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2015 UIPM World Cup #2

A thrilling event in the desert



CAIRO HOSTED THE SECOND COMPETITION OF THE UIPM SEASON



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2015 UIPM World Cup #2

New stars join established elite on podium in Cairo

THE Egyptian capital of Cairo, for many years the stronghold of Modern Pentathlon in Africa, staged another successful major event when the world's finest pentathletes descended on the city to compete for honours and 2016 Olympic qualifying points.

The five-day event featured two world records in shooting and produced both new and familiar winners, emphasising the diversity of global competition that exists in Modern Pentathlon and the urgency that is driving athletes from all countries along the road to Rio.

Dr Klaus Schormann, President of UIPM, said: "The World Cup in Egypt is always a special highlight in our movement. A World Cup in the continent of Africa has a political meaning and Cairo has for a long time been a strong pillar in our movement.

"I would like to thank all the volunteers and all the people who have been deeply involved in this competition.

"The support we got from the Egyptian Minister of Sport and the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Asso-



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ciation was fantastic and we have to thank all the people, including the staff of our own union, who did great work here to create a very successful World Cup.

"In sport there is again a clear message for peace in the world, especially in this region where we have not so much peace around us."

Women's Individual: Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) wins gold

Laura Asadauskaite (Lithuania) came from behind to earn a spectacular victory in the second leg of

the 2015 UIPM World Cup series in Cairo, Egypt.

As the reigning Olympic champion, Asadauskaite can never be dismissed as a threat and she proved her class by overcoming a 31-second handicap to win the Combined Event and consign Margaux Isaksen (USA) to her second consecutive World Cup silver medal.

Freyja Prentice (Great Britain) continued her country's prolific start to the 2015 series by snatching a bronze.

Isaksen had grasped the lead in the opening event - the Fencing Round Robin - and held on to it throughout the day, but in the end her Running and Shooting was not quite at the same high standard as her Fencing, Swimming and Riding and the London 2012 gold medalist fought back to secure a narrow victory.

Asadauskaite (LTU) had entered the Combined Event in 4th place, level with Alise Fakhrutdinova (Russia) 31 seconds behind the leader.

Isaksen held a 24-second advan-



ENG. KHALED ABDEL-AZIZ, EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS TESTING THE LASER SHOOTING DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW MODERN PENTATHLON VENUE AT THE CAIRO INTERNATIONAL STADIUM COMPLEX.

tage over her nearest contender, Marie Oteiza (France), who in turn set off six seconds before the woman in 3rd position, Oktawia Nowacka (Poland).

However, the potential for drama of Modern Pentathlon at the highest level is such that nothing can be taken for granted in the Combined Event and the crowd in Cairo was increasingly thrilled as the top trio came under pressure.

Soon the podium looked very different as Oteiza (FRA) struggled at the first shooting range, and then Fakhrutdinova (RUS) began to fall out of contention. Meanwhile Prentice (GBR) was making up ground from her starting position of 7th.

At the second shooting range, Asadauskaite (LTU), Nowacka (POL) and Prentice (GBR) finished their five shots in close proximity and Prentice overtake Nowacka to move into bronze medal position.

The drama was not complete, however . . . the final shooting range contained one final twist as Asadauskaite (LTU) summoned all of her experience and composure to overtake the leader. Isaksen (USA) did not allow the setback to deny her the consolation of silver, and Prentice finished well to cross the line third.

Great Britain have now won three of the six Women's Individual medals in the 2015 series, after Samantha Murray won gold and Kate French bronze in Sarasota, USA.

Isaksen (USA) was also a prominent performer in the first leg of the series and she is now in a very strong position in the 2016 Olympic qualifying stakes after two silver medals. She can also look ahead to the rest of the season knowing she has only been beaten by the reigning champions of the Olympic Games and UIPM World Championships.



WOMEN'S COMPETITION PODIUM

"This was a very good day, a very good competition, and I am very happy. It was a very good fight, especially at the last shooting," said Laura Asadauskaite (LTU) after receiving her gold medal.

Isaksen (USA) was fighting back tears as she reflected on finishing second again. She said: "Laura is a really incredible athlete, obviously - she won the Olympics. So I knew she was closing in, and at the last shot my nerves just got the better of me. I really freaked out.

"The season has started well for me. It's a good gauge of where I am, physically and mentally. I feel the same way as I did after Sarasota: I

have a lot of work to do, and most of it is at the shooting range."

