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Tbilisi (GEO), 25-26 November 2017



■ ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS

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

UIPM President welcomed delegates to the 69th UIPM Congress.

He thanked the national federation of Georgia for organising the congress and most especially Dr. Viacheslav Malishev for his leadership. He welcomed new federations and honorary members present in the audience.

Georgian Modern Pentathlon and Triathlon National Federation President, Dr. Viacheslav Malishev welcomed the delegates in Tbilisi and wished fruitful discussions.

UIPM Secretary General also welcomed delegates to the Congress.

Election of three tellers of votes and two scrutineers by show of hands upon proposal of the UIPM President:

Tellers of votes (3):

- Dominic Mahony (GBR)
- Nilton Rolim (BRA)
- Jongil Jeong (KOR)

Scrutineers (2):

- Anna Bajan (POL)
- Sharif El-Erian (EGY)

All appointments were approved

■ ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

2017 Congress agenda

1. Roll-call of the Members
2. Election of three tellers of votes and two scrutineers
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Approval of the minutes of 2016 congress in Frankfurt (GER)
5. Report of the President on the activities of the Executive Board
6. Report of the Secretary General
7. Report of the Treasurer
8. Report of representatives of other UIPM bodies
 - a) Vice-Presidents
 - 1st Vice-President
 - Vice-President for Business Affairs
 - Other Vice-Presidents
 - b) Committees:
 - Chairman of Coaches Committee
 - Chairwoman of Athletes Committee

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- Chairwoman of Medical Committee
- Report of Masters Committee
- c) EB Members reports:
 - EB Member for Sport
 - EB Member for Marketing
 - EB Member for Media
 - EB member for Development
- 9. Report of the Honorary Auditors
- 10. Adoption of the budget plan and approval of the budget for the forthcoming financial year
- 11. Decisions concerning Continental Confederations:
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - Europe
 - NORCECA
 - Oceania
 - South America
- 12. Decisions about suspended members and new members approval
- 13. Decisions on motions submitted:
 - a) Motions from the Executive Board
 - b) Motions and proposals from the National Federations
- 14. UIPM events awards and presentations
- 15. UIPM Annual Awards
- 16. Any other business

■ **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 2016**

The minutes were approved.

■ **REPORT OF THE UIPM PRESIDENT, DR. H.C. KLAUS SCHORMANN**

Before starting with his report, UIPM President excused 3 Executive Board members: 1st Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch, Jr. who was leading a meeting at his other functions as an IOC Vice-President, Athletes Committee Chairperson Aya Medany whom the President had met beforehand and whose report was given later in the Congress, and Asia Confederation President, Sangwoo Park who was stuck for official reasons in Korea.

Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann also asked for a minute of silence in honour of those who died in 2017.

The UIPM President gave a verbal report to complement his written report in the Congress book.

He began by thanking the National Federations, Executive Board and Commissions and Committees of UIPM as well as all competition organisers, staff and media, sponsors New Balance and Absolute Fencing and homologated equipment providers. He provided a summary of the 2017 competition season and noted the success of the Laser-Run City Tour, which should be seen as a commercial opportunity for

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organisers and a means of increasing UIPM's legitimacy as an International Federation, but always as part of the ladder to Modern Pentathlon.

The President stressed the importance of UIPM's relationship with the IOC and acknowledged that the IOC was not in an easy position due to a number of scandals corrupting the excellent sport happening in the movement, making some sponsors reluctant to trust Olympic sports. He called for all delegates to help the movement by providing good governance and clean competition, to be true to the legacy of Coubertin. He reported that relations with the IOC and its sport department were excellent and that the IOC session in Lausanne had secured Modern Pentathlon's status as a core sport for Paris 2024. No sports are yet decided for Los Angeles 2028 but he said UIPM had a good relationship with the IOC.

Dr Schormann spoke about the good relationship with ANOC, albeit it was a setback not to be included in the first World Beach Games in San Diego (USA) in 2019, with discussions continuing. Similarly, it was a setback for the Mixed Relay not to be included in the sport programme for Tokyo 2020, but he reported that everything is running smoothly towards the Olympic Games. Similarly the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires was progressing well and he stressed the importance of a good presentation of Mixed Relay in the interests of Paris 2024.

He reflected on UIPM's new partnership with Eurosport and said there was mutual satisfaction and the deal would continue. He invited remarks on UIPM's presence on new (social) media which is growing in importance. He mentioned a special presentation given during the World Championships in Cairo to recognise the elite coaches of UIPM and to unveil the first pentathlon coaching manual.

He listed three strategic goals, as follows:

1. Clean sport, clean athletes and education from NFs to athletes on how to choose the right coaches
2. All religious groups to be able to participate in MP
3. Focus on youth and development competitions and close collaboration with FISU (next year WUC in Budapest)

He added that UIPM Para-Sport was also important but asked delegates never to forget that the main objective is Modern Pentathlon and wherever competitions are organised, the word "pentathlon" should feature to make it clear what UIPM supports. He noted that Laser-Run is a great tool that helps develop Modern Pentathlon and should be pushed and promoted.

REPORT APPROVED

■ REPORT OF THE UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL, MRS. SHINY FANG

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

Before starting her presentation, Mrs. Fang warmly thanked the IOC, the volunteers as well as the UIPM staff team for their efforts throughout the year.

Her report covered the following parts:

- IOC evaluation of Modern Pentathlon at Rio 2016 Olympic Games (presented in January)

- Mrs. Fang shared the indicators highlighted by the IOC and commented that they were close to the lowest levels of any sport and concluded that even though some numbers were above average, there was a lot of room for improvement in view of Tokyo 2020.
- UIPM events and participation
 - Through the analysis of internal figures, the Secretary General established that the number of participating nations was increasing. Participation at major UIPM Modern Pentathlon events was stable and 2017 figures were normal for an International Federation on its first post-Olympic year. Other UIPM development sports showed a good trend in terms of participation.
 - Mrs. Fang stated that the UIPM Sports Pyramid is an essential tool for growing participation and commented that although there are different ways to get involved with Modern Pentathlon at grassroots level, Laser-Run is the easiest and constitutes our base discipline. She highlighted the importance of Laser-Run as a standalone discipline which is easy to stage in development countries where there may be no swimming pools. She reported that the 2017 Laser-Run City Tour was a success with an average of 200 athletes per event and said the UIPM had already received 129 applications approved by the Executive Board for 2018.
- Development (4E)
 - Mrs Fang reminded the audience about the 4E development programme which consisted of Equipment, Education, Empowerment and Expansion, with an update on each of the four areas.
- Funding and resources
 - Mrs Fang reported that the financial structure of UIPM consisted of 65% income from the IOC, 12% from sponsorship deals and the rest composed of membership fees, investments and media rights.
 - The Secretary General reminded the nations that a questionnaire about funding was sent out but received only 39 responses. The results indicated that most member federations still relied on public funding while others depend on other sources of income. She underlined the challenge for national federations to become sustainable.
- Communications
 - The UIPM's communications reach was decent in comparison with other international federations, according to Mrs Fang, who said the union would keep putting the emphasis on digital and social media in order to attract a newer, younger audience.
- Administration
 - She reported that the Secretariat had undergone structural changes after requests from the Executive Board and some National Federations, including the creation of an independent financial department which had previously been attached to the administration and human resources department
 - Mrs Fang stated that the UIPM staff was a team of devoted and talented individuals who worked only for the good of the organization and its sports.

