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Junior World Championships

Future of our sport shines bright in Mexico City



MEXICO HOSTED THE UIPM 2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WHERE SOME OF THE BEST YOUNG PENTATHLETES COMPETED FOR WORLD TITLES



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2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Russia and Great Britain dominate in Mexico City

The capital city of Mexico, welcomed the best young pentathletes in the world during seven days of intense competition.

The event, organised under the supervision of the UIPM (Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne), in partnership with the Mexican Modern Pentathlon Federation, was a fantastic showcase of exciting modern pentathlon that demonstrated that this sport is well established among the athletes of tomorrow.

Men's Individual: Naumov out in front

Oleg Naumov (Russia) was crowned Men's Individual champion after dominating the 36-strong field from start to finish



MEXICO CITY'S OLYMPIC VENUES HOSTED THE 2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ish on the first day of finals at the 2015 World Junior Championships in Mexico City.

A delighted Naumov said: "It was a fantastic day. It's not my first time here in Mexico and I really enjoy competing here. Competing at this altitude is not easy and was a very diffi-

cult competition. I'm really happy with this result."

Woongtae Jun (Korea) took silver with his compatriot Lee Ji-hun picking up bronze.

Woongtae said: "Today was a very hard competition. I started the combined event in the



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first place and I wanted to keep it. I didn't make it but I'm very happy with this result. I'm very young and for sure I will come next year for the title."

Nikolai Dudko (RUS) took first place in the swimming in a time of 2:02.99 with Matteo Cicinelli (ITA) and Woongtae Jun (KOR) adjudged to be joint second.

The fencing piste witnessed a Russian 1-2-3 with Naumov first with 28 wins from 35 followed by Aleksandr Lifanov and Viacheslav Bradyshev.

That put Russia very much in the driving seat after the first two events but after the Riding it was Jun (KOR) who occupied first position overall, albeit by the slimmest margin of one second as the pentathletes lined up for the final Combined Event.

A disappointing ride saw previous leader Naumov (RUS) finish 21st, leaving him second overall but still with a great chance at taking the gold.



THE WINNER OF A BOUT SHOWS HIS EMOTION DURING THE FENCING BONUS ROUND

Charles Fernandez (GUA) moved up to third thanks to a strong round in the Riding arena with a 10-second handicap on Naumov (RUS), whose compatriots Bardyshev and Lifanov were not far behind.

As had happened throughout much of the day, it was Russia who held firm with Naumov easily overcoming the to overtake Jun (KOR) and take gold ahead of the Korean and his compatriot Lee.

Russia's success extended to the team event, where they won another gold ahead of silver

medallists Korea and bronze medallists Germany (Christian Zillekens, Marvin Faly Dogue and Fabian Liebig).

UIPM First Vice-President Ivar Sisniega said: "This was a very good final. The facilities here in Mexico City are unique with all the venues in a range of 50m. This makes a very good competition for all.

"We have the opportunity to see here the tremendous level of our Junior pentathletes. We have some of them already qualified to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and this shows the high level of this competition."

"All these athletes from the 23 countries represented are really the future of this sport."

Women's Individual: A fine Summers day!

Francesca Summers was crowned Women's Individual champion at the UIPM 2015 Junior World Championships in Mexico City after a dramatic finish of the competition.

The British pentathlete came



THE RIDING EVENT PROVIDED A THRILLING SPECTACLE FOR THE AUDIENCE IN MEXICO CITY



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from way down the field in the Combined Event to take gold in front of the Sofia Serkina and Uliana Batashova (Russia).

The 2014 Youth Olympic Games silver medalist said: "I'm really happy. So happy that I can't even describe it. It was a really close finish. I pushed hard all day and mostly in this combined event and happily it worked out."

As with the Men's Final, the Russians made a strong start with Anastasia Petrova (RUS) posting a time of 2:16.90 to take first in the pool. Georgia Pipes (GBR) was second followed by Danni Wei (CHN) in third and Uliana Batashova (RUS) in fourth.

After the Fencing, Russia still led the way although this time it was Sofia Serkina (RUS) moving into first place in the overall classification.

In the Riding arena it was Mar-

tha Derrant (MEX) who took top spot followed by Ayumu Saito (JPN), Xiuting Zhong (CHN), Alexandra Boros (HUN), Uliana Batashova (RUS) and Ekaterina Vdovenko (RUS), all with clean rides.

Russia's dominance continued with Batashova moving from third to first place overall. Aurora Tognetti (ITA) was tucked neatly in behind on the same score, meaning the duo would start the Combined Event together with a 12-second start over third-placed Ekaterina Vdovenko (RUS).

The Combined Event was especially thrilling as the favourites fell away and Summers (GBR) stormed the field, coming from 9th position to take 1st place on the podium.

The British athlete started the last lap in first position just followed by Batashova (RUS) and Tognetti (ITA) but a fantastic comeback from Sofia Serkina almost matched what Summers (GBR) had achieved. Serkina (RUS) came from 14th position and overtook Batashova (RUS) and Tognetti (ITA) to fight for first place.



THE EXCITING LAST METERS OF THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EVENT WHERE FRANCESCA SUMMERS (GBR) GOT THE GOLD



JUN WOONGTAE OF KOREA DURING THE COMBINED EVENT OF THE MEN'S RELAY

In the last 10 metres Summers and Serkina were side by side but with her last effort, Summers secured gold in front of Serkina and Batashova (RUS) with silver and bronze respectively.

In the team event, it was Russia who won the gold ahead of Great Britain and bronze medallists Italy.

UIPM First Vice-President Ivar Sisniega said: "In my opinion, today was one of the most exciting combined events that I've seen in Modern Pentathlon.

"To have the athletes who started in 9th and 14th place fighting for the gold in the last meters was an incredible ending of a really exciting day."

