unable to attend Congress and other UIPM events, and promised that even in absentia he was never forgetting where he had started and his sense of belonging to UIPM.

Reporting on his IOC activities, he said that the hard work of the past four years to maintain Modern Pentathlon's inclusion in the Olympic Games had presented him with two conclusions:

1. He said that the consolidation of MP's inclusion on the Olympic programme had been very important after the tremendous pressure that was applied on all sports four years previously. He said there had been a lot of pressure and debate and it was not a given that MP would be retained, and the lesson from this was that UIPM should never be complacent in future. However, he expressed a confidence that MP was now "safe and sound" as an Olympic sport.

2. He reflected on the push for change and modernisation and praised all delegates for their help in regard to MP. He quoted the IOC president Dr Thomas Bach in saying that Modern Pentathlon was a "damn attractive product" and said all present should reflect on this with pride. He urged members not to be complacent but to keep considering ways to modernise the movement and bring them to the table at Congress.

He addressed the complex strategic process of trying to add an event to the Olympic programme (Mixed Relay) and said this would have to get through the IOC EB, Programme Commission and finally the IOC Session. He said the new sports on the programme for Tokyo 2020 would naturally be pushing hard for future inclusion, and that other sports currently excluded would also be working hard to get in. He said UIPM would have to be strong in defence, in terms of the improvement of the current product, but also go on the offence in pursuit of a third event that he felt UIPM deserved. He said that the IOC Executive Board was the place for offence and the IOC Session the place for defence.

He reported that in May 2017 there would be an IOC recommendation to take to Lima in September 2017 where a decision on the core sports for 2024 would be made. He gave the opinion that all existing core sports would be put forward with no individual votes. He said he would not be surprised if one new sport would be invited to join the list of core sports in 2024, which was a good sign of an overall policy of inclusion – and said there was some talk that it might not necessarily be a Tokyo 2020 sport that would be included.

He encouraged delegates to empower UIPM by continuing to have innovative ideas about the presentation of Modern Pentathlon in order to maintain the solid competition proposal now in place.

Mr. Samaranch spoke at length about the new Olympic Channel, a state-of-the-art broadcasting network based in Madrid, and said UIPM should make all possible efforts to engage with the channel and appealed to members to have a look at this concept, which he said would be fun and dynamic and delivered in multiple languages. He noted that other federations would be less comfortable than UIPM when it came to interact with the Olympic Channel because of the groundwork already done in this area by UIPM. He urged all present to create heroes and create stories.

In conclusion, he said he would do all in his power as the IOC VP to promote the good work by the entire UIPM community and wished everyone a wonderful Congress.

Gerhard Herke (AUT) spoke from the floor to ask the VP, President and SG for an update on the status of relations between UIPM and SportAccord.

The President replied by stating that under the new leadership of Patrick Baumann, SportAccord had restored very good relations with all IFs and the IOC itself.

VP Samaranch added that the recent problems affecting SportAccord had been personal problems, culminating in a controversial speech by former President Vizer, and also SportAccord had begun to step on

the activities of other organisations, including the IOC and ASOIF. He said the problems had now been resolved and he felt very comfortable.

The President added that relationships between UIPM and Mr Vizer remain healthy.

✓ **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

Note (i): In a change to the agenda this took place after the report of VP Samaranch.

Note (ii): This section incorporated the Report of the Honorary Auditors, in order to group all financial reporting together for the benefit of delegates

UIPM Treasurer John Helmick gave a presentation incorporating his written report and financial statements, both included in the Congress book distributed to delegates.

He reported that at September 30, 2016, which was 75% of the full calendar year, UIPM had spent 78% of its 2016 budget – a good performance. The Treasurer reported that there was \$906k remaining in the 2016 budget for expenses remaining through the end of 2016, and UIPM was on track to finish 2016 on or below budgeted expenses.

Regarding the Rio 2016 hospitality programme, net revenue was approximately \$565k, which was well short of the target of \$1m. The shortfall was attributed primarily to the negative media coverage in advance of the Games which led to many cancellations.

Looking forward Mr Helmick reported that UIPM should expect revenues of approximately \$15,990,000 for the 2017-2020 four-year period. Therefore, he recommended a budget that allocates \$3.9m for expenses in 2017 and 2018 and \$4.1m for expenses in 2019 and 2020.

He thanked Congress, the UIPM President and SG for their support and, especially, UIPM Administration Manager Valerie Russo for her accuracy and hard work. He said he believed the UIPM could feel financially secure about the path forward.

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS) spoke from the floor to ask UIPM to consider alleviating more of the costs of competition organisation from the LOCs to motivate more to come forward.

UIPM President assured Ms Ardabieva that the EB Meeting held in Frankfurt in November 2016 had surveyed more competition applications than ever before, which suggested the present structure of costs was right. He said the point would be taken very seriously because UIPM wanted to escort NFs as much as possible.

Benny Larsen (DEN) reported on activities and challenges faced in the Baltic region, noted by UIPM President who said they would discuss the matter.

✓ **REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITORS**

Mr Alexander Peirits presented the written report, included within the Congress book.

✓ **ADOPTION OF THE 2017 BUDGET PLAN AND APPROVAL OF THE 2016 BUDGET**

UIPM Treasurer John Helmick presented to Congress on the Budget for 2017, highlighting areas of note. He reflected on 2015, when UIPM spent \$250k (5%) over budget, and said the organisation was dedicated to adhering to budget.

Sharif Elerian (EGY) asked from the floor if there was sufficiency contingency funding in the budget; for clarity on the \$80k allocated in a new category for projects; requested more from the development budget for Africa. Mr Helmick replied by saying that the \$80k projects budget was split between Sportaccord, FISU, IPC and equipment testing, etc; that it had originally been a contingency budget; that the development budget was evenly split between continental confederations and support to national federations directly by UIPM and while it was never enough to go around, it was a logical and reasonable way to provide funds to nations that want to develop. He stressed the need for value.

Benny Larsen (DEN) raised concerns about the testing of equipment, especially laser shooting equipment in 2015, and asked if Category A and even B competitions could be subject to more rigorous equipment testing. UIPM Secretary General said she understood the Laser Working Group was considering this on an ongoing basis.

Anthony Temple (GBR) said Congress should recognise that a tremendous job had been done in balancing the UIPM books. Secondly he asked if there was a better way of getting financial information to delegates in advance of Congress to give them more time to digest it. Mr Helmick said that he could distribute a proposed budget in advance of Congress if the EB approved. UIPM President said there would not be enough time for financial information to come from the IOC for pre-calculations to be distributed.

The 2017 budget plan was adopted and the 2016 budget approved.

✓ REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER UIPM BODIES

(Note iii: not all speakers appeared in the order set out in the Agenda)

1st Vice President Ivar Sisniega

VP Sisniega (written report included in Congress book) noted that this was an historic Congress with almost 80 nations represented and underlined two reasons for this strong attendance.

1. He said that UIPM was in a good place and with VP Samaranch as IOC VP would have a strong position going forward. He praised the UIPM President for his key role in keeping MP in the Olympic programme.
2. He said that UIPM was very close to its goal of having 100 active nations and praised the Continental Confederations for their work in developing membership especially in Africa, NORCECA and South America. In Europe he said it was great to see traditional MP strongholds coming back into the competitive area, and looked forward to seeing growth in Oceania.

VP Sisniega talked about the importance of MP being in as many multi-sport Games as possible, highlighting the upcoming events in Peru, Bolivia and Colombia, countries where MP had not been established until recently and where there was a very positive opportunity.

He said that the new UIPM Sports had now been widely accepted and hoped that developing nations would see them as a pathway to full Modern Pentathlon. He said UIPM's coaching representatives were working very hard in this area, in many cases sending coaches to coach coaches, thus planting a seed for development of skills using UIPM procedures. He said that equipment would remain a challenge but highlighted examples of how this had been in a cost-effective way.

Recalling Rio 2016, he said that the first-ever Olympic medallists from AUS and MEX highlighted MP's global development, and reflected on the IOC President's positive comments about MP at Rio 2016.

Mr Sisniega praised the UIPM SG and her team, especially for their progress in new media, and connected this to the goal of merging content with the Olympic Channel. He said it was now very easy for people to find out information about UIPM Sports.

In conclusion VP Sisniega said he would not be running for the 2017-2020 Executive Board due to commitments with the Pan American Sport Organisation (PASO) but would continue working on behalf of UIPM, and thanked the President, EB and all delegates for their support and friendship.