REPORT APPROVED

■ **REPORT OF THE UIPM TREASURER, MR. JOHN HELMICK**

Mr Helmick gave a verbal report to accompany the financial report in the Congress book.

Mr Helmick reported that revenue from New Balance and Absolute Fencing should be used to support the UIPM budget but insisted that UIPM would continue to follow financial guidelines.

He referenced his written report, which stated that UIPM was on track after nine months of 2017 to be at 76% of the annual budget, and with most expenditure during the summer he predicted that UIPM would continue to be on budget. He reflected on 2016, which ended with a 2% overspend on budget, but he reported that total revenues for 2017 had exceeded projections by \$271,500.

Looking forward, the Treasurer said UIPM would continue to follow financial controls based on an annual budget of \$3.9m for the remainder of the 2020 Olympic cycle, and urged delegates to understand that it was important to make controlled economic decisions, respect travel guidelines and always look for the cheapest travel options.

In financial reporting terms, UIPM moved closer to international standards with the accounting system, remained a cash-based operation for now but with a need to move to an accrual-based system for accounting to comply with international accounting standards. He said this would happen in 2018 and answered a motion from GBR regarding international accounting standards by stressing that this was the UIPM's goal – with the help of KPMG who had been retained due to their presence in Monaco.

Sebastian Dietz (GER): "You're showing us that we can have a higher revenue by almost \$300,000 — is this something that we can continue for the future?"

Response from John Helmick: "We cannot expect the same even though we have made some good decisions for instance when the EUR was 1.08 to the USD, we bought €2m and that effectively improved our budget by \$153'000 — 60% of our expenditure is in EUR which means every time the currency fluctuates that affects our Union and this is why we monitor the USD/EUR exchange rate very carefully. I can't tell you that we will have the same luck in 2018."

Dominic Mahony (GBR): "Thank you for the explanation about the intention to meet international accounting standards and we are reassured that the UIPM can be seen as a legitimate IF."

REPORT APPROVED

■ **REPORT OF THE UIPM VICE PRESIDENT FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS, MR. VIACHESLAV AMINOV**

Mr Aminov expressed his greetings to the UIPM family and his gratitude for all those who cooperated with his Business Affairs department.

Mr Aminov began with a summary of his assessment on where the UIPM movement sits after one year of the Tokyo 2020 cycle and reported on Russia's hosting of the 2017 Kremlin Cup, which attracted a number of top athletes with a prize fund of \$100,000 plus Government support. Mr Aminov said the organising committee had contacted national TV networks in Russia and encouraged them to attract their foreign partners, an approach he recommended to the LOC of the 2017 World Championships (Mexico City).

Mr Aminov said the organization of the Business Affairs department was similar to that of the Marketing and Media departments in that the main goal is to improve pentathlon's recognition. He stated that the UIPM movement had new fans, promising athletes and a base from which to attract sponsors. An important aspect of this, he said, was the new sport of Laser-Run, which in Russia has attracted sponsors by itself as a massive and sustainable competition, and which should have no less than 65 competitions all over the world. He said that the Business Affairs Committee would include a new department which will work only with sponsors, with the aim of attracting sponsors through live broadcasts on leading channels.

REPORT APPROVED

■ **REPORT OF THE UIPM VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. JOËL BOUZOU**

Mr Bouzou reflected on his involvement in the promotion of UIPM and paid tribute to the other VPs present as well as the Executive Board whose role is to support the President.

Mr Bouzou focused on Laser-Run as a new tool that cannot be taken away from UIPM and should be used as a spectacle and format that can support Modern Pentathlon into the future. He mentioned his involvement with Peace and Sport and how this enabled him to communicate with many stakeholders including NOCs and the IOC itself. He encouraged former Olympians to get more involved with their NOCs and offered to help in this regard. Mr Bouzou (FRA) also said that he wanted to connect his UIPM duties with Paris 2024 in his capacity as NF President. Specifically, he focused on the fact the Mixed Relay did not get on the Olympic programme for 2020 and discussed how this might be rectified in 2024, not through numbers but through creative strategies and a collective campaign involving all National Federations.

REPORT APPROVED

■ **REPORT OF THE UIPM VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. BERIK IMASHEV**

Mr Imashev reported on a 2016 visit to Turkmenistan where the issue of collaboration and the development of pentathlon in the Asian region was discussed at Governmental level, leading to some arrangements; meanwhile a visit to some of the country's sports facilities convinced him that Turkmenistan has great potential for developing Modern Pentathlon. In June 2017 the 1st Biathlon and Triathlon Asian Championship for all age categories was held in the Kazakhstan resort of Burabay with 265 athletes from five countries taking part, and during the competition two seminars were held: one for judges and another to assist the delegation of Pakistan with the theory and practice of laser shooting. Also in 2017 the UIPM Biathlon & Triathlon National Tour was successfully held in Kapchagay City (KAZ) and Mr Imashev attended the Asian Championship in Gotemba (JAP) and took part in the Asian Congress. He raised a number of issues related to the identification of certain weak sides in the functioning of the Asian Confederation, among them the shortcomings in the work of the Secretary General of AMPC which were reflected in the minutes of the AMPC Congress.

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■ REPORT OF THE UIPM VICE-PRESIDENT, MR. JUAN MANZO

Mr Manzo highlighted some important events that were held in the Americas region in 2017 including:

- Qualification for the Youth Olympic Games (14 nations)
- Pan-American competition for Youth A, B and C with 200+ athletes which represents an increase
- Pan-American seminar for 28 coaches

He reported on the qualification for YOG in Merida (MEX) with a lot of participation and a Pan-American seminar which was held with the help of Nilton Rolim, President of CISM, during which the situation of the continent was discussed. He also mentioned the three LRCTs held in Mexico and efforts that were begun to rebuild the federation in Costa Rica and Colombia. He concluded by saying he was looking forward to the 2018 Senior World Championships in Mexico City.

REPORT APPROVED

■ REPORT OF THE UIPM EB MEMBER FOR SPORT, MR. JANUSZ PECIAK

Mr Peciak started by thanking all coaches, athletes, Technical Delegates and all other officials for their hard work and contribution to the sport.

