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## UIPM 2015 Senior World Championships

First the World, now for the Olympics . . .



QIAN CHEN (SILVER), LENA SCHONEBORN (GOLD) AND YANE MARQUES (BRONZE) CELEBRATE ON THE PODIUM AT THE UIPM SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



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# UIPM 2015 Senior World Championships

## Berlin hosts thrilling battle for World medals and Olympic places

Berlin hosted the UIPM 2015 Senior World Championships where Germany's leading pentathletes demonstrated the benefit of home advantage as they claimed two of the five gold medals on offer.

Lena Schoneborn delighted the home crowd with victory in the Women's Individual final, guaranteeing her spot in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games and four days before Alexander Nobis and Marvin Faly Dogue teamed up to clinch gold in the Men's Team Relay.

The Men's Individual final was dominated by Ukraine, with Pavlo Tymoshchenko claiming gold and Andriy Fedechko bronze as the best pentathletes in the world fought for the right to guarantee the 3 spots available for the Olympic Games.

### Men's Relay: Germany delight home crowd

Germany made home advantage count to pick up the first gold medal of the 55th UIPM Senior World Championships and launch the event in Berlin in the perfect style.

Alexander Nobis and Marvin Faly



PODIUM OF THE UIPM 2015 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S TEAM RELAY COMPETITION

Dogue (GER) topped the podium in the Men's Team Relay to begin a week of top-class Modern Pentathlon action at Berlin's Olympia-Park.

The duo were in contention from the point they won the Fencing and were always among the top contenders as the event progressed.

After the victory Nobis (GER) said: "It was very close with the Russian athlete at the end in the shooting and it was a case of will he hit the target, won't he hit the target? Marvin did really well and opened up a

20m gap in the last run.

"He wasn't too secure, but it was fine because with all the people cheering him on the route and after the last corner he knew he had done it and he was going to cross the finishing line first. We are both delighted."

Alexander Kukarin and Kirill Belyakov (RUS) took silver despite having led at the start of the closing Combined Event. The bronze went to Poland duo Szymon Staskiewicz and Jaroslaw Swiderski.

Swiderski (POL) said: "From the beginning we felt very well. I am very proud of my teammate as he is very young whereas I am a very experienced athlete, but he did so very well. We are very happy."

From the 18 teams starting the competition, it was Germany, Poland and Russia made a great start in the Fencing with 21 wins apiece. Germany were awarded first place followed by Poland with Russia sitting third.

Into the pool it was Woojin Hwang and Jinhwa Jung (KOR) who took



MARVIN DOGUE AND ALEXANDER NOBIS (GER) WERE CROWNED WORLD CHAMPIONS IN BERLIN



first place with an impressive swim in a time of 1.48:99.

Jianli Guo and Jiahow Han (CHN) were second posting a time of 1.49:38 with Jan Kuf and Martin Bilko (CZE) a further two seconds behind at 1.51:64. That time took the Czechs up to second in the overall standings after two events followed by China.

But topping the leaderboard at the halfway point heading to the Riding arena was Russia, whose fourth place finish in the pool saw them move from third into pole position. On to the Riding Arena, and the top three came from Guatemala, Italy and Ireland.

Jorge Imeri and Charles Fernandez (GUA) and Nicola Benedetti and Tuullio de Santis (ITA) took joint first with the Guatemalans edging it by mere milliseconds. Eanna Bailey and Tom O'Brien (IRE) finished third in the event.

A sixth place finish from overall leaders Kukarin and Belyakov (RUS) saw them go into the final Combined Event with a lead of 9 seconds over Benedetti and De Santois (ITA) with Staskiewicz and Swiderski (POL) a further 2 secs behind.

Kukarin and Belyakov (RUS) maintained their lead until the final round of shooting where in a moment of drama the Germans drew level and there was an exciting shootout that saw Nobis and Dogue (GER) move into first place.

The support of the home crowd gave Dogue (GER) all the encouragement he needed to cross the line first and claim gold.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schorrmann said: "It has been a wonderful first day of the Senior World Championships and the fact that Germany have won has been a great thing for the host country and the organ-



UIPM 2015 SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN'S TEAM RELAY COMPETITION PODIUM

isers. It is a special gift for them on the first day."

### Women's Relay: China defends its title

China dominated the women's relay for a second year in a row. The 2014 World Championship-winning duo of Liang Wanxia and Chen Qian repeated their performance of the previous year to add another title to their collection.

The Chinese duo fought off strong competition from silver medallists Lithuania, and a delighted Liang Wanxia said: "The competition was very close. All teams made a very strong competition so we were surprised that we got this result."

Leva Sarapinaite and Lina Batuleviciute (LTU) were far from unhappy to have finished second having moved up the field during the Combined Event. At the press conference they said: "We can't believe we achieved this medal. It's an amazing feeling running from the 5th place to silver."

"It's the first time that we have competed together in the same team and also in the Senior Championships and this is a fantastic result."

The 17 teams in the Women's Relay event began in the pool, where Shimazu Rena & Tomonaga Natsumi (JAP) were fastest in 2.03.62, almost half a second ahead of nearest rivals Francesca Gandol-



AN EXCITING COMBINED EVENT SAW CHINA'S QIAN CHEN AND LIANG WANXIA TAKING FIRST PLACE IN THE WOMEN'S TEAM COMPETITION



fo & Camilla Lontano (ITA). Jeong Mina & Kim Sunwoo (KOR) took third, another half a second behind the Italians. The host nation's Annika Schleu & Lena Schoneborn (GER) finished in fourth.

Japan dropped out of contention after conceding 21 defeats in the fencing round. Svetlana Lebedeva & Ektarina Khuraskina (RUS) fought back hard to win the fencing with 21 victories and 11 defeats. Italy and China finished joint second with 20 victories each.

Russia moved up from 10th in the overall standings to start the riding in 3rd position. China climbed up to 2nd with Italy taking the lead after a consistent top-two finish in both the swimming and fencing.

The riding was won by the Kate Coleman Lenehan & Sive Brassil (IRE) who scored the only perfect ride of the day. Italy held on to top spot with a 6-sec lead over China after both teams knocked down three rails in the ride.

Russia remained in 3rd place but had to share their position with Germany who gained four more points after a solid riding performance. Lithuania crept up the lea-



THE RIDING EVENT CREATED DRAMATIC MOMENTS FOR THE SPECTATORS IN BERLIN'S OLYMPIAPARK

derboard to 5th and started the Combined Event 15 seconds behind leaders Italy.

In the event it was China who were the ones to catch. They were consistent throughout and opened up a comfortable margin after the final shoot. Positions for silver and bronze were fought out between Poland and Lithuania after Italy dropped out of contention during the third shooting series.

2014 World Cup Winner Oktawia Nowacka (POL) came into the range for the final shoot in second place but a fast shoot by Batulevi-

ciute (LTU) changed the standings and Poland failed by just 1sec to deny Lithuania the silver medal.

### Men's Individual: Tymoshchenko on top of the world

Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR) became the new World Champion after fending off competition from last year's winner to take gold in the Men's Individual event.

Tymoshchenko shrugged off a 27-second deficit in the Combined Event to beat defending champion Aleksander Lesun (RUS), who claimed silver ahead of bronze medallist Andriy Fedechko (UKR).

Tymoshchenko took the top prize with the fastest Combined Event time of the day, but his victory looked far from certain after two events. The Ukrainian was a disappointing 31st in the first discipline of the day, Swimming, and 15th in the Fencing. But a 2nd place in the Riding set up his grandstand finish.