The UIPM President said the input and support of Ivar Sisniega over the years would never be forgotten and said he wanted to keep people who had served with distinction close to the UIPM Family.

Vice President for Business Affairs, Viacheslav Aminov

VP Aminov referred to his written report (written report included in Congress book) and gave an oral presentation in Russian with simultaneous translation in English and a visual presentation containing English text.

He reflected on the progress of UIPM's business affairs over the past four years, where previously the financial position had not been favourable, and talked about the extensive work done on attracting sponsorship for UIPM. He talked about the competitions he had run in Russia during this Olympic cycle and how he had invested some of his own money to create competitions which were greatly appreciated by athletes and NFs, who appreciated the prize money, and which helped to attract external commercial investment by painting the sport in a positive light. He said the overall outlay of himself and the Russian federation on competitions in the previous years had been in excess of \$3m, which he said had enabled UIPM to make progress and encouraged athletes by rewarding them for their performance. He said that one of the most positive legacies of this investment was the presence of many children among the audience, which numbered several thousands in some cases, as well as extensive TV coverage.

All of this groundwork, Mr Aminov said, had helped with the ultimate challenge of hosting the 2016 Senior World Championships in Moscow, which he said was prepared meticulously and with a full awareness that 2016 was Olympic year. He reported that the 2016 WCH had been a major success from the point of view of broadcasting and media coverage, of political engagement and public engagement through billboard advertising. He said that visiting NFs had seen this as a template for hosting a World Championships and responded with positive feedback.

Outside Russia, Mr Aminov highlighted the development of UIPM's media and marketing functions and said this progress had enabled him to make a more persuasive pitch to potential sponsors. He told Congress that commercial sponsors wanted to see three things: online visibility for their brand, broadcasting coverage and strong events that draw crowds. He said that positive discussions were ongoing with pharmaceutical and clothing companies.

He reiterated the comments of VP Samaranch about the Olympic Channel and stressed the importance of interacting with this platform, partly because of the positive impression it would create in the eyes of sponsors. He thanked the President and SG for their day-to-day contribution and praised the collaboration between UIPM committees and the Executive Board. He thanked all NFs present and concluded by saying: "Long live Modern Pentathlon."

Dmytro Kirpulianskyy, Chair of the Athletes Committee, thanked VP Aminov for his support of UIPM competitions on behalf of the athletes.

Chair of the Medical Committee, Prof Fabio Pigozzi

Prof Pigozzi referred to his written report (included in the Congress book) and told Congress that due to his increasing university commitments he had been unable to accept the ITA candidature for this committee for 2017-2020.

He thus reflected on his final Congress by looking back to all of the work conducted since 1992 when he was a young medical practitioner, and said he would always treasure his memories of working with the UIPM Family, and thanked the President for his personal support and the mutual respect of the SG and EB and office staff.

He thanked colleagues past and present on the Medical Committee and wished the very best to his successor, thanked the ITA federation and wished delegates and their families the best for the future.

The UIPM President said that because Prof Pigozzi would be unable to attend Day 2 of Congress he had to bring forward a special presentation. He presented him with a medal conferring Honorary Life Membership of UIPM.

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS) spoke from the floor to thank Prof Pigozzi, on behalf of all nations in attendance, for his service.

Vice President Kuisung Choi

Speaking in his dual capacity as Secretary General of the Asia Confederation (AMPC) and as VP of UIPM, Mr Choi referred to the AMPC's activity report (included in Congress book) and spoke generally about the major progress that had taken place in the Asian Modern Pentathlon movement.

He covered the official affiliation of the AFG federation, negotiations with a low-price laser pistol producer in JAP, other meetings with JAP relating to the hosting of the 2017 Asian Championships, and discussions with AMPC Vice-President Imashev Berik about the future of the movement in Asia. He reported on the results of the 2016 AMPC Congress which resulted in the election of Sangwoo Park (KOR) as President and wished the new President well.

Member for Sport Janusz Peciak (POL)

Mr Peciak referred to his written report (included in Congress book) and highlighted the sport-by-sport analysis he had conducted, and he talked about the growth of participation numbers among young aspiring pentathletes across the world.

He paid tribute to the hard work of two individuals – Christian Roudaut (FRA) and Alexandre Franca (BRA) – in the formalisation of the UIPM Coaches Committee and Educational Platform. He also highlighted the importance of the military MP movement, without which the sport could not exist in certain countries, and expressed gratitude to UIPM Competition Manager Philipp Waeffler for the work he had done relating to the updated Olympic qualification system.

Congress was shown a UIPM video: 2016 competition highlights

Member for Media Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU)

Mr Zadneprovskis referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and made a brief address.

He paid tribute to the work of the UIPM media staff in giving UIPM a whole new visual appearance both online and through competition presentation.

He praised the UIPM President for his speech at the opening ceremony of Congress and referred also to a feeling of reassurance in the wake of the IOC President's speech. In light of these addresses he stated that he was very confident that Mixed Relay would be included in future Olympic Games and said that if it were

possible for UIPM to have competitions as good as the 68th Congress it would have the best sport in the world.

Congress was shown a UIPM video: Development – Instructors Group.

Chair of the Athletes Committee, Dmytro Kirpulianskyy

Mr Kirpulianskyy referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and made a brief address.

He reported that the new UIPM Athletes Committee would consist of Aya Medany (EGY), Chloe Esposito (AUS), Pamela Zapata (ARG), Charles Fernandez (GUA), Riccardo De Luca (ITA), Dmytro Kirpulianskyy (UKR) and Liu Shen-Hung (TPE). He announced that Aya Medany would be the new Chair and paid tribute to the Athletes Committee that served from 2013 to 2016 and encouraged the departing members to continue to serve the committee in future.

The UIPM President thanked Mr Kirpulianskyy for being a wonderful colleague as Chair of the Athletes Committee and said he appreciated his contribution and hoped to work with him again in other positions, bringing his input to UIPM.

Chair of the Coaches Committee, Samy Awad

Mr Awad read out his written report to Congress (written report included in Congress book).

The UIPM President thanked the outgoing Chair of the Coaches Committee for his service and described him as a very constructive colleague with whom he hoped to work closely again in future.

Congress was shown a UIPM video: Educational Platform.

The UIPM Secretary General told NF delegates that UIPM had launched the new Anti-Doping microsite in accordance with a WADA request for more Anti-Doping education. Mrs Fang also thanked Pentathlon GB for hosting the highly successful 4th UIPM Coaches Conference which in Manchester (GBR) in November 2016.

In an unscheduled address, Jan Bartu, Performance Director of Pentathlon GB, gave a detailed briefing about the 4th UIPM Coaches Conference and encouraged all delegates to consider getting involved in the annual event in future.

The UIPM President and Secretary General thanked Mr Bartu for his contribution and also the Chairman and CEO of Pentathlon GB.

Chair of the Masters Committee, Heidi Walli

Ms Walli referred Congress to her written report (included in Congress book) and gave an oral briefing detailing some of the areas in which the Masters movement has progressed during her tenure as Chair.

She said that the movement had overcome resistance from some quarters and begun to flourish. She thanked UIPM for the provision of laser equipment and spoke about the establishment of a global Masters database and an active Facebook community.

Ms Walli told Congress about the busy competition season of 2016 culminating in the “Olympics of Masters” – the Masters World Championships. She thanked the CZE NF for hosting this competition which she said had raised the bar to the level of other UIPM master competitions.

She appealed to delegates from countries that currently do not play an active role in the Masters movement to contact the Masters Committee and express an interest, adding that this was a community who were willing to travel to new countries to compete. She said that the World Masters Games was an ambition in the pipeline as well as the first continental Masters championships, and highlighted the Open African Championships in EGY in March 2017 which will be the first such event staged outside Europe.

The UIPM President acknowledged the growth of the Masters movement and encouraged all countries to consider getting involved.

In an unscheduled address, Lt Col Nilton Rolim Filho, President of CIPM, told Congress about the success of the military pentathlon movement in 2016.

The UIPM President thanked Lt Col Rolim Filho and described CISM as great ambassadors for Modern Pentathlon.

Congress was shown a UIPM video: "Understand Modern Pentathlon in 2 Minutes"

✓ DECISIONS CONCERNING CONTINENTAL CONFEDERATIONS

a. Africa

President of the African Confederation (CAPM), Sameh Guemeih (EGY), referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and added further reflections on the occasion of his last Congress as President. He thanked the UIPM President for the work in which they had shared over many years and for all he has done for Modern Pentathlon, describing him as the saviour of the sport, along with the EB and VP Samaranch.