Isaksen had set the tone for a strong day on the Fencing piste, where she enjoyed 25 of her 34 bouts. There was one name missing from the Round Robin as Claudia Cesarini (Italy) was forced to withdraw due to injury.

In the pool, the fastest time was posted by Elodie Clouvel (France), who swam 2:08.99 and moved up to third place overall behind Isaksen (USA) and her compatriot Oteiza (FRA).

The Fencing Bonus Round saw Isaksen (USA) remain in pole position, but Fakhrutdinova (RUS) and



THE WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S COMPETITION, LAURA ASADAUSKAITE (LTU)

Asadauskaite (LTU) each won five bouts to improve their overall position.

Eight riders claimed a maximum of 300 points on horseback, including Isaksen (USA), Oteiza (FRA), Nowacka (POL) and Asadauskaite (LTU).

The stage was thus set for a dramatic Combined Event, which ultimately came down to a test of psychological strength as much as physical fitness. Twenty-four hours earlier, two world records had been set in shooting during qualifying for the Men's Final and it was her composure with the Laser Gun that finally propelled Laura Asadauskaite to the top of the podium.

Men's Individual: Nakonechnyi (LAT) crowned Men's Champion

Ruslan Nakonechnyi (LAT) took the field by surprise to be crowned the Men's Individual Champion.

After a steady display in the first three events of Fencing, Swimming and Riding, the Latvian didn't look to be in contention for a place on the podium.

But he saved his best for the Combined Event where he amazed the crowd by overtaking the more fancied athletes and clinching first place.



THE MALE COMPETITION PODIUM OF THE UIPM 2015 WORLD CUP #2

"I am very happy," said Nakonechnyi. "I thank my family and I thank Cairo and the lovely people of Egypt. A year ago I finished in fifth place and now I am the winner so I am very thankful. I have a new coach and a new team and I thank them too, this is a great result for me and I am delighted."

He was joined on the podium by Jan Kuf (Czech Republic), who took silver, and Pavel Tsikhanau (Belarus) in third.

Kuf (CZE), who had moved from ninth position to second during the Combined Event, said: "I was really tired in the last leg. It is a good thing I finished second because I can now be more confident for the

upcoming competitions and we'll see how it goes. I thought my fencing was average and the rest was too so I am hoping it will be good in the rest of the season now."

Tsikhanau (BLR) was particularly happy with his display on the day. He said: "It is my first medal in international competition and I am so so happy, but so so tired."

Tsikhanau (BLR) was the early leader at the end of the Fencing with 23 wins, with the host country's Omar El Geziry (EGY) putting in a solid performance to take second spot along with Szymon Staskiewicz (POL) both with 22 wins.

Home advantage very much counted in the pool with World Championships silver medallist Amro El Geziry (EGY) the only pentathlete to swim under the two-minute mark.

His time of 1:59.32 saw him take first place in the pool although it was Amro's brother Omar who went first in the overall classification after posting a time of 2:02.26.

At this point, Tsikhanau (BLR) dropped to second overall while Nakonechnyi (LAT) now sat third as his challenge for the title began to mount.

On to the riding and as one of nine



RUSLAN NAKONECHNYI, THE WINNER OF THE MEN'S INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

pentathletes to achieve the maximum 300 points, Omar El Geziry (EGY) kept his grip on first place, much to the delight of an excited home crowd, to give him a 15 second advantage going in to the final Combined Event.

Early leader Tsikhanau (BLR) was sitting in second place overall, with Bence Demeter (Hungary) in third.

The scene was set for what looked to be a straightforward Combined Event, but the crowd was treated to a thrilling climax.

After the first shooting round Demeter's countryman Adam Marosi (HUN) had put himself in contention for a medal, but then Nakonechnyi (LAT) took control. By the end of the second shooting round and running loop the Latvian had an unassailable lead and it was one he didn't relinquish to claim the gold medal.

The fight for second and third place on the podium still raged with silver secured by Kuf (CZE) and Tsikhanau (BLR) holding off a late challenge from Fabio Poddighe



TEAM MIXED RELAY COMPETITION PODIUM

(Italy), Valentin Belaud (France) and Riccardo De Luca (Italy), last year's winner in Cairo, to pick up bronze.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schorrmann was thrilled with the excitement of the Men's Final and believes it will help Modern Pentathlon prosper as a sport in Egypt.

He said: "Today we had a new winner, a new face from last year and I think it is very good for our movement to have new people, young people coming through to win a World Cup.