Lesun finished four seconds behind Tymoshchenko and Fedechko a further 10 seconds back.

The three athletes not only claimed their medals but earned automatic qualification for Rio 2016 with their podium finishes.



PAVLO TYMOSHCHENKO (UKR) TOPPED THE PODIUM AFTER THE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL FINAL



Tymoshchenko said that booking his passage to Rio was “amazing” but admitted he thought he’d blown his chance after the Fencing.

“I didn’t believe that I could do it,” he said. “After the fencing, I thought I had lost because I made too many mistakes. I didn’t believe it was possible.”

Despite being pipped at the post, Lesun said he was delighted with his medal and that it was more important than last year’s gold.

“Due to an injury I couldn’t perform well and it was a difficult season for me,” he said. “But I’m happy to return to the podium. Now I can start preparing for the most important competition in the calendar.”

Third-placed Fedechko said: “I didn’t expect to win a medal, but I worked very hard and am very happy with the result.”

The day started with a fantastic swim from Amro El Geziry (EGY), who confirmed his capabilities in the pool with first place. El Geziry - second in last year’s World Championships - retained top spot after taking 6th position in the Fencing but a horrendous outing in the Rid-



PAVLO TYMOSHCHENKO DURING THE MEN'S FINAL COMBINED EVENT

ing ended his podium hopes.

It was the riding where Tymoshchenko clawed back points with a clean run but Han Jiahao (CHN) took a 6-sec lead going in to the Combined Event over the rest of the pack with Lesun in second.

In the Combined, Lesun moved up to first in the second shoot but was overtaken by Tymoshchenko after the final shoot. Valentin Belaud (FRA) was fourth and Lee Woo Jin (KOR) fifth.

The Korean athletes had reason

to celebrate after winning gold in the Men’s Team event. Woo Jin Lee, Woongtae Jun and Woojin Hwang stood on top of the podium alongside silver medallists Russia (Lesun, Ilia Frolov and Egor Puchkarevskiy) and bronze medallists Poland (Jaroslaw Swiderski, Michal Gralewski and Szymon Staskiewicz).

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann was thrilled with the excitement of the final and congratulated the athletes, who had to contend with temperatures in the mid-thirties in Berlin.

“There was enormous heat, so what the athletes have shown in these conditions was unbelievable,” Schormann said. “And again the strongest athletes were on the podium.”

### Women’s Individual: A second gold for locals to cheer

Lena Schoneborn was crowned World Champion in front of a delirious home crowd in Berlin after winning the Women’s Individual Event.

Home advantage was crucial – as it was the Men’s Relay on the Opening Day - as the 2008 Olympic Champion came out on top in the



THE OLYMPIC PARK SWIMMING POOL HOSTED A FANTASTIC AND THRILLING SWIMMING COMPETITION



36-strong field to book her place in next summer's Olympic Games in Rio.

Schoneborn (GER) made a disappointing start to the day finishing 28th in the Swimming, but recovered well and went on to finish first in the Fencing beating the World Record with 280 Points (30 victories and 5 defeats), sixth in the Riding and stretch a nine second advantage going in the Combined Event to clinch first place on the podium.

She said: "I am very exhausted, but totally happy to be the new World Champion in my home city, in front of my home crowd and my family. It almost made me cry.

"It wasn't a perfect day because of the swim in the morning, but I had a perfect ride and I felt really comfortable. I almost had a full score and it's been a while since I did that. I was obviously nervous going into the run, but I just tried to focus and it worked out.

"With the support of the home crowd it made it a lot easier to go all out and give 110 per cent. On the last lap I knew I was going to take it individually, but I knew we were also going for a Team Medal



THE FENCING WAS PLAYED OUT IN FRONT OF A CAPTIVATED AUDIENCE IN BERLIN'S STUNNING OLYMPIC VENUE

so I just kept on running as hard as I could."

Qian Chen (CHN) took silver with Yane Marques (BRA) in third for bronze – both will also be heading to Rio next summer and so will Donata Rimsaite (RUS), who qualified for the Olympics with her 4th-placed finish because Qian Chen (CHN) had already secured her place at the Asian Olympic Qualifier.

Chen said: "I feel very excited as I didn't think I would get the Silver, but I tried hard in each discipline and it paid off. I wasn't sure how

the running would go, but I focussed on every single detail and was determined so that is probably why I got second place."

Bronze medallist Marques added: "I am so happy to get this medal and qualify for Olympics next year. I am going to the Olympics so really happy. I had a very good day with my fencing, and running so I am very happy."

In the pool it was Elodie Clouvel (FRA) and Samantha Murray (GBR) who placed first, with Sarmolta Kovacs (HUN) came in three seconds behind them to take third



THE WOMEN'S COMPETITION PODIUM AT THE END OF ANOTHER EXCITING DAY OF TOP-CLASS MODERN PENTATHLON IN THE CAPITAL OF GERMANY





TWO COMBATANTS THRILL THE CROWD ON THE FENCING PISTE AT THE 55TH SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

place.

On to the Fencing, home advantage played its part as in front of a very enthusiastic German crowd it was Schoneborn (GER) who took first place with 30 wins and only five defeats to move up to 2nd overall. In the fencing there were 25 wins apiece for Donata Rimsate (RUS), Kovacs (HUN) and Marques (BRA). That saw Kovacs (HUN) elevated to first on the leaderboard and Marques (BRA) sitting third.

The same trio remained in control during the Riding, albeit it was Schoneborn (GER) who was now in pole position with her 6th-place finish giving her a 9-sec advantage over Marques (BRA) who moved in to second ahead of the Combined Event.

Kovacs (HUN) was a further 9secs behind the Brazilian as the enthralled crowd held their breath to see who would come out on top in the run/shoot.

With the crowd fully behind her, Schoneborn (GER) stubbornly maintained her lead and some solid shooting and a fantastic run saw her cross the line first.

Chen (CHN) came from fourth and with a superb run managed to close down Marques (BRA) by the third round on the Shooting Range.

It went down to the final 800m with Chen (CHN) outpacing her opponent to take silver leaving the Brazilian with bronze.

After another superb day of thrilling live modern pentathlon action, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This was a great day with three different continents on the podium. What we have witnessed here in these very hot weather conditions is seeing high level performances from former Olympic and World champions who are now standing on our podium."

### Mix Relay: Cheer for Czech Republic

The Czech Republic picked up the final gold medal of the 55th UIPM Senior World Championships to round off a superb week at Berlin's OlympiaPark.

Natalie Dianova and Jan Kuf (CZE) were crowned Mix Team Relay World Champions after overcoming a 4-sec handicap in the Combined Event to pip Anna Burjak and Maxim Kustov and leave the Russian duo – who had led the Mixed Team Relay for most for the day – with silver.

The win was all the more special for Kuf (CZE) as he had overcome a career threatening injury – he broke his right forefinger fencing three months ago and had to undergo major surgery – to win his first ever title.

He said: "I am really happy as I have never won anything before, so this is just amazing. It is the biggest moment of my career and I hope I can build on this. I think Natalie and I worked really hard as a team today and that is why it worked out so well for us."

His teammate Natalie Dianova added: "For me this is my second world title, but this one is more special as the competition is so much tougher now. It has been an amazing competition for both of us, Jan suffered injury recently and I had two years out and I am not long back competing so this is really special."