President Guemeih also noted that Modern Pentathlon had been made available to many countries for the first time during his collaboration with President Dr Schormann. He said that when he took over CAPM in 1993 there was only RSA and EGY in the African confederation. He thanked all delegates who had helped to develop the sport in Africa.

He acknowledged that MP is an expensive sport but that the EB had tried to make it available to everybody, mentioning specific examples in Ivory Coast and Egypt. He reported that there were now 13 active countries in Africa and six competing at World Cup level.

President Guemeih concluded by reporting on the election of his successor, Nundkishor Fakun (MRI), the founding member and youngest member of the Mauritius NOC, and a former Secretary General and President of the Mauritius Weightlifting Federation. He paid tribute to the new President's strength and creativity and thanked all of his brothers in Africa who had given him the honour to be elected for such a long time.

The UIPM President reflected on the 23 years he and President Guemeih had served together and praised him for his contribution.

b. Europe

President of the European Confederation (ECMP), Dmytro Svatkovsky (RUS), referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and addressed Congress on certain aspects of the European confederation's work.

He highlighted the strong presentation of all ECMP competitions in 2016 and promoted the calendar for 2017 including a European Cup for Youth A & B and focused on the Under-23 European Championships scheduled to take place in Drzonkow (POL), saying this was a very important competitive level for European pentathletes.

President Svatkovsky mentioned the 2019 European Games in Minsk (BLR) and said that the 2017 European Championships in the same venue would help to promote Modern Pentathlon's credentials for this multi-sport event. He thanked the UIPM President and Secretary General for their support.

The UIPM President noted that Modern Pentathlon was born in Europe and now existed worldwide, but that Europe was still a driver for many of UIPM's actions. He said that the European Games programme would be reduced for 2019 but maintained that Modern Pentathlon would have a chance of inclusion with the context of Olympic qualification.

The Chair of the Athletes Committee praised the ECMP on the introduction of its Under-23 European Championships.

c. NORCECA

President of the NORCECA Confederation, Juan Manzo (MEX), referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and made some other remarks relating to the confederation's work.

He mentioned the opportunity of development in new countries such as Puerto Rico, El Salvador and Honduras and urged the strong NORCECA nations to keep helping them to grow. He reported that the 2016 NORCECA Championships in the Dominican Republic that had been postponed due to a hurricane would now take place in April 2017.

Finally he wished his successor, Rob Stull (USA) every success in his Presidency of NORCECA.

d. South America

President of the South American Confederation (CSPM), Jorge Salas (ARG), referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and addressed Congress on some major competition opportunities both past and in the future in South America.

He congratulated Helio Meireles (BRA) on the NF's role in organising the 2016 Olympic Games and singled out important multi-sport competitions in the pipeline in the region: the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG), the 2017 Pan American Championships in Lima (PER), the 2018 ODESUR Games in Cochabamba (BOL) and the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games in Barranquilla (COL).

e. Oceania

President of the Oceania Confederation, John Pennell (AUS), referred Congress to his written report (included in Congress book) and expressed his joy at the Olympic gold-medal success of Chloe Esposito (AUS), a moment he had been waiting 42 years for, and paid tribute to Chloe's father Danny and grandfather John who had played a big role in her success and given much to Modern Pentathlon in their own right.

The outgoing President told Congress a series of stories and anecdotes as a means of reflecting on his experiences from more than half a century involved in MP. He recalled the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne (AUS) when he was hired to help train police horses for the Games, and then being asked to work as a jump judge at the Games where he rescued an athlete from the water obstacle who was none other than Igor Novikov (RUS), who would go on to become UIPM President.

President Pennell congratulated Kitty Chiller (AUS) on her election as President and wished her all the best for the future.

The UIPM President described President Pennell as an icon of the Union and thanked him for his service and his life's work, as well as the contribution of his wife Heather.

DECISIONS ON MOTIONS SUBMITTED

(Note iv: All motions submitted to the 2016 UIPM Congress were detailed in full in the Congress book.)

a. Motions from the UIPM Executive Board

1) Coaches' Committee

In order to guarantee equality, diversity and experience in the Coaches' Committee it is proposed to add two more members to said Committee to be appointed by UIPM Executive Board. It is hereby proposed that a new article 4.16 of the Rules on Internal Organisation is amended as follows:

"Article 4.16 The Coaches' Committee comprises 6 members of differing nationalities, all of them well-known coaches. Each Continental Confederation elects 1 coach during the relevant continental championship occurring prior to the UIPM election congress. In absence of a continental Championship, UIPM will organise an alternative election for the relevant Continental Confederation. The Chairperson is appointed by the Executive Board among elected members of the Coaches' Committee and is a member of the Executive Board with the right to vote.

The Executive Board has the right, but is not obliged, to appoint two additional members to the Coaches' Committee to satisfy the conditions of gender equality, diversity and technical expertise."

There were no remarks and Congress approved the motion with 1 vote against.

2) Innovation Commission

Modern Pentathlon is an ever evolving sport where technology has an important role. In order to ensure that UIPM is always updated and ready to react to any progress in the latest tendency, technology and the sport equipment available for athletes, a new Innovation Commission shall be created.

It is hereby proposed that a new article 4.18 is inserted in the Rules on Internal Organisation as follows:

"Article 4.18 The Innovation Commission comprises 4 members and 1 chairperson, all experts in sports and new technologies. Members and the Chairperson of the Commission are appointed by the Executive Board upon proposal of the President."

It is hereby proposed that article 4.2 of the Rules on Internal Organisation is amended as follows:

"4.2 Subordinate to the General Assembly and the Executive Board the organisation of UIPM is as follows:

- a)The Continental Confederations;*
- b)The Honorary Auditors;*
- c)The Technical Committee;*
- d)The Coaches' Committee;*
- e)The Athletes' Committee;*
- f)The Medical Committee;*
- g)The Business Affairs Committee;*
- h)The Masters' Committee;*
- i)The Finance Commission;*
- j)The Commission for Culture and Education;*

- k) *The Pierre de Coubertin Commission;*
- l) *The Sports for all Commission;*
- m) *The Para-pentathlon Commission;*
- n) *The Ethics Commission; ~~and~~*
- o) *The UIPM Doping Review Panel;*
- p) *The Innovation Commission; and*
- q) *The Equipment Commission.”*

Further to the insertion of the above proposed article 4.18, the remaining part of article 4 shall be re-numbered accordingly.

It is further proposed that a new article 7.24 is inserted in the Rules on Internal Organisation as follows:

“Article 7.24 The task of the Innovation Commission is to study the sports’ environment and develop the strategy to be implemented by UIPM in its format. The Innovation Commission will monitor and analyse new tendencies and design formats and products to suit the market needs. The Innovation Commission is also responsible for creating summaries of new technologies available and give opinions on such developments.”

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

3) Equipment Commission

Modern Pentathlon is an ever evolving sport where development in technology applied to the 5 Modern Pentathlon disciplines has a key role. In order to ensure UIPM, its Members and its athletes have access to the latest developed sports equipment complying with all the prescribed internal rules, a new Equipment Commission shall be created.

It is hereby proposed that a new article 4.19 is inserted in the Rules on Internal Organisation as follows:

“Article 4.19 The Equipment Commission comprises 4 members and 1 chairperson, all experts in sports equipment. Members and chairperson of the Commission are appointed by the Executive Board upon proposal of the President.”

It is hereby proposed that article 4.2 of the Rules on Internal Organisation is amended as follows:

“4.2 Subordinate to the General Assembly and the Executive Board the organisation of UIPM is as follows:

- a) The Continental Confederations;*
- b) The Honorary Auditors;*
- c) The Technical Committee;*
- d) The Coaches’ Committee;*
- e) The Athletes’ Committee;*
- f) The Medical Committee;*
- g) The Business Affairs Committee;*
- h) The Masters’ Committee;*

- i)The Finance Commission;*
- j)The Commission for Culture and Education;*
- k)The Pierre de Coubertin Commission;*
- l)The Sports for all Commission;*
- m)The Para-pentathlon Commission;*
- n)The Ethics Commission; ~~and~~*
- o)The UIPM Doping Review Panel;*
- p)The Innovation Commission; and*
- q)The Equipment Commission.”*

Further to the insertion of the above proposed article 4.19, the remaining part of article 4 shall be re-numbered accordingly.