"It gives a lot of hope for other people and provides big motivation that not only the star can win, but other young up and coming stars who are rising through the ranks. This is very good for the whole development of our sport."

Team Mixed Relay: Mexico wins gold

Ismael Hernandez-Uscanga and Tamara Vega (Mexico) provided the thrills on the final day in Cairo as they took gold in the Mixed Relay.

The duo started and finished the day at the top of a tight leaderboard. Only five seconds had separated the top three of Mexico, Ireland and Hungary - who finished

on the podium in that order - going into the Combined Event which gave the Cairo crowd plenty to cheer about.

It was Mexico who came out on top, to the delight of their athletes. Hernandez Uscanga said: "I feel really excited and really happy for myself and my team mate because we had a great competition although there are still things we need to work on to make it an even better competition. We will try to repeat this result in this year's World Championships."

Tamara Vega added: "I am really happy because now we are seeing all these years of hard work we have put in come to fruition. This is the result I expected and I hope we can keep these results up this year, but with pentathlon you can be up and down so we have to remain strong."

After losing out by just a second to the Mexicans, Arthur Lani-gan-O'Keeffe (Ireland) said: "Yes it was really close. I was happy with my run although my legs were tired from the Men's Final, but all round it was a really good performance by me and Natalya [Coyle] and next time we'll get that gold."

Hernandez Uscanga and Vega



ISMAEL HERNANDEZ AND TAMARA VEGA AFTER WINNING THE TEAM MIXED-RELAY COMPETITION

(MEX) made a strong start in the Fencing with 31 wins giving them the early lead overall.

Just one win behind sat Katsiaryna Arol and Ilya Palazkov (BLR) while Tamara Alekszejev and Bence Harangozó (HUN) stood third. Home favourites Haydy Morsy and Yasser Hefny (EGY) had an impressive start to take fourth place.

Into the pool and Europe came back into medal contention through Lanigan O'Keeffe and Natalya Coyle (IRL) who took first place in a time of 1:57.70.

Their time was just three hundredths of a second faster than that of Alice Sotero and Fabio Poddighe (ITA) so the two teams shared top billing for the event.

The result saw the Irish move into third place overall, however despite placing fifth and dropping into second overall, Vega and Hernandez Uscanga (MEX) were still looking favourites at this point.

A fourth-place finish from Alekszejev and Harangozó (HUN) saw them move into pole position on the leaderboard.

That changed in the Riding arena where Coyle and Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) leapt into first place with a



CAIRO HOSTED SOME OF THE TOP PENTATHLETES OF THE WORLD DURING FIVE EXCITING DAYS OF COMPETITION

solid display, but they were kept in clear sight at this point by Alekszejev and Harangozo (HUN) who had a near perfect event to leave them just one second behind the leaders going into the final Combined Event.

Vega and Hernandez Uscanga (MEX) placed seventh in the Riding, but although that dropped them to third overall they were just five seconds behind the leader ahead of the run/shoot finale.

The top three heading into the Combined Event were the three who made the podium, albeit in a different order.

In the Women's leg, Coyle (IRL) had an incredibly slim start on her two rivals and managed to maintain her lead to the end of her leg. Behind her Vega (MEX) had overtaken her Hungarian counterpart.

It was then down to the men's leg where the enthralling battle between Hernandez Uscanga (MEX) and Lanigan-O'Keeffe (IRL) captivated the crowd.

After an almighty tussle it was the Mexican who crossed the line first with the Irishman a second behind followed by Harangozo (HUN).

Australian siblings Max and Chloe Esposito moved from ninth to fourth overall with a gutsy display in the Combined Event.

After absorbing all the drama of another compelling Mixed Relay, UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "The whole event was very well organised, there was a wonderful atmosphere inside the arena, great sportsmanship from the athletes and again they have shown that Mixed Relay is a wonderful competition. It is so exciting for the public, for the athletes and the nations."



THE FENCING BONUS ROUND WAS A CAPTIVATING AND EXCITING SPECTACLE FOR THE CROWD



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News from around the Modern Pentathlon World

Happy Birthday to His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco

It was with great joy that we celebrated on March 14 the birthday of His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco.

The Modern Pentathlon world is incredibly proud and honoured to have Prince Albert as Honorary President of UIPM and we take this opportunity to thank him for all the positive influence, expertise and leadership over the years.