Men's Relay: Korea kickstart the party

Woongtae Jun and Jihun Lee (Korea) proved the strongest of 14 teams to win gold in the

Men's Relay on day five of the championships.

Having already won individual silver and bronze the Koreans were elated to go one better and Woongtae said: "We are really happy with this result. This combined event here in Mexico City is very difficult for us because of the difference of altitude but today the day was fantastic for us.

"The swimming and the fencing were really a good start for us and the good horses that we had helped us to reach the

combined event in first place."

Second place went to Viacheslav Bardyshev and Aleksandr Lifanov (RUS) with Gergo Bruckmann and Kirsztian Strobl (HUN) taking third.

Thomas Lees and Luke Tasker (GBR) got off to a good start with victory in the pool with a swim of 1:52.00. Jun/Lee (KOR) took second while Ernesto Guerra and Raidel Orama (CUB) clinched third.

Lee/Jun (KOR) took their form into the Fencing where they won 20 of the 26 matches to take first place in the overall classification. Bardyshev/Lifanov (RUS) sat third at the midway point of the competition followed closely by Bruckmann/Strobl (HUN).

In the Riding arena it was Bardyshev/Lifanov (RUS) who came out on top, but a second place finish from Lee/Jun (KOR) kept them top of the overall leaderboard with a 42-second head start over the Russians in the Combined Event.



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The Combined Event played out according to the time handicaps with Lee/Jun (KOR) maintaining their advantage to take gold followed by Bardyshev/Lifanov (RUS) and Bruckmann/Strobl (HUN).

Juan Manzo, President of the Organising Committee and President of the NORCECA Modern Pentathlon Federation, said: "The feedback that we are receiving of this event is really good. Good venues, close to each other, good organisation and the general quality of the horses are some of the points that the delegations transmit to us."

"With all of this we can say that the competition is being great. The exciting finals that we had the opportunity to see indicates us that this is the way that we should continue to follow."

Women's Relay: British ladies to the fore

Francesca Summers and Eilidh Prise (GBR) won the new Women's Relay title after a dramatic



A RIDER KEEPS HER MOUNT IN CHECK AT THE MEXICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE VENUE

finish in Mexico City which saw them come from 4th place to beat their Russian rivals in the final metres of the Combined Event.

There was no hiding the delight of the British duo. Eilidh Prise said: "I'm really happy with this result. In the beginning of the combined event I was angry with my riding where I had two knockdowns and I knew that I would recover the 22-second gap I had. I was really determined to do it."

"I would like to thank everyone that helped me this year, espe-

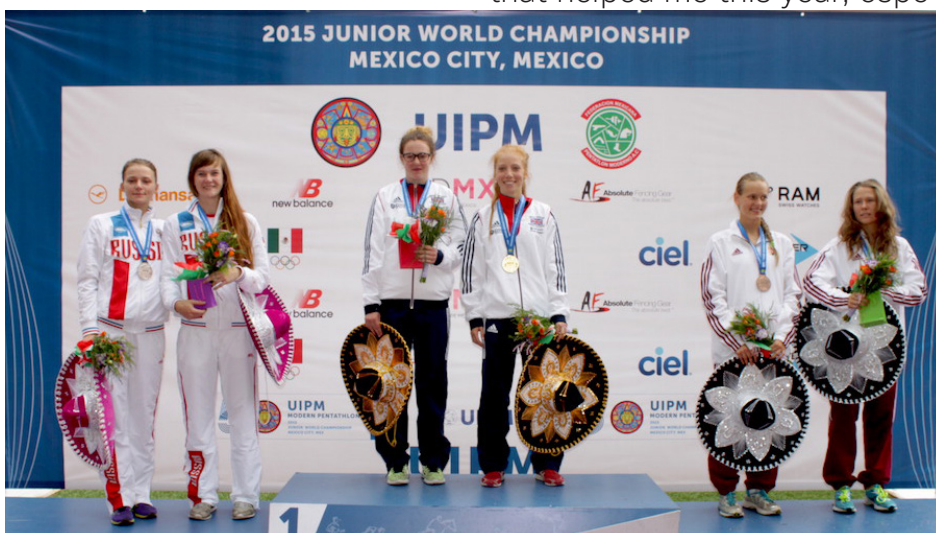
cially to the University of Bath, my coaches and my fantastic teammate. Their help was essential to help me become a World champion."

Francesca Summers, who had already won individual gold, added: "Today was a very hard competition. I'm still feeling tired from the Women's Individual competition but I felt that I couldn't let my teammate down and we made it."

"I never thought I could get these two titles. I came here to do my best but I'm really happy that I achieved this and also would like to thank everyone that helped me during this journey."

Second place went to Ekaterina Makarova and Uliana Batashova (Russia) with Karolina Palkovics and Rebeka Ormandi (Hungary) claiming bronze.

The Russian duo got off to a good start with victory in the pool with a swim of 2:05.30. Summers/Prise (GBR) took over



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THE FENCING BONUS ROUND BROUGHT DRAMA AND TENSION TO THE EVENT

in the Fencing where they won 27 matches to take first place in the event and in the overall classification.

On to the Riding Arena and Palkovics/Ormandi (HUN) came out on top followed by Drusilla Corbett and Rachel Coleman (USA). Despite sixth place here, the Russians took the overall lead with a 7-second head start over Hungary, 16 over Italy and 22 over Britain heading into the Combined Event.

A fantastic Combined Event played out from the beginning with the Russians trying to keep the lead before a fantastic

shooting and running display by Prise led the British team to the first place before the final relay.

Summers kept the distance and exited the last shooting range in first place followed by Batashova (RUS). During the 800m, the Russian managed to edge in front but Summers showed exceptional resolve to recover first place and win her second gold of the Championships.