Kustov (RUS) said: We have to say thank you for our silver medals, but after leading the event for the day we expected to win so we are a bit disappointed. It was very difficult



LENA SCHONEBORN TAKES AIM ON THE WAY TO BEING CROWNED WORLD CHAMPION

and we felt we did not have enough energy to win, but we worked as hard as we could and we finished with a medal."

Bronze went to Margaux Isaksen and Nathan Schrimsher (USA) who said: "It's our first ever World Championships medals and we have trained together for a very long time so they are very special to us."

"The Mix Relay is such a great event and we'd love to see it in the Olympic programme."

Of the 20 competing teams, Anna Burjak and Maxim Kustov (RUS) got off to an impressive start in the pool winning the Swimming in a time of 1:54:70.

They were followed home three seconds later by Natalya Coyle and Arthur Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) in 1:57:76 with Isaksen & Schrimsher (USA) in 1:58:39 just a fraction ahead of the Czechs, Koreans and French.

On to the Fencing and home advantage was the key yet again as Christian Zillekens and Janine Kohlmann (GER) had a strong event with 24 wins and 14 defeats to take first place.

Jianli Guo and Qian Chen (CHN) were joint second along with Poland, Russia and Korea all posting 23 wins apiece.



NATALIE DIANOVA AND JAN KUF (CZE) TOP THE PODIUM AFTER THE MIX RELAY

After the first two events it was Burjak & Kustov (RUS) who still sat top of the leaderboard with Woojin Hwang & Soo jin Yang (KOR) second followed by Zillekens and Kohlmann (GER) in third.

Despite placing sixth in the Riding, Russia were still looking strong going into the Combined Event giving Burjak and Kustov a 4-sec lead over Dianova & Kuf (CZE) who had moved to second overall after taking first in the Riding Arena.

Just five seconds behind were Zillekens & Kohlmann (GER) who with the distinct advantage of the home crowd behind them still had everything to play for.

Isaksen and Schrimsher (USA)

were 21 seconds behind leaders Russia, by virtue of a second place finish in the Riding, followed closely by Poland and China respectively.

In a dramatic Combined Event, there was plenty of excitement as the teams made their way between the Shooting Range and the Running Loops, but in the end it was the Czechs who dug deep to make up the time deficit and cross the line first ahead of Russia.

There was a three way battle for bronze between China, USA and Ireland and it took some fantastic skill from Schrimsher (USA) at the final shooting range to secure third place on the podium.

At the end of a thrilling week of high-class Modern Pentathlon action, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "Today shows how exciting Mix Relay is as an event and why it must be included in the 2020 Olympic Games."

"Thank you again to the athletes, some of whom have competed in four big finals so they have shown real mental and physical strength to do this. We can see that drama, excitement, tolerance and sporting friendship have been a big part of these World Championships and for that we thank all involved."



A PENTATHLETE CLEARS A FENCE UNDER PERFECT BLUE SKIES AT BERLIN'S OLYMPIAPARK



# UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP FINAL

## Fantastic Final in Minsk ends World Cup series in style

After four thrilling competitions in Sarasota (USA), Rome (ITA), Cairo (EGY) and Kecskemet (HUN), Minsk (BLR) hosted the UIPM World Cup Final where the top 36 athletes of the series competed for medals and the right to race at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio.

### Mix Relay: Glory for Belarus in their own back yard

Ilya Palazkov and Katsiaryna Arol (BLR) were crowned Mix Relay champions on the opening day of the World Cup Final to spark jubilant scenes of celebration in Minsk..

The Belarussian duo made home advantage count as they dominated the first event of the Finals in the 2015 UIPM World Cup Series in Minsk, Belarus.

A strong win in the Fencing saw them shoot straight to the top of the leaderboard and they remained there throughout the end of the first day of competition.

A jubilant Palazkov said: "We were very happy to have such a strong start to the competition and continue that to finish so strongly too.



PODIUM OF THE UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP FINAL MIX RELAY COMPETITION

It is wonderful to be the World Cup Series Winner.

"They say that your home is your castle and we are very happy to win here in our home of Belarus. Our country have provided excellent facilities and we are very thankful for it. We would also like to thank our family and all the fans for their support."

Finishing just behind the Belarusians were Arthur Lanigan-O'Keefe and Natalya Coyle (IRL). "My horse didn't go as well as I thought it would, but everything else went

like a dream for us," said Coyle. "You've got to be happy with silver, it's our third one this year so yes I guess we're happy enough with that.

"I love the Mix Relay and it was nice to have it ahead of the Men's and Women's Finals this weekend and give our legs a wee run out."

Lanigan-O'Keefe added: "I had a bit of a hitch in the first Shooting round where I ran into Natalya's range and had to run back in to mine, so I knew after that that Palazkov was quite far in front of me. I ran as hard as I could, but it wasn't enough in the end."

Palazkov and Arol (BLR) led the way from the start after the Fencing with 26 wins out of 30. Sitting just behind them were Arthur Lanigan-O'Keefe and Natalya Coyle (IRL) with just two victories less.

Russian's Ilya Shugarov and Ekaterina Khuraskina (RUS) were third with 23.

Into the pool, and a time of 1:56.95 for Lanigan-O'Keefe and Coyle (IRL) saw them take first place in



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the Swimming event, keeping them sitting second overall.

Korea's Woongtae Jun and Mina Jeong (KOR) finished just 0.05 seconds behind the Irish to move into third place in the overall classifications.

A sixth place finish for Belarusians Palazkov and Arol (BLR) kept them at the top of the leaderboard heading in to the Riding Arena.

A clear round saw Mexicans Alvaro Sandoval and Mayan Oliver (MEX) take first place, but despite finishing sixth in the Riding it was Palazkov and Arol (BLR) who continued to dominate the leaderboard maintaining their grip on first place.

That gave the Belarussians a sizeable 28 second head start for the Combined Event over Russian duo Shugarov and Khuraskina (RUS), who moved up to second overall after three events, and Ireland's Lanigan-O'Keeffe and Coyle (IRL) who now sat third.

The Combined Event played out as expected with Palazkov (BLR) the first male to cross the line, building on a strong start from his female team mate Arol (BLR).

A strong run from Lanigan O'Keeffe (IRL) saw the Irish finish second to take silver with Jun (KOR) grabbing bronze from the Russians.

After an exciting first day of competition at the WCF, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The Minsk Organising Committee have given us first class facilities, the organisation has been first class. The Opening Ceremony was a wonderful showpiece and an exciting presentation of the country showing sport and culture combining in the Coubertin way.

"The fact that the winner today was Belarus will give us a big push and attraction for the weekend event.



UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP FINAL MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION PODIUM

The sun is shining on us, there is a great atmosphere and it was great to see a lot of children cheering with us.

"For the UIPM it was the right decision to come to Minsk for the World Cup Final and I think all my colleagues will agree that this is somewhere we would come again. We are all looking forward to the two individual finals over the weekend."

### **Men's Individual: Riccardo de Luca is the main man in Minsk**

Rio and the 2016 Olympics beckon

for Riccardo De Luca after the Italian was crowned Men's Individual World Cup winner in Minsk.

With so much at stake, and so little between the top male pentathletes heading into the Final, competition was fierce especially between the top three of Pavlo Tymoshchenko (UKR), Ilia Frolov (RUS) and Valentin Belaud (FRA) with just six points separating first from third in the overall World Cup Men's Rankings.

But after a day of thrilling and dramatic competition on the field, it was the surprise package of



AN EXCITING COMBINED EVENT SAW ITALY'S RICCARDO DE LUCA TAKING FIRST PLACE IN THE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION



De Luca (ITA) who triumphed in a spectacular Combined Event to take Gold and guarantee his place at next summer's Olympic Games in Rio.

