



Minutes of the 70th UIPM Congress

Day 1: November 10, 2018

1. Welcome Speeches

UIPM President **Dr Klaus Schormann** welcomed distinguished guests to Congress including Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, President of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC), and thanked him for his hospitality during the 2018 Asian Games and his great leadership as ANOC President and President of Asian Olympic Council. He thanked the Cypriot hosts of Congress and acknowledged the success of the previous Congress in Limassol in 2013. He also thanked UIPM Honorary Members and all National Federation delegates for attending and added that the IOC President, Dr Thomas Bach, had written a letter of support for Congress.

A recorded video message from **Juan Antonio Samaranch**, UIPM 1st Vice President and IOC Vice-President, was played to Congress. Mr Samaranch spoke very positively about the prospect of the Mixed Relay being introduced to the Olympic Games programme in 2024 but stressed that the successful delivery of this goal would be subject to hard work and a clear strategy from the Executive Board.

There were also welcome speeches from **General Charalambos Lottas**, President of the Cyprus Modern Pentathlon Federation, and **Dr Costas Champiaouris**, Cyprus Minister of Education and Culture, both of whom remarked that it was a great honour and pleasure to host UIPM's 70th Anniversary Congress on the island of Cyprus.

Finally, a welcome speech was delivered by **Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah, ANOC President**, who said he was honoured to be in the beautiful city of Limassol for this special 70th Anniversary Congress. He commented that the UIPM Family was a small but very united family looking to continue its development in the Olympic movement. He expressed confidence that UIPM had moved past the difficult times of the past thanks to the leadership of President Dr Schormann, Vice-President Samaranch, Secretary General Shiny Fang and the Executive Board. He talked about elements of the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020, including the focus on events rather than sports and the importance of mixed-gender events. He remarked that UIPM would have to remain one step ahead in its efforts to develop and said he was confident Modern Pentathlon could retain its Olympic status through unity, development, good cooperation with local organizing committees and of course the IOC. He said the UIPM could rely on the support of the Olympic Family and expressed a wish that the Mixed Relay be included in the Olympic sports programme for Paris 2024, adding that he had been impressed by Laser Run and beach events in Biathle and Triathle he had seen in Asia. He finished by thanking the 2018 Congress hosts and repeated that the Olympic Family would stand shoulder to shoulder with UIPM – “five rings and five sports”.

A group photograph of all Congress delegates and VIP guests was taken.



2. Roll-call of the Members

The Secretary General took the roll call and announced the simple majority and 2/3 majority.

3. Election of three tellers of votes and two scrutineers

Secretary General Fang presented the proposal of the EB for the following delegates as tellers of votes:

- Florence Meyer-Dinichert (SUI)
- Lt Col Nilton Rolim (BRA)
- Sangkeong Yeo (KOR)

Secretary General Fang presented the proposal of the EB for the following delegates as scrutineers:

- Anna Bajan (POL)
- Sharif Elerian (EGY)

ALL proposals APPROVED

4. Adoption of the agenda

AGENDA APPROVED

5. Approval of the minutes of 2017 congress

MINUTES APPROVED

Congress stood as a condolences video was played, with images and names of friends of UIPM who died in the last 12 months.

6. Report of the President on the activities of the Executive Board

UIPM President **Dr Klaus Schormann** briefed the delegates about his participation with Secretary General Fang in the IOC Sessions in Pyeongchang (KOR) during Olympic Winter Games and Buenos Aires (ARG) during Youth Olympic Games, where they had the opportunity to meet IOC Members face to face and share messages. He acknowledged the presence of Bram Schellekens, Summer Sports Manager of the IOC Sports Department, at Congress and highlighted the importance of maintaining relations and the communicating ideas.

He also recalled meetings that took place within the Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF), stressing that the non-Olympic sports of UIPM represented



another pillar of the movement alongside the Olympic sport of Modern Pentathlon. He said that the especially popular development sport of Laser Run could be a money machine, helping UIPM to produce more pentathletes and promoting the values and opportunities of the wider movement.

The UIPM President recalled a meeting with the Minister of Sport for China, Guo Zhongwen, that lasted 90 minutes and which highlighted the benefits of pentathlon to the world's most populous nation. He mentioned that Xiamen will stage the 2020 UIPM Pentathlon World Championships and that China will also host the 71st UIPM Congress the same year, and he praised the new academy in Wuxi which is already a great facility capable of hosting World Cup events.

Visiting the Asian Games in Jakarta (INA) had been a beneficial experience, he reported, enabling UIPM to meet other International Federations, and he highlighted the high-class facilities for Modern Pentathlon and the sheer size of the Games, which with 12,000 athletes was bigger than the Olympic Games.

Reflecting on UIPM competitions in 2018, Dr Schormann said the Pentathlon World Cups had been organized in a perfect way for athletes and encouraged constructive dialogue on how they could be even better in future. He said the Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ) had been very important in creating political and business connections and said the UIPM World Championships at all age categories had been special, especially the Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) which had been a big step towards Tokyo and set the bar for future World Championships with the creation of the world's first Pentathlon Stadium.

He recalled with pride the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day, where he had been joined by members of the Pierre de Coubertin Committee in awarding the Coubertin Medal to Horacio de la Vega and Juan Manzo in Mexico City (MEX). He remarked that Coubertin, who founded the only sport created especially for the Olympic Games, "is always with us" and said his presence was symbolised by the oak tree. He said that the value of this heritage was recognized by the IOC Members, who would never disregard this, but admitted that UIPM would need to keep moving ahead.

Dr Schormann talked about the growth of world tours in Laser Run, Biathle and Triathle and made the point that it is important to take such events to major urban centres, "going to where people are living". Big cities, he said, had other resources already in place including media presence, and urged National Federations to bid for competitions around urban centres rather than holiday destinations. He repeated the importance of the Global Laser Run City Tour as a promotional tool for Modern Pentathlon.