As Member of Sport he said he supported the philosophy that we need to keep the stability and consistency of competition rules but reminded delegates that this is not easy. He urged TDs to develop closer cooperation with the Coaches and Athletes Committees, starting with the next meeting in Frankfurt (GER), to create rules that are better, fairer and easier to understand. He spoke positively about the recent Judges Certification Programme (JCP) workshop organised by UIPM in Monaco and the incredible work of UIPM Operations Manager Alexandre França and Competitions Manager Philip Waeffler. Mr. Peciak said many judges seminars were organised in 2017 all over the world and this would continue in order to keep raising the quality of competitions. He reflected on the work done across four levels of the Coaches Certification Program (CCP) and said the next step would be the arrange of high-quality camps in countries with strong pentathlon programmes to cover:

- Athlete recruitment policy
- Basic training program
- Facilities
- Level of coaches
- Training periods
- Daily costs
- Conditions

Mr. Peciak said a short film would be made available on the UIPM website for beginner coaches to teach them how to start pentathlon.

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Riding

Mr. Peciak said the changes he proposed 2 years ago at Congress in Taipei had been proved right and admitted there were still issues with athlete performance and horse quality with some exceptions in 2017 where the army provided very high-quality horses. He warned NFs that if Riding performances from athletes did not improve, some would be suspended from the discipline until he or she could improve their performance.

Fencing

Mr Peciak said that the 2017 Congress would feature a push for double points in the Bonus Round to make the discipline more valuable and respected.

Laser-Run

Mr Peciak praised the unpredictability and drama of Laser-Run and the excellent performance of the Laser Precision Targets.

Biathle/Triathle

He acknowledged the rapidly growing popularity of these development sports but urged more support and better quality of performance, and an increase in TDs and judges taking part.

Mixed Relay

The Member for Sport mentioned that the IOC sent official delegates to Cairo (EGY) for the 2017 Senior World Championships to evaluate Mixed Relay, and during the event there were several meetings led by UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann, which he said he had resulted in very good feedback.

Finally, Mr Peciak said the following improvements should be targeted during the Tokyo 2020 cycle:

- More athletes in full pentathlon in Category A competitions (3 semi-finals for women and men)
- Improving quality of riding (athletes and horses)
- Better calendar planning for seniors, juniors and youth
- Shorten competition time

REPORT APPROVED

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann gave a special thanks to Janusz Peciak and the Technical Committee.

■ **REPORT OF THE UIPM EB MEMBER FOR MARKETING, MARTIN DAWE**

Mr. Dawe gave a verbal speech to accompany his presentation and branding review (see Appendix)

He said that one of the objectives set for 2017 was to offer tailored support to LOCs and to build a strong UIPM brand. He reported that the UIPM shop was in its early days but doing well with products updated all the time. He highlighted the importance of branding and venue dressing, which had become more consistent and higher quality in recent years which is important for sponsor recognition and exposure. Laser-Run has been a focus in 2017 and it was important that there was a consistent presentation with

organizers supplied with kits. There were also advertising and commercial TV spots on Eurosport, as well as the creation of the mobile app, which has a lot of potential to help UIPM activate sponsorship deals.

REPORT ACCEPTED

During the BAC meeting in London Mr. Dawe said UIPM branding was discussed and it was decided to hire the services of a leading sports marketing agency to manage the redesign of our logo and identity. After a study and comparison with other federations' brand development, Mr Dawe said it was decided that evolution, not revolution should be applied and in order to reduce confusion, there would be an institutional logo and a different marketing/spectator logo. Gender equality is represented in the new institutional logo while the marketing logo includes the term "World Pentathlon" while keeping the traditional ring and UIPM logotype. He said brand guidelines would be produced and distributed early in 2018.

Sharif El-Erian (EGY): "Will this be explained during the Organisers' Workshop that will be held in Monaco? I hope you have a clear way of explaining that since we will organize the first World Cup event in Cairo (EGY)."

UIPM President: "Along with the Executive Board, we have finished the discussions about this topic and be reassured that you will all get the guidelines and not only the organisers but all the national and continental federations."

Benny Elmann-Larsen (DEN): "I've always found it difficult that for non-French speakers to understand what the name means, we could consider adding the text in English."

UIPM President: "We are part of the heritage of Baron Pierre de Coubertin and don't forget that French is along with English the official language of the IOC, therefore we will not change this and not alter our heritage."

■ REPORT OF THE UIPM EB MEMBER FOR MEDIA, MR. ANDREJUS ZADNEPROVSKIS

Mr. Zadneprovskis said that in 2017, UIPM continued to build a strong media platform to attract the younger generation, concentrating a lot on social media and achieving good results. UIPM hired the services of a new operational partner based in the UK, Pro-Active Broadcast, who produced highlights and live TV programming of UIPM competitions. Another important TV development was the partnership with Eurosport which included live TV coverage during the World Cup Final and the Senior World Championships with very good results. Electronic publications represented a large share of activities with 144 website articles, 77 press releases in English and Chinese languages and 12 stories published in IOC Olympic Highlights.

Mr. Zadneprovskis remarked that the priority for 2018 would be the improvement of on-screen graphics, which can assist the way people consume the sport with more informative graphics and data. He warmly thanked the UIPM Media Manager.

REPORT ACCEPTED

UIPM President thanked Andrejus Zadneprovskis and reminded delegates that marketing and media always go hand in hand together, also with competition organisers.

■ REPORT OF THE UIPM EB MEMBER FOR DEVELOPMENT, DR. VIACHESLAV MALISHEV

Dr. Malishev congratulated the South America and NORCECA Confederations for a great Pan-American continental YOG qualifier in Merida (MEX), which included an Under-17 continental competition in the Tetrathlon format which was successful. He also congratulated the Spanish federation for its great organization of several continental competitions with the assistance of the European Confederation. Dr. Malishev also mentioned the new NF in Thailand and the success of LRCT, which is a powerful tool but only as a support to Modern Pentathlon, which is an Olympic sport and should be supported with an increase in participants. He saluted the performance of youth athletes from all continents and some countries where there are no established coaches, such as Bolivia.

REPORT APPROVED

The UIPM President noted that Dr. Malishev is very active and has a lot of good ideas and told NFs that if they want to discuss development matters they should not hesitate to contact him.

■ REPORT OF THE COACHES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR. CHRISTIAN ROUDAUT

In his first address to Congress, Mr. Roudaut gave feedback on behalf of all coaches and made the points that athletes are the centre of the sport but without coaches there would be no athletes. From the base of the pyramid to the top with MP he said coaches were working hard at every level, and said that any increase in the number of coaches would increase the number of athletes and therefore the quality of the sport. In 2017 several meetings were held with the Coaches Committee to discuss and implement the CCP and specific areas about women coaching, while supporting the WMPCC, producing education material through the UIPM Educational Platform and maintaining relations with the IPC. He said that goals for 2018 would include increasing connection with other UIPM commissions, focusing on developing and implementing more educational material for coaches, and a continuation of seminars to spread knowledge.