Mixed Team Relay: China seal gold

Shuhuan Li and Xiuting Zhong (China) overcame a 49-sec-

ond handicap in the Combined Event to storm the field and win Mixed Team Relay gold at the UIPM 2015 Junior World Championships in Mexico City.

Shuhuan Li said: "I'm really happy with this result. It was really difficult to win this competition but after the fantastic run and shoot of my teammate I had in my mind that I couldn't let her down."

Xiuting Zhong, the 2014 Youth Olympic champion, said: "I'm really happy with this title. We trained really hard for this competition and after this week it's a fantastic way to end this Junior World Championships. I'm really honoured with this result."

Silver was won by Alessandro Colasanti and Francesco Tognetti (Italy) with the bronze medal going to Jihun Lee and Sunwoo Kim (Korea).

It was Oleg Naumov and Sofia Serkina (RUS) who took first place in the Swimming with a time of 1:59.17 to set the early pace. Second were Thomas Lees and Georgia Pipes (GBR) in 1:59.72 with Lee/Kim (KOR) third.

On to the Fencing and with 18 wins Colasanti/Tognetti (ITA) took first place to go first in the overall classification after the first two events.

Li/Zhong (CHN) took top slot in the Riding to move them to fourth in the overall competition, but they were still a con-



AN EXCITING WOMEN'S RELAY SAW RUSSIA AND GREAT BRITAIN COMPETE FOR GOLD IN THE FINAL METERS

siderable 49 seconds behind the leading Italians.

Their second-place finish kept them in pole position overall and with an 18 second head start on nearest rivals Lees/Pipes (GBR) going into the Combined Event. Hovath/Toth (HUN) were a further 20 seconds behind.

The tension was palpable as the Combined Event got underway and the drama was intoxicating as Li/Zhong (CHN) overturned that 49-second handicap with nerveless athleticism.

Ivar Sisniega, UIPM First Vice President, said at the conclusion of the event: "We had a very exciting finish of this week of competition with the top 3 places being decided between China, Italy and Korea in the



CHARLES FERNANDEZ DURING THE RIDING EVENT

last 800m. The level was really high during all the week.

well prepared for this.

"This competition was really successful with great conditions for the athletes. It was also challenging for the athletes because of the altitude but in fact we saw that the athletes were

"This shows that we have a great future generation of pentathletes. Also, some of them are already qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games."



PODIUM OF THE MIXED-RELAY EVENT

2015 SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Top-Class competition guarantees 16 places for the Olympic Games

The ancient spa town of Bath (GBR) hosted the 2015 Senior European Championships. This event, with 16 spots for the Olympic Games (8 male, 8 female) at stake, brought many of the best pentathletes in the world together.

Mixed Relay: Italians get the ball rolling

Camilla Lontano and Valerio Grasselli (Italy) won the first gold medal of the 2015 Modern Pentathlon European Championships after an exciting opening day at the University of Bath in England.

The duo performed consistently well throughout the mix relay competition, taking the lead after a strong fencing performance and producing the only clear round in the ride.

That gave them a 24-second advantage going into the Combined Event and while Donata Rimsaite (RUS) was briefly able



CAMILLA LONTANO AND VALERIO GRASSELLI WON THE MIXED RELAY COMPETITION

to overtake Lontano, Grasselli quickly reestablished Italy's lead and went on to win comfortably.

Ilya Palazkov (BLR) produced a determined sprint finish to beat Russia to the silver medal, while Kate French and Joe Evans (GBR) finished fifth behind Germany.

A delighted Grasselli said: "That feels very, very good. It was very

hard and even a bit unexpected but it was fantastic – as the day went on, every sport seemed to go better and better.

"I was a bit worried during the first circuit [of the run/shoot] but the second one went very well.

"Camilla did very well, we are a team. She made the difference in some of the events and put me in a good position for the combined."



THE BRITISH AUDIENCE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME FANTASTIC PENTATHLON ACTION

In the opening event, the 200m freestyle swim, French/Evans (GBR) clocked 1:57.04 to finish ahead of Rimsaite/Kukarin (RUS) with Gintare Venckauskaite and Lukas Kontrimavicius (LTU) third.

Lontano/Grasselli (ITA) were placed fourth after the swimming but hit top spot following

an impressive fencing performance which saw them win 21 of their 32 bouts.

Russia continued their fine start by winning 19 bouts, a total matched by Tamara Alekszejev and Bence Harangozo (Hungary) as they moved up to third.

In the Riding, the Italians were the only team to record a clear round and pick up the maximum 300-point haul. Hungary dropped down the rankings from third to seventh after Harangozo took a tumble from his horse, which proved costly in time penalties.

Belarus and Germany both performed strongly to move up to 3rd and 5th respectively.

Italy started 24 seconds ahead of the field in the Combined Event. That lead was eroded by Rimsaite (RUS) at the end of the first circuit and while Lontano (ITA) regained the advantage in the second shoot, she handed over to Grasselli two seconds



ATHLETES TAKE AIM DURING A THRILLING COMBINED EVENT IN BATH

behind the Russians.

However, Grasselli produced the best shoot to again take the lead and he did not look back, going to establish a healthy winning margin.

Belarus were in a battle for bronze with Great Britain at the end of the women's circuits but some smart shooting from Palazkov saw him pull away from Evans and then reel in Russia's Kukarin to take silver. "It was a hard day," said Palazkov (BLR).

"We didn't worry after the swim and fence because our best events were coming later."

Rimsaite (RUS) was pleased with a bronze medal, adding: "It's been a great day. I like this place, I always like to compete in Britain."

Team Relays: Strength in depth for Germany and Ukraine

Germany and Ukraine reigned in the rain as they won the women's and men's team relay titles respectively at the European Championships.