He said: "I am very proud of myself. I have worked very and I am getting better all the time and to know that I am not only the World Cup Final winner, but I have also qualified for the Olympics is such a wonderful feeling.

"I changed some things about my approach to the Combined Event at the start of the season and now I am better and I had a good competition. I am very, very happy."

The much fancied Tymoshchenko (UKR) took silver and graciously congratulated his rival: "I feel good with second place in such a big competition. But I am also a little disappointed to miss out on the Olympic qualification as there is only one place up for grabs, but second place is better than other places.

"Riccardo is a good winner, he is strong and ran very well. I was hoping to make him nervous in the Shooting and make some ground up on him before the Running, but once he started the final running



PAVLO TYMOSHCHENKO (UKR) IN ACTION ON THE FENCING PISTE DURING THE WORLD CUP FINAL MEN'S INDIVIDUAL EVENT

loop I knew I wasn't going to be able to catch him. Congratulations to him though."

Third place and bronze went to Kazakhstan's Pavel Ilyashenko.

With 23 wins each, four athletes – Tymoshchenko (UKR), Frolov (RUS), De Luca (ITA) and Szymon Staskiewicz (POL) – were awarded 232 points apiece in the opening event of Fencing.

It was De Luca (ITA) who clinched first place overall, followed by Staskiewicz (POL) then Tymoshchenko (RUS).

Into the pool and the leaderboard took on a very different complexion.

Strong swimmers from Great Britain's James Cooke (GBR) and Amro el Geziry of Egypt in times of 1:56.46 and 1:56.40 respectively saw them take joint first in the event and catapult Amro El Geziry (EGY) up to first on the leaderboard.

It turned out to be a good Swimming round for the British as Cooke's compatriot Joseph Evans (GBR) finished third in the pool in a time of 1:59.28.

Despite a good display in the Fencing, De Luca (ITA) had a disappointing swim with a time of 2:09.38 to see him drop to sixth overall.

Tymoshchenko (UKR) however moved into third on the table despite a similarly poor time of 2:08.53, but Poland's Michal Gralewski leapfrogged from sixth to second after finishing the event fourth in a time of 1:59.54.

Into the riding arena and a solid round and shared third place finish from Amro El Geziry (EGY) saw him remain in pole position overall with a sizeable 21-second start over his nearest rivals.

Behind the Egyptian, the pre-WCF favourites re-emerged as contenders.



RICCARDO DE LUCA AND PAVLO TYMOSHCHENKO CAPTIVATED THE AUDIENCE WITH A THRILLING COMBINED EVENT IN MINSK



Tymoshchenko (UKR) finished second to also secure him second place on the overall leaderboard giving him a narrow three second start over De Luca (ITA) as the final Combined Event got underway.

De Luca (ITA) took first place in the Riding to move back up the table to third and very much into the running for overall glory.

Frolov (RUS), sitting fourth overall, was just five seconds behind De Luca followed even more closely by Jung Jinhwa of Korea and Staskiewicz (POL) in what was set to be a thrilling final event.

The real drama unfolded in the final moments of the Combined Event with De Luca (ITA) and Tymoshchenko (UKR) neck and neck going into the final running loop.

It was the Italian who prevailed with his strength and determination taking him across the line first to secure Gold and a place at the biggest sporting spectacular of all – the Olympic Games.

After another day of breathtaking competition, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The Men's World Cup Final was so dramatic at



THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF MINSK PLAYED HOST TO A CAPTIVATING RIDING COMPETITION DURING THE 2015 UIPM WORLD CUP FINAL

the end. We could see how strong and competitive both the Ukrainian and Italian athletes were as well as those chasing them. It was a real fight to the end and an absolutely excellent finish.

"The weather in the morning wasn't great as we had a thunderstorm and heavy rain, but thankfully when it came to the Riding and Combined Event we had blue skies and sunshine so the spectators came out in their numbers to watch which was fantastic for the athletes.

"We have finished the Men's World Cup Final with a very fine winner as Riccardo is a great athlete and I imagine he will be very happy at securing his spot in Rio."

### Women's Individual: Laura Asadauskaite earns right to defend her Olympic title

Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) will defend her Olympic title at the Olympic Games in Rio next summer after being crowned Women's Individual World Cup Winner at the 2015 UIPM World Cup Final in Minsk, Belarus.

The Lithuanian was always in a strong position during the event, but it was in the final Combined Event where her experience and class counted and she easily overcame a seven second handicap to cross the line finish securing Gold and her seat on the plane to next summer's Olympic spectacle.

She said: "I am very happy today, it is a great day. My Fencing and Swimming were very good although in the Riding I made one small mistake. I didn't feel 100% in the Combined Event, but I am very happy to win and to know I am going to Rio next summer.



LAURA ASADAUSKAITE (LTU) WAS THE WINNER OF THE UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP FINAL WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION



"As defending Olympic champion it is an honour to be able to go back and defend my title and I can now prepare for that."

Italy's Gloria Tocchi (ITA) who was never out of the top two for the Women's competition, took Silver. "I'm really happy with this result. I love this country. It's my first Senior medal and even if I knew that the Gold medal was impossible for me I'm really satisfied"

Australian Chloe Esposito (AUS) who has already qualified for Rio 2016, had a strong Combined Event to take the Bronze: "I'm so happy it's difficult to explain it. I had a hard year last year and this is my first year coming back into World Cup's since being injured."

"I finished in the top ten in my first two competitions of the World Cup Series and I was happy with that, but to come to the World Cup Final and get a bronze medal makes me really happy."

Canada's Melanie McCann (CAN) and Italian's Gloria Tocchi (ITA) made a good start to the Women's Individual Final with 25 wins apiece to lead the overall classification af-



TWO PENTATHLETES ON THE FENCING PISTE IN THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EVENT IN MINSK

ter the first event of Fencing.

With one win less – of 24 – the reigning Olympic Champion and much-fancied Laura Asadauskaite (LTU), sat in third place as the Women headed to the pool.

A fifth place finish in the Swimming, in a time of 2:13.29, saw Brazilian Yane Marques (BRA) move from fourth to first on the overall leaderboard.

Tocchi (IRL) remained second overall posting a time of 2:18.41 while

Asadauskaite (LTU) ensured she stayed well in contention in third spot overall with a swim of 2:19.17.

The Swimming event was won by France's Elodie Clouvel (FRA) in 2:06.93 to move her into fifth place on the leaderboard while previous leader McCann (CAN) placed 26th in a time of 2:21.95 to drop to fourth.

Next up was a visit to the Riding Arena where Clouvel (FRA) had another outstanding display with a clear round to take first place –



THE 2015 WORLD CUP FINAL PODIUM AT THE END OF THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL EVENT



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and move her up to second place on the Leaderboard.

That meant Clouvel only had a very reachable five second handicap to make up on leader Tocchi (ITA), whose 15th place finish in the Riding was enough to give her pole position, going into the Combined Event.

There was also a clear Riding round from American Margaux Isaksen (USA) which saw her edge her way up the leaderboard to seventh – and starting just 25 seconds behind Tocchi for the Combined Event.

Pre-competition favourite Asadauskaite (LTU) remained third, giving herself just a seven second handicap behind overall leader Tocchi (ITA), heading into what was certain to be another thrill a minute final event of Running and Shooting.

Previous leaders from earlier events, McCann (CAN) and Marques (BRA), were also still very much in contention sitting fifth and sixth with the Combined Event looming.