UIPM President: "What the Union is doing is to help and to cooperate with your national coaches to bring us to a higher level of preparation of our athletes especially when it comes to the youth level."

■ REPORT OF THE ATHLETES' COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, MRS. AYA MEDANY

Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy (UKR) represented Aya Medany and commented that her report was in the Congress book but welcomed questions.

Sharif El-Erian (EGY): "In the report, there is a part about upgrading the level of athletes during Riding, so what will happen practically for the riding to upgrade the athletes level? We used to have camps on a yearly basis, is there anything new on the table now?"

UIPM President: "This was a question analyzed during the EB meeting, we had training sessions in the past but new NFs are responsible for training of athletes, the NFs need to educate their athletes properly especially when it comes to Riding."

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Sharif El-Erian (EGY): "As you said, NFs are underperforming because of the high cost of training or lack of horses, therefore can we define the number of hours that has to be determined for an athlete to compete at Category A level? The Coaches Committee can determine on that matter."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "Every NF has a system for training, it's not the UIPM's duty to determine that but the NF's."

UIPM President: "We try our best to train and guide our athletes, it's not an issue for the Union to take care of but we discussed during the Executive Board meeting a method which involves some athletes having to send a video to the Technical Delegate or LOC to evaluate their performance and ability to compete. I therefore ask the NFs to take care of that. If we had more money, we would address it specially to the formation of young athletes, to youth projects to make sure our athletes have enough training."

Sebastian Dietz (GER): "Very valid point by the Athletes Committee and I believe that is indeed the responsibility of the UIPM to take care of that because the whole UIPM brand is hurt if we have bad Riding pictures. The UIPM should enforce that riders need to send a video prior to a Category A competition to avoid these issues."

Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy (UKR): "The Athletes Committee recommends bringing back Riding camps, which is a very good tradition."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "There is a limit and we really rely on NFs to work on the issue. We had camps in 2016 and we sent invitations and we will promote it early enough for the next Olympic Games. It is the NF's responsibility to ensure the athlete is ready to ride because it can damage our brand, and hence revenue. We will implement the mandatory 1-minute video before a Category A competition and now that we have the Educational Platform, maybe we will implement this in the registration system - but we welcome suggestions."

Vadim Chudnovsky (KAZ): "I agree with Mr Peciak. During Asian competitions we have very low Riding skills and I propose to increase the responsibility of the national riding coaches if they send low-quality athletes to compete."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "To come back to what Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy was saying, we had camps for Riding but only the best athletes were sent, so it is the NF's responsibility to send development athletes instead of elite athletes."

A delegate in the audience made a remark: "I would like to support what the president said, continue this discussion, find the best solution, how many hours do we put into riding per week? Often not enough time is given to Riding and also there is the question of accessibility of horses and it is a big problem that should be taken seriously, and I agree with Janusz Peciak that we should send development athletes to training camps and not elite athletes."

Janusz Peciak: "The number of hours someone has to spend training varies on the athlete, it depends where you are but once again it is the responsibility of the NF."

■ REPORT OF THE MEDICAL COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN, DR. NATALIA OFITSEROVA

Dr. Ofitserova said that the UIPM Medical Committee of six members started work in January with Radka Zapletalova, UIPM Anti-Doping & Medical Manager, coordinating activities and carrying out antidoping management. The first Medical Committee meeting took place in Drzonkow (POL) and approved the main areas of the UIPM Medical Committee activities and the 2017 Action Plan. She said the priority was protection of health and welfare of pentathletes and the prevention of injury and illness in sport. Dr Ofitserova said UIPM was fully committed to the fight against doping and the promotion of clean sport and the protection of clean athletes. UIPM Medical Committee members supervised eight international competitions in 2017 and there was close collaboration with WADA and the IOC on the development and realization of effective Anti-Doping Programs, the implementation of the 2015 WADA Code and ensuring the rules of fair play. There were three cases of Anti-Doping rule violations published in 2017, the first connected to a sample provided at the Beijing 2008 Olympics, the second relating to an athlete's biological passport and the third resulting from a doping violation at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. UIPM remains fully committed in the fight against doping.

■ REPORT OF THE MASTERS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR. PETER ENGERISSER

Mr Engerisser said the Masters movement and community had been in a continuous state of metamorphosis in recent years. There had been a focus on transitioning Masters from a tradition-based community of formerly active (mostly male) athletes to a gender-balanced, fully integrated part of the UIPM, following UIPM statutes, regulations and competition rules. In 2017 the UIPM Masters sports movement achieved a number of significant achievements for both existing and new member groups. There was a smooth transition to Laser-Run in certain competitions which had previously featured two parallel modes of competition: classical shooting and Laser-Run. For traditional member groups, popular events such as the Winter Pentathlons in Helsinki (FIN) and Davos (SUI), as well as annual events in Tartu (EST), Neuss (GER) and Pećs (HUN) provided plenty of opportunity for social interaction. Mr Engerisser said the UIPM Masters community consisted of about 30 nations from four continents, with the female quota rapidly increasing. The 2017 season featured nine events including one in Africa (Egypt). The goal for 2018 is to offer a similar broad portfolio of competitions. The most important of them will be the 15th UIPM Masters World Championships in Halle (GER) from July 10-15.

UIPM President: "The movement is growing, and it is exciting to see how these former high-level athletes are still competing."

■ REPORT OF THE CISM MODERN PENTATHLON REPRESENTATIVE, LT. COL. NILTON ROLIM FILHO

Lt Col Rolim spoke on behalf of the CISM Military Modern Pentathlon community about the future of the sport and the importance of friendship and peace through sport. He presented the UIPM President with a CISM medal for his contribution to the CISM movement. Lt Col Rolim talked about the importance of growing participation outside Europe and said they had reactivated the regional training centre in Brazil with a view to creating development centres. CISM promoted coach and judges' education with the help of the UIPM EB, staff and TDs and had discussed the possibility of organizing an international para-military

championship. It was suggested by Lt Col Rolim that a CISM competition might be designated as an Olympic ranking competition in the run-up to Tokyo 2020.

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "CISM does a lot for our family, I know there is a lot of concern because people think this competition is closed but UIPM supports military games. We don't want to lose such good support."

UIPM President: "CISM is very important for UIPM, but when we signed the MoU there were limitations linked to the OGs, a lot of NFs also don't have support from the military therefore we need to do what's best for everybody."

UIPM Vice President, Berik Imashev: "I think that the CISM representative presented much detail of what it is going on in CISM and what UIPM can do for it. It's important to make the prestige of CISM higher in Ministries of Defence. For instance, the Ministry of Defence of Kazakhstan is not interested in developing the military sport. The CISM competition rating is not important for them. CISM should pressure Ministries of Defence."

■ REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITORS

The financial audit was held in Monaco between June 19th and June 23rd. On the first day, the UIPM President was present and all the folders containing the certificates and bookkeeping data were given to the auditors. The final report from the audit company was not handed on that day but was sent electronically later on July 27. Through new travel guidelines made in collaboration between the Honorary Auditors, the Treasurer and the Financial Committee, we expect annual savings of circa \$20,000. The budget for promotion was supposed to be \$500,000 but ultimately \$566,000 was spent and a written approval by the President was not carried out.

In order to control and manage the UIPM cashflow in a better way, the honorary auditors recommended that relevant competitions should have a specific bank account but they said this was up to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee to make that decision.

UIPM President thanked the Honorary Auditors for their work.

REPORT ACCEPTED

■ ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET PLAN AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR

UIPM Treasurer Mr. Helmick said the 2018 budget would be identical to the 2017 budget and said money would be spend with caution. He said contingency was very small and should be increased.

Sebastian Dietz (GER): "Can you tell us what the revenue of the online shop is?"

UIPM Treasurer: "The online shop is new, and we haven't been getting any revenue."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "The shop is an investment, we might sell some items in the shop but after two years we could break even but we are still at the development stage."

Benny Elmann-Larsen (DEN): "Based on laser situation, products are good, but I think we need to make sure that we are evolving a lot, we want to improve the situation: try and set up a test station, to allow the athletes to test their weapons before the competition, it's feasible, not a big amount of money, a worthwhile investment."

BUDGET ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

■ **AFRICAN CONFEDERATION (CAPM) REPORT**

Nundkishor Fakun (MRI) said he had the pleasure to submit his first report as President and welcomed all delegates to Congress on behalf of Africa.

Mr Fakun reported that Africa had 19 members, of which 10 were active and organized their National Championships, and some of whom had taken part in the Laser-Run City Tour or other Laser-Run competitions that had been successful in attracting new athletes. Egypt and South Africa organized successful International competitions that have been acclaimed by participants, while training courses had been organized for some members. Burkina Faso helped three countries prepare for admission into UIPM (see Motions), and Mr Fakun said three more countries had enquired about membership and would be helped by CAPM. He also said CAPM had established communication with the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) and asked for integration into the 1st African Beach Games as a demo sport, resulting in favourable consideration. Similarly, CAPM had applied to be a demo sport in the African Youth Games in Algeria in July 2018. Mr Fakun said that a record 10 countries would be taking part in the Senior African Championships (and Youth Olympic Games Qualifier) in Lagos (NIG) from December 4-11.

REPORT ACCEPTED

The UIPM President thanked the African Confederation President and reminded the audience that the African continent is the biggest in terms of numbers of National Olympic Committees.

■ **ASIAN CONFEDERATION REPORT**

UIPM President, Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann excused the Asian Confederation President and invited delegates to read the corresponding report on the Congress book.

ACCEPTED

■ **EUROPEAN CONFEDERATION REPORT**

President Dmitry Svatkovsky gave a verbal report to accompany his Congress report.

Mr Svatkovsky said the European Confederation had lived through a very dynamic 2017 year and reflected on the progress made in the continent since he took over in 2004. He spoke with pride on the achievement of not only holding the four main European Championships (Senior, Junior, U19 and U17) but increasing the number of European competitions by the addition of European Cups and will another, more ambitious project – the U24 European Championships. He said he was proud of the level of our main Championships

in 2017 and the record number of U19 participants (215) at the European Cup in San Boi (ESP). He reported an increase in youth interest in Modern Pentathlon and spoke of opportunities to further promote the sport in traditional centres such as Drzonkow (POL), Tata (HUN), Ratomka (BLR), San Boi (ESP), Bath (GBR) and others where European athletes can train and prepare for major events together.

Mr Svatkovsky recalled asking UIPM at the 2016 Congress to increase the ECMP budget by \$10,000 and the request was not satisfied. With the existing budget he said the confederation managed to support the organizers of four Championships and nations which need most support, but he stated that the motivation of potential organizers and support of National Federations and their athletes is the strongest instrument for the development of our sport. He admitted to frustration at Modern Pentathlon's omission from the programme of the 2019 European Games in Minsk (BLR). Together with UIPM EB members and the Modern Pentathlon Federation of Belarus he said all avenues were explored: letters, presentations of different competition concepts, political involvement, athlete support via social media, all without success. He admitted that the organisers must have had other goals or other values and said the only indirect feedback received was regarding the relatively low numbers of Modern Pentathlon athletes.

At the 2017 ECMP Congress in Minsk (BLR) during the European Championships he said the issue was discussed and they concluded that all efforts of nations must concentrate on increasing the number of athletes. In conclusion he thanked all European nations for their friendship and cooperation within ECMP, the ECMP Executive Board, President Dr Schormann and the UIPM office.

ACCEPTED

The UIPM President thanked Mr. Svatkovsky for his report and reminded the floor that Europe is still a driving pillar of the Union.

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS) reiterated Mr Svatkovsky's point about the request for additional budget which was turned down by UIPM and stressed the need for funding to finance competition activities.

UIPM President, Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann noted that the European Olympic Committees had a new Executive Board and said UIPM would contact all the Board Members, hoping to have an even closer relationship with this newly elected Executive Board so that more can be achieved collectively.

■ NORCECA CONFEDERATION REPORT

President Rob Stull (USA) gave a verbal summary to accompany his Congress report.

Mr. Stull said he and Vice President Siegfried Brand (GUA) had had a busy year including the Pan-American Championships in the Dominican Republic and the YOG Qualifier in Merida (MEX) which also hosted other youth categories. At Category A level, he mentioned that the USA hosted World Cup I in Los Angeles / Fairplex and this had led to confidence that with Los Angeles winning the right to host the 2028 Olympic Games, there would be support for more World Cup events. LA / Fairplex will also host World Cup II in 2018. Mr Stull acknowledged that there were too few active federations in NORCECA and had identified regional NOCs which do not have Modern Pentathlon under their umbrella - mostly small islands in the Caribbean. He said that the growth of products such as Laser-Run and Biathle/Triathle represented a genuine commercial and development opportunity. Resources were a big concern for the NORCECA

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nations, he added, noting that most NFs were funded through their NOC or government, but developing nations could ask for an Olympic solidarity or NGOs grant.

REPORT ACCEPTED

The UIPM President thanked the NORCECA Confederation President and said he was looking forward to a good collaboration with Fairplex.

■ **OCEANIA CONFEDERATION REPORT**

President Kitty Chiller gave a verbal report to accompany her Congress report.

Mrs Chiller acknowledged that Oceania was a very small confederation with only 2 active members - Australia and New Zealand - but the fact that it had a female Olympic champion in Chloe Esposito (AUS) should give hope to the smaller NFs. She reported that discussions were ongoing with 4 other NOCs while there was a brand new Executive Board in Oceania putting the emphasis on development with the first Laser-Run City Tour in 2017 and many applications for 2018. She also mentioned a solid World Schools Biathlon strategy and the hope of participating in the 1st World University Modern Pentathlon Championships in Budapest (HUN) in 2018. She said that for the pentathlon movement in Oceania, focusing on youth was the priority.