Focusing on partnerships, he said that equipment provision and coach development around the world had been upgraded, and he focused on the importance of partnerships with military and police societies as well as schools and universities (as highlighted by the 1st FISU Modern Pentathlon World Championships in 2018 in Budapest). All of these, he said,



were “strong pillars under one roof”, and he also mentioned commercial partnerships he had signed that had generated new money for the Union.

On media, he said that UIPM was now very strong on social media and traditional media coverage had also improved, reminding delegates not to focus only on TV but also on radio. The President also remarked that in order for UIPM to present more stories, athletes would need to communicate better with media and send out the right messages.

Dr Schormann said it was a key priority for UIPM to increase the number of member nations, admitting that in some areas (eg Oceania) it would be unrealistic to expect significant pentathlon development due to a shortage of horses or swimming pools, but suggested that some nations could handle two, three or four disciplines.

Acknowledging the importance of Olympic Agenda 2020, the President made the point that UIPM had already for a long time been fulfilling the key objectives of the programme, such as gender equality and environmental awareness. He finished by thanking the Executive Board members for their hard work and National Federations for providing competitions and a “lifetime sport” for all ages of participant.

Question from the floor (GBR): Anthony Temple asked about the appointment of new external auditors, highlighting a recommendation that new auditors should be appointed every three years and in fact the current auditors (KPMG) had been in place for more than 20.

Reply: John Helmick (Treasurer) said this was a valid and important question and added that the process had begun. He said that KPMG were based in Monaco, which was essential, but said that according to UIPM Statutes the Executive Board would welcome bids in the next three years that they could then evaluate.

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7. Report of the Secretary General

Mrs Shiny Fang referred Congress to her written / illustrated report in the Congress book and made a presentation based on five key areas.

1) Governance evaluation

The Secretary General said UIPM had taken part in an evaluation process as part of its membership of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) during 2018. She began by noting that the status of UIPM – with less than 20 staff – was considered “small” and this relative lack of resources had had an impact on scores.

She reported that the average score for a small IF was 94.2, and UIPM’s score of 96 meant it was slightly above average. UIPM ranked 7th of 12 small IFs in terms of revenue



and 10th of 18 IFs in terms of staff. This was seen as a relatively good performance but Mrs Fang said there was room for improvement and that was the basis of the motions proposed by the Executive Board to the 2018 Congress, with a stated target of 120 (an increase in 24 points) by 2020.

2) Sports and events

Mrs Fang illustrated the growth from 2014 to 2018, from 43 nations taking part in UIPM competitions to 80. Annual participants in UIPM events was close to 30,000, she said, and the number of events had risen from approx. 70 in 2014 to approx. 180 in 2018.

3) Development

Providing an update on the 4E (Equipment, Education, Empowerment, Expansion) strategy, the Secretary General demonstrated the expanding base of the UIPM pyramid by highlighting the new and additional level of Pentathlon Team, which would be promoted in the University environment where athletes can be drawn from multiple disciplines in order to create teams of varying abilities. This would then introduce a large new base of athletes to UIPM Sports and give them a pathway to pentathlon.

She also focused on the increased provision of Shooting equipment (74 pistols in 2014 to 690 shooting sets in 2018) and Fencing equipment, the introduction of the Coaches Certification Programme (CCP) in 2016 and Judges Certification Programme (JCP) in 2017, and the importance of volunteer contributions to these programmes. She talked about the increase of members nations, now sitting at 120 but with a stated goal of 150 by 2020, and said it would be possible to meet new National Olympic Committees at the ANOC General Assembly.

4) Communications

Mrs Fang reported that UIPM's social-media presence had increased dramatically, based on the KPIs of fan growth, content reach, follower engagement and share of voice. The metrics from UIPM World Championships compared favourably with 2017 at all age categories, but she added that better goals would be introduced in future.

5) Outlook 2019-20

The Secretary General outlined three priorities: a) to establish 150 member nations by 2020; b) to narrow the gaps in the UIPM Sports pyramid and therefore stimulate more transition between sports; c) to maintain the consistency of Modern Pentathlon at all levels.

This was UIPM's 2020 roadmap, she said, but she encouraged NFs to create their own roadmaps.

Mrs Fang ended by thanking the UIPM staff team, the Executive Board and the President for their support, and repeated the UIPM's 70th anniversary slogan: "Heritage and innovation".



A video was played summarizing UIPM numbers in 2018

Remark from the floor (GRE): Anastasios Pantazidis said that the Congress decision in 2017 to make Congress a biannual event had been a huge step forward for democracy but added that it was dependent on financial support to ensure high attendance.

Reply: President Dr Schormann revealed a decision from the Executive Board meeting that UIPM would commit equal finance to ensure all NFs would be represented at the electoral Congress in 2020, and said nobody should have any concerns about democracy.

Question from the floor (EGY): Sharif Elerian said it was clear from the presentation that the UIPM had entered “another league” and asked if it was possible to have a platform where the information could be shared, so that NFs could duplicate it and work to the same goals.

Reply: Secretary General Fang said that a NF Development Kit with templates would be sent out before June 2019, and urged NFs to talk to their commercial and Government partners and approach UIPM if they needed any more information.

Question from the floor (DEN): Benny Larsen asked where the 24 points targeted as an improvement in ASOIF governance evaluation would come from.

Reply: Secretary General Fang said the key was to increase the mechanic control and invited NFs to contribute suggestions that could be added to the agenda of future EB meetings.

Remark from the floor (GBR): Dominic Mahony praised the fantastic growth in development sports but expressed concern about a lack of balance in nations and athletes in Modern Pentathlon.