A great start in the first loop of



THE WORLD'S LEADING FEMALE PENTATHLETES BEGIN THEIR SWIMMING EVENTS DURING THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL FINAL IN MINSK

Running and Shooting for Asadauskaite (LTU) saw the Lithuanian quickly catch leader Tocchi (ITA) early on and she kept a hold of the lead from that point to cross the line first, the Italian finishing just behind her.

The race for third, and bronze, was where the real drama lay. Hungary's Zsolia Foldhazi (HUN) left the final shooting range in third and looked to have the bronze in the bag.

However, a fantastic run from Australian Chloe Esposito (AUS) saw

her pass the Hungarian and pip her for third.

After yet another dramatic day on the Modern Pentathlon field, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "This was a great World Cup Final and Women's Individual event with the winner the defending Olympic champion from 2012.

During the award ceremony, Evgenij Kliosov, Laura Asadauskaite coach was awarded with the Coaches Award of the Women's Competition.

"Laura was so far ahead of the others in first place, but we had a dramatic run at the end for all the other places, it was so exciting.

"We have been so lucky again with the weather, the overall conditions and the fantastic facilities. In addition to that we must thank the judges, the officials and the volunteers and everyone who has made such a success of this World Cup Final.

"We now look forward to the World Championships and we wish to extend a huge thank you to the Local Organising Committee, the National Federation, the Government and the people of Minsk and Belarus for what has been a wonderful Finals."



LAURA ASADAUSKAITE (LTU) LEADS THE WAY DURING THE COMBINED EVENT OF THE WOMEN'S INDIVIDUAL FINAL



# 2015 Asia / Oceania Championships

## Twelve places for the Olympic Games guaranteed

China's Qian Chen completed a golden double at the Asian & Oceania Championships when she was crowned Women's Individual champion which guarantees her place at next summer's Olympic Games in Rio. The World PWR Ranking #4, 2014 World Championships Silver Medallist and Asian Games Gold Medallist Chen (CHN) showed her class to take the gold medal in the first day of the Championships – the first Olympic Qualification event for Pentathletes which will guarantee 12 athletes (six female, six male) their place in the wonderful city next summer.



PODIUM OF THE 2015 ASIA / OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS WOMEN'S COMPETITION

The six women who achieved qualification places in Rio 2016 on 19/20 August next summer are: Sunwoo Kim (KOR), Wanxia Liang (CHN), Xiaonan Zhang (CHN), NatsumiTomonaga (JPN) ; Oceania – Chloe Esposito (AUS). However, through the rules of the qualification system, whereby National Olympic Committees are only allowed to enter 2 athletes per gender, a place for Elena Potapenko of Kazakhstan is also guaranteed as only 2 Chinese athletes will have their qualification spots.

Eventual winner Chen (CHN) made

a solid start with a third place finish in the Fencing Ranking Round behind team mate Xiaonan Zhang (CHN) and Korea's Sunwoo Kim (KOR). Despite placing fifth in the pool, Chen (CHN) moved up one place in to second just a point adrift of Sunwoo KIM (KOR). The swim was won by Elena Potapenko (KAZ) in a time of 2:13.57 just ahead of Rena Shimazu (JPN) in 2:13.67.

The Fencing Bonus Round awards one point per bout won, so it was an exciting last few bouts, Chen beating Chloe Esposito (AUS) to draw level with Kim who lost her

last bout to Xiaonan Zhang. In the Riding, only two athletes achieved perfect scores, both from China and both riding the same horse – Wanxia Liang and Chen. This gave Chen an astounding 21 seconds head start from Elan Potapenko (KAZ) in the Combined Event, with Sunwoo Kim two seconds behind the Kazakhstan athlete.

A fast and furious competition for the top spots unfolded over the 4 bouts of running and shooting with Chen crossing the finish line first with Sunwoo Kim in second place. Not far behind was Wanxia Liang (CHN) in third with Chloe Esposito (AUS) hot on her heels whilst Elena Potapenko(KAZ) dropped from second place to finish seventh behind NatsumiTomonaga (JPN) in sixth.

Chloe Esposito (AUS) booked the spot for Oceania – with a fourth in the Fencing, seventh in the Swim, eleventh in the Riding seeing her start the Combined Event in fifth place. Overall, Esposito finished in fourth place, but as the first athlete from Oceania to cross the finish line she won not only the Olym-



BEIJING HOSTED A FANTASTIC EVENT WHERE THE LEADING PENTATHLETES FROM ASIA AND OCEANIA CHALLENGED EACH OTHER FOR PLACES AT THE 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES



pic place but also the title of 2015 Oceania Champion.

### Max Esposito (AUS) secures one of six men's Olympic berths

The Men's Olympic Qualification event for Asia and Oceania for Rio 2016 was a fierce competition with the top Oceania athlete and top 5 placed Asian athletes booking qualification spots for the Modern Pentathlon Olympic Event to be held 19/20 August 2016.

World Ranking #12 and 2014 UIPM World Cup Winner Woongtae Jun (KOR) had a rocky beginning to the day placing only 5th in the Fence Ranking Round, which was won by Haihang Su (CHN) one victory ahead of Korea's Woojin Hwang and Jinhwa Jung, the 2014 Asian Games Simver medallist. Jinhwa Jung was fastest in the Swimming in the only sub-2 minute time of the competition (1:59.83) ahead of Cao Zhongrong (CHN) in 2:01.66 and Woojin Hwang in 2:01.95.

So into the Bonus Fencing Round, Su Haihang and Jinhwa Jung were tied in points at the top of the table but the decisive top matches saw Jinwha Jung beaten by Cao Zhongrong and Haihang Su beaten by Hwang Woojin resulting in the tie remaining into the ride. Hwang and Cao were tied in next place 4 points behind the leaders with Jun just another 4 points further behind.

Poor rides from Jung, Su, Hwang and Jun led to Zhngrong Cao starting the Combined Event 11 seconds ahead of team mate Haihang Su, with Japan's Tomoya Migushi 4 seconds behind the Chinese pair. Woojin Hwang started 3 seconds behind Miguchi. The only perfect round in the Ride came from Hapeng Wu (CHN) whilst Pavel Il'yashenko (KAZ) also cleared the course but incurred 1 second time penalty.



2015 ASIA / OCEANIA CHAMPIONSHIPS MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION PODIUM

The Combined run-shoot in the Men's event proved just as exciting as the Women's the previous day. Max Esposito (AUS), starting out in 5th place, 24 seconds behind, took an early lead and thanks to accurate shooting and fast running, he kept the lead to cross the finish line in first place. Then came Woongtae Jun, moving up from 7th place to finish in second place whilst his Korean team mate Dongii Lee who had started in 14th place, 1:19 behind the leader, came in 3rd in the fastest Combined Event time of 10:35.

For Oceania Max Esposito (AUS) had respectable performances throughout the day, 13th in the

Fence, 7th in the Swim, 3rd in the Ride, to start 5th in the Combined Event and finishing in 1st overall to win the 2015 Oceania Champion title, Max Esposito will join his sister in Rio 2016.

The 6 men who achieved qualification places are: Asia – Woongtae Jun (KOR), Dongii Lee (KOR), Haihang Su (CHN), Zhongrong Cao (CHN), Woojin Hwang (KOR); Oceania – Max Esposito (AUS). As National Olympic Committees are only allowed to enter 2 athletes per gender, this means through the rules of the qualification system a place for Tomoya Miguchi of Japan is guaranteed.