The UIPM President expressed his happiness that Oceania was being dynamic and congratulated Mrs Chiller.

■ **SOUTH AMERICAN CONFEDERATION REPORT**

President Jorge Salas gave a verbal report to accompany his Congress report.

Mr Salas reported that the Congress of the Pan American Sports Organization (PASO) held in Punta del Este (URU) in April 2017 and featured the election as PASO President of Neven Ilic Alvarez, President of the Chile Olympic Committee, and Secretary General Mr Ivar Sisniega. He said the two members of the PASO Executive Board had a special affection for pentathlon and would ensure that the sport received all necessary support. In view of the 2019 Pan-American Games, Mr Salas said the objectives were to increase to 32 the number of women participating and to include Mixed Relay. He predicted it would be a busy year in 2018 with the organisation of the Youth Olympic Games in Argentina, the Pan-American Games in Peru, the ODESUR Games in BOL and the Caribbean Games in COL. Mr Salas said that as part of the LOC he would have good information and good contacts.

■ **DECISIONS ABOUT SUSPENDED MEMBERS AND NEW MEMBERS APPROVAL**

The UIPM Secretary General introduced the proposed new member federations to the delegates and explained the requirements the new members had to go through.

UIPM President Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann then asked for delegates to vote.

Mali: PASSED

Niger: PASSED

Togo: PASSED

The UIPM President congratulated the new member federations as well as President of the African Confederation.

■ DECISIONS ON MOTIONS SUBMITTED

Motions from the Executive Board

Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang commented that the motions from the Executive Board were sent out to the delegates within 30 days before the first session of Congress as per UIPM Statutes and that no remarks had been sent to UIPM HQ.

i) **Modern Pentathlon rules**

Mrs. Fang reminded the delegates that according to the statutes §24.1, the vote needed $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

It had been agreed that the delegates would vote section by section.

This part of the motion covered the number of athletes who can be included in Laser Run shooting groups during qualification rounds; the number of athletes per NF who can attend World Cups and World Cup Finals; the mechanism by which a tie can be decided; team classification in an individual competition; world records criteria; and finally the rules for elimination and disqualification.

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS): About team classification in an individual competition (§1.18.5), we all know that we had misunderstandings about the rules during the Senior World Championships in Cairo (EGY) and U19 World Championships in Prague (CZE). There was a confusion about the sense of the 6th rule and therefore she asked for a simplification of the meaning of that rule.

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "You are correct that it isn't fully clear, therefore my suggestion is to change this rule to: 'In a final, among teams with the same number of athletes, the winner is the team with the highest score. If there is a tie, 1.18.4 applies. If it is impossible to break the tie, they will be declared equal.'"

The wording at §1.18.5 was approved and corrected and the motion was unanimously approved.

01 Fencing

A range of changes to the rules was presented in this motion, covering areas such as the presentation of the event, the order of bouts, the value of scoring in the Bonus Round and the criteria of the Penalty Table.

Dominic Mahony (GBR): "In §2.5.2.1, it is said that 'Each bout won by a pentathlete/team receives 2 (two) MP bonus points'. We believe that it is very important that we reject this proposal because Modern Pentathlon is about the balance between 5 disciplines and if we increase the Bonus Round, we further unbalance our sport. Fencing represents 36% of the pentathlon score and unless we reduce the importance of the ranking round (which is not the proposal), we further unbalance the pentathlon score."

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UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "This motion is a result of a request from the athletes and coaches because they want to add excitement to the fencing. We even got requests from some coaches to increase the score by 6 points."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "This proposal was the result of requests from 3 different committees: Technical Committee, Athletes Committee and Coaches Committee."

Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy (UKR): "Increase the Bonus Round points is a very sensitive topic for athletes, we accepted the Bonus Round only because we wanted to increase the popularity of our sport. Today, we feel that increasing the number of points in the Bonus Round is not fair to strong athletes. Furthermore, I think that we should follow the Olympic Charter which stipulates that every sport should follow fair play principles. For these reasons, I believe that we should withdraw this motion."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "We received the request from the Athletes Committee's Chairwoman, Aya Medany and therefore the request is considered valid."

Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy (UKR): "I have correspondence that can prove that the Athletes' Committee did not agree on that motion."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "We will analyze your request later."

Sebastian Dietz (GER): "The reason why we decided to implement the Bonus Round is because we wanted to put the emphasis on the show. We agreed on voting the motion that implemented the Bonus Round because it was for us a way to stay in the Olympic programme by being innovative. However, we agreed on it to be simply a good show meaning without much effect on the points balance. I believe that we should keep it as it is and don't change because we need stability as we keep changing the rules too often."

Coaches Committee Chairman, Christian Roudaut: "We had discussions about this motion during the Coaches Committee meetings and we believe that we should put the light on the Bonus Round during the event. We agree to follow the decision of the Technical Committee on that motion."

Bondi Endre Kovats (ESP): "After the Olympic Games, we decided on changes about the rules then we said that we will not change the rules again after 4 years. Yet, today we are again talking about changing them."

Peter Engerisser (GER): "We are focusing on the athletes only, but I remember clearly during the Bonus Round event in the Olympic Games that commentators mentioned that it is a nice event but that it wasn't that interesting because it wouldn't have any effect on the real outcome. If the audience realizes that it is just for the show but it doesn't have a real impact on the result, then it could have a negative impact in terms of perception of our sport."

Tatiana Ardabieva (RUS): "I fully agree with Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy (UKR) and Sebastian Dietz (GER). I remember during the Senior World Championships in 2014 when we discussed this issue and that we all agreed including the athletes that it was a good thing only if it didn't affect the end result. I also agree with Bondi Endre Kovats (ESP) that we cannot change the rules every minute and let's wait at least for the end of that 4-year period."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "The Executive Board agreed on what the committees have submitted but it also wants to stay neutral on that matter."

Sebastian Dietz (GER) asked for a secret vote and his request was accepted.

The article §2.5.2. was not passed in the motion.

Apart from this article, the motion was unanimously approved.

02 Swimming / 03 Riding

These parts of the motion covered areas such as the precise dimensions of Swimming pools, the rules of Riding during mounting and warm-up, the execution of the course and relay transitions.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motions.

A remark from the floor highlighted that the issue raised by Spain about Congress deciding it shouldn't vote any changes in rules before the end of the Olympic cycle hadn't been answered.

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "These changes are about rewording and rephrasing to make it more understandable for you all and that there are no substantial changes."

UIPM Vice-President, Joël Bouzou: "To answer your question, the statutes mention that the competition rules can be amended in the year of the Olympic Games and the year following the Olympic Games, which means any motion is valid and can be submitted to a vote."