It is further proposed that a new article 7.25 is inserted in the Rules on Internal Organisation as follows:

“Article 7.25 The task of the Equipment Commission is to help UIPM in developing and improving sports equipment standards. The Equipment Commission is responsible for UIPM sports equipment’s homologation procedures, renewals and monitoring. The Equipment Commission shall also assess future compliance of new available equipment with UIPM Rules and Regulations.”

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

4) Nomination criteria

In an effort to better specify procedures and requirements for candidates to any UIPM positions it is proposed to amend the Election Rules to state that (i) all candidates must be of legal age at the time of the elections, speak English and be computer literate; and (ii) candidates to the Athletes’, Coaches’ and Masters’ Committee must have never received a sanction from WADA or for betting in sport. Said requirements are also recommended by the IOC in its Guidelines related to the creation of an IF Athletes’ Commission.

It is hereby proposed that the following article is inserted in the Election Rules as 1.4:

“Article 1.4

All candidates must:

- a. be of legal age on the date of the elections;*
- b. have a good command of the English language;*
- c. have competent knowledge of use of computers; and d. have never been found guilty by a final decision of a state court, CAS or professional association body (i.e. bodies ruling over people exercising a given profession in the relevant country) for any criminal or otherwise improper activities, either within or outside Modern Pentathlon.*

In addition to the foregoing:

- *candidates for the position of President, Executive Board Member and Honorary Auditors must:*
 - a. have never been sanctioned for a serious disciplinary offence by a final decision of UIPM or the IOC;*
 - b. have never initiated legal proceedings or given instructions to initiate legal proceedings before state courts against UIPM.*

- *candidates to the Athletes' Committee, to the Coaches' Committee and to the Masters' Committee must have never received any sanction either in relation to the World Anti-Doping Code or in any case connected with betting and manipulation of competitions;*
- *candidates to the Coaches' Committee must (i) hold an international license/certificate issued by UIPM; and (ii) be an active coach at international level in any one or more of the UIPM disciplines;*
- *candidates to become Honorary Auditors shall be or have been member of a recognised professional organisation of accountants and shall have professional accounting experience."*

In order to better conduct election process in the future and to receive all nominations in orderly and timely manner, the EB proposes a clarification on the nominations procedure and the consequences of a failure to comply with it.

It is hereby proposed that articles 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the Election Rules are deleted and replaced by the following:

"Article 3.1 Nominations for election must be presented to the Secretary General at least 60 days prior to the first day of the General Assembly, Continental Confederation Assembly or Competition where the elections will take place.

3.2 The Secretary General may issue a template nomination form that can be used by Members.

In any event, the nomination shall contain at least the following information:

a. The name of the Member nominating the candidate;

b. The signature of the Member's president or secretary general;

c. The name of the candidate;

d. The position for which the candidate is nominated;

e. The written acceptance of the nomination by the candidate;

f. A signed declaration by the Member and the candidate confirming that all the eligibility criteria of the Statutes, the Rules on Internal Organisation, these Election Rules and the Code of Ethics are met by the candidate and that the candidate will at all times comply with said documents, in particular with the Code of Ethics;

g. A copy of a valid passport of the candidate.

The nomination must be accompanied with a signed curriculum vitae of the candidate in English language. It shall contain a summary of the candidate's professional skills/background (including formal qualifications) and Modern Pentathlon related activities.

3.3 Nominations received by UIPM after midnight (CET) of the sixtieth prior to the first day of the General Assembly, Confederation Assembly or Competition where the elections will take place, shall be inadmissible."

In order to clarify the number of person entitled to vote for the election of the Athletes' Committee, the Coaches' Committee and the Masters' Committee it is proposed to specify in the Election Rules that the procedure used is to recognise one vote per athlete present at the World or Continental Championship during which elections for the Athletes' Committee take place; one vote per NF for each of the Coaches' Committee and the Masters' Committee.

It is hereby proposed that the following article is inserted in the Election Rules as 4.7:

“Article 4.7 At the Masters’ World Championship where elections for the Masters’ Committee take place, each Member present will have the right to one vote.

At the Senior World Championship and at the Continental Championship where elections for the Athletes’ Committee take place, each athlete will have the right to one vote.

At the Continental Championship where elections for the Coaches’ Committee take place, each Member present will have the right to one vote.”

As a consequence, it is proposed to amend article 4.2 of the Election Rules as follows:

“4.2 For all elections where a quorum is not imposed by the Statutes, a duly called electoral body is competent to pass a resolution and elect candidates with no specific requirement as to the number of votes cast. For elections to the Masters’ Committee only one delegate per Member, designated by the respective Member, is entitled to vote. These delegates must not be candidates.”

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS) remarked from the floor that for many years honorary auditors who know Modern Pentathlon had served the sport ably, and asked why the motion to change the nomination criteria to restrict this work to professional accountants who were members of recognised organisations had been introduced?

UIPM Secretary General said she fully understood the question but insisted that it was necessary to create this motion. She said that the IOC are checking if IFs have precise nomination criteria for athletes and other committees’ nominations, and emphasized that certain financial and accounting knowledge is required to be qualified as auditor - even on an honorary basis - because the reality is that the honorary auditors do check all the accounts where they would be required to understand the financial matters, and noted that the motion if approved would only come into force in 2020.

Anthony Temple (GBR) remarked from the floor that the motion was inappropriate. He argued that the proposed rewording of Article 1.4a did not specify in which country the candidate should be of legal age. He highlighted the proposed wording of Article 1.4d, specifically the term “otherwise improper activities”, and asked for clarity on this. In addition he highlighted the proposed rule (b) that candidates “should have never initiated legal proceedings...” and urged that the proposed rule changes be rewritten and said GBR would oppose the motion.

UIPM Secretary General said that consideration would be given to adjusting the wording of the proposed rule changes with a revised motion inserted at 2017 Congress, noting that the changes would not come into force in any case until 2020.

UIPM Legal Counsel Fulvia Lucantonio said she would start to redraft the motion and provided Congress with some background information on the motives for the rule changes.

UIPM Secretary General added that the IOC Ethics Committee had requested that UIPM comply with various new criteria but repeated her point that this was not a motion that had to be passed urgently in 2016.

UIPM President said the motion would be removed from the Agenda and reviewed.

5) Anti-Doping Rules

In order to fully comply with the WADA code and WADA recommendation on the issue, the anti-doping rules will be slightly amended to clarify that in case of a second anti-doping violation committed by the same athlete the anti-doping organisation that discovered the first violation will be notified and entitled to extend the first sanction imposed.

Further to WADA requests to avoid potential conflicts of interests investigations when conducting Anti-Doping rules violations the UIPM Doping Review Panel (i) cannot be involved in all phases of

the investigation, results management and sanction of potential anti-doping violations; and (ii) its composition should be slightly amended in order to avoid conflict of interests.

WADA also requested that UIPM anti-doping procedures are amended in order to make the timeline to request copies of decisions on doping violation compliant with the WADA code (it should be 15 days instead of the 10 actually provided for in UIPM rules).

All amendments to the UIPM Anti-Doping Rules were detailed in the Congress book.

Gerhard Herke (AUT) remarked from the floor to ask for an explanation for the proposed amendment of responsibilities of the UIPM Doping Review Panel.

UIPM Secretary General highlighted the proposed amendment of article 4.17 in the motion and stated that the proposed changes had come about due to a request from the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to guard against conflicts of interest.

There were no further remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

6) Terminology of Combined Event to be replaced by Laser Run

The “Combined Event” format was approved by UIPM Congress in 2008 and defined as being the “combined modern pentathlon disciplines of running and shooting”. Since then, the term “Combined Event” appears as an integral part of the rules, replacing the pre-existing disciplines of running and shooting.

However, the term in itself does not clearly describe the two actual MP disciplines of running and shooting. Entering the term ‘combined event’ in any search engine will, in nearly all cases, bring up references to the track and field events of heptathlon and decathlon. Indeed, the IAAF even has an annual competition circuit called the ‘Combined Event Challenge’.

Therefore, it is proposed to change the term in all references to ‘Laser-Run’ which not only more accurately describes the event but the term is also licensed by UIPM, meaning that it is protected and cannot be used by any other body or association.

Furthermore, this change also shows that there is a clear link between Modern Pentathlon and the Laser-Run World Championships as well as any future Laser-Run events that maybe developed by UIPM.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

7) Advertising and Media Rules

A new set of Advertising and Media Rules, included in the Congress book.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

8) 2017 Competition Rules

An amended set of UIPM Competition Rules was included in the Congress book, with the following explanation of amendments:

Establishment of separate Technical Equipment Regulations to ensure changes to regulations concerning equipment can be made according to a more practical timescale based on frequent and continuous innovation and safety updates. Therefore, all relevant equipment rules are deleted from the Competition Rules.