MAX EXPOSITO WON THE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION IN BEIJING



# News from around the Modern Pentathlon World

## Biathle / Triathle World Tour #2: Success under the Tuscan Sun

211 pentathletes from youth to seniors landed in the municipality of Cascina, in the Province of Pisa, Italy, for the 2015 UIPM Biathle/Triathle World Tour #2.

Held under a blazing sun and a good atmosphere with families cheering up their kids, the competition saw a great number of participating countries.

Teams from Germany, Austria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Mexico and Argentina witnessed the dominance of Italians and British at the World Tour #2. In the end the British came away with a total of 29 medals and the overall team trophy.

## 2015 International University Open in Modern Pentathlon Ready to go to Mexico

The UIPM and the Mexican Modern Pentathlon Federation are organising the 2015 International University Open in collaboration with FISU and CONDDE, the Mexican University Sports Federation.

Member of FISU Family since May 2014, the UIPM has followed the indication of the FISU Executive Committee in establishing a trial event of



BIATHLE / TRIATHLE WORLD TOUR #2 WAS HELD IN CASCINA, ITALY

the sport within the University framework, thus scheduling this competition for Cuernavaca (Mexico) from 27 July to 1 August 2015.

Cuernavaca is the capital and largest city of the state of Morelos, in the south of Mexico City. With a rich and diverse history dating back approximately 3,200 years, the city was the summer destination of Aztec emperors due to its stable climate and abundant vegetation. Today the city preserves these characteristics and is a modern metropolis with 330,000 inhabitants, and a strong sport-event oriented culture. Also the Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos is a strong supporter of the university sports movement in Cuernavaca and the 2015 International University Open.

The 2015 International University

Open will last four days and it is open for university student-athletes from all over the world. The competition format will be the Tetrathlon (Swimming, Fencing and the combined Run/Shoot) – the same format that UIPM uses at the Youth Olympic Games – and will include men and women's individual competition, as well as a mixed relay competition.

## Argentina invites for Training Camp in Buenos Aires



Looking ahead to see a great performance at the 2015 UIPM Youth A World Championships in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 1 to 6 September, Argentinian Modern Pentathlon Federation is inviting delegations from all over the world to participate in a training camp. The entire session consists on a



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simulation-based training during the period 18 to 30 August 2015.

For further informations and application, contact Guillermo Filipi at guillermofilipi@yahoo.com.

## Masters in Action in the European Cup



TARTU (EST) HOSTED THE LATEST MASTERS EVENT

The 37th Tartu Masters tournament and European Masters Cup stage was held on June 5-7 in Tartu. There were 29 participants from eight countries; 14 in pentathlon and 15 in tetrathlon.

The competition started with riding in the horse farm of Urmas Saks. Tetrathlon started with shooting. Nine competitors got maximum results (300 points) in riding, led by Kaido Koppel (Estonia). Two other Estonians had excellent results: in shooting, Rain Raidna (186 out of 200) and in 100m swimming, Kaarel Kilk with 57.86 seconds. Another Estonian, Enn Jaigma, who was M60+ World Master in tetrathlon last year, won the 50m swimming in 37.65 seconds.

Fencing was split into two groups, one for pentathlon and one for

tetrathlon. Both winners – Raidna (EST) in pentathlon and Aleksandrs Hudolejs (Latvia) in tetrathlon – scored 20 victories out of 26. Javier Carnero (Spain) won the 2km run in 7:03 minutes and Jan Bade (Finland) was best over 1km with 3:51.

A high score of 1445 allowed Tambet Kibal (Estonia) to win the M60+ pentathlon title while the M40+ winner was Raidna (EST) with 1425 points and the best in shooting and fencing. Both winners are World Masters at the moment.

Three Estonians were also age-group winners: Kaarel Kilk (-39M pentathlon), Toomas Naaber (-39M tetrathlon) and Hannes Priks (M50+ pentathlon).

Two Swiss competitors got first places: Eduard Weber (M70+ pentathlon) and Christine Stalder (W40+ tetrathlon).

Ukraine had two tetrathlon winners: Oleksandr Misik (M40+) and Petro Chelpanov (M60+). Andra Novicka (Latvia) came out on top in -39W pentathlon and Sergey Astashov (Russia) topped the standings at M50+ pentathlon.

Before the award presentation and dinner the athletes were introduced to the beer factory A Le Coq, one of the oldest in the Baltic States, founded in 1807. All competitors took home a polo shirt with competition logo while the three best of each group also got “table medals”.

The final day saw a continuation of the cultural programme, with athletes visiting Estonian Road Museum, walking in amazing Taevaskoja and relaxing in three types of sauna: smoke sauna (UNESCO World Heritage from Estonia), Finnish sauna and Iglu sauna.

Hanno Selg, the only Estonian pentathlete who has won an Olympic medal during his time with the USSR team, took part in the cultural programme. He won silver in the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960, where he finished 10th in the individual event.

The 38th Tartu Masters tournament and European Masters Cup stage takes place on June 3-5, 2016.

## Sharif El-Erian is a new Executive Board Member of the Egyptian Olympic Committee

Sharif El-Erian, President of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation and Egyptian Olympic Committee board member, was voted by the ENOC to join the 5-person Executive Board. He replaces the former President, Khaled Zein, who was ousted from his position at ENOC's extraordinary general assembly in June 2015.

## UIPM Implements University Sports Strategic Plan

Since being welcomed as a member of the FISU family in May 2014, the Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne (UIPM) has been actively engaged with FISU regarding its integration into the World University Championships programme.

Modern Pentathlon is often considered the most complete sport, and with over 100 years of history, the UIPM has the legitimacy to promote its values and culture, in particular to the younger generations under the motto of “Education through Modern Pentathlon”. This approach matches that of FISU and further highlights the existing proximity and consequent synergy between both organizations.





THE FIRST JOINT EVENT BETWEEN UIPM AND FISU WILL HAPPEN IN MEXICO JUST BEFORE THE UIPM 2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

With this in mind, the UIPM has drafted a detailed strategic plan, specifically oriented to University Sports, which is currently being implemented in partnership with its member national federations. This plan envisions to actively promote and help implement Modern Pentathlon, and its sub-sport programmes, at universities worldwide, sharing the UIPM's know-how and technologies with key people on site. Other actions planned include informational material presenting the sport for FISU member associations, and educational material on sport and especially the combined event for interested universities and their students/athletes.

Continued promotion of the sport within the universities and creation of a database of universities willing and capable of running modern pentathlon or its sub-sports will be tied in with support for these specific programmes and, eventually, even with the organisation of national and international FISU/UIPM events are also envisioned.

Meanwhile, preparations are on course for the inaugural World University Modern Pentathlon Championship in 2018 and with the bid-

ding period currently ongoing, three major university sports and modern pentathlon nations have already shown interest in hosting the 2018 WUC. Part of the development plan set out for the sport includes a trial event, 2015 International University Open, which is currently planned for Mexico in late July.

### Georgia shapes up its preparation for the UIPM 2015 Biathle / Triathle World Championships

Friday, the 18th of September will be the opening day of the 2015 UIPM Biathle/ Triathle World Championship. The event will bring toge-

ther to the city of Batumi, Georgia, a number of 300 athletes of various age groups and several countries to compete.

While preparations for this UIPM flagship competition are continuing picking up pace, the Local Organizing Committee received the official visit of UIPM Evaluation group Bernard Petruschinski, Technical Delegate, Leandro Pontes, Communications and Media Assistant, and Howard Jones, member of UIPM Biathle working group.