04 Laser Run

The motion covered areas such as the mandatory appointment of a Laser Run Director and Shooting Judge at competitions, infringements and penalties including elimination and disqualification criteria, and equipment regulations.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

ii) Biathlon and Triathlon competition rules

This motion covered a wide range of changes to the rules of the two UIPM development sports, with illustrations accompanying the written descriptions in the Congress Book.

Alexis Kyriakides (CYP) spoke from the floor and raised a safety concern. He said: "I believe that we should raise the water temperature because this would be too cold for small children and there is a risk of injury or panic attack."

UIPM President, Dr Klaus Schormann replied: "I believe this is right and that we should raise the temperature from 16°C to 18°C."

UIPM Secretary General said the motion would be changed, and the delegates approved the motion.

iii) Anti-Doping Rules and Anti-Doping Procedures

Rules: Further to a WADA request to align UIPM Anti-Doping Rules with the latest update of the WADA code, the motion proposed that UIPM anti-doping rules be slightly amended to clearly allocate testing costs and to provide for a stronger support from National Federations in getting athletes' whereabouts information. Amendments were only to article 5 of the Anti-Doping Rules where there is a more efficient allocation of the testing costs as well as a clarification on the information athletes should provide. Article 5 was further modified

to insert a new paragraph dedicated to the introduction of the testing pool of athletes and national teams and their obligations.

Procedures: Further to the WADA request as outlined above, the Anti-Doping Procedures were proposed to be slightly amended to clearly allocate testing costs and to provide for a stronger support from National Federations in getting athletes' whereabouts information. Editorial changes have been made to have clearer procedures. At WADA request the table inserted in article 7 has been deleted. The reason for doing so is that said table is considered as a simple guidance for testing and it shouldn't be considered as a rule. WADA further requested to high the quantity of urine samples to be collected (from 75 ml. to 90ml) and, at the same time, to make 1500 metres the altitude relevant for anti-doping purposes. Those requests have been implemented in article 8.1 and 8.2 respectively. Access to laboratory during testing has been restricted to laboratories' personnel only as per WADA recommendations. Definition and relevance of "UIPM Testing pool" have been inserted in article 4. Mechanics of a second blood testing have been inserted in article 10. Article 11 has been modified to insert new provisions in line with those of WADA for granting a TUE.

There was a question about the repartition of costs for anti-doping tests which did not affect the motion, and which was answered by UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang. She also explained that WADA came back with remarks that were added as an amendment which will require the ⅔ majority.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion as well as its amendments (Rules + Procedures).

iv) **UIPM Para-Sport regulations and classification rules for Laser-Run**

The regulations and classification rules were printed in full in the Congress Book with visual explanations where required.

There was a question about the disciplines and the categorisation by Bondi Endre Kovats (ESP) which was answered by the UIPM President but did not have any impact on the motion.

There were no remarks and Congress unanimously approved the motion.

Motions and proposal from NFs

Canada motion no. 1

The motion proposed an addition to the Riding rules as follows: "The bridle must be fitted with a bit with a single rein attached. The rein must be attached to the mouthpiece part of the bit and not as a curb rein. Mechanical hackamores are not permitted."

The Executive Board did not recommend this motion.

The motion was not passed.

Canada motion no. 2

The motion proposed a reversal on the convention of the lowest-ranked competitor beginning the Riding round first.

The Executive Board did not recommend this motion.

The motion was not passed.

Finland motion no. 1

A proposal was put forward to change the balance of continental representation and competition scoring to ensure equality amongst athletes from different continents and to simplify the rules and to be able to treat athletes from different continents equally.

The Executive Board did not recommend this motion.

Terho Mustonen (FIN): "The idea behind the motion is to ensure equality and fairness amongst the athletes. At the moment, we can have a situation in which, especially on the female side, we have a competition with qualification rounds and finals and a large number of top athletes; and then in other competitions where we have a very low number of athletes and both of these competitions will give the same amount of points in the world ranking. We all know that the world ranking is a very important tool for some governments and public institutions to calculate funding."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "This rule came in order to give more chances for other continents to qualify to World Championships as well as the Olympic Games and I understand your concern that for some athletes, especially in Europe, it makes it much more difficult to qualify. However, this system is working as we have more athletes representing different continents than we used to have. After the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, we might consider changing that rule if development continents catch up to European standards."

The motion was not passed.

Finland motion no. 2

The motion proposed to allow nations to team up to make up a Mixed Relay team where they had insufficient numbers of athletes of their own.

The Executive Board did not recommend this motion.

Terho Mustonen (FIN): "We discussed a lot today about the promotion of Mixed Relay and we came to the conclusion that the levels of participation did not meet expectations. However, some National Federations only have athletes in one gender and whom would be very much willing to compete with other countries and to increase the participation figures."

Bondi Endre Kovats (ESP): "This system takes place in tennis therefore I am positive that it is something that could be implemented."

The motion was not passed.

Georgia motion no. 1

A proposal to establish International Modern Pentathlon Day annually on September 2, to encourage National Federations to enhance the recognition of UIPM sports and create educational activities.

The Executive Board recommended this motion.

UIPM President Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann: "When this motion came in, we immediately contacted the IOC Executive Board as well as the IOC President as it involves the name of Baron Pierre de Coubertin and we got very positive feedback from the IOC, which welcomed this initiative."

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Further remarks were made about the date and the celebration itself not leading to any changes to the motion.

UIPM Vice-President, Joël Bouzou: "We should use this as a way to give back to the society, to promote strong values of the UIPM such as gender equality."

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

Georgia motion no. 2

A proposal to establish the UIPM U17 World Championships with the Tetrathlon format for the development and promotion of Modern Pentathlon worldwide. This event could be combined with U19 World Championships.

UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, Viacheslav Malishev insisted on the fact that this could be organized easily by nations and bring extra revenue while contributing to the general development of Modern Pentathlon from grassroots.

The motion was passed with an absolute majority.

Georgia motion no. 3

A proposal to update the UIPM marketing guidelines to make obligatory wearing the UIPM official logo on the athletes' uniform competing in UIPM events, with various specifications in different disciplines and for the new rules to come into force in 2020 with the same penalties as the absence of a name on a running T-shirt.

UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, Viacheslav Malishev mentioned that this was just a recommendation and would not have any effect on the constitution.

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang argued that because of the change in branding, detailed guidelines would be distributed to NFs and involved stakeholders taking this into consideration.

The motion was postponed.

Germany motion

A proposal for the Fencing Bonus Round to only be conducted during competitions that are single-day competitions.

The Executive Board did not recommend this motion.

Sebastian Dietz (GER): "The Bonus Round was a solution in the past to promote our sport as a show and we would like to stay with this."

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang: "We got really good success with the introduction of the Bonus Round, which increased our overall numbers. We allow flexibility in terms of where the event can be organized (whether inside or outside). The Executive Board believes that this motion would kill the Bonus Round which is positively perceived by external stakeholders including the IOC and would further weaken our position in the Olympic programme."

The motion was not passed.