Lena Schoneborn of Germany, the reigning individual World Champion and 2008 Olympic champion, produced a classy run/shoot to secure gold with Annika Schleu in the women's event.

Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy and Yuriy Fedechko (Ukraine) performed consistently well throughout to win the men's title on a day when heavy rain made for challenging conditions for the ride and the Combined Event.

Schoneborn (GER) said: "We both knew we were strong in the run/shoot so we were con-



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fident. Annika gave us a really good start and I had a good first shoot, so I was able to really enjoy it after that.

"The weather made the riding conditions quite difficult so we took our time. We picked up a few penalty points but some of the other teams picked up even more."

Schleu (GER) added: "It was a good event for me. A worry was the rain and how it would affect my shooting and the guns as they are electric but it was all OK."

"Horse riding in this weather was also a worry due to the wet ground but we managed to come through it."

Samantha Murray and Mhairi Spence (GBR) had led after the first two rounds, recording strong wins in both the swimming and fencing, but a refusal at the first fence in the ride and the ensuing penalty points saw them lose ground. They went on to finish fourth, with Russia and Lithuania taking silver and bronze respectively.



THE UKRAINIANS DMYTRO KIRPULYANSKY AND YURIY FEDECHKO WERE THE WINNERS OF THE MEN'S RELAY COMPETITION

"We are quite happy with the result," said Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS). "First would have been better but second is not bad either."

Emilija Serapinaite (LTU) added: "It was a good day – we even like the rain! We had good horses. The shooting was not so good but we ran well."

The men's event saw Russia take a 17-second lead into the Combined Event but they went on to finish 5th. Ukraine moved up from 2nd place to take gold, while Italy held off a sprint finish

from James Myatt (GBR) to complete the podium places.

"I am very happy with that, we did our best and it has made us the gold medallists," said Kirpulyanskyy (UKR).

"Right from the beginning of the day we did everything well. The swim was good, we won the fencing and then we had a really good result in the ride."

"That set us up for a very good combined – my shooting was very good and Yuriy ran very well."

Bronze was a second medal of the week for Valerio Grasselli (ITA) but a breakthrough success for his delighted teammate Tullio De Santis.

"I've dreamt of this for a long time as I'm

30 now and have never won a medal before," said De Santis (ITA). "I am incredibly happy."

Men's Individual

Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (Ire-



ARTHUR LANIGAN-O'KEEFFE AFTER WINNING THE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

land) produced an outstanding performance across all five disciplines to be crowned men's champion at the Modern Pentathlon European Championships in Bath.

The Irishman held a 20-second lead going into the combined run/shoot and extended it even further to take victory – and a Rio 2016 Olympic Games qualification place – by a comfortable margin.

Silver went to Valentin Prades (France) while Riccardo De Luca (Italy) – this year's World Cup Final winner – took the bronze medal.

There was plenty for a packed home crowd to cheer as well as University of Bath student Joe Choong produced a storming finish to take 7th spot and one of the eight Rio 2016 Olympic Games qualifying places on offer.

The others went to London 2012 champion David Svoboda and Jan Kuf (both CZE), Robert Kasza (HUN), Egor Puchkarevskiy (RUS) and Valentin Belaud



THE RIDING EVENT WAS ONE OF MANY FANTASTIC SUCCESSES DURING THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

(FRA). Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL), the newly crowned European champion believes his training in the past year was fundamental to his new title.

"It feels unbelievable," he said. "My fencing was the weakest this year so I really concentrated on it for the last month and I turned it inside out.

"I just stuck to my process in

the riding and I loved riding so it was comfortable. I worked on my shooting technique this year by joining a gun school and it has really paid off in return." Silver-medallist Prades (FRA) said: "I feel really good. I was very sad after the riding because I picked up a lot of penalties but in the semi-final I had a good combined which really helped my confidence.

"Before the combined I said to myself 'you are crazy, come on, try and run fast!'."

Svoboda (CZE) finished just off the podium but said putting himself in contention to defend his Olympic crown in Rio was more than a worthy consolation prize.

"I have a spot for the Olympic Games but I am not nominated yet because that our coaches will decide next year," he said.



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"It is amazing, though, because I was injured for two years after the Olympics in London so this season is my comeback.

"I wanted to try and be in the top ten here and finally I am fourth – much better than expected."

After a consistent Swimming and Fencing performance it was Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) who took the last clean ride to head into the Combined Event in first place. Cooke (GB) and Kasza (HUN) were close behind with handicaps of 20 and 23 seconds respectively.

That gap grew when Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) produced a near-perfect shoot in the first round at the shooting range. Cooke (GBR) lost ground whilst shooting, allowing Kasza (HUN) and Pucharevsky (RUS) to overtake

him.

However, it would all change by the fourth and final shoot as Prades (FRA) and De Luca (ITA) powered through at astonishing speed to finish in second and third place respectively behind the Irish champion.

Women's Individual

Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania) surged from 11th to 1st to claim a dramatic victory at the University of Bath and add European Championships gold to her Olympic and World Cup Final titles.

Elodie Clouvel (FRA) and World champion Lena Schoneborn (GER) took silver and bronze respectively in the women's final, while there was a popular team gold for hosts Great Britain. Kate French (GBR) provided more cheer for the home crowd as she claimed one of the eight

Rio 2016 Olympic Games qualification places up for grabs.

Asadauskaite – victorious on her last visit to Britain, the London 2012 Olympic Games – went into the Combined Event 59 seconds behind Clouvel (FRA) but showed her class to begin closing the gap.

She was up to 5th by the end of the third 800m lap and then produced an outstanding shoot to get out of the range ahead of Schoneborn (GER).