On the occasion, Batumi was hosting the Biathle/ Triathle Open Tournament as a rehearsal for athletes, organizers and volunteers. During an entire weekend workshop, the UIPM representatives had the opportunity to check accommodations and venue arrangements and to discuss aspects related to broadcast, promotion and operations.

Mr Howard Jones was amazed by the city of Batumi and competition's installations: "First impression of Batumi were very favourable. It is a coastal resort attracting visitors from around the Region. There is a very long seafront promenade and it appears to be sport friendly with designated cycle lanes. The area appears to be safe and the



THE UIPM 2015 BIATHLE/TRIATHLE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WAS TESTED DURING THE OPEN TOURNAMENT IN BATUMI



opportunity for athletes to train for running and swimming without fear. The town is cosmopolitan with a western influence. There is an eclectic mix of historical architecture, Soviet-style housing and ultra-modern high rise accommodation, much in the construction process."

President of Georgian Modern Pentathlon Federation and the LOC, Vyacheslav Malishev demonstrated all his belief that Batumi will deliver a great event to the world: "Federation has set the goal which is to organize the best ever Biathle and Triathle World Championships and we gradually grow to this. On behalf of our Federation, I invite everybody to visit beautiful country Georgia and a wonderful, fast-growing city resort Batumi."

#### **UIPM Sports Director Janusz Peciak and pentathletes met Polish authorities**

The Prime Minister of Poland, Ewa Kopacz, and the Polish Minister of Sport, Adam Korol met with young local pentathletes at the Polish Olympic center in Wladyslawowa during the Youth National Championships.

UIPM Sports Director Janusz Peciak attended the event and was inducted into the city's Hall of Fame.

#### **Colombia includes Modern Pentathlon in the program of the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games**

Colombia has stated its intention to include Modern Pentathlon in the program of the Barranquilla 2018 Central American and Caribbean Games and thus creating the Colombian Modern Pentathlon Federation till the end of this year. The agreement was built on June 22 during meetings between Andres Botero, IOC member and Colombia's Sport Minister, Baltazar Medina, President of the Colombian National Olympic Committee, Ivar Sisniega, UIPM First Vice President and Jorge Salas, President of the South American Modern Pentathlon Confederation.

As in the top six sport nations in the American continent, Colombia presents excellent conditions to develop Modern Pentathlon. Indeed, the country has demonstrated its power and long tradition in each one of five disciplines of Modern Pentathlon.

#### **Leading sports psychiatrists to address delegates at World Coaches Conference in Manchester**

Between November 6 and 8, 2015, Modern pentathlon coaches will hear from the man who counselled Sir Chris Hoy to three gold medals in

Beijing at the annual World Modern Pentathlon Coach's Conference.

This year's theme, Rio 2016 and Beyond, will provide thought provoking and insightful content designed to stimulate discussion and reflection.



Dr Steven Peters, who has worked with numerous sports stars including footballer Steven Gerrard, Olympic gold medallist Victoria Pendleton and five-time world Champion snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan, will be speaking to delegates about how to best manage the part of the brain that controls emotions and gut instincts.

He will be joined by Yogi Breisner, the man who has led the British Eventing team to medals at the Sydney, Athens, Beijing and London Olympic Games. The event will once again offer coaches a fantastic opportunity to gain a further understanding into the development of their athletes.

Registration for the conference closes on July 20, and with places filling up fast delegates are encouraged to apply for a place as soon as possible.



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# Tournament & Training Camp Invitations

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## Tournament and Training Camps

**European Youth A Championships**  
Prague, Czech Republic  
**9-14 July 2015**

**International Championships** **German** **Masters**  
Halle, Germany  
**10-12 July 2015**

**Polish Open Modern Pentathlon Championships**  
Drzonków, Poland  
**10-12 July 2015**

**UIPM Biathlon / Triathlon World Tour #3**  
Setúbal, Portugal  
**18 July 2015**

**2015 Youth B European Championships**  
Caldas da Rainha, Portugal  
**22-27 July 2015**



### Competition Invitations

**Junior World Championships**  
Cuernavaca, MEX  
**27 July -1 August 2015**

**Junior World Championships**  
Mexico City, MEX  
**1-10 August 2015**

**African Championships**  
Cairo, EGY  
**18-23 August 2015**

**European Championships**  
Bath, GBR  
**18-23 August 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](http://pentathlon.org))



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# Inside UIPM: Monthly activities of President Dr Schormann

**30 MAY - 04 JUNE 2015 - BEIJING, CHINA**

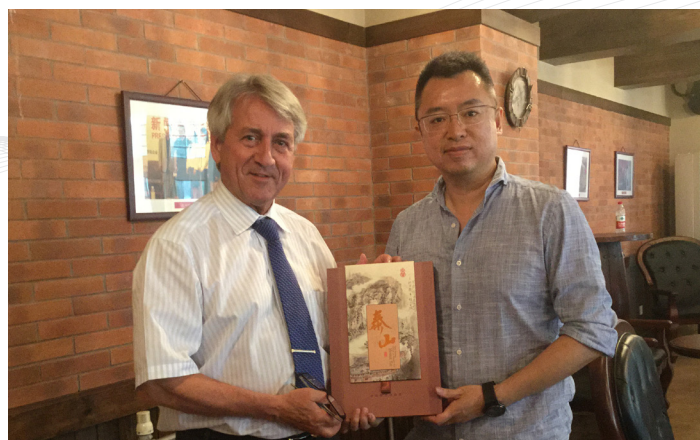


UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, UIPM VICE PRESIDENT, KUISUNG CHOI, UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL SHINY FANG AND CMPA VICE PRESIDENT XU HAIFENG JOIN OTHER REPRESENTATIVES DURING THE ASIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESS CONFERENCE

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann visited the Asia & Oceania Qualifier for RIO 2016 in Beijing. During this visit he joined UIPM Secretary General Shiny in meeting with the CMPA President, Mr Wei Wang and CMPA Secretary General Mr Zhang Bin, to discuss a new project in the city of Wuhan, where the Government will build a new Modern Pentathlon Centre in combination with other Olympic sports under the Patronage of UIPM.

They also spoke about future bids for high level competitions in China for the period 2017 until 2020 and general matters for development of Modern Pen-

tathlon in Asia. Based on the support of China, the inaugural Asia/Oceania Youth Championships have been also organized in Beijing during the intern competition.



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TAISHAN SPORTS INDUSTRY GROUP MR GANG CUI

President Schormann met on May 30 and June 1 with the President of Modern Pentathlon Federation Australia and also EB Member of the NOC of Australia Kitty Chiller, to discuss key points to improve development of Modern Pentathlon in Australia and Oceania. UIPM will arrange under her guidance as a member of the UIPM Sport for All Commission some new projects to create new federations in Oceania through the Sport For All Movement of UIPM.

On June 2, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann discussed with the Director of Taishan Sports Industry Group Mr Gang CUI details of a future future sponsor partnership. After the first meeting in December 2014 with the owner of the company in Lelingcity/Shandong Mr. Zhiliang BIAN and the meeting with them in Sochi at SportAccord in April 2015 now the concrete partnership has been fixed. UIPM Secretary General Shiny Fang accompanied the UIPM President in all meetings.