Reply: President Dr Schormann said that the growth of the base may have given an impression that the top of the pyramid was becoming smaller in relative terms, but he said this was false. He said all UIPM Sports were part of Modern Pentathlon and mentioned the Olympic cycle and how it tended to result in lower participation in the year after the Olympic Games, with considerable increase the year before the next Games due to the opportunity to qualify. He said that new NFs needed more time to adapt to the requirements of the five disciplines.

Reply: Viacheslav Malishev, EB Member for Development, said the best indicator to focus on was the number of youth pentathletes, and highlighted high numbers of tetrathlon participation which the Union should be very proud of; he also described the development of Under 17 Tetrathlon as a “great step”.

Reply: Secretary General Fang said she would welcome any suggestions and opinions from the ground.

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8. Report of Vice Presidents

Vice President **Joel Bouzou** (FRA) said it was a pleasure to stand before Congress as Vice-President for the governing body of the sport he loves, and said he was proud of the results achieved by UIPM and congratulated the President and Secretary General. He passed on the greetings of UIPM Honorary President Prince Albert II of Monaco.

As VP and President of the French NF, Mr Bouzou expressed a feeling that for the first time UIPM had the right tools for development, focusing on Laser Run which he said not only resulted in high participation but also detection. He also spoke about his work with Peace & Sport and the World Olympians Association, which had presented all the Olympians on the UIPM Executive Board with the OLY title on account of their contribution to sport as role models in society.

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Speaking in Russian, Vice-President for Business Affairs **Viacheslav Aminov** (RUS) made a presentation that included two videos, one focused on Modern Pentathlon and the other on Laser Run. He referred Congress to his written report and talked about the five editions of the Global Laser Run City Tour in Russia, which had generated 500-600 pieces of media coverage. He reflected on his election as Vice-President of the Russian Olympic Committee (ROC) and his receipt of the People's Friendship Award by the President. In his new capacity with the ROC, Mr Aminov said he would be responsible for the Olympic Channel in Russia, overseen by IOC Vice-President and UIPM 1st Vice-President Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Mr Aminov thanked Secretary General Fang for her "professional and dedicated work" in support of the Business Affairs Committee and talked about improvements in the visibility of UIPM Sports on TV, online and in logos, all thanks to the UIPM staff team. He reflected on another successful Kremlin Cup in Moscow (RUS), with prize money of \$100,000, and reported an imminent change of venue to accommodate more than the present capacity of 11 nations. Construction will take place in 2019 on an extension to Russia's modern pentathlon academy to create a brand new competitive facility. The Kremlin Cup is a Mixed Relay competition and VP Aminov expressed a hope that the Mixed Relay will be added to the Olympic programme in Paris in 2024.

He finished by announcing that a full-length feature film will be made in Russia dedicated to Modern Pentathlon, including a high-profile premiere.

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Vice-President **Berik Imashev** (KAZ) referred to his written report, in which he reflected on the development of UIPM Sports and the growing number of participants especially in "urban sports" Biathlon, Triathlon and Laser Run, the success and expansion possibilities of the Biathlon/Triathlon Asian Cup (held for the second time in Kazakhstan) and the much-



lauded 2018 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final in Astana (KAZ), which was the first such event held in Central Asia and the second in Asia.

VP Imashev also reflected on the ongoing talks with the Government of Turkmenistan, which he hoped would result in the development of pentathlon in the country, and a meeting held with foreign policy bodies of the UAE, with a view to the same outcome.

President Dr Schormann thanked VP Imashev for delivering his verbal report in the UIPM’s official language of English.

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Vice-President **Juan Manzo** (MEX) referred Congress to his written and illustrated report and reported on his main activities in 2018. He focused on the two visits he undertook to Cali (COL) ahead of the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Games, and his ultimate involvement in the competition as International Technical Delegate, and to Astana (KAZ) for the Pentathlon World Cup Final.

VP Manzo reflected on the highly successful Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX), which he organised with the full support of the Government and Horacio de la Vega, and on projects relating to the development of UIPM Sports in Colombia (during the CAC Games) and Costa Rica.

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9. Reports by Executive Board Members

- EB Member for Marketing

*President Dr Schormann reported that **Martin Dawe** (GBR) was unable to travel to Congress due to ongoing treatment for a health condition and referred Congress to his written report.*

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- EB Member for Media

Andrejus Zadneprovskis OLY (LTU) referred to his written report and declared another successful year for media coverage of UIPM Sports, saying “every year we go to another level”. He talked about the changing nature of media (especially social media) as an increasingly digital proposition and outlined how the UIPM Communications team had continued to adapt to this challenge. He then introduced Yaw Amponsah-Debrah, UIPM Promotions Manager, who delivered a presentation outlining the team’s work in this area, including how they delivered against department targets for 2018, improvements in the TV product, development of a strong media relations strategy and enhancing the image of UIPM. Mr Amponsah-Debrah also covered new features in the UIPM Central app, social strategy (including



a case study film about two young Egyptian athletes), the #High5 campaign that resulted in participation across the world and growth plans for 2019. He finished by playing a video about the memorable Men's Individual Final at the UIPM 2018 Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX).

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- EB Member for Sport

Janusz Peciak OLY (POL) referred Congress to his written report and made a presentation covering a wide range of developments in UIPM Sports. He focused on Technical Delegates, thanking them for their high sense of duty, fair play and friendship, on the JCP where courses are now available at Levels 1-3, and on the high level of competition organization at the Pentathlon World Cup and World Championships.

Mr Peciak talked about the success of the Asian Games and welcomed the return of Modern Pentathlon to San Antonio (USA), which has a long association with the sport. He reflected on the "amazing" Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) and "huge progress" in Asia, the Americas and Australia. He welcomes improvements in technology in how it supports the sport and confronted Riding issues, setting out three areas for potential improvement in athlete performance, riding courses and horses.