Editorial changes have been made according to requests to have clearer and simpler rules including the removal of out of date rules that are no longer applicable to today’s Modern Pentathlon and its sub-sports.

Further changes have been made to ensure that the new competition rules also take into account all the practices and guidelines established by UIPM authorities over the past two years, issued to National federations as advisory notices and explanations.

Anthony Temple (GBR) requested a pause.

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS) commented from the floor that there was a lack of clarity in this motion, specifically in Article 1.15.1: Covering Costs, which stated that the “LOC covers all costs of the competition”, and asked for more clarity on the financial obligations of UIPM competition Local Organising Committees.

Rob Stull (USA) echoed Mrs Ardabieva’s remarks and said, as the local organiser of 2017 World Cup #1, his federation would appreciate further examination of the proposed wording of Article 1.15.1.

UIPM Secretary General pointed out that although article 1.15.1 was not subject to any amendments in the motion, work would begin immediately on the rewording of this article and the rest of the motion so that the combined changes could be re-examined later in the day.

9) 2017 Technical Equipment Regulations

An amended set of UIPM Technical Equipment Regulations was included in the Congress book.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

b. Motions and recommendations proposed by the National Federations

- **Motion from Austria**

The Austrian Federation of Modern Pentathlon suggests an increase of the grants (amounting to 15%) for Continental Confederations in the budget for 2017-2020.

UIPM Treasurer addressed Congress to underline that \$260k of \$500k budget goes direct to Continental Confederations and the rest is provided to continental confederations and national federations for support on specific projects. He said there was always a need for additional funds. He acknowledged the importance of the continental confederations to UIPM and said they needed funding to execute their obligations. He said that if this motion were passed there would still be a budget of €500k but other sporting development grants would have to be reduced.

Gerhard Herke (AUT) pointed out that the sum given to continental federations amounted to less than 10% of IOC revenue payments. He asked delegates to take this into account and be cautious.

UIPM Treasurer replied by saying that he did not dispute these facts, but the question for members was how the \$500k budget should be divided.

UIPM Secretary General said that there was a need to balance funding continental confederations with specific development projects around the world.

UIPM 1st VP Ivar Sisniega said the motion was discussed by the EB which unanimously agreed that the status quo should not be changed, because the change would have an impact on projects UIPM has developed such as the Coach Education Platform.

Delegates voted 22 in favour, 29 against, with 11 abstentions. Motion not passed.

UIPM Treasurer stated that those in favour had been heard and the matter would be examined in more detail in his 2017 report.

- **Motions from Belarus**

1) To change scoring in swimming

The Belarusian Federation of Modern Pentathlon suggested a reduction from 3pts to 2pts of the value of a second, in order to give a new impetus to the development of Modern Pentathlon in the world, especially in countries where there is traditionally no strong swimming infrastructure.

Anthony Temple (GBR) spoke from the floor in objection to the motion and asked BLR to elaborate on their motivation for the motion

Mihail Prokopenko (BLR) reminded Congress that this motion had been proposed in 2013 and much discussion had taken place between NFs since, but the discussion had been postponed due to the proximity of the 2016 Olympic Games. He stressed that the goal of the motion was to help developing nations that lack swimming facilities and consequently find it hard to produce elite-standard pentathletes.

Christian Roudaut (FRA) said a distinction should be drawn between top-level pentathlon, where the most complete athletes compete, and the sport at development level. He said an objective scientific analysis of the results at Rio 2016, highlighted during the 2016 Coaches Conference, had found that the coefficient of swimming was already the lowest of the MP sports. He said that the motion if passed would leave the sport even less balanced at the top level, and urged that other solutions be introduced to make changes at development level.

Benny Larsen (DEN) said the focus of the motion was wrong and suggested that, if anything, the maximum score in fencing and shooting should be adjusted.

Anthony Temple (GBR) pointed out that the UIPM Technical Committee existed to research difficult questions affecting the sport and said he assumed it had made its recommendations on this motion to the Executive Board. He urged very careful consideration of the implications of this proposed change. He agreed that the sport could benefit from an adjustment to swimming scoring at development but said it was not the time for wholesale rule changes. He noted that this motion was rejected in 2013, postponed in 2014 and that Congress had just approved rule changes in a previous motion; in that context he respectfully asked MP friends to reject this proposal.

Jouko Pakarinen (FIN) noted that his federation had raised the same motion and said that the need for balance at elite level should not prevent more countries from being able to take part in Modern Pentathlon, and urged delegates to approve the motion.

1st VP Ivar Sisniega said the EB had had a long discussion about this matter with technical detail and supported the proposal. He said that the current elite athletes had, in the main, a strong swimming pedigree and this meant the sport was limiting the number of people who could be attracted to the sport to fast swimmers. He said the change would increase the chances of the sport being successful in its development goals in the long run.

Christian Roudaut (FRA) spoke and once again urged caution about reducing the importance of swimming in the context of a high-level competition.

Gerhard Herke (AUT) noted that at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the men's gold medallist was 22nd in swimming, the silver medallist was 23rd in swimming and the bronze medallist was 11th in swimming. On that basis he said he would reject the motion in order to protect the importance of swimming.

Anastasios Pantazidis (GRE) said the first question posed to many developing nations was: "Are you swimming yet?" And if the answer was no, it was considered too late. On that basis he supported the motion.

Delegates voted 42 in favour, 24 against, with 5 abstentions. Motion passed.

2) Riding rule changes

The Belarus NF suggested three changes designed to enable athletes to choose a different horse if another participating athlete has already scored less than 260, suffered two falls or been eliminated due to the disobedience of the horse in the first round – all designed to prevent leading athletes from being eliminated due to a low-performing horse.

Benny Larsen (FIN) and EB Member for Sport Janusz Peciak (POL) spoke against the motion.

Motion not passed with 1 vote in favour and no abstentions.

3) Laser pistols with automatic trigger

Motion withdrawn by BLR

4) Category A finals programme

Motion withdrawn by BLR

- **Motions from Canada**

1) Extend riding course length

1st VP Ivar Sisniega advised that the motion proposing a “minimum of 400m length” had been adjusted to a new motion proposing “between 400-450m length” to allow courses to be designed with more freedom if the motion were passed. He said the motion was now clearer and had the support of the EB.

Anthony Temple (GBR) suggested that this change had already been voted upon and need not be subject to another vote.

Shaun Lagrange (CAN) said the motion would be withdrawn on this technicality.

2) Falls

Shaun Lagrange (CAN) said there were three grounds for this motion: animal welfare, rider safety and public perception of MP, and elaborated on these areas.

EB Member for Sport Janusz Peciak (POL) said the EB did not support this motion because it could make the riding event more open to being compromised, that organisers had a difficult enough task already without arranging more horses, and that riders could benefit from an easier proposition if a horse was replaced. He urged delegates to think twice.

Mr Peciak’s stance was backed by Benny Larsen (DEN).

Delegates voted 4 in favour, 56 against, with 5 abstentions. Motion not passed.

3. Horse Mental Fitness

Delegates voted 1 in favour, 54 against, with 6 abstentions. Motion not passed.

4. Course Builder

Delegates voted 10 in favour, 50 against, with 7 abstentions. Motion not passed.

- **Motions from Finland**

1) Changes to Qualification System in semi-finals at Category A

Existing version:

ii) The following numbers of pentathletes qualify for the Final:

- a) 2 groups - the top 12 from each group + 12 with the highest score of all groups
- b) 3 groups - the top 8 from each group + 12 with the highest score of all groups
- c) 4 groups - the top 6 from each group + 12 with the highest score of all groups

New version:

ii) The following numbers of pentathletes qualify for the Final:

- a) 2 groups - the top 15 from each group + 6 with the highest score of all groups
- b) 3 groups - the top 10 from each group + 6 with the highest score of all groups
- c) 4 groups - the top 8 from each group + 4 with the highest score of all groups

Reason: Each of the semi-finals groups have different timetable and different order of disciplines. Athletes' performances are significantly affected by environmental factors such as sunlight, strong winds, rain and rapid temperature changes. Competition schedules also differ when comparing the groups with transition times and rest times varying in hours between the different groups. Therefore, semi-final groups need to be treated as separate competitions.