UIPM HONORARY PRESIDENT, H.S.H. PRINCE ALBERT II OF MONACO CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY ON THE 14TH MARCH

Two World Records Broken

International Day of Happiness on March 20 was particularly sweet for two of Modern Pentathlon's finest marksmen as the shooting world record was broken twice in the same day.

It was during qualification for the Men's Individual Final at World Cup #2 in Cairo, Egypt, that William Muinhos (Brazil) scored five hits in 7.01 seconds. Amazingly, only a few minutes later Marvin Dogue (Germany) demolished the new record by managing five shots in just 5.9 seconds.



ALEKSANDER LESUN IS NOMINATED TO SPORTACCORD SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

Aleksander Lesun nominated to SportAccord Awards

The world's top-ranked male pentathlete, Aleksander Lesun of Russia, has been nominated for Sportsman of the Year at the inaugural SportAccord Awards. The award is given to athletes who have accomplished extraordinary sporting achievements throughout the year and embodied the values of sport.

The four most voted-for candidates make the shortlist for the final awards ceremony, and the winner will be decided by a voting committee during the SportAccord Convention on April 23, 2015, in Sochi.

Senior British stars look forward to home European Championships

GREAT BRITAIN'S elite pentathletes have started 2015 as strongly as they ended 2014 and the likes of Samantha Murray and James Cooke will be hard to beat when the European Senior Championships are held in the Roman spa town of Bath, the headquarters of Pentathlon GB, from August 18-23.

Murray, the 2014 world champion who also won the women's individual gold at 2015 World Cup #1, and Cooke, who was the top male individual in Sarasota, will be extra-motivated to perform in front of a home crowd and even though competition will be fierce from athletes right across the continent, organisers will be banking on a British presence on the podium in many events.

Furthermore, Pentathlon GB has been setting a high standard off the field having secured a sponsorship contract with Mogers Drewett, a law firm based in Bath, until after the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Nigel Laughton, CEO of Pentathlon GB, is enthusiastic that the combination of strong home athletes, facilities, crowd interest and sponsorship would make this one of the best European Championships ever. He said: "It is just brilliant to be able to bring it to Bath. Having now got it and bringing this event to Bath, our headquarters, does offer an element of home advantage and it allows us to showcase this magnificent facility and the city as well."

"It is the start of qualification for the Olympic Games and provides a great opportunity this year to qualify eight men and eight women into the Games. It is the European Championship so we will be having the best part of 100 athletes here – the top athletes from Europe."

WADA ADO Symposium prioritizes protecting clean athletes

The annual World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Symposium took place 24-26 March in Lausanne. WADA issued a rallying call to a packed house of more than 450 representatives from International Sport Federations, Major Event Organizations, National and Regional Anti-Doping Organizations, athletes and the media.

With a clear focus on protecting the clean athlete, participants gathered to discuss the enhanced World Anti-Doping Code (Code) rules that are now being practiced by 665 organizations around the world.

WADA called on the global anti-doping community to optimize the implementation and practice of the revised Code just three months after the enhanced rulebook came into effect.

The first day of the Symposium included in particular sessions relating to the implementation of the revised Code; stronger sanctions; and the influence of the athlete entourage. Days two and three of the Symposium covered themes such as education; anti-doping science; intelligent testing; the Athlete Biological Passport; information sharing and investigations; ADO-laboratory relationships and ADO-ADO partnerships -- all of which are considered crucial to the future of the anti-doping movement.

The Symposium was attended on behalf of UIPM by Medical Committee Chair Pr Fabio Pigozzi, Events Director Karen Myers and Anti-Doping Manager Radka Hajkova.



LAUSANNE HOSTED THE ANNUAL WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY SYMPOSIUM



Tributes to Col Richard L. Gruenther

The Modern Pentathlon community in the United States is mourning the loss of Col. Richard L. Gruenther, who had been the last surviving member of the USA team that competed in Modern Pentathlon at the 1948 Olympic Games.

"Dick" Gruenther was part of the team that finished third in the event in London and collected a bronze medallion. As he would recall many years later, this was in the era before third-placed finishes were rewarded with official bronze medals.

Gruenther, who is survived by his wife, Susan, and six children, was an infantry graduate of the West Point Military Academy and fought for the US Army in several conflicts. In the Korean War he survived a bullet wound that damaged his lung.

He finished eighth in the Men's Individual event in 1948, and third in the team event alongside Hale Baugh and Biss Moore. "There were 84,000 people in Wembley Stadium in the opening ceremony," he would recall many years later. "They were a lot simpler than what they are nowadays. It was quite a thrill to be part of that."