Mr Peciak stressed that the qualifying system for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games would be as fair as possible, with updates and timelines to be sent to NFs before the end of 2018. He highlighted the visit of VP Joel Bouzou to a symposium in Warsaw (POL) in which he promoted the role of sport in society to an audience of six countries, promoting Modern Pentathlon at every opportunity.

Mr Peciak finished by thanking the President, Secretary General and UIPM staff team.

Question from the floor (GBR): Dominic Mahony raised a concern about the imbalance of the five disciplines in Modern Pentathlon, asking the EB for a view on this and to reveal what work they would be doing in future to assess the balance.

Reply: EB Member for Sport Janusz Peciak said Mr Mahony was right to identify this imbalance but said the purpose of the motion approved by Congress in 2016 was to develop and recruit more athletes for the sport. He suggested that the issue be reviewed again during the 2020 UIPM Congress but said the most important thing was to balance the make-up of pentathlon with the future of the sport.

Reply: Viacheslav Malishev, EB Member for Development, said it was only two years since the change and therefore too early to assess its effect based only on senior competitions. He said it would be wrong to ignore the huge growth in youth



participation in pentathlon, which might be attributable to the change but it was impossible to be sure.

Reply: President Dr Schormann said the next joint meeting of the Athletes, Coaches and Technical Committees in January 2019 would revisit the issue and discuss any steps that may be needed. He said it was important to take care of the whole environment worldwide and not only promote sport for countries with a high level of facilities, but instead make sport accessible for all.

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Congress adjourned for lunch

- EB Member for Development

Viacheslav Malishev (GEO) referred Congress to his written report and began his verbal report by highlighting the “great success” of the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires (ARG), with lots of spectators in full tribunes. He congratulated Jorge Salas OLY, President of the South American Confederation, for becoming the first confederation to include all countries in UIPM after the introduction of Paraguay. He also congratulated the UIPM communications team on their achievements.

Mr Malishev acknowledged that it was unrealistic to have Modern Pentathlon in every country in the world, but he said there were very good tools such as Biathle, Triathle and Laser Run which could generate growth. He referred to his personal experience in Georgia where there were no athletes in 2013 but now, thanks to international competitions held in the country, the numbers are growing. He also referred to examples in Spain, Portugal and Poland and youth competitions in 2018 that were attended by record numbers, and stated that the main goal was to bring more athletes to Modern Pentathlon.

On the Mixed Relay, Mr Malishev said he was encouraged by the statement of Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah at the beginning of Congress and praised the Russian NF for the Kremlin Cup with its Mixed Relay format. *A video was then played relating to the Mixed Relay.* Mr Malishev finished by talking about the success of the 1st Pierre de Coubertin Pentathlon Day and how it was circulated around the world.

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10. Report of the Treasurer

John Helmick (USA) began a “very positive” report by revealing that UIPM’s revenue had been higher than expected in 2017 but there was also an overspend, resulting in a balance of \$9.869m at the end of 2017, the first year of the four-year cycle. He updated Congress on the financial position for 2018 as of September 30 and said he was forecasting an overspend of \$150-200,000 (5%) but also higher than expected revenue generation, resulting in a balance of \$6.4m at the end of 2018.



Summarising the 2019-2020 Budget, Mr Helmick said the forecasted balance at the end of 2019 would be \$3.49m, accounting for higher than normal expenditure in 2020 of \$4.2m due to the Olympic Games. At the end of 2020 he forecasted a balance of \$80,000 but added that revenues could be higher than expected across the two years and the UIPM policy was only to budget for revenues confirmed in writing. He commented that any cash surplus at the end of the Olympic cycle would be a better performance than some International Federations which were facing significant losses, and said that UIPM was looking at a very strong balance sheet with full adherence to budgets.

Looking at the areas of overspend, Mr Helmick reported that development (14%) was the highest area but commented that his main concern was contingency (178%), which was an issue that needed to be addressed. He reported that EB members had been activated and engaged during their pre-Congress meeting to help keep expenses at budgeted levels, because they were more able to see the nuances of where money is spent on the ground.

On the matter of additional revenue, the Treasurer predicted that there would be additional revenue and declared that any such funds should be directed towards sport development at each continent. He said he would seek the permission of Congress to increase this area of budget with any additional revenue.

Mr Helmick reported a breakdown of budgets per area in relation to 2019 and 2020, across membership, event hosting, interest, wages, social charges, sport development, contingency, depreciation & amortisation and operations – where he pointed out that the budget of zero for Congress in 2019 and USD 200,000 in 2020 would “increase our score for democracy”, referring to the decision to make Congress a biannual event and the subsequent commitment of the Executive Board to support every NF in sending one representative to the electoral Congress in 2020.

Question from the floor (EGY): Sharif Elerian remarked that it was positive that UIPM would show no favouritism in its policy for Congress in 2020, and then he urged the EB to increase Africa’s proportion of the confederation budget in response to the increases in membership and activity.

Reply: President Dr Schormann said there were also new countries in Asia and the Americas and reported that the EB had agreed to review the continental budget split based on this changing picture.

Reply: Mr Helmick pointed out that in order to increase the payment to one confederation, payments to the others would have to be lowered and this would not happen. He also stressed that if any additional revenue were to be directed towards the confederations, it would have to be made clear what value would result from this spend.

Question from the floor (GER): Sebastian Dietz asked for a confirmation that the Treasurer was forecasting an \$80,000 surplus at the end of 2020, and Mr Helmick replied that this was so, based on those revenues that are already confirmed in writing.



A motion was proposed that all additional revenues in the remainder of the 2017-2020 cycle should be redirected to sport development. The motion was passed.

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11. Adoption of the budget plan and approval of the budget for 2019-2020.

