



CANDIDATE FOR UIPM PRESIDENT – JOEL BOUZOU OLY

I have the great honour to be a candidate for the next President of UIPM. As such, I humbly submit a summary of my relevant credentials and experience, together with my vision and a few of my plans:

Experience in Modern Pentathlon:

- As an athlete: 4 times Olympian (1980- 1992,) Olympic Medallist, World Champion 1987
- As a Modern Pentathlon leader: Elected from 1992, UIPM Secretary General (1997 -2012), UIPM VP since 2012, French President (FFPM) since 2014.
- As an innovator: Launched first Biathlete World Championships in Monaco in 1999. Launched first Laser Run World Championships in Perpignan (France) in 2015. Over 10 years as Media Director of UIPM from 1997 with responsibility for producing our innovation in TV Broadcast. Was deeply involved in introducing Laser shooting pistol in 2008 – 2012 on President Schormann's side.
- As National President in the delivery of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, one of the most successful in recent history.
- As a campaigner, having played a key role in the existential and highly successful campaign to keep Modern Pentathlon on the Olympic Programme for Los Angeles 2028.

Experience in Diplomacy through Sport and Business:

- President and Founder of Peace and Sport (international neutral NGO based in Monaco) since 2007. Connections with Heads of States, Ministers, Ambassadors, United Nations, International Federation Presidents, NOC Presidents, NGOs, Multi-sport Stars, Nobel Peace prize winners in spreading Peace through Sport programs and Fora around the World, mainly between divided States and/or communities.
- Direct Advisor to Head of State of Monaco, HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco since 2006.
- Over 3 decades experience working alongside many of the world's top business leaders as part of Monaco's role in the global economy.

Experience in Olympic Sports Movement:

- President of the World Olympians Association since 2011. Having built the organization from nearly scratch to delivering Service to Olympians and Service to Society programs, World Olympians Fora, OLY Houses at Olympic Games. Having built strong connections and partnership with the IOC, the NOCs, ANOC, GAISF and more than 100 National Olympians associations around the World.

If my skills and experience are recognized by the UIPM Congress and National Federation Presidents, I firmly believe that it is the right time to put my energy, expertise and experience at the service of our beloved sport, Modern Pentathlon.

My Vision for Modern Pentathlon



I envision a world where Modern Pentathlon is widely viewed as the most innovative and pioneering of Olympic sports with mass participation around the world, all within the finest traditions and values as a foundation sport of the modern Olympic Games.

For example, I believe we have the right format today to deliver an excellent TV-led performance at the Los Angeles Olympic Games. This was well prepared by the current leadership of our sport, but also meticulously prepared through the working group of experts I recommended and brought to UIPM three years ago.

The introduction of Obstacles will boost our development and give more possibilities to new NFs coming from new NOCs to join UIPM. I will ask the EB and UIPM to have a special focus on this to ensure an efficient development. I will leverage my extensive connections in the broadcast and commercial worlds to fully capitalise on the global popularity of obstacle racing to help our sport grow and prosper for generations to come.

But we need to go much further in strengthening the image of Modern Pentathlon. In my vision I wish to address “Service to Society” programmes through Modern Pentathlon. I strongly believe our sport is now able to deliver pilot programmes in social cohesion and peace between divided communities, of which I have knowledge from my other work in Peace and Sport. This will create a new, powerful image for the Sport of Pierre de Coubertin. And with global promotion, this will make Modern Pentathlon stand out in a special way within the Olympic landscape. This will have the benefit of being hugely attractive to new commercial partners.

In the same way and linked to these programmes, I wish to promote Modern Pentathletes as global Role Models, so that they would be known and recognized for their sport performances and for their capacities in fostering stability between communities and in attracting youth to organized sport, not only Modern Pentathlon.

For this bold and ambitious vision and plan, I know I can count on the great support of HSH Prince Albert II of Monaco. I will work very closely with our team at the Headquarters in Monaco which is also where I live.

Ahead of our Congress in November, I look forward to talking further with colleagues in UIPM about my plans and listening further to you all to ensure we have consensus and unity. In Riyadh you will hear more on how I aim to achieve my vision.

Finally, I plan in all my actions to build on the incredible legacy left by President Schormann after many years of dedicated service through which he contributed so much to our sport.

Submitted Respectfully

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