UIPM JOINT MEETING
Athletes (AC), Coaches (CC) and Technical (TC) Committees
Frankfurt/ Main, GER | 19-20 January 2019

MINUTES

Present: Dr Klaus Schormann, UIPM President (KS)
Shiny Fang, UIPM Secretary-General (SF)
John Helmick, UIPM Treasurer (JH)
Aya MEDANY, EGY UIPM Chair of Athletes Committee (AM)
Dmytro KIRPULIANSKY, UKR AC Member (DK)
Charles FERNANDEZ, GUA AC Member (CF)
Riccardo DE LUCA, ITA AC Member (RL)
Pamela ZAPATA, ARG AC Member (PZ)
Liu SHEN-HUNG, TPE AC Member (LS)
Christian Roudaut, Chair of Coaches Committee (CR)
Guillermo Fillipi, ARG CC Member (GF)
Alejandro Guarch, CUB CC Member (AG)
Samy Awad, EGY CC Member (SA)
Jan Bartu, GBR CC Member (JB)
Istvan Gallai, HUN CC Member (IG)
Janusz Peciak, Executive Board Member for Sport, Chair of Technical Committee (JPC)
Corinne Bouzou, FRA TC Member (CB)
Dong Kook Chung, KOR TC Member (DC)
Agnes Deakne Kulcsar, HUN TC Member (AK)
Marcelo Gonçalez, BRA TC Member (MG)
Edvinas Krungolcas, LTU (EK)
Dmitry Menshikov, RUS TC Member (DM)
John Moreau, USA TC Member (JM)
Vladimir Miller, SVK TC Member (VM)
Carlo Passiatore, ITA TC Member (CP)
Bernhard Petruschinski, GER TC Member (BP)
Mihail Prokopenko, BLR TC Member (MP)
Ana Ruth Orellana, GUA TC Member (AO)

Apologies: Daniel Esposito, AUS CC Member (DE)
Chloé ESPOSITO, AUS AC Member (CE)
Hsien-Wen Kung, TPE CC Member (HW)

UIPM Staff: Alexandre França, Operations Manager (AF)
Philipp Waeflter, Competitions Manager (PW)
Maxime Pappilon, Development Manager (MP)
Pagona Sonndag, Executive Assistant to UIPM President (PS)
AGENDA

1. Welcome and opening speech of the UIPM President
2. Update of the UIPM activities – UIPM Secretary General
3. YOG 2022 - IOC Sport Department representative
4. UIPM YOG 2022 testing competition format and the testing events.
5. Mixed relay promotions in 2019 and 2020
6. Wrap up of the 3 committees’ meetings
7. Q & A
8. AOB
1. Welcome and opening speech of the UIPM President

The main points touched by the President during his speech were: athletes as the center of our sport movement; importance of keeping a clean sport; Olympic qualification preparation and qualifying competitions; riding quality improvement – athletes, parcours and horses.

2. Update of the UIPM activities – UIPM Secretary General

SF exhibited the video “UIPM 2018 in numbers”. After that, JH presented a brief comment about the UIPM budget situation for the current Olympic cycle that UIPM is in good standing.

3. YOG 2022 - IOC Sport Department representative

Bram Schellekens made a presentation focused on the next edition of YOG detailing the IOC overview and the outline of YOG2.0 version as well as some timeline related to Paris 2024 Sports program application. After his presentation he answered relevant questions and reaffirmed that the UIPM is in close contact and consultation with the IOC Sports Department for its new event format for YOG 2022.

4. UIPM YOG 2022 testing competition format and the testing events.

PW and AF presented the proposal for the new tetrathlon format to be used in Dakar 2022. Followed to the presentation a discussion involving the attendees took place with questions answered by the UIPM leadership. At the end, SF asked the Committees to discuss the subject internally and bring the main points and suggestions to the wrap up on the next day.

5. Mixed relay promotions in 2019 and 2020

SF conducted a brain storming with the participation of all committees members. A list with 20 action ideas was produced by the end of the session.

6. Wrap up of the 3 committees’ meetings

Main points reported by AM:
- Athletes mental health care. SF suggested a meeting between representatives of both Athletes and Medical Committees during WCH in Budapest.
- E-games/sport could be used as a tool to involve youth generation to our sport.
- With regards to the new tetrathlon proposal, the Committee chose option 2 (Group of 12 athletes) to be tested, also suggested to take into consideration:
  - the difficulties for organizing qualifications in big competitions;
  - to have one rest day before mixed relay in YOG, or with the fencing in the day before the triathlete;
  - possibility of reducing YOG age category to U17 (without fencing);
  - NFs should start to test and help the UIPM on that task.
- SF underlined that after CCP and JCP, the next goal is to work on the Athletes Certification or Central Program, which still needs to be defined. CF suggested that athletes will definitely be more interested in a certification program as a mandatory stage in their careers to allow them to compete.