Note: There is clear injustice in the fencing point system for the different semi-final groups. Currently the number of athletes in each group determines the value of the winning hit. When withdrawal of an athlete occurs the value of the hit increases in that particular semi-final group compare to others. This clearly creates unfair advantage and disturbs the balance between the groups (Fencing Rules Appendix 2B1).

1st VP Ivar Sisniega said there were three options and the EB and Athletes Committee had agreed on the best option of the three which protected against bad weather and the risk of athletes walking across the finish line in a semi-final due to their points score not mattering.

Delegates voted 65 in favour, 2 against, with 4 abstentions. Motion passed.

2) Annual UIPM Calendar

Existing version: An annual calendar of official UIPM competitions, as defined above, must be prepared and drawn up by the UIPM TC in co-operation with the UIPM HQ before Congress. The annual UIPM Calendar is submitted by the UIPM EB to the UIPM Congress. The UIPM HQ circulates the calendar to all NFs. The calendar must be continuously updated.

New version: An annual calendar of official UIPM competitions, as defined above, must be prepared and drawn up by the UIPM TC in co-operation with the UIPM HQ before Congress. UIPM TC determines the level and amount of points (80, 60, 40 or 20) for each competition. The annual UIPM Calendar is submitted by the UIPM EB to the UIPM Congress for approval. The UIPM HQ circulates the calendar to all NFs. Changes to the approved calendar are made only in "force major" cases.

Delegates voted 6 in favour, 54 against, with 7 abstentions. Motion not passed.

3) Levels of UIPM Competitions

For the purpose of equal scoring, UIPM competitions will have minimum results for PWR points

- 1) In direct final competition a pentathlete that took part in all 5 events with a minimum results of 875 points men, 800 points women, 700 points junior men and 575 points junior women

2) In Level 1 and 2 competitions a pentathlete that took part to qualification in all 4 events with a minimum result of 750 points men, 625 points women, 675 points junior men, 550 points junior women

Reason: To be able to treat athletes from different continents equally the points from same level competitions need to be same all over the world.

Delegates voted 1 in favour, 60 against, with 7 abstentions. Motion not passed.

4) Calculation of swimming points

Motion withdrawn (already passed as Motion 1 from Belarus).

- **Motions from Germany**

1) Change to qualification system at semi-finals in Category A

Motion withdrawn (already passed as Motion 1 from Finland).

2) Combined Event

Motion withdrawn.

3) Adjustment of Combined Event

Establish a working group to create and test adjustments in the Combined event during the year 2017 (including athletes, organizers, TV-specialists and spectators) with a final evaluation and presentation/voting at the UIPM congress 2017 to adopt Biathlon shooting.

Sebastian Dietz (GER) argued that shooting was currently too fast in the Combined Event both for viewers on TV and at the venue to follow.

Benny Larsen (FIN) said the original value of shooting had certainly changed but observed that athletes liked the current Laser-Run concept and it should be maintained.

1st VP Ivar Sisniega said the new UIPM Innovation Commission would consider ways to test the proposed concept at test events. The EB accepted this reconsideration as did GER.

The motion was not subject to a vote.

4) Shooting

Reducing the HIT Zone for shooting from 7.3 to 8.0 ring size and having a fixed number of shoots after that you have to get a penalty by running a loop e.g. 1 red light 50m more, 2 red light 100m more and so on.

Anthony Temple (GBR) said there appeared to be a great deal of sense in the proposal.

1st VP Ivar Sisniega said the EB had requested analysis on the options and the cost of any change.

EB Member for Sport Janusz Peciak said the EB did not want to increase the outlay for countries that had already spent money on targets.

Benny Larsen (FIN) said the change would impact on all but precision target with only changing software, and providers would require users to pay for the changes.

Philipp Waeffler (UIPM Competition Manager) said the matter had been discussed by the TC and it was a complex discussion about distance from and size of hit zone. He said the TC would look closely at the matter over the next 4 years and make proposals.

Kitty Chiller (AUS) said it would be easy to change the distance from 10m to 12m at competition level but less so at the ranges where the majority of athletes trained, where it would be illegal in many cases to make the suggested changes in distance.

The motion was not subject to a vote.

5) Bonus Round

Continue organising Fencing Bonus Round exclusively at World Cup Finals and Olympic Games.

Sebastian Deitz (GER) said the Fencing Bonus Round had served its purpose as a marketing tool but that feedback he had received suggested it was placing an additional burden on organisers and not creating fair competition.

UIPM President said that in various meetings with the IOC and its President there was a very clear message not to stop modernising the sport. He asked delegates to fully support the FBR as it was now well established.

Rob Stull (USA) said he had been to a number of competitions with Fencing Bonus Rounds and observed that there are numerous ways of staging FBR, some of which were very cost-effective.

1st VP Ivar Sisniega said the motion would not be a positive development for the organisers of competition such as the Pan American Games where there was a need to create an exact replica of the Olympic Games competition.

Delegates voted 6 in favour, 67 against, with 3 abstentions. Motion not passed.

- **Motion from Lithuania**

Change to swimming scoring

Motion withdrawn (already passed as Motion 1 from Finland).

- **Motion from Portugal**

Swimming changes

Motion withdrawn

- **Motion from Ukraine**

Rules of Internal Organization

International transfers, maintenance of stability between athletes and National Federation.

Valentin Boroznin (UKR) spoke from the floor to elaborate on the predicament facing his country in what he described as “a flight of athletes” to neighbouring countries. He revealed fears of the death of MP in Ukraine and appealed for understanding and support from delegates.

Vadim Chudnovski (KAZ) challenged Mr Boroznin’s stated reasons for the loss of some athletes, claiming that those who had moved to KAZ did so because they wanted to train there.

Mr Boroznin (UKR) said he had no objections with KAZ which was always a friendly neighbour, but claimed he had received information contrary to some of Mr Chudnovski’s assertions.

Rob Stull (USA) stated that all delegates were part of an international community and an Olympic family. He spoke from his own personal experience about the investment put into an athlete by a nation and the need to balance this with the maintenance of good relations between NFs. He argued that it should be assessed case by case.

UIPM Executive Board stated its support for the motion.

UIPM President said he had met Sergey Bubka (Ukraine NOC President) in Doha in November 2016 and heard about the history of the discussion. He urged delegates to consider UIPM values of fair play and respect and stated his support for the UKR motion.

Delegates voted 51 in favour, 10 against, with 8 abstentions. Motion passed.

(cont'd) Motions from the Executive Board

7) 2017 competition rules

UIPM Secretary General invited Congress to return to Page 150 of the Congress Book and compare the wording to an amended Article 1:15.1.

The proposed amended text of article 1.15 was:

1.15 FINANCE

1.15.1 Covering of Costs

At UIPM competitions, ~~except World Championships and Continental Championships~~ the Organising Federation/LOC covers all costs of the competition. Costs of the competition do not include ~~including~~ hosting (i.e. local transport, accommodation and meals) of the participants. However, the Organising Federation/LOC may offer an Accommodation Package as described in Section 1.15.3 below to cover hosting costs (local transport, accommodations and meals).

1.15.2 Accreditation Fee

In competitions in which the Organising Federation/LOC offers NF participants ~~are offered board and lodging by the LOC free of charge, participants~~ (pentathletes, coaches, accompanying persons) ~~are obliged to pay an Accreditation Fee to the Organising Federation/LOC.~~ In competitions where ~~the~~ an Accommodation Package (pursuant to Section 1.15.3 below), any participant that does not select and pay for an Accommodation Package are obliged to pay an Accreditation Fee to the Organising Federation/LOC. In addition, in competitions where the Organising Federation/LOC does not offer an Accommodation Package, the Organising Federation/LOC may charge any participant an Accreditation Fee.

i) The Accreditation fee entitles participants to access the official transportation from the Headquarters hotel to the competition sites and back, and to have lunch packets and water/refreshments during the competition.

ii) The amount of the Accreditation fee is set at 75 Euros per day of Senior and Junior competitions and 50 Euros for Youth per competition day with a minimum payment of 4 days.

~~1.15.3 Costs in WCh and CCh~~

At World Championships and Continental Championships delegations will pay for their own accommodation, if it is not offered by the Organising Federation/LOC.

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UIPM Treasurer spoke of the difficulties facing LOCs in the time spent managing hotel rooms etc and how this was proving to be a distraction during competitions. The proposed solution enabled LOCs to offer an optional accommodation package as part of their competition proposal.