Gruenther also served on the Olympic Modern Pentathlon Committee for the 1972 and 1976 Games, and achieved the rank of Colonel during his distinguished 30-year army career.

UIPM attends SportsPro Live Exhibition

SportsPro Live 2015 has been held in the magnificent Arsenal Stadium of London at the core of the sport marketing movement for a 1-day meeting that has seen the participation of international key speakers such as Daniel Ayers from Rugby 7 League, Nick Bitel from Sport England, Simon Cummins as managing partner for Odgers and Berndston as well as former athletes and nowadays CEO of some well known brands as Al Guido from the San Francisco 49ers, Debbie Jevans for England Rugby 2015 and Irena Szewinska IAAF Council Member to name a few.

The International Olympic Committee Sports Director Kit McConnell was also present and he stressed on the importance that sports at its core and marketing partners have to manage when it comes down to organising big international events where athletes are at centre.

UIPM made its own contribution staging some new technologies activities related to laser pistols/targets but we also offered the chance to all stakeholders to know more about our combined events such as Street Biathlon and Triathlon as well as the Laser Fun Run. The activities have been punctually presented by Ms Heather Fell, for-

mer Silver Olympic Medallist at Beijing 2008 and Mr Luca Baracchi as UIPM Projects Manager but also Executive UIPM Member for Great Britain, Mr Martin Dawe paid his visit and made the event richer for UIPM all.

The event has been broadcasted and tweeted live by SportPro Channel for the entire duration of the event and main topics offered a new platform for discussion about media, sponsorship and brand impact. Some of the most interesting key panels topics have been focused on Key strategies around hosting and event management, How sponsors can maximise their results around the fan experience at major sport events and How technology can rise event awareness for rights-holders and stakeholders but they were combined with some practicalities related to venue and hosting services for media, partners and spectators, hospitality services and perspective of key executives.

Both morning and afternoon session offered a good chance to UIPM representatives to interact with the international audience present and showcase our new shooting technology in order to better pitch potential partners and sponsors around the quality and quantity of events that UIPM has on offer.

The SportPro 2015 was part of UIPM media path to offer a unique chance

to attract future new partners while participating in a friendly atmosphere where our International Federation will be also able to get onto the main stage for 2016 edition.



Tributes to Tibor "Tibi" Pinter

It was with deep dismay that UIPM received news of the loss of Mr. Tibor "Tibi" Pinter, who passed away in hospital in Vienna, Austria on March 27 after a short illness.

Tibi was born in 1939 and was an influential member of the Modern Pentathlon Masters movement from its origin until his final event during the 2014 Masters World Championships in Berlin.

During those championships he won a silver medal in his age group (70+) and performed with distinction in all disciplines, and with particular excellence in fencing.

He was a great performer throughout his career, firstly competing within the Hungarian movement and then moving to its beloved Austria where he retained values of true, honest and loyal sportsmanship while being a sincere friend with a big passion for our sport.

The thoughts and condolences of UIPM go out to his relatives and to the whole Austrian Modern Pentathlon community, especially to those Masters colleagues who are mourning the loss of not only a valuable and fair sportsman but a true gentleman.



MARTIN DAWE, UIPM EB MEMBER, HEATHER FELL, FORMER PENTATHLETE AND LUCA BARACCHI, UIPM PROJECTS MANAGER ATTENDED TO THE SPORTSPRO LIVE EXHIBITION

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/competitions/invitations> to stay up to date with all tournament news.



Competition Invitations

World Cup #4
Kecskemét, HUN
28 April - 4 May 2015

Tournament and Training Camps

Pan American Cup and Youth NORCECA

Colorado Springs, United States
11-18 May 2015

International NRW Championships (Masters Pentathlon/Tetrathlon Competition)

Neuss, Germany
15-17 May 2015

European Cup Youth A Modern Pentathlon

Drzonków, Poland
21-25 May 2015

Asian Championships

Beijing, China
1-6 June 2015

UIPM Biathlon/Triathlon World Tour #2

Pisa, Italy
6-7 June 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

**01-04 MAR 2015 - TAIPEI,
CHINESE TAIPEI**



DR KLAUS SCHORMANN DURING HIS VISIT TO TAIPEI WITH THE NEW PRESIDENT OF CHINESE TAIPEI OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PRESIDENT MR ERIC LIN

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann met with the new President of Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee, Mr Eric Lin, NOC Secretary General Kevin Kuo-I Chen and Director for International Affairs Mrs Frances Y.F. Lee, to discuss the development of Olympic sports in Taiwan and the close cooperation of the respective bodies in preparation for UIPM Congress in November 2015 in the Grand Hotel.