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12. Committees

- Coaches Committee

Chairman **Christian Roudaut** (FRA) referred Congress to his written report and began his presentation by stressing that coaches “are connected to all other actors” in the UIPM Sports environment. He reported on the joint committee meeting earlier in 2018 which covered four areas: feedback to the Technical Committee, proposals to the Executive Board, Riding ability of athletes and preparation of a Riding project for Tokyo 2020. He discussed the importance of relationships with colleagues in the Technical, Anti-Doping and Development areas.

Mr Roudaut mentioned the eight CCP seminars at Levels 1-3 that took place, educating 125 coaches from 14 nations, with the help of nine instructors, adding that the first Level 4 seminar would take place in 2019. He revealed three actions for the Committee to follow (running clothing and consistency of national outfits, zone for coaches and new prize system for coaches) and three goals for 2019 (increase connection, more educational schemes and seminars).

He talked about a proposal to the EB concerning Riding Discipline Quality Assurance, and finished by stating three principles of coaching: “Coaching is an act of invention / The solution coming this act is always unique / It’s even more unique when the level is high.”

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- Medical Committee

Chairwoman **Dr Natalja Ofitserova** (BLR) referred Congress to her written report and gave an overview of activities in 2018, focusing on share of specific analysis, testing pools, Athlete Biological Passport (ABP) programme and anti-doping education.

In season 2019 Dr Ofitserova said support would be provided at all competitions, including Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualification events, and said the Committee was looking forward to close cooperation with National Federation delegates. She finished by wishing continued progress for all countries.



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- Masters Committee

Chairman **Peter Engerisser** (GER) referred Congress to his written report and highlighted a significant change in the UIPM Masters environment in the past two years, from a traditional gathering of former pentathletes to a more organized area of work and servicing athletes from 30+ to 80+ with an “amazing variety of new sports and new technology”.

Mr Engerisser talked about the many dozens of athletes who had participated in the Biathle/Triathle and Laser Run World Championships with all age levels integrating and creating one closed environment.

He admitted there were complicated budgetary challenges, with Masters World Championships becoming more expensive to organize and especially when considering they are funded by the volunteers and participating athletes. He said that with the extra risk and resource, fewer countries were willing to host the championships so he urged NFs to support the Masters community in infrastructural as well as financial terms. He also talked about Europe being the “cradle” of Modern Pentathlon but said it was important to look beyond, with a competition coming up in 2019 in the USA and possible support for a NORCECA or even Pan-American championships. He finished by asking European NFs if any of them would be willing to host the 2019 European Championships.

President Dr Schormann remarked that he had seen encouraging signs of pan-continental participation in the recent UIPM Masters World Championships in Halle (GER) and Prague (CZE).

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- Athletes Committee

*President Dr Schormann said Chairwoman **Aya Medany** (EGY) had been excused from appearing at Congress due to other sporting commitments and referred Congress to her written report.*

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13. Report of the Honorary Auditors

Honorary Auditor **Alexander Peirits** (AUT) referred to the written report and reported to Congress that UIPM’s expenditure budget in 2017 had been overdrawn by \$361,000 but this was balanced by incomes of \$342,000, resulting in a result of 101%.

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14. Election of Electoral Committee

[This specific item was deferred (see item 17)]

At the start of the Elections phase of Congress, Secretary General Fang said that electronic voting would be introduced at the electoral Congress in China in 2020, but for now the process would be conducted in the traditional method of coloured cards and raising of hands.

The Secretary General took the roll call and announced the simple majority and 2/3 majority.

15. Approval of new members

Four new National Federations – Jamaica, Malawi, Paraguay and Uganda – were proposed for membership of UIPM.

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16. Decisions on motions submitted

Secretary General Fang announced that there had been no valid motions from NFs – albeit some of the “suggestions” had the potential to be motions in 2020 – and therefore all of the motions on the agenda had been proposed by the Executive Board.

Motions from the Executive Board

1. Election rules update
2. Code of Ethics update
3. Betting and anti-corruption rules (new)
4. Statutes update
5. RIO (Rules on Internal Organization) update
6. Biathle and Triathle competition rules changes for 2019-2020

Remark from the floor (GBR): Anthony Temple highlighted a problem relating to the proposed motion “6. Biathle and Triathle competition rules changes for 2019-2020”.

He pointed out that under Article 22.1 of the UIPM Statutes, sport rules could not be amended except by force majeure when outside the year of an Olympic Games of the year following an Olympic Games. He claimed that in the absence of a case of force majeure (which he argued could not be applicable in this case), the proposal was not something Congress could address and said the motion was inadmissible.



In response, Secretary General Fang, Treasurer Helmick, Vice-President Bouzou and President Schormann addressed the room, acknowledging Mr Temple’s observation but providing various suggestions as to how the situation could be managed to make the motion admissible. They explained that the logic behind the Executive Board submitting the motion was to make the rules relating to running distances in Biathle and Triathle simpler, and stressed the importance of the proposed change in the context of UIPM Sports development.

Finally, Secretary General Fang addressed the room and proposed that there would be two motions: 1) Is this a case of force majeure? (subject to a simple majority) and 2) the original motion about rules changes (subject to 2/3 majority).

A show of voting cards on the first motion (Is this a case of force majeure?) resulted in 47 yes votes, six abstentions and 27 against.

Mrs Fang announced that the second motion (Biathle/Triathle rule changes) would be deferred until Day 2 of Congress.

Question from the floor (IRL): James Bailey asked that if Congress decided that the rules of Biathle/Triathle could be changed in the current year, would that mean the Olympic rules governing Modern Pentathlon could also be changed.

Mrs Fang said that this is only about Biathle Triathle rule change.