Viacheslav Malishev (GEO) asked if this option would apply to Biathlon/Triathlon and Laser-Run competitions. UIPM Secretary General said no, only Modern Pentathlon.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO AGENDA

Dmitry Svatkovsky (President, European Confederation) took to the stage once again to address Congress.

He spoke of this being a unique Congress and highlighted the positive messages of the previous night's opening ceremony attended by the IOC President, which included a very clear endorsement of the UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann.

He proposed a change to the Agenda of the 68th UIPM Congress to implement an immediate election of the UIPM President 2017-2020. He said UIPM already had the best President it could have and asked Congress to accept his proposal.

1st VP Ivar Sisniega took over the meeting due to this intervention which concerned the UIPM President, and told Congress that there was only one candidate for President. He in turn invited Congress to elect Dr. Klaus Schormann as President by acclamation from this body.

Congress responded with a standing ovation.

UIPM President took to the stage and said he was always touched at such moments, being a normal human being. He said he had given his life to UIPM's sport and its athletes. He said he had always had a great team and was very proud. He said he accepted this election and would try his best for the next four years.

Day 1 of the 68th UIPM Congress was closed.

Day 2: November 26, 2016

✓ ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS

UIPM Secretary General performed the roll call and the figures were as follows:

- Nations present: 77
- Athletes' vote: 1
- Majority: 40
- 2/3 majority: 52

✓ ELECTIONS

• **5 x Vice Presidents**

UIPM Secretary General explained that any successful candidate must pass a majority in the first and second rounds to be elected and that the candidate with the least votes would be eliminated and not go through to the next ballot.

The following were elected in the first round:

Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr (ESP) – 75 votes, elected

Joel Bouzou (FRA) – 64 votes, elected

Viacheslav Aminov (RUS) – 59 votes, elected.

The following was eliminated in the first round:

Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL) – 19 votes

All remaining candidates went into the second round where the following was eliminated:

Sharif Elerian (EGY) – 24 votes

The following candidates went into a third round:

Juan Manzo Oranegui (MEX) – 35 votes

Siegfried Brand (GUA) – 33 votes

Imashev Berik (KAZ) – 30 votes

Kuisung Choi (KOR) – 25 votes

UIPM Secretary General explained that according to Articles 5.3 and 6.1 only a simple majority would be required in the third round, meaning the two candidates with the most votes would be elected.

The following candidates were elected in the third round:

Juan Manzo Oranegui (MEX) – 40 votes

Imashev Berik (KAZ) – 40 votes

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	Vice-President		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	
1	Andrey Kuzmanov	BUL	19			
2	Sharif El Erian	EGY	27	24		
3	Juan Antonio Samaranch	ESP	75			Elected
4	Joel Bouzou	FRA	64			Elected
5	Martin Dawe	GBR	Withdrew			
6	Siegfried Brand	GUA	38	33	38	
7	Imashev Berik	KAZ	33	30	40	Elected
8	Kuisung Choi	KOR	26	25	26	
9	Juan Manzo Oranegui	MEX	36	35	40	Elected
10	Viacheslav Aminov	RUS	59			Elected

- **Treasurer**

John Helmick (USA) was elected unopposed with 69 votes.

- **Member for Sport**

Janusz Peciak (POL) was elected unopposed with 75 votes.

- **Member for Media**

Andrejus Zadneprovskis (LTU) was elected unopposed with 72 votes.

- **Member for Marketing**

There were three candidates, and members voted as follows:

Jan Bade (FIN): 5 votes

Martin Dawe (GBR): 65 votes

Akos Hanzely (HUN): 8 votes

Martin Dawe (GBR) was elected.

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	Member for Marketing			
1	Jan Bade	FIN	5	
2	Martin Dawe	GBR	65	Elected
3	Siegfried Brand	GUA	Withdrew	
4	Akos Hanzely	HUN	8	

- **Member for Development**

There were four candidates and voting in the first round was as follows

Viacheslav Malishev (GEO): 37 votes

Namdev Shirgaonkar (IND): 31 votes

Andris Feldmanis (LAT): 6 votes

Igor Panin (UKR) – 4 votes

No candidate secured an absolute majority to be elected in the first round.

The following was eliminated in the first round:

Igor Panin (UKR) – 4 votes

In the second round, voting was as follows:

Viacheslav Malishev (GEO): 46 votes

Namdev Shirgaonkar (IND): 31 votes

Andris Feldmanis (LAT): 1 vote

Viacheslav Malishev (GEO) was elected.

	Member for Development		Round 1	Round 2	
1	Viacheslav Malishev	GEO	37	46	Elected
2	Namdev Shirgaonkar	IND	31	31	
3	Angelo Maccaroni	ITA	Withdrew		
4	Andris Feldmanis	LAT	6	1	
5	Igor Panin	UKR	4		

- **2 x Honorary Auditors**

There were three candidates and voting was as follows:

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Alexander Peirits (AUT): 45 votes

Helio Meireles Cardoso (BRA): 58 votes

Anthony Temple (GBR): 38 votes

Alexander Peirits (AUT) and Helio Meireles Cardoso (BRA) were elected.

Honorary Auditor				
1	Alexander Peirits	AUT	45	Elected
2	Helio Meireles Cardoso	BRA	58	Elected
3	Anthony Temple	GBR	38	
4	Janis Liepins	LAT	Withdrew	

- **6 x Technical Committee Members**

The following candidates were presented for election:

Akos Gyorffy (AUS), Mihail Prokopenko (BLR), Marcelo da Silva Goncalez (BRA), Lazarina Petkova (BUL), Bohumil Hrudka (CZE), Walid Sayed (EGY), Corine Bouzou (FRA), Bernhard Petruschinski (GER), Ana Ruth Orellana de Porras (GUA), Agnes Kulcsar (HUN), Carlo Passiatore (ITA), Dongkook Chung (KOR), Edvinas Krungolcas (LTU), Rui Lucena (POR), Dmitry Menshikov (RUS), Vladimir Miller (SVK), John Moreau (USA).

In the first round the candidates from CZE (9 votes) and POR (9 votes) were eliminated.

One candidate was elected with an absolute majority: **Carlo Passiatore (ITA)** with 48 votes.

In the second round the candidate from BUL (12 votes) was eliminated.

In the third round, it was announced that a simple majority would suffice for election and the highest-scoring five candidates would be elected. They were:

Dmitry Menshikov (RUS) 38 votes

Dongkook Chung (CHN) 35 votes

Bernhard Petruschinski (GER) 31 votes

Edvinas Krungolcas (LTU) 28 votes

John Moreau (USA) 28 votes

Technical Committee		Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	
1	Akos Gyorffy	AUS	13	13	12
2	Mihail Prokopenko	BLR	19	23	18
3	Marcelo da Silva Goncalez	BRA	27	23	21

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4	Lazarina Petkova	BUL	12			
5	Bohumil Hrudka	CZE	9			
6	Walid Sayed	EGY	39	31	26	
7	Corine Bouzou	FRA	30	30	26	
8	Bernhard Petruschinski	GER	37	31	31	Elected
9	Ana Ruth	GUA	25	25	22	
10	Agnes Kulcsar	HUN	36	25	25	
11	Carlo Passiatore	ITA	48			Elected
12	Dongkook Chung	KOR	36	26	35	Elected
13	Edvinas Krungolcas	LTU	21	24	28	Elected
14	Rui Lucena	POR	9			
15	Dmitry Menshikov	RUS	23	36	38	Elected
16	Vladimir Miller	SVK	29	21	25	
17	John Moreau	USA	28	29	28	Elected

- **6 x Medical Committee Members**

There were six candidates as follows:

Natalja Ofitserova (BLR)

Marco Michelucci (BRA)

Atanas Andreev (BUL)

Mohamed Ahmed Yehia (EGY)

Paul Jackson (GBR)

Doug Stull (USA)

In advance of this election, the UKR delegation raised a motion from the floor proposing that Dmytro Kirpulianskyy (outgoing Chair of the Athletes Committee) be considered as a candidate for the Medical Committee.

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS) spoke in support of this proposal, citing Mr Kirpulianskyy's credentials as a decorated former athlete and an ambassador for Modern Pentathlon as well as his qualifications as a physician in the field of sports medicine with a good knowledge of anti-doping issues.

Dmytro Kirpulianskyy thanked the delegates for their support of his candidature and said he would accept the proposed nomination. He said that if elected he would do his best to aid the health of the athletes in future and share his knowledge.