They also spoke about future Modern Pentathlon competitions in Taiwan, youth projects linked to schools and seminars for coaches and trainers in the coming years.

Dr Schormann met with Sports Administration Ministry of Education Mr Tai-Lin Peng, PhD and colleagues Mr Jack M.D. Chou and Mei-Chih Wu PhD.

They had a robust discussion about the inclusion of Modern Pentathlon in the Universiade 2017 in Taipei based on test competitions with students worldwide. The Chinese Taipei Modern Pentathlon & Biathlon



DR. SCHORMANN WITH THE SPORTS ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY OF EDUCATION MR TAI-LIN PENG

Association will work very closely from now on with Taiwan's sport universities.

They discussed in depth UIPM's Sport For All movement and the new Para-Pentathlon project, which they would like to support. Together they underlined the value of Modern Pentathlon as a sport that provides education and different skills.



(LEFT-RIGHT): DR. SCHORMANN, KO WEN-JE, MAYOR OF TAIPEI, MRS CHI CHENG, PRESIDENT OF HOPE, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION AND CTMPBA SECRETARY GENERAL CHIN-CHIH LIU

Dr. Schormann visited the the Mayor of Taipei, Ko Wen-je, together with Mrs Chi Cheng, President of Hope Cultural and Educational Foundation/Chinese Health Life and Sports, to discuss the inclusion of Modern Pentathlon in the sport programme of the 2017 Summer Universiade. Also present was Mr Chia-wen Hung PhD, Commissioner of the Department of Sports of Taipei City Government.

President Dr Schormann visited the CTMPBA to discuss preparations for the 2015 UIPM Congress, which will take place in Taipei from November 6-8.

Dr Schormann also met with Chin-Chih Liu, Secretary General of the Chinese Taipei Modern Pentathlon and Biathlon Association, to discuss future cooperation in youth development within the Olympic movement.

Before leaving Taiwan Dr Schormann met with CTMPBA President Mr Yu-Sheng Wu, Member of Parliament of the Government of Taiwan, to review prepara-



(LEFT-RIGHT): CTMPBA SECRETARY GENERAL CHIN-CHIH LIU, UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL MAN-LIN LIN, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION CHUNG-YING MO



DR. SCHORMANN WITH THE CTMPBA PRESIDENT MR YU-SHENG WU

rations for the UIPM Congress and the development of Modern Pentathlon in different parts of the country. They also discussed the close cooperation with tourist offices linked to the UIPM Sport For All projects like Biathle, Triathle and Laser-Run competitions. They agreed to focus more on schools and universities to recruit more young people for Modern Pentathlon.

11-12 MAR 2015 - BERLIN, GERMANY



(LEFT-RIGHT): PRESIDENT OF THE BERLIN ASSOCIATION FOR MODERN PENTATHLON (BVMF) AND PRESIDENT OF THE LOC, BARBARA KAUKA, UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, LOC DIRECTOR ROBERT TRAPP AND UIPM SECRETARY GENERAL MS SHINY FANG

UIPM President Schormann, together with Secretary General Ms Shiny Fang, Events Director Karen Myers, Marketing and Media Manager Roque Teixeira, IT Manager Tamer Samy and President's Assistant Pagona Chronopoulos, visited Berlin's Olympic Park, where the UIPM 2015 Senior World Championships will take place from June 29 to July 5.

Dr. Schormann and the UIPM HQ Delegation used the visit to meet with the Local Organising Committee and the two parties had a very productive discussion about all aspects of preparation for and delivery of the event.

5 MAR 2015 - WIESBADEN, GERMANY

At the General Assembly of the German Olympic Academy on March 5, UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann was re-elected along with his fellow Members of the Executive Board for another four-year term. After the GA a forum entitled "Good Governance in



(LEFT-RIGHT) PROF. DR. HOLGER PREUB, UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, PROF. DR. GUDRUN DOLL-TEPPER (PRESIDENT GOA/DOA), PROF. DR. MANFRED LÄMMER, HANS-PETER KRÄMER HONORARY MEMBER, SYLVIA SCHENK, PROF. DR. HELMUT ALTENBERGER, DOA DIRECTOR TOBIAS KNOCH

German NOC and Olympic Movements" took place in the Palace of Biebrich in Wiesbaden. Patronised by the Minister of the Interior of Hesse, Mr Peter Beuth, the forum was linked to the IOC Agenda 2020, which was approved at the IOC Session in December 2014 in Monaco.