Clouvel (FRA) still held the lead going into the last shoot but left at the same time as Asadauskaite (LTU), who then powered away to claim a famous victory. "It was a very good day – I had a good fence, a good ride and a good combined," said the champion. "This is a very good place and I really like it here in Bath – especially because I am



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champion!"

Clouvel (FRA), who won both the swimming and fencing disciplines, said qualifying for the Olympics was more than enough consolation for missing out on European gold.

"It's a good feeling," she said. "I am just very, very happy because I am going to Rio and because my father was here to watch me."

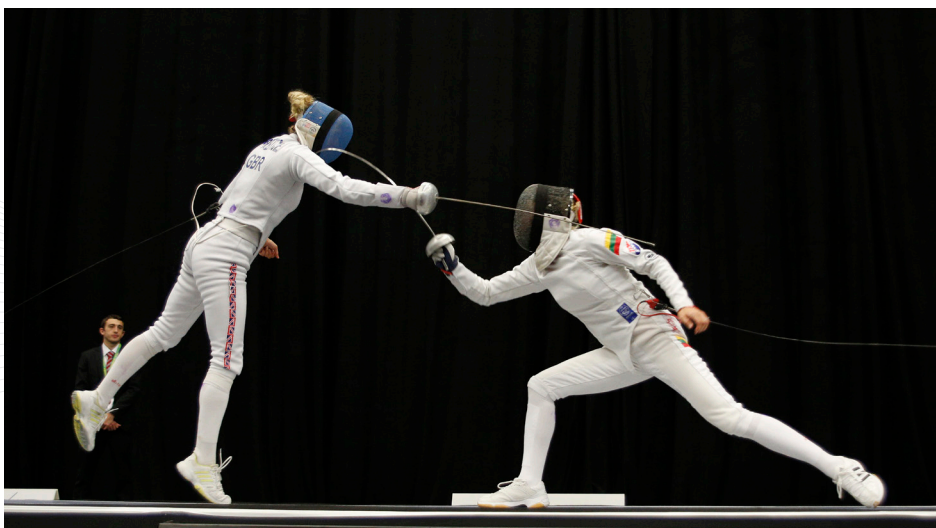
"My shooting is not very good, but I will work on it for Rio. I had very good running and was very fast but my shooting was so, so bad!"

Schoneborn, a gold-medallist in the women's relay on Wednesday, was relieved to be back on the podium after overtaking Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) in the closing stages.

"I was very glad to catch her at the finish," she said. "The whole day has been exhausting. I was satisfied with my run and my swim and I didn't do too bad in the fencing but made too many mistakes."

With Asadauskaite (LTU) having already secured a Rio 2016 place through her World Cup Final win, the qualification places went down to ninth with the other berths going to Gubaydullina (RUS), Oktawia Nowacka (POL) Janine Kohlmann (GER), Anastasiya Spas (UKR), Kate French (GBR) and Alice Sotero (ITA).

Jan Bartu, the Pentathlon GB



2015 SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS BONUS ROUND

Performance Director who helped to bring the European Championships to the University of Bath, said: "This has definitely been the best event of the year, absolutely no question about it – I am so proud."

Clouvel (FRA) topping the Swimming table with a stellar time of 2:09:13. She started the fencing with confidence and her additional agility with the blade paired with quick footwork enabled her to top the table after five rounds. Clouvel maintained the quality of her performance throughout the fencing and remained the leader for the duration of the event with an impressive 25 victories.

The bonus fencing round had a surprising amount of winning streaks but the longest by far went to Nowacka (POL), who managed to stay on the piste for eight bouts.

The riding was off to a very bumpy and unpredictable start as a number of refusals and falls not only led to three ath-

letes being disqualified but several others incurring penalties that heavily impacted on their overall score.

Kate French (GBR) completed the course with only one knockdown but it was Gulnaz Gubaydullina (RUS) who scored the only perfectly-timed clear round.

Another clear by Anastasiya Spas (UKR) put the two athletes in third and second place respectively but Clouvel (FRA) had enough of a points advantage to remain in first place despite an average ride.

She maintained that lead for three of the four shoots but, when she left the range for last time, had been reeled in by Asadauskaite (LTU) who demonstrated the combined event was truly her forte.

It was an incredible performance by the Olympic champion and a fitting finale to a truly world-class European Championships.

2015 AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two places for the Olympic Games guaranteed

The host nation, Egypt, snapped up the two African berths for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games at the 2015 African Olympic Qualification Championships in Cairo.

Eslam Hamad and Haydy Morsy booked their spots for Rio, though not without strong competition from their team-mates in an event which also welcomed new athletes onto the African stage from Mauritius, Madagascar and Burkina Faso.

The Egyptian women's team welcomed back three-time Olympian Aya Medany, who recently came out of retirement but showed her class throughout the day. Now a mentor for many women and girls in her country, she was awarded the 2014 IOC Women and Sport Trophy for Africa last December. Kenya and South Africa completed the entries for the women and men's events respectively.

With the championships starting in the afternoon to benefit from cooler conditions, the Swimming came first and it was no surprise that Amro El Geziry, the current Olympic world record holder, took control of the pool to win in a time of 1:55.5, nearly 6 seconds faster



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than his brother Omar, who took second place.

Reem Yakout completed the 200m with the fastest women's time of 2:19.76, only one second ahead of Aya Medany but the latter won the Fencing event by a large margin to lead overall after two events.

Amro El Geziry also came out on top in the Fencing event but only by one victory ahead of his team mate Eslam Hamad.

Clear rounds in the riding for nearly all the women meant Aya Medany started the Combined Event 30 seconds ahead of Reem Yakout and nearly one minute ahead of Haydy Morsy, also from Egypt.