Great Britain motion no. 1

Dominic Mahony (GBR): "Following the statement from the UIPM Treasurer, John Helmick, earlier today in his address to the delegates, we would like to withdraw this motion."

The motion was withdrawn.

Great Britain motion no. 2

A proposal with two parts:

- 1) The Technical Committee and the Coaches Committee shall make a full statistical analysis of the scoring system and before 1 January 2018 report to Congress and thus all National Federations on their recommendations how to equalize and fairly balance scoring between disciplines.
- 2) In the meantime the scoring for swimming shall immediately go back to 3 points a second (from the 2 points a second adopted in 2016). Every reference in the Competition Rules and tables be adjusted accordingly.

The Executive Board did not recommend this motion.

Dominic Mahony (GBR): "This motion is about the balance of points across all the 5 disciplines of Modern Pentathlon. In 2016, the Swimming points were reduced from 3 points to 2 points for development reasons. The impact is that it has further unbalanced our sport across the disciplines. It is ironic that we should reduce the points in Swimming for development reasons while the most important discipline in terms of scoring is Fencing and Fencing requires expensive equipment, coaches, facilities. In all Category A competitions that occurred in 2016, we can see the impact of the change that was made last year: Fencing continues to be the most significant discipline on the total balance of Modern Pentathlon points. This year, Swimming for women was reduced to only 11% of the total points and for men about 12%. Therefore, part one of this motion is to ask the Technical Committee to do their own analysis - and we are happy to provide this data - and come back to the Congress next year and explain the reasons for this imbalance. Asked during the World Modern Pentathlon Coaches Conference, 64% of the coaching body agreed on a balance of 20% across the disciplines in accordance with Coubertin's vision to train the perfect all-round athlete. The second part of the motion is to restore a little bit of balance as we believe 2017 was a failed experiment after we changed the points attribution system at the last Congress and if we continue in that way, it is the credibility of Swimming that is put into doubt. If we continue in that direction, we are risking seeing swimmers in Tokyo 2020 that are no faster than members of a local swim club because of the imbalance. It also closes the door on us recruiting athletes from Swimming."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Sport, Janusz Peciak: "Just a kind reminder that the motion that was passed last Congress was about the balance in terms of recruitment of athletes and not about the points. We decided this because previously circa 90% of athletes were recruited from swimming. The other issue about that motion is that coaches have already been training athletes for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games bearing in mind that change in rules and if this motion passes, it would mean that the whole preparation plans have to change. Therefore, I suggest that we discuss that issue after the Olympic Games, and not now."

UIPM Executive Board Member for Development, Viacheslav Malishev: "I would like to remind the audience that the motion was passed last Congress and we are putting into jeopardy at the moment has been proposed 3 or 4 times before and therefore constitutes a popular request."

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NORCECA President, Rob Stull: "I agree with my colleagues from the Executive Board and I would like to remind you what our UIPM First-Vice-President, Juan Antonio Samaranch, Jr. said in an Executive Board meeting. He said that our biggest challenge with the IOC is our number of participants. Therefore, I do not support that motion."

Dominic Mahony (GBR): "There is clearly a development issue and one thing that we haven't considered is that we have 2 points per second of swimming at youth level and then when athletes reach the elite level raise it up to 3 points per second of swimming."

The motion was not passed.

Motions from the Coaches Committee

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang explained that since the Executive Board did not have time to physically meet and add these motions to the agenda within the deadline, delegates had to vote on whether they approve that these motions could be added to the agenda with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

The motions were added to the agenda and all 3 motions were passed at once with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

Additional motion

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann explained that the Executive Board had understood that having one Congress per calendar year was a huge financial burden not only on the Union's side but on the NFs' side. After a benchmark with other IFs, the Executive Board had come up to the conclusion that the Congress should be organized every second year.

UIPM Treasurer, John Helmick reinforced what the UIPM President previously stated and commented that the money saved would be used to invite development nations to the Congress in order to ensure active Congresses with a large participation.

The UIPM President stated that if the motion was passed there would be a Congress in 2018 then another in 2020.

The motions were added to the agenda and the motion was passed with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

■ UIPM EVENTS AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

The delegation from Kazakhstan including Vadim Chudnovsky and Secretary General, Leonid Zimarev presented on preparations for the 2018 World Cup Final that will be held in Astana (KAZ).

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang introduced the newly awarded host cities for next season and each of the awarded NF representatives gave a presentation about their event.

- 2018 UIPM Congress: Limassol (CYP)
- 2019 UIPM Laser-Run World Championships: Budapest (HUN)

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Simóka Beáta (HUN) proposed the integration of the Senior World Championships and Laser-Run World Championships which will facilitate the bridge between the Laser-Run and Modern Pentathlon and to bring more awareness to Modern Pentathlon.

UIPM Secretary General commented that the Executive Board approved and supported this idea to regroup both competitions starting from 2019 and hope that it will continue.

- 2020 UIPM Senior World Championships -> CHN

UIPM Secretary General, Mrs. Shiny Fang said the Executive Board was very happy about the decision for China to organise a Category A Modern Pentathlon competition again after a few years of interruption.

UIPM Annual Awards

- Best junior woman: **Kim Sunwoo (KOR)**
- Best junior man: **Marek Grycz (CZE)**
- Best senior woman: **Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS)**
- Best senior man: **Valentin Prades (FRA)**
- Best coach: **Choi Eunjong (KOR)**
- Best team: **Russia**
- Best contribution: **Dr Klaus Hartmann (GER)**
- Fair play award: **Stephany Saraiva (BRA)**
- Best overall UIPM competition: **World Cup Final, Vilnius (LTU)**
- Best promoted UIPM competition: **Senior World Championships, Cairo (EGY)**
- Best organiser: **Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association for Junior World Championships, Székesfehérvár (HUN)**

Pentathlon World Rankings Top Six:

Women

1. Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS)
2. Anastasiya Prokopenko (BLR)
3. Laura Asadauskaite (LTU)
4. Tamara Alekszejev (HUN)
5. Lena Schoeneborn (GER)
6. Kate French (GBR)

Men

1. Valentin Prades (FRA)
2. Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR)
3. Robert Kasza (HUN)
4. Jun Woongtae (KOR)
5. Jung Jinhwa (KOR)
6. Alexander Lesun (RUS)

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■ ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The UIPM President, Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann congratulated Viacheslav Malishev for the organisation of the 69th Congress. He thanked all the delegates that took part into the congress and the Executive Board for the constructive dialogue.

Dr. h.c. Klaus Schormann then awarded gifts to the LOC President.

Dr. Viacheslav Malishev expressed his gratitude towards the UIPM President and all the delegates and the Executive Board. He also thanked the LOC team and then awarded a gift to the UIPM President.

The UIPM President reminded the importance of the tree planting event that took place earlier during the week and wished the Georgian federation success and growth.

He wished all the best for the upcoming year to the delegates and Executive Board.

The 69th 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