(LEFT-RIGHT) ZHANG BIN, CMPA SECRETARY GENERAL, WANG WEI, CMPA PRESIDENT, DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, UIPM PRESIDENT, XU HAIFENG, CMPA VICE PRESIDENT AND ZHAO JIANQING, CMPA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

**09 - 15 JUNE 2015 - MINSK, BELARUS**

On Friday 12 June, the UIPM Executive Board held a one-day meeting at the Headquarters of the Belarus National Olympic Committee. President, Dr. Klaus Schormann and Secretary General, Shiny Fang gave mid-year reports and updates on matters regarding different international sporting movements as well as their international activities on behalf of UIPM. The EB received financial interim statements from the Treasurer and re-



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UIPM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS IN MINSK, BELARUS

ports were also received from the Chairs of UIPM Committees and Continental Confederation Presidents. A highlight of the meeting was the report from Media regarding the vastly improved figures on social media platforms in relation to those of the preceding year.

With regard to the area of sport, the draft of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games Qualification System was approved and a detailed presentation given on the development of UIPM's parapentathlon discipline and university sport programme. Discussions on regional development and medical/anti-doping matters rounded off the day's meeting.

President of MPFB Mr Nikolay Ivanchenko and UIPM



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN AND MPFB PRESIDENT NIKOLAY IVANCHENKO DURING THE UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP FINAL

President Dr. Klaus Schormann discussed during the Worldcup Final with Aleksandr Dubkovski - Deputy Minister for Sport and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus - , Mr Semen Shapiro - Chairman of Minsk Region Executive Committee, and his Vice Chairman Mr Viktor Sirenka and the Vice President of NOC Belarus Mr Mikalai Ananyeu the possibilities for important Modern Pentathlon competitions in Minsk, which is from now on an important pillar in the UIPM Movement based on the excellent conditions for training and competitions of Modern Pentathlon.

On September 23, 2015 Dr Schormann will join his colleagues of the MPFB and the NOC President SEM Alexandre Lukashenko to plant an oak tree close to the NOC Headquarters in memory of Baron Pierre de Coubertin.

#### 17 - 18 JUNE 2015 - MONTE-CARLO, MONACO

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann joined the Honorary Auditors in Monaco together with UIPM Treasurer John Helmick, where along with SG Shiny Fang and Vice President Joel Bouzou they discussed financial policy for the remaining months of 2015.

On June 18, the ad hoc working group for UIPM Statutes met with UIPM President in Monaco linked to





(LEFT-RIGHT) UIPM ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR VALERIE RUSSO, UIPM AUDITORS HELIO MEIRELES AND ALEXSANDER PEIRITS AND UIPM TREASURER JOHN HELMICK

the UIPM Congress 2015. Members: Pres. Dr. Klaus Schormann, SG Shiny Fang, VP Joel Bouzou, Anthony Tempel President MPAGB, Lawyer Gerd O. Ziegenfeuter and Legal Counsel Fulvia Lucantonio.

### 18 - 19 JUNE 2015 - MONT PELERIN, SWITZERLAND

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann visited the Clinic for Cancer Prevention and Laser Medicine and discussed the cooperation with Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Ockenfels and the UIPM Medical Committee.

The medical center in the \*\*\*\*\* Hotel Le Mirador in Mont Pelerin at the lake Geneva is the second skin cancer prevention center under Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Ockenfels supervision. Several years ago Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Ockenfels developed a skin cancer prevention program in his clinic for dermatology in Hanau for athletes which is used in Germany by the Stiftung Sporthilfe and also by "normal" outdoor sportsmen.



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN VISITED PROF. DR. HANS MICHAEL OCKENFELS IN THE CLINIC FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND LASER MEDICINE

The base for this program was a study done with over 650 people showing skin cancer precursors which showed a 6-fold elevated risk to develop such precursors in the group of golf players. Now president Schormann visited the dermatological medical center in Le Mirador and was amazed by the cellular pictures of the confocal lasermicroscop used by Prof. Ockenfels.

This technique "has been carried out" only 500 times in the world and Prof. Ockenfels is the only scientific doctor with two examination places and 2 laser microscopes, one in Switzerland and one in Germany. Luckily it turned out, all screened skin moles were "in healthy condition".

The program is now ready to be rolled out across National Modern Pentathlon Associations!



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN WITH FORMER GERMAN ATHLETES

### 26 JUNE - 5 JULY 2015 - BERLIN, GERMANY

After the Opening Ceremony of the 55th World Championships in Berlin, June 28 Dr Schormann met with Senator for Interior and Sport Berlin Mr. Frank Henkel and his State Secretary Andreas Statzkowski and discussed the legacy of the Olympic Park Berlin from 1936 linked to annual international competitions in this park, where Modern Pentathlon's Berlin training centre is established.

On June 29 the UIPM President welcomed former German athletes from the World Championships that took place in Leipzig 50 years ago, in 1965.



# New Balance World Rankings.

The PWR is updated live on [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org) after each competition. PWR as at 30 June 2015:

## Women



1	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	203
2	HUN	Zsolia FOLDHAZI	181
3	GBR	Samantha MURRAY	180
4	GER	Lena SCHONEBORN	174
5	RUS	Donata RIMSAITE	172
6	USA	Margaux ISAKSEN	171
7	FRA	Elodie CLOUVEL	161
8	AUS	Chloe ESPOSITO	158
9	ITA	Gloria TOCCHI	154
10	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	154
11	CHN	Wanxia LIANG	149
12	BRA	Yane MARQUES	148
13	BLR	Anastasiya PROKOPENKO	148
14	CAN	Melanie MCCANN	146
15	CHN	Qian CHEN	142
16	POL	Oktawia NOWACKA	134
17	RUS	Anna BURJAK	133
18	GBR	Freyja PRENTICE	127
19	POL	Anna MALISZEWSKA	126
20	ITA	Alice SOTERO	124



## Men

1	EGY	Amro EL GEZIRY	189
2	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	186
3	ITA	Riccardo DE LUCA	184
4	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	180
5	RUS	Ilia FROLOV	173
6	HUN	Robert KASZA	173
7	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	171
8	CZE	Jan KUF	165
9	LAT	RUSLAN NAKONECHNYI	146
10	KOR	Woongtae JUN	146
11	HUN	Adam MAROSI	144
12	KOR	Jinhwa JUNG	144
13	GUA	Charles FERNANDEZ	142
14	FRA	Valentin PRADES	141
15	HUN	Bence DEMETER	136
16	KAZ	Pavel ILYASHENKO	129
17	GBR	James COOKE	128
18	POL	Szymon STASKIEWICZ	128
19	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	127
20	RUS	Maksim KUSTOV	124

The Full New Balance World Ranking is available on [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org)



## UIPM 2015 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mexico City, MEXICO

1 - 10 August 2015

check all informations @ [www.pentathlon.org](http://www.pentathlon.org)

# Calendar UIPM Competitions

## JULY

**International University Open**  
Cuernavaca, MEX  
**27 Jul - 1 August 2015**

**Biathlon/Triathlon World Tour #3**  
Setúbal, POR  
**17 June - 9 July 2015**

## Other International Competitions

### July

**European Youth A Championships**  
Prague, Czech Republic  
**08-13 July 2015**

**International German Masters**  
Halle, Germany  
**10-12 July 2015**

**Pan American Games**  
Toronto, Canada  
**18-19 July 2015 20-21 June 2015**

## AUGUST

**UIPM 2015 Junior World Championships**  
Mexico City, MEX  
**1-10 August 2015**

### August

**African Championships**  
Cairo, Egypt  
**18-23 August 2015**

**European Championships**  
Bath, Great Britain  
**18-23 August 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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