It was a similar story in the men's event where despite Amro El Geziry achieving the only knock-

down of the day, he kept his lead to start 26 seconds in front of Eslam Hamad with Omar El Geziry seven seconds behind him.

The final event combined an indoor shooting range and a floodlit cross-country running course. The women went first and Aya Medany was able to hold her own until the last lap where she was overtaken by 15-year-old Haydy Morsy who stormed across the finish line to take Gold medal and book her place in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Receiving many congratulations from her team mates and coaches, she had just enough time to comment "thank you" before being swept up by her family and friends.

In the men's competition, Amro El Geziry kept his lead also until the third lap but was heavily pressured all the way by Eslam Hamad, and was overtaken on the fourth shooting series. Hamad then pounded his way around the last 800m to secure his qualification place for the 2016 Games.

"It's awesome," said Hamad (EGY). "I have not had such a good season, so this is amazing. I cannot describe how I am feeling now."



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News from around the Modern Pentathlon World

Perpignan will host the first UIPM Laser-Run World Championships

The Southern French city of Perpignan is all set to host the first ever edition of the UIPM Laser-Run World Championships on the 26th and 27th of September, 2015. The Local Organising Committee in Perpignan is a keen partner to UIPM in this historical moment as the sport of Laser-Run sees its debut at international level.

Competing in the First UIPM Laser-Run World Championships is a truly spectacular opportunity for all young athletes in the world, as it can be the first step to the dream to become a #5uperAthlete and to represent their national teams.

The UIPM Laser-Run World Championships open registration for Elite Division (UIPM registered athletes from National Federations) in Youth A, Youth B and under, Juniors, Seniors and Masters and also for non UIPM-registered athletes, representing the Olympic Hope Division and Laser-Run for all.

For further information on how to register as well as for schedules and venues, go to <http://www.pentathlon.org>.

FISU World University Championships 2018 Bidding Period



FISU, the International University Sports Federation, is currently running its bidding period for the 2018 World University Championships.

The deadline, set for 15 September 2015, is for FISU member associations to submit a bidding dossier for the 2018 FISU World University Modern Pentathlon Championship, which will be evaluated by the WUC Department and a presentation of each bid will have to be made in Brussels (BEL) in end-October.

The UIPM joined FISU in May 2014 and has since then successfully hosted the 2015 International University Open in Cuernavaca (Mexico), a joint-event with the Mexican Modern Pentathlon Federation, FISU and CONDDE, the Mexican University Sports Federation.

For more information on the bidding procedure, do not hesitate to contact the UIPM (universitiy@pentathlon.org) or FISU (championships@fisunet).

Biathle / Triathle World Championships will take place in Batumi, Georgia

Batumi, Georgia is prepared to host the UIPM 2015 Biathle/Triathle World Championships from the 18th to 20th September, 2015.

The Georgian Organising Committee is preparing to welcome all participants in the beautiful resort-city of Batumi where the best conditions for all athletes are being prepared.

For further information and to register please access <http://www.pentathlon.org>.

African Confederation Meeting

The African Modern Pentathlon Confederation (CAPM) met in Cairo on 19-20 August on the occasion of the African Olympic Qualification Championships. The 2-day Congress included Seminars, Forums and closed with the General Assembly meeting.

CAPM President Mr Sameh Gue-meih welcomed especially the new members from Madagascar and the Gambia. The General Assembly Agenda items included reports and financial statements, but the main focus of the meeting was on development and inter-nation cooperation.

The CAPM President briefed the nations present on development activities, including the distribution of fencing equipment, that had taken place in the past year and requested all CAPM members to send a statement of their plans for developing the sport in their own nations so that the different needs could be identified and addressed.



THE AFRICAN CONFEDERATION MEETING TOOK PLACE IN CAIRO DURING THE 2015 AFRICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS



18 INTERNATIONAL JUDGES RENEWED THEIR LICENSES IN THE SEMINAR THAT TOOK PLACE IN BATH (GBR)

The current CAPM members were encouraged to share their different experiences and expertise with each other and also to look at neighbouring nations for support and mutual cooperation.

Member nations were also encouraged to use existing relationships to attract new member nations to develop Modern Pentathlon in their countries based on its different sporting formats. Biathlon and Triathlon were ideal starting blocks for new, young athletes with Tetrathlon a natural next step up. Members were reminded that Tetrathlon is the Modern Pentathlon sport of the Youth Olympic Games, the next edition of which will take place in 2018 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Regarding future events, a discussion took place about inclusion of Modern Pentathlon in the next edition of the All-Africa Games and the plan of action will be implemented as soon as the host nation is confirmed. Finally, the Congress approved unanimously that future CAPM

financial statements would meet international regulations and standards and accepted the proposal for an auditing company to be appointed to carry out an annual audit of the CAMP accounts.

Judges International Seminar

Prior to European Championships in Bath, UK the LOC and UIPM organized a seminar for International Judges to renew their licences. The seminar took place on August 16th at the University of Bath and was conducted by UIPM Technical Delegate Dr. Vladimir Miller and UIPM Competitions Manager Philipp Waeffler.

A total number of 18 participants from 4 different nations renewed their International Judge licenses successfully, either for all five disciplines or some of them. In addition respective knowledge was cascaded down in smaller groups for the involved Judges from Local Organizing Committee.

Ferenc Török 80th Birthday



All at the Union International de Pentathlon Moderne send our warmest congratulations and wishes to UIPM Honorary Member Dr. Ferenc Torok as he marks the amazing milestone of his 80th birthday.

Dr Torok has a long and distinguished career as both an Olympic winning athlete, a coach and as a skilled administrator who held various ranks with the UIPM.

His Olympic successes as an athlete came in Tokyo 1964 when he was crowned individual Olympic Champion and then Mexico 1968 as part of the group who won Gold in the Team event.