Anthony Temple (GBR), speaking from the floor, objected to the motion on the grounds that it was unfair to some of the existing six candidates that they could be pitted against a new candidate who was in attendance at Congress and could therefore promote his candidature directly unlike the others, not all of whom were present.

UIPM President announced that any candidates not present could be represented by an address from their NF in the interests of equality. All candidates not present were duly represented in this way. Two candidates, Atanas Andreev (BUL) and Prof Mohamed Ahmed Yehia (EGY), spoke in person.

UIPM Secretary General then explained that in order for Mr Kirpulianskyy to be elected, he would first have to receive a 2/3 majority of support to approve this additional request to accept new candidate, then another 2/3 majority to support his candidature.

Roll call of the Members

UIPM Secretary General performed another roll call and the figures were as follows:

- Nations present: 76
- Athletes' vote: 1
- Majority: 39
- 2/3 majority: 52

The motion to approve the candidature of Dmytro Kirpulianskyy resulted in 32 votes in favour. Motion not passed.

A motion was raised to have an open vote to elect the six original candidates. There were 63 votes in favour of the open vote.

A simple majority in the open vote was required for all six candidates to be elected. There were 69 votes in favour. **All six candidates were elected.**

- **4 x Business Affairs Committee Members**

There were six candidates as follows:

Celso Sooma Sasaqui (BRA)

Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL)

Barry Tompkins (CAN)

Ali Assem (EGY)

Andris Feldmanis (LAT)

Anna Bordiugova (UKR)

Roll call of the Members

UIPM Secretary General performed another roll call and the figures were as follows:

- Nations present: 75

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- Athletes' vote: 1
- Majority: 39

It was announced that candidates would be voted in by a simple majority. The voting was as follows:

Celso Sooma Sasaqui (BRA): 48 votes

Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL): 45 votes

Barry Tompkins (CAN): 55 votes

Ali Assem (EGY): 41 votes

Andris Feldmanis (LAT): 47 votes

Anna Bordiugova (UKR): 29 votes

The elected members were **Celso Sooma Sasaqui (BRA)**, **Andrey Kuzmanov (BUL)**, **Barry Tompkins (CAN)** and **Andris Feldmanis (LAT)**.

Business Affairs Committee				
1	Celso Sooma Sasaqui	BRA	48	Elected
2	Andrey Kuzmanov	BUL	45	Elected
3	Barry Tompkins	CAN	55	Elected
4	Ali Assem	EGY	41	
5	Andris Feldmanis	LAT	47	Elected
6	Anna Bordiugova	UKR	29	

At the conclusion of the Elections, the UIPM President thanked all of the tellers, scrutineers and election commission, especially to Kitty Chiller (AUS) who was presented with a drink for her role as Master of Ceremonies. UIPM President congratulated all those elected on behalf of the EB.

✓ APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBER FEDERATIONS

Haiti was proposed as a new Member Federation of UIPM by the NORCECA Confederation. There was a round of applause to approve the proposal. UIPM President said that the IOC had launched special projects in Haiti aimed at helping the country recover from recent natural disasters and he promised that UIPM would help too.

✓ UIPM EVENTS PRESENTATIONS

Hasan Huseyin Oner (TUR), accompanied by interpreter Adna Abdukic Kaymakci, addressed Congress on the Turkish NF's plans for the 69th UIPM Congress in Antalya (TUR) in 2017. Mr Huseyin Oner said it would be an honour to host both the Congress and the Biathle/Triathlon World Championships in October/November 2017, and expressed their commitment to hosting a great event.

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The TUR delegation thanked their GER counterparts for the “beautiful organisation” of the 68th UIPM Congress and encouraged all members to attend Antalya in 2017.

They delivered a visual presentation highlighting the beautiful landscape and important history of Antalya, which is the current Expo host, and explained that the reason for a change in location was due to Antalya’s favourable resort location and ample supply of quality hotels. UIPM President thanked the TUR delegation for their presentation, and accepted the change of location.

✓ UIPM ANNUAL AWARDS AND HONORARY MEMBERS

UIPM Secretary General announced that it was time to reveal the new competition hosts as decided by the EB.

- 2017 Laser-Run World Championships: Cape Town (RSA)
- 2018 Senior World Championships: Mexico City (MEX)
- 2018 World Cup Final: Almaty (KAZ)
- 2018 World Cup #3: Sofia (BUL)
- 2018 Masters World Championships: Halle (GER)
- 2019 Senior World Championships: Budapest (HUN)
- 2019 Youth A World Championships: Sofia (BUL)
- 2019 Biathle/Triathle World Championships: Sarasota (USA)
- 2020 Youth A World Championships: Egypt

UIPM President announced that it was time to recognise the best-performing modern pentathletes of 2016. No athletes were present so NF representatives were asked to receive the trophies and prize money. UIPM Treasurer performed Master of Ceremonies duties and named the following athletes as recipients of awards for placing in the top six of the Pentathlon World Rankings (PWR).

- Top Six Female Athletes on Pentathlon World Ranking: 1 Lena Schoeneborn (GER), 2 Elodie Clouvel (FRA), 3 Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), 4 Zsofia Foldhazi (HUN), 5 Annika Schleu (GER), 6 Qian Chen (CHN).
- Top Six Male Athletes on Pentathlon World Ranking: 1 Valentin Prades (FRA), 2 James Cooke (GBR), 3 Valentin Belaud (FRA), 4 Amro Elgeziry (EGY), 5 Ismael Hernandez Uscanga (MEX), 6 Adam Marosi (HUN).

Other athlete awards were presented as follows:

Best Junior Female Athlete: **Kim Sunwoo** (KOR)

Best Junior Male Athlete: **Charles Fernandez** (GUA)

Best Senior Female Athlete: **Lena Schoeneborn** (GER)

Best Senior Male Athlete: **Alexander Lesun** (RUS)

Best Modern Pentathlon Team: **Russia** (followed by 2 Hungary, 3 Italy, 4 Korea, 5 Germany)

Coach of the Year: **Daniel Esposito** (AUS)

Best Contribution 2016: **Absolute Fencing**

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Fair Play: **All of the male athletes in the 2016 Champion of Champions**

UIPM Treasurer explained that those athletes who competed in Doha (QAT) earned the award because of their sportsmanlike conduct in gathering together to applaud across the line a Qatari athlete who had entered the competition and finished last. He said that each athlete would receive a diploma.

Best Organisers 2016: **RUS** (Senior World Championships, Moscow)

Best Promoted Competition: **QAT** (Champion of Champions, Doha)

Best Overall Competition: **BRA** (Rio 2016 Olympic Games)

UIPM President made special presentations to the following long-serving UIPM office-bearers:

Timur Dossymbetov (KAZ): The late UIPM EB Member was given a posthumous award to be handed by KAZ delegation to his family.

Sameh Guemeih (EGY): The outgoing President of the African Confederation was given a medal conferring Honorary Life Membership of UIPM.

John Pennell (AUS): The outgoing President of the Oceania Confederation was given a medal conferring Honorary Life Membership of UIPM.

UIPM President and UIPM Treasurer presented UIPM Hall of Fame diplomas to representatives of all inductees except the two who had been present at the official opening of Congress - **Stephanie Cook** (GBR) and **Zsuzsanna Voros** (HUN) – and **Juan Antonio Samaranch** (ESP), who was represented by his son Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. The recipients during this session were:

- Rob Stull (USA): On behalf of **General George Smith Patton**
- Kari Rasmuson (SWE): On behalf of **General Sven Thofelt** and **William Grut**
- Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS): On behalf of **Pavel Lednev**
- Anastasios Pentazidis (GRE): On behalf of **HM King Constantine**
- Gyula Bretz (HUN): On behalf of **Andras Balczo**
- Prof Dr Norbert Muller (Chairman of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee): On behalf of **Baron Pierre de Coubertin**

✓ ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President reflected on the 68th UIPM Congress and stated that the UIPM Movement has never been so highly respected in the IOC Family, as the IOC President had underlined at the official opening of Congress on November 24.

He praised the ongoing work of all federations around the world and expressed gratitude for Congress taking place in a spirit of peace and friendship, and wished delegates and their families the best for 2017 and the coming years. He encouraged delegates to continue to be visionaries and to never stop thinking how they can do things better.

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Secretary General concluded Congress by inviting all delegates to the gala dinner and asking members of the Executive Board to meet at 0930 next day.

The 68th UIPM Congress was closed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Klaus Schormann'.

Dr h.c. Klaus Schormann
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Shiny Fang'.

Shiny Fang
Secretary General