Main points reported by CR:
- Successful implementation of the 2018 proposals: coaches zone in the FOP; national uniforms on the podium and prize money for coaches.
- Continent representatives feedback:
NORCECA: difficult connections with coaches in other countries of the continent.

South America: substantial increase in the number of athletes participating in competitions; concerns about the competition organization in the Pan Am Games.

Africa: specific actions needed for development both in South as well as North-Arabian countries.

Europe: there is no visible action related to the discussions during the past joint meeting about the reactivation of NFs in Europe. According to what has been discussed in the last EB meeting in case of any extra budget to UIPM the development action will be a priority. In this case, another suggestion is that those potential NFs to be reactivated should be also part of the development plan.

Remarks for adjustments in the Coaches Code of Conduct will be presented soon.

Riding

The coaches committee will start to work in proposal for a guideline containing instructions for athlete’s riding skills development and a global riding certification exam process. The goal is to have the riding certification exam under UIPM standards executed at a national level mandatory in the future. SF said the riding chapter of the book “Start Coaching in MP” can be used a technical guideline which will save time and let the committee work focused on the riding certification for 2019 season and to be ready later in 2020.

A suggestion was made for UIPM to organize a riding camp in Oct/Nov 2019 with the athletes already qualified (potentially) for Tokyo 2020. Hungary and Great Britain are volunteered to host that camp, and agreed to send the proposal soon.

The work of the riding advisor in the Olympic qualifying competitions is a concern, as long there is no news since the project was presented by the Coaches Committee.

After discussions involving KS, JPC and CR the UIPM President stated that UIPM will work to identify the weak athletes and help on their improvement. However, the duty of well preparing the athletes is in the hands of the NFs. In addition, the discussion with the riding expert are heading to have the same parcour system in all Olympic Qualification competitions. SF added that the efforts in 2019 will be on WC1, WCF, Pan American Games and Asian Championships.

Due to the communication issues among the Coaches Committee and coaches all over the world it was suggested to UIPM to create a mobile App dedicated to the coaches. SF said specific sections could be added in existing UIPM App for displaying documents and content to inform both the athletes and coaches communities. But would need clear bullet points from both committees to list the needs.

With regards to the new tetrathlon format, the committee is open to discuss any suggestions and willing to be an active part in the process.

After discussions during the 2018 UIPM Congress related to the balance among each of the MP disciplines, the committee decided to present a document to the UIPM involving studies from independent scientific statistics researchers from France, Hungary and Great Britain. The focus is to present elements to help the decision-making process of possible future MP points adjustment.

Main points reported by JPC:

- Olympic Qualification system for Tokyo will be slightly different from Rio because more importance will be given to PWR which will naturally qualify the best athletes.

- Technical Delegates were guided – according to the new UIPM Judges Code of Conduct - to always listen to athletes prior to make any decision during competitions.

- Riding
  
o Results need to be balanced, not with a big number of athletes with 300 points. The best riders must take benefit of their skills.
  
o Athletes must jump at least once in the warm up arena in order to give the possibility to Technical Delegates to check if the athletes is able to start the competition.
- JPC highlighted the importance of showing a yellow card to athletes when warned during the LR competition. A discussion took place about the best moment to show the card. It was agreed that after the warning decision is made by the Technical delegate a card must be placed on the shooting table being visible for the athlete who will come to perform the next shooting series.
- With regards to athletes during the Laser Run competing starting the running leg before the 5th green light in shooting, the Technical Delegates were guided to allow the athlete finishes the competition first and after that apply the proper penalty.
- The new fencing mask safety regulation came into force from January 1st, 2019 and Technical Delegates will be responsible for checking it with special attention to the first competitions of the season.
- The committee was favourable to option 1 (Group of 8 athletes) presented to the new Tetrathlon format.

7. Q & A
- SF conducted a brainstorming with all attendees targeting the potential actions to promote the Mixed Relay competitions. A list of twenty ideas was made at the end of the session to be considered in the strategy near to be adopted for this subject.
- Some of the attendees present themselves as volunteers to follow-up the testing events for the new Tetrathlon format: Aya Medany; Charles Fernandez; Ana Ruth Orellana; Samy Awad and Marcelo Gonçalez. It is agreed that a working group will be established right after the joint meeting composed by relevant representatives from different committees and the administration.

8. AOB
After his final comments, KS closed the meeting at 12:15 PM on Jan 20th, 2019.