Other honours during his competitive career include multiple Team World Champion titles, a World Championships medallist and nine-time Hungarian champion.

The success continued when he moved into the coaching field where he was appointed Coach and then Head Coach of the Hungarian Pentathlon Federation.

As a coach he achieved considerable success. In the 1998 Olympic Games, under his direction, János Martinek was Olympic Champion and the Hungarian Team won also the Gold Medal (László Fabian, János Martinek and Attila Mizers).

He also had a very successful spell as President of the Hungarian Pentathlon Federation before being appointed UIPM Vice President and then made an Honorary Member of UIPM for his dedication and commitment to the sport across the years.



FERENC TÖRÖK WITH MONÁ ISTVÁN AND ANDRÁS BALCZÓ AFTER WINNING THE MEXICO 1968 OLYMPIC GAMES TEAM EVENT GOLD MEDAL



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Tournament & Training Camp Invitations

This is an important notice for all Athletes and Competitions organisers to continuously check pentathlon.org for all information related to invitations and visa letters. Navigate to the National Federations Portal or to <http://www.pentathlon.org> to stay up to date with all tournament news.




BIATHLE
18-20 SEP. 2015
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
BATUMI, GEORGIA

Competition Invitations

Youth A World Championship
Buenos Aires, ARG
1-6 September 2015

Biathle / Triathle World Championships
Batumi, GEO
18-20 September 2015

Laser-Run World Championships
Perpignan, FRA
26-27 September 2015




TRIATHLE
18-20 SEP. 2015
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS
BATUMI, GEORGIA

Tournament and Training Camps

Ministry of Defence Cup
Moscow, RUS
6 September 2015

South American Championships
Resende, BRA
17-19 September 2015

Masters Open European Championships
Gyor, HUN
23-26 September 2015

Open Swiss Championship
Bern, SUI
26-27 September 2015

Medical and Anti-Doping Corner



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WADA has completed its amendment to Section S2.1 of the 2014 List of Prohibited Substances and Methods valid from the 1st september 2014.

Hypoxia-Inducible Factor (HIF) activators Xenon and Argon have been added to the 2014 Prohibited List, following the required three-month notice period and UNESCO's communication to all States Parties.

The recommendation to revise the List was made and approved by WADA's Executive Committee during its May meeting.

The new List can be found in the Medical Corner of the UIPM website (pentathlon.org)

Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

06 AUGUST 2015 - FRANKFURT/M, GERMANY

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann met with Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Ockenfels to discuss collaborative possibilities linked to skin protection for athletes during training and outdoor competitions, especially in geographical areas where the UV-index is very high.

Prof. Dr. Fabio Pigozzi, Chairman of the UIPM Medical Committee, will be included in the next meeting.

17 AUGUST 2015 - FRANKFURT/M, GERMANY

On August 17th UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann attended the City Hall of Frankfurt/M to meet Lord Mayor Peter Feldmann and his Spokesman Ralph Klinkenborg to discuss next year's UIPM Congress in Frankfurt/M (24-27 November 2016).

They spoke about the partnership between UIPM and the City of Frankfurt/M, where in the past World Cups, World Cup Final, Champion of Champions and UIPM meetings have been hosted.

They also reinforced cooperative agreements in the coming years. The City will support the UIPM Congress 2016.

20-24 AUGUST 2015 - BATH, GREAT BRITAIN

During the Senior European Championships in Bath, UIPM President Dr. Schormann attended the Welcome Dinner of GB Pentathlon along with UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang.

In a short speech the UIPM President thanked Anthony Temple - Chairman of GB Pentathlon - and awarded him with a special UIPM plate. He also thanked the European Modern Pentathlon Confederation, in the presence of the Secretary General Tatiana Ardabieva representing the ECMP, for the excellent cooperation between the Organizing Committee, the national federations and UIPM.

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann spoke during the ECH with different delegations about their needs for training facilities and equipment on the way to the Olympic Games 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

During the Congress of the ECMP on August 21st he thanked the President Dmitry Svatkovsky and his team for their strong work in the development of Modern Pentathlon in Europe. President Dr. Schormann briefed the congress delegates about international sport policy, decisions reached by the 128th IOC Session in Kuala Lumpur last month and upcoming UIPM competitions in the next month. He highlighted the importance of the First Laser-Run World Championships in Perpignan at the end of September 2015.



DR. SCHORMANN WITH THE DELEGATES OF THE ECMP CONGRESS

On August 22nd he had a meeting with Terry Bunyard (former President of MPAGB) and Tatiana Ardabieva to discuss UIPM educational and cultural policy in their capacity as UIPM Culture Commission Members.



DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN WITH TERRY BUNYARD AND TATIANA ARDABIEVA DURING THE SENIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

During those days the Chairman of the UIPM Athletes Committee, Dmytro Kirpulyanskyy, discussed with the UIPM President important ideas from athletes linked to the service of organizing committees etc.

On August 23rd Dr. Klaus Schormann had the opportunity to meet with the UIPM Competition Manager Philipp Waeffler, who briefed Dr. Schormann about the International University Open, the joint event of FISU-UIPM and the UIPM 2015 Junior World Championships.



DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN WITH UIPM COMPETITION MANAGER PHILIPP WAEFFLER

On the 24th August, and also during the Senior European Championships, the British Army and Pentathlon GB organised an event at Sandhurst on August 24, in the company of many notable guests. Sandhurst is a very important place for the UIPM as it was there, in 1948, that UIPM was founded during the London Olympic Games.

Among these were members of the family of Brigadier Leslie Wieler, who did so much at the time to facilitate and encourage the formation of the Union.