1. Election rules update

A proposal to update procedures for the nomination of NF representatives to UIPM elected positions, covering the UIPM Executive Board, Honorary Auditors and Committees and Commissions – and updating the process of candidate consideration by the UIPM Electoral Committee and the electoral process at the General Assembly itself.

Treasurer Helmick referred to the targeted improvement of 24 points on UIPM’s ASOIF governance score mentioned earlier in Congress and said that strengthening documents such as the UIPM Code of Ethics would lead to a higher score.

Question from the floor (AUT): Gerhard Herke asked the Treasurer to clarify if the UIPM financial statements were audited by KPMG.

Treasurer Helmick said this was correct and pointed out that UIPM had professional and honorary auditors and admitted that in the case of the latter, a certain knowledge of Modern Pentathlon was required. He said the ASOIF scores were “scores for democracy”.

Congress approved the motion with 1 abstention.



2. Code of Ethics update

A proposal to update the UIPM Code of Ethics, with more procedural details and new expanded definitions of what is recognised as discrimination, harassment and abuse and conflicts of interest.

Congress unanimously approved the motion.

3. Betting and anti-corruption rules (new)

A new set of rules proposed for adoption.

Congress unanimously approved the motion.

4. Statutes update

A proposal to enable the UIPM General Assembly to “appoint an electoral committee made up of [3] members upon proposal of the Executive Board”.

Congress unanimously approved the motion.

5. RIO (Rules on Internal Organization) update

A proposal to modify the process by which a pentathlete can compete after changing his or her nationality.

Congress unanimously approved the motion.

Additional motion

Election of Electoral Committee

President Dr Schormann explained that UIPM had written to three members of the UIPM community from different continents, offering them a position on the Electoral Committee and had received positive answers. He said the three individuals in question were:

- *Dr Gyula Bretz (HUN) – representing Europe*
- *Mrs Angela Ives (CAN) – representing North America*
- *Mr Richard Gomez (PHI) – representing Asia*

Remark from the floor (GBR): Anthony Temple highlighted Part 1.2 of the UIPM Election Rules and noted that nominations for election could only be submitted by member federations. President Dr Schormann replied that all nominations had been approved in writing by the relevant member federations.



Congress unanimously approved the motion.

Continental Confederations

Africa

President **Nundkishor Fakun** (MRI) referred Congress to his written report and highlighted the good work of several NFs, saying that Uganda had participated in Laser Run, South Africa had staged many competitions and Egypt had enjoyed an exceptional year. Winning gold at all levels. He congratulated the NF and said Africa was very proud of Egypt's achievements. He also congratulated Egypt NF President Sharif Elerian on his election as Secretary General of the Egypt NOC. Mr Fakun finished by reporting that Africa hoped to welcome five new member federations by May or June 2019.

REPORT APPROVED

Asia

President Dr Schormann announced that Asia President Sangwoo Park (KOR) had been unable to attend and referred Congress to his written report. He said the Asian Games in Jakarta (INA) had been a big success and thanked Asia Secretary General Namdev Shirgaonkar (IND) for his assistance in setting up meetings etc. Speaking from the floor, Mr Shirgaonkar reported that 80% of Asian members had organized Laser Run competitions in 2018 and looked forward to the Philippines confirming the place of Modern Pentathlon in the South East Asian Games.

REPORT APPROVED

Europe

President **Dmitry Svatkovsky** (RUS) referred Congress to his written report and said that while pentathlon was "one planet", Europe had an obligation to organize competitions at a high level. He highlighted the six European Championships that took place in 2018, introducing new and younger generations to the sport, and singled out the Hungary NF for praise for its high level of organization. He highlighted the attendance of 400 athletes at the European Biathlon/Triathlon Championships in Weiden (GER) and offered respect and thanks to Anna Bajan (POL), Pierre Jande (GER), Dr Beata Simoka and Dr Gyula Bretz (HUN) and Bondi Kovacs (ESP) for their exceptional service. Mr Svatkovsky also talked about upcoming innovations such as the European Cup Final. He presented the UIPM President with a plaque of Pierre de Coubertin.

REPORT APPROVED



South America

President **Jorge Salas** (ARG) referred Congress to his written report and spoke about a busy year of activity in South America. He noted the introduction of Paraguay as a new NF and said he hoped to develop the youth scene in South America. Mr Salas thanked the Bolivia NF President for supporting and organizing the ODESUR Games in Cochabamba (BOL) and talked about the “wonderful” Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires (ARG). He thanked UIPM Vice President Viacheslav Aminov and Member for Development Viacheslav Malishev for helping out with fencing equipment, and noted that all relay events would be included in the Lima 2019 Pan American Games.

UIPM President Schormann reported that the IOC President Dr Thomas Bach had been highly impressed with the Modern Pentathlon at YOG 2018 and praised all of those who had been involved in the organisation.

Day 1 of the 70th UIPM Congress was brought to a close.



Day 2: November 11, 2018

Continental Confederations (cont'd):

- **Oceania**

President **Kitty Chiller** (AUS) referred Congress to her written report and outlined the challenges presented by Oceania's NOC population of 16 nations, many of them small islands with no horses or swimming pools and with gun restrictions. She highlighted the advocacy of the Organisation of Oceania Sports Federations, the Oceania NOCs and particularly the Australian Olympic Committee. Ms Chiller also said there was a new website in the pipeline and that social channels had been launched, and she introduced Congress to Kaewruethai Collings, the new President of the New Zealand NF. She listed as objectives for 2019: Laser Run events in Australia (x2) and New Zealand, centres of excellence to be operational in Australian universities, 50 schools to undertake World Schools Biathlon and New Zealand to be represented at UIPM judges' courses.