(LEFT-RIGHT) UIPM PRESIDENT, DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, SYLVIA SCHENK, PROF. DR. MANFRED LÄMMER, PROF. DR. HELMUT ALTENBERGER, TOBIAS KNOCH, PROF. DR. HOLGER PREUB

14-19 MAR 2015 - PRETORIA AND CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

UIPM President Dr. Klaus Schormann was one of the distinguished members of the German delegation of the President of the Bundesrat, Minister President Volker Bouffier of the Government of Hesse, on a visit to South Africa.

During their stay the delegation met in Pretoria and in Cape Town with members of the South African



UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN WITH THE GERMAN PRIME MINISTER VOLKER BOUFFIER AND THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR DR. HORST FREITAG

Government, visited different South African and German companies, the Soweto Township and social institutions. Some sport activities were also part of the programme.



DR SCHORMANN WITH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR DR. HORST FREITAG DURING THE RECEPTION TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION

President Dr. Schormann contacted the Modern Pentathlon community in South Africa and discovered that former President of SA Modern Pentathlon, Neil Fourie, has established two "Sport for Hope Centres" for the IOC.

19-23 MAR 2015 - CAIRO, EGYPT

On March 22 Dr Schormann visited the new training centre of the Egyptian Modern Pentathlon Federation (EFMP) in Cairo, which will be the centrepiece of training for the continent of Africa.



DR SCHORMANN WITH EFMP PRESIDENT ENG. SHARIF EL-ERIAN AND FELLOW EFMP MEMBERS AT THE NEW CAIRO'S NEW TRAINING CENTRE

Dr Schormann visited the Egyptian Olympic Museum in the company of EFMP President Sharif El-Erian and Lamis Ghazy, Egyptian Museum Supervisor. The Museum is running a collection that illustrates the evolution of sport in Egypt from the time of the Pharaohs. It commemorates the 20-year reign of Queen Hatshepsut during the 14th century BC.



DR. SCHORMANN WITH EFMP PRESIDENT ENG. SHARIF EL-ERIAN AND MRS LAMIS GHAZY DURING A VISIT TO THE EGYPTIAN OLYMPIC MUSEUM



DR. SCHORMANN JOINS SHARIF EL-ERIAN AND EGYPT'S MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND SPORT, ENG. KHALED ABDEL-AZIZ, AT WORLD CUP #2

World Cup #2 was attended and supported by the Egyptian Government through the presence of the Minister of Youth and Sports and his Deputy Minister.



DR. SCHORMANN JOINS UIPM EB MEMBER SAMEH GUEMEIH AND EFMP PRESIDENT SHARIF EL-ERIAN WITH EGYPT'S DEPUTY MINISTER FOR YOUTH AND SPORT, PROF. DR. ASHRAF SOBHY, AT WORLD CUP #2

The International Handball Federation President, Dr. Hassan Moustafa, attended the Women's Individual Final where he had the opportunity to exchange views with Dr. Schormann on sporting and political issues linked to the future of Olympic Sport contained within the IOC Agenda 2020.



(LEFT-RIGHT) DR. SCHORMANN, IHF PRESIDENT DR. HASSAN MOUSTAFA AND UIPM EB MEMBER SAMEH GUEMEIH

27 MAR 2015 - RIGA, LATVIA

Dr Schormann recognised the Latvian Modern Pentathlon Federation (LMPF) for all of its achievements on its 60th anniversary by awarding it the gold Pierre de Coubertin Medal.



(LEFT-RIGHT) PRESIDENT LMPF JANIS LIEPINS, UIPM PRESIDENT DR. KLAUS SCHORMANN, UIPM MEMBER FOR MEDIA ANDREJUS ZADNEPROVSKIS

LMPF has organized many international competitions and two UIPM Congresses and is sure to remain a strong partner for UIPM in the future.



DR SCHORMANN PAYS THANKS TO MRS DINA VIKSNA

UIPM President thanked Mrs Dina Viksna, Head of the Sport and Youth Board at Riga City Government, for the long-running support the government has provided to LMPF.