To recognise this historic landmark, a seven foot oak tree was planted by Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, Anthony Temple QC, Chairman of Pentathlon GB and General Sir Peter Wall GCB, CBE, ADC, the President of British Army Pentathlon. There followed a brief dedication by the Army Padre. The oak stands on the edge of a beautiful lake with a plaque appropriately commemorating and celebrating the founding of the Union.



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN PLANTING AN OAK TREE, DURING THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE UIPM



DR. SCHORMANN AMONG THE DISTINGUISHED GUESTS THAT ATTENDED THE COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY IN SANDHURST



DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN AND UIPM EB MEMBER MARTIN DAWE, TOGETHER WITH GENERAL SIR PETER WALL AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMY LINKED TO MODERN PENTATHLON

Following the planting a reception was held at the Old College where Dr Schormann spoke of the history of UIPM and recognized the contribution Pentathlon GB has made to the sport over many years.

Dr Schormann presented the Royal Military Academy with a commemorative plate and Sir Peter Wall with the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin medal. Sir Peter competed in Modern Pentathlon from an early age and through university, becoming a junior international. He has always been a strong supporter of Modern Pentathlon and has helped ensure its continuation as a sport within the British Army.



DRSCHORMANN HANDING THE UIPM PLATE TO THE COLONEL SEBASTIAN POLLIGTON

26 AUGUST 2015 - DARMSTADT, GERMANY

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann discussed in his President Office in Darmstadt with Prof. Dr. Norbert Müller - President International Pierre de Coubertin Committee - projects for the Olympic Summer Games 2016 in Rio de Janeiro, which both organizations will arrange together: exhibition, forum, questionnaire for spectators (since 1992 established!), publications etc.



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN TOGETHER WITH UIPM EB MEMBER FOR MARKETING MARTIN DAWE AWARDED THE PIERRE DE COUBERTIN MEDAL TO GENERAL SIR PETER WALL FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS IN MODERN PENTATHLON



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN AND PROF. DR. NORBERT MÜLLER DURING THEIR MEETING

New Balance World Rankings.

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 27 August 2015:

Women



1	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	200
2	HUN	Zsolia FOLDHAZI	181
3	RUS	Donata RIMSAITE	180
4	GER	Lena SCHONEBORN	179
5	BRA	Yane MARQUES	174
6	AUS	Chloe ESPOSITO	172
7	USA	Margaux ISAKSEN	170
8	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	168
9	ITA	Gloria TOCCHI	166
10	GBR	Samantha MURRAY	161
11	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	148
12	CHN	Qian CHEN	142
13	POL	Oktawia NOWACKA	138
14	BLR	Iryna PRASIANTSOVA	134
15	CAN	Melanie MCCANN	134
16	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	130
17	FRA	Marie OTEIZA	127
18	GBR	Kate FRENCH	126
19	POL	Anna MALISZEWSKA	126
20	ITA	Alice SOTERO	125



Men

1	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	215
2	ITA	Riccardo DE LUCA	189
3	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	172
4	RUS	Ilia FROLOV	172
5	CZE	Jan KUF	165
6	HUN	Adam MAROSI	154
7	GUA	Charles FERNANDEZ	154
8	HUN	Robert KASZA	153
9	KOR	Woongtae JUN	152
10	LAT	RUSLAN NAKONECHNYI	146
11	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	144
12	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	143
13	FRA	Valentin PRADES	143
14	EGY	Amro EL GEZIRY	140
15	RUS	Egor PUCHKAREVSKIY	136
16	IRL	Arthur LANIGAN-O KEEFFE	134
17	GBR	James COOKE	132
18	POL	Szymon STASKIEWICZ	132
19	KAZ	Pavel ILYASHENKO	129
20	CZE	David SVOBODA	128

The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on www.pentathlon.org



UIPM 2015 LASER-RUN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

PERPIGNAN, FRANCE

26 - 27 September 2015

check all informations @ www.pentathlon.org

Calendar UIPM Competitions

SEPTEMBER

UIPM 2015 Youth A World Championships

Buenos Aires, MEX

1-6 September 2015

UIPM 2015 Biathlon / Triathlon World Championships

Batumi, GEO

18-20 September 2015

UIPM 2015 Laser-Run World Championships

Perpignan, FRA

26-27 September 2015

OCTOBER

CISM World Military Games

Mungyeong, KOR

8-10 October 2015

Biathlon-Triathlon World Tour #5

Goa Velha, IND

26-28 October 2015

Other International Competitions

September

Ministry of Defence Cup

Moscow, Russia

6 September 2015

Masters Open European Championships

Gyor, Hungary

23-26 September 2015

October

Olympic Hopes (Youth A&B)

Prague, CZE

17-18 October 2015

Open Biathlon-Triathlon European Championships

Kusadasi, TUR

18 October - 1 November 2015

MODERN PENTATHLON | Key-Milestones

"The Modern Pentathlon event would test a man's moral qualities as much as his physical resources and skills, producing thereby the ideal, complete athlete."

Baron Pierre de Coubertin



PENTATHLON IN THE ANCIENT GAMES

708 BC - Lampis of Sparta won the first ancient Pentathlon

MODERN PENTATHLON

1912 - Stockholm: First time in the Olympic Programme

1948 - London: the UIPM was established

1996 - Atlanta: First Olympic Games all 5 events took place in one day

1998 - Budapest, Mexico, Monaco, Olympia, Lausanne: UIPM celebrates 50th Anniversary

2000 - Sydney: First time women pentathletes competed in the Olympics

2004 - Athens: Pentathlon home after 2712 years

2010 - Singapore: Combined event (running and shooting) and laser pistol introduced into the Olympic programme

2012 - London: 100 Years of Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games

2014 - UIPM joins the International Paralympic Family and the University Sports Family

2016 - Rio de Janeiro: Fencing Bonus Round in the Olympic Games

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