- **NORCECA**

President **Rob Stull** (USA) referred Congress to his written report and welcomed the region's 12th UIPM member federation, Jamaica. He gave special thanks to people involved in 2018 in the CAC Games in Cali (COL), the NORCECA Youth Championships (and YOG qualifier) in San Antonio (USA), UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Los Angeles, the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Mexico City (MEX) and the Pan American Championships (Pan American Games test event) in Lima (PER). Mr Stull also highlighted training camps in Dominican Republic, Mexico and USA and the first Global Laser Run City Tour in USA – to be followed in 2019 by events in USA, Guatemala and Cuba. He looked forward to the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima (PER) and the Biathle/Triathle World Championships in St Petersburg (USA), as well as the 1st Urban Games in Los Angeles (featuring Laser Run) and the Pan American Youth Championships. He identified as goals the growth of the sport in the Caribbean, targeting six to 12 nations, communication, coaching development, athlete development, joint training opportunities and revenue generation.

Presentations

- IOC Sport Department Presentation

Bram Schellekens, Summer Olympic Sports Manager, began his presentation by highlighting the success of the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires (ARG)



and said everybody involved in the Modern Pentathlon event, with 48 athletes coming from 30 nations, could be very proud. He looked ahead to the 2022 event in Dakar (SEN), the first Olympic Games in Africa, and said the IOC would be counting on UIPM support with the opportunity to develop sport in Africa. He talked about the IOC Gender Equality Review Project, one of the key pillars of Olympic Agenda 2020, and congratulated UIPM on its performance in the governance report. He also covered “Olympic Games Delivery: The New Norm”, covering the areas of sustainable venue use/construction and costs covered by revenue generated. He said the key word was value, along with flexibility, efficiency, sustainability and brand. Mr Schellekens talked about Paris 2024 and the “keen interest” of UIPM to introduce the Mixed Relay, where the dialogue would be starting soon. He said it would be important to look at current trends of event popularity and assess what was happening “on the ground”. He complimented the UIPM on its sporting pyramid and said it had been a pleasure to understand the complexities and challenges the movement is facing.

Remark from the floor (GER): Sebastian Dietz pointed out that athletes were now taking a different approach to the Mixed Relay, which had positive effect of developing the UIPM sports.

UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang asked Mr Schellekens for guidance on the general direction of the IOC Sports Department looking towards Paris 2024 and Los Angeles 2028. Mr Schellekens replied by saying there was a clear framework coming out of the IOC Olympic Agenda 2020 which included a recommended limit of 310 events and 10,500 athletes in the Olympic Summer Games; he noted that there were already 339 events on the schedule for Tokyo 2020 and said that adding more would be complicated, but IOC Sport department will always look for a value proposition. He said that they saw value in Mixed Relays but they were working within a restrictive framework.

President Dr Schormann stressed that the addition of the Mixed Relay in Modern Pentathlon would not increase the number of competing athletes in the OG, and remarked that there was an awareness that UIPM was not the only IF asking for additional events. He pointed out that Modern Pentathlon at the Olympics was a unique event, unlike other sports where the competition format mirrors the World Championships.

UIPM Treasurer John Helmick noted that sports were often judged on the size of their TV audience and asked if UIPM could influence the scheduling of Modern Pentathlon at the Olympic Games, as it usually falls at the end. Mr Schellekens said this was the responsibility of the Olympic Games Organising Committee (OCOG) and said the decisions were often driven by broadcasters. He also stressed that the positioning of each sport in the Games in terms of broadcasting times was always reflected in the evaluation process.



President Dr Schormann reinforced the point that Modern Pentathlon has suffered from its scheduling at the end of the Games, especially at London 2012 where a full stadium failed to translate into a large TV audience.

Secretary General Fang asked for more insight into the term “added value” in the IOC Sports Department context and Mr Schellekens said it was difficult to quantify but said that everything must fit into the framework of the OGOC. In terms of the Mixed Relay he said it was important to define what it meant for sport development, what it meant for spectators and how it was perceived by the general public. He pointed out that 8 million people had been ticketed for the Olympic Games but the global TV audience is 4 billion.

President Dr Schormann said it had been an honour to welcome Mr Schellekens to the Congress, underlining the tradition of close cooperation between UIPM and IOC operations management over many years. He acknowledged the success of YOG 2018, especially the philosophy of free tickets, and said UIPM would do everything in its hands to make sure Dakar 2022 would be a big step forward for Africa. He presented Mr Schellekens with an oak tree plaque.

UIPM event presentations

- 2019 UIPM Pentathlon World Championships, Budapest (HUN)

Dr Gyula Bretz, Hungarian Modern Pentathlon Association President, and Secretary General **Istvan Gallai** presented to Congress on the competition taking place at Margaret Island in Budapest in September 2019, which will incorporate the UIPM Laser Run World Championships for the first time. Dr Bretz said that UIPM’s request for a Pentathlon Stadium would be granted and talked about the sporting facilities, accommodation and transport issues that would be managed by the LOC.

Congress watched a video about the history of the UIPM Pentathlon World Championships in Hungary and another video about Budapest 2019 including an artist’s impression of the Pentathlon Stadium.

Secretary General Shiny Fang asked if the full stadia of past World Championships could be repeated and Mr Gallai said that this was the LOC’s ambition, backed by significant Government investment. Mrs Fang also asked about the possibility of having “70 flags” at the dual championships and Mr Gallai said this was indeed a possibility and said it was great to see 85 nations organizing Laser Run events around the world. He then explained how the Laser Run would be scheduled on the same days as the pentathlon qualifying events.

Member for Sport Janusz Peciak expressed confidence in the Hungary LOC based on previous competitions.



James Bailey (IRL) asked if there were any similar events in Budapest clashing with this one and Mr Gallai said that there were World Championships in fencing, table tennis and canoeing also happening in Budapest in 2019, as well as a VISA half-marathon crossing Margaret Island on the Sunday morning of the championships. He recommended delegates to book their travel and accommodation in advance because of this clash.