HONOURED GUESTS JOIN LPMF PRESIDENT JANIS LIEPINS, DR SCHORMANN AND LATVIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE PRESIDENT ALDONS VRUBLEVSKIS (BACK ROW, CENTRE) ON THE 60TH ANIVERSARY OF THE LATVIA MODERN PENTATHLON FEDERATION



(LEFT-RIGHT) DEPUTY STATE SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF THE SPORT DEPARTMENT, EDGARS SEVERS; HEAD OF THE SPORT AND YOUTH BOARD FROM RIGA CITY, DINA VIKSNA; UIPM PRESIDENT DR SCHORMANN; MAJOR GENERAL CHIEF OF STAFF AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF DEFENCE, JURIS ZEIBARTS; LMPF PRESIDENT, JANIS LIEPINS; LMPF HONORARY PRESIDENT, ADMIRAL GAIDIS ANDREJS ZEIBOTS

30 MAR 2015 - FRANKFURT, GERMANY

The UIPM President met with the President of the Bolivian Modern Pentathlon Federation, Mrs Nimia Marcia Hurtado, to discuss the federation's development through special school projects and collaboration with the student and military societies.



DR SCHORMANN WITH THE BOLIVIAN MODERN PENTATHLON FEDERATION PRESIDENT, MRS NIMIA HURTADO



We would like to wish all of our friends in the Modern Pentathlon community and their families a happy and healthy Easter

New Balance World Rankings.

The PWR is updated live on www.pentathlon.org after each competition. PWR as at 31 March 2015:

Women



1	CHN	Qian CHEN	205
2	LTU	Laura ASADAUSKAITE	198
3	POL	Oktawia NOWACKA	195
4	GER	Lena SCHONEBORN	189
5	GBR	Samantha MURRAY	180
6	USA	Margaux ISAKSEN	167
7	CHN	Wanxia LIANG	165
8	GBR	Kate FRENCH	161
9	RUS	Donata RIMSAITE	161
10	HUN	Sarolta KOVACS	156
11	BRA	Yane MARQUES	146
12	RUS	Ekaterina KHURASKINA	144
13	CAN	Melanie MCCANN	140
14	LTU	Karolina GUZAUSKAITE	133
15	UKR	Victoria TERESHUK	131
16	ITA	Claudia CESARINI	129
17	GBR	Freyja PRENTICE	127
18	CHN	Xiaonan ZHANG	127
19	UKR	Iryna KHOKHLOVA	125
20	MEX	Tamara VEGA	121



Men

1	RUS	Aleksander LESUN	220
2	RUS	Ilia FROLOV	185
3	ITA	Riccardo DE LUCA	178
4	CZE	Jan KUF	176
5	UKR	Pavlo TYMOSHCHENKO	176
6	EGY	Amro EL GEZIRY	175
7	HUN	Robert KASZA	172
8	FRA	Christopher PATTE	167
9	FRA	Valentin BELAUD	157
10	FRA	Valentin PRADES	155
11	LTU	Justinas KINDERIS	150
12	HUN	Bence DEMETER	146
13	HUN	Adam MAROSI	141
14	CHN	Jianli GUO	139
15	KAZ	Pavel ILYASHENKO	126
16	KOR	Woo Jin LEE	123
17	GUA	Charles FERNANDEZ	123
18	MEX	Ismael HERNANDEZ USCANGA	123
19	ITA	Nicola BENEDETTI	122
20	ITA	Fabio PODDIGHE	121

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

"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, founder of the modern olympic games and founder of modern pentathlon



Calendar UIPM Competitions

April

World Cup #3

Rome, ITA

8-14 April 2015

World Cup #4

Kecskemét, HUN

28 April - 4 May 2015

Other International Competitions

Open Regional Championships (Tetrathlon)

Emmen, Netherlands

11 April 2015

21st International Competition Vila de Sant Boi

Sant Boi de Llobregat, Spain

24-26 April 2015

Other International Competitions

May

International Junior and Youth A Competition

Drzonkow, Poland

01-03 May 2015

Open Summer Championships

Almaty, Kazakhstan

10-17 May 2015

Pan American Cup

Colorado Springs, United States of America

11-18 May 2015

Czech Open (Youth A)

Prague, Czech Republic

15-17 May 2015

International German Championships

Berlin, Germany

16-17 May 2015

European Cup Youth A

Drzonkow, Poland

21-25 May 2015

Kremlin Cup

Moscow, Russia

23-24 May 2015

MODERN PENTATHLON

Key-Milestones

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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