President Dr Schormann said the whole UIPM community was looking forward to Budapest 2019.

- 2020 UIPM Pentathlon World Championships, Xiamen City (CHN)

Mrs Guirong Guo, Xiamen City Deputy Mayor, made a presentation in Chinese (with English interpreter) with information about Xiamen City and the proposed 2020 sporting venues and accommodation, including transport links. Videos were played to Congress about tourism in Xiamen City and about proposed details for the Pentathlon Stadium to be created at Haicang Sports Centre (capacity 15,755). Mrs Guo also talked about ticketing, bilingual event staff, VIP hotel, advertising space for UIPM sponsors (60%) and other sponsors (40%), domestic TV broadcast rights and overall competition budget (CNY 8.988m, of which CNY 5m has already been obtained).

President Dr Schormann said the right decision had been made by the EB to award the competition to Xiamen City and said they had full confidence in the organisers.

Secretary General Shiny Fang asked for commitment to supply 40 horses of the requisite standard, and said an advisor would be sent to ensure this with no compromise.

This request was answered by Jocelyn Zheng, China NF official and experienced competition manager, who replied in English. She said that five or six clubs had been identified that would prepare horses according to UIPM standards and better than those prepared for the previous World Championships in Chengdu.

Mrs Fang also asked for clarity on international food options and Jocelyn said that the proposed competition hotel would have lots of variety of international foods.

Mrs Fang and Treasurer Helmick asked about the impact of currency fluctuations and the English interpreter of the Vice Mayor said that a detailed report on this would be uploaded with all costs outlined in Euros and US dollars.

- 2019 World Cup Final, Tokyo (JPN)

Noriyuki Nakamura, Modern Pentathlon Sport Manager for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Organising Committee, gave a presentation on preparations for the 2019 UIPM Pentathlon World Cup Final, which will also be an official test event for the Olympics. He covered key dates, venues, accommodation and hospitality,



transportation, media and marketing and the ambition of Tokyo to “make the dream come true” with a Pentathlon Stadium.

Question from the floor (EGY): Sharif Elerian asked if it would be possible during the 2019 event to have a tour of the Olympic venue at the Tokyo Stadium. Mr Nakamura explained that the temporary Pentathlon Stadium would be created within the estate of the Tokyo Stadium, the Olympic venue, but not in the stadium itself because it will be used in 2019 for the Rugby World Cup. He said that he would try to coordinate a tour for athletes and staff. Mr Elerian also asked about hotel prices for 2019 and Mr Nakamura said these had not yet been fixed, but were currently standing at USD119 per person, which the LOC would try to negotiate down.

Secretary General Fang thanked Tokyo 2020 for their work so far and said UIPM was fortunate to have a real Olympic test event in 2019 including all necessary function areas. She also said it was appreciated that there would be a very compact schedule of five hours and to have local TV coverage – live broadcasting, not only the streaming – which was already attracting a lot of interest. Mr Nakamura said everything would be carried out according to UIPM regulations.

- 7th Military World Games, Wuhan (CHN)

Lt Col Nilton Rolim, CISM Modern Pentathlon President, reflected on the 70th anniversary of CISM, which was founded in Nice (FRA) in 1948 – the same year as UIPM. He talked about the success of the 2018 CISM Modern Pentathlon World Championships in Budapest (HUN) and looked ahead to the 7th CISM World Military Games in Wuhan (CHN) in 2019. He showed a graph illustrating the growth of the CISM World Championships in terms of competing athletes and countries (95 and 19 respectively in 2018).

President Dr Schormann said he was very happy and proud with the energy Lt Col Rolim had shown in “driving this movement since the Memorandum of Understanding was signed” with UIPM.

Question from the floor (IRL): James Bailey asked if it were possible for police officers to join the CISM movement and how the relevant police bodies could be recognized.

Lt Col Rolim said police forces were very welcome and said it depended on the rules of the country. He said that if a preliminary agreement could be sent to CISM then they would accept it, but it must come from the military and not from the NF.

Secretary General Shiny Fang pointed out that Jocelyn Zheng (CHN) would be the competition manager for Modern Pentathlon at the World Military Games in Wuhan (CHN) and Lt Col Rolim confirmed this and said there would be a test event during the Chinese National Championships in May 2019.



Decisions on motions submitted (cont'd)

Motions from the Executive Board

6. Biathle and Triathle competition rules changes for 2019-2020

Secretary General Shiny Fang said that the Executive Board had listened to the opinions expressed the previous day with regard to the above motion and had decided to offer Congress the chance to withdraw the motion. Mrs Fang asked for the opportunity to set up an observational working group composed by the Technical Committee member, the NF and the BT organizer to cover the two years until 2020 Congress in China, to ensure the process would be fully transparent and to increase understanding of the philosophy.

Remark from the floor (GBR): Anthony Temple congratulated the EB on the decision taken and expressed great comfort that the concerns expressed had been listened to.

2019-2020 awarded events announcement

The following venues for competitions in 2019 and 2020 were announced:

UIPM 2019 Pentathlon World Cup: Sofia (BUL)

UIPM 2019 Pentathlon Junior World Championships: Drzonkow (POL).

UIPM 2020 Pentathlon World Cup Final: Seoul (KOR)

UIPM 2020 Biathle/Triathle World Championships: Weiden (GER)

UIPM 2020 Masters World Championships: Gyor (HUN)

President Dr Schormann announced the closure of the 70th UIPM Congress and reported a compliment from the VIP Guest Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah who had been impressed by the inter-continental communication among delegates.

He looked ahead to the 71st UIPM Congress in China in 2020 and said there would be easy travel and visa access for everybody, and repeated that there would be financial support in place to ensure every NF could send at least one delegate to the Congress.

